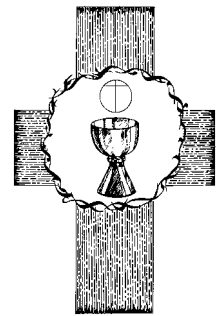




Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



1725 South Walnut
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December 6,
2009
2nd Sunday of
Advent

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Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes new residents and visitors. It is wonderful to celebrate the Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS**Monday, December 7, Ambrose**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Charlotte Diss
- ✘ 5:30 PM Matthew Vandiver

Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Mary Frasco
- ✘ 5:30 PM Tom Schmidt

Wednesday, December 9, Feast of St. Juan Diego

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Albert Cusick
Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine

Thursday, December 10

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Jim Pierce
John Sowenski

Friday, December 11

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Vincent Moore

Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

- ✘ 7:00 AM Thomas and Mary Fearon (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Sterling Krueger

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

- ✘ 7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Arquillio Egizii Families
- ✘ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 10:30 AM Lucie Morehead

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call Jean Quigley at 523-6573 or Mary Theresa Drake at 726-6649.

Please pray for the sick, including Mary E. Jordan, Jack Londrigan, John Atterberry, and Allie and Jennifer.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Tuesday December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of our diocese and of our nation. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On the night of this Solemnity, after the 5:30 Mass, we will begin a pro-life prayer service as part of the National Night of Prayer for Life. Prayer will continue until 9:00 on the evening of December 9th, the Feast of St. Juan Diego. It will conclude with Benediction at 9:00. Please come join us as we pray for an end to abortion and for a greater respect for the dignity of life in all its stages from conception to its natural end. I think this is also an appropriate way to pray for our country and our people as we wrestle with health care and all of our social problems. May God help us find a way to handle these issues that will work for the common good of all people, respect the plight of the poor, and bring about true peace.

This past week was a big week for our Mother Church of the diocese, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Wednesday was a wonderful liturgy of dedication for the church. People from across the diocese and even bishops from around the country were present for this very important event in the life of our Church. The Mass of Thanksgiving Thursday evening was wonderful as well. This restoration project was certainly needed from the practical aspect but is also a wonderful symbol of renewal and great hope for the future of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

There are a few points about this project I would like to make. First of all, what a monumental effort it was and it sets us up beautifully for the future. I think it exceeded our expectations. Also, once again I am amazed at the impressive amount of support that has come for this parish. Thank you all so much for your spiritual and financial support for our Cathedral. I am also very happy that we were able to provide a home for Cathedral's Sunday evening Mass during the construction period. All of this helped the Cathedral parish and our diocese in ways we may never completely appreciate. I know it took a lot of pressure off their pastor, Fr. Peter Harman. Thank you again for all your generosity.

By the way, Fr. Peter Harman successfully defended his dissertation and received his doctorate in morality just days before the Cathedral dedication. I have no idea how he accomplished all that at once. Congratulations to Fr. Peter!

With this long awaited restoration and dedication of our Cathedral, we also begin a year of the priest in our diocese. The main point of this year is to address our growing need for more priests in our own diocese and to increase our prayers for the gift of more vocations to the priesthood. Please pray that our urgent need for priests will be met with God's abundant blessings on our diocese.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Dave Hoefler**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to Our Newly Wed

Francisco Navarro and Heather Piathek
Carlos Equez and Nicole Bull

God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Finn O'Brien, child of Riley and Stephanie O'Brien
Julliam Ocasla, child of Juan and Irampelh Ocasla

Pray for our Recently Departed

Antoinette Weis
Matthew Dennison

Marriage Banns

James Kollins and Jessica West plan to wed December 12, 2009.

NOTES FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Marita Child Gospel of Life Essay Contest winners announced

Thursday, Dec. 10 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting; B.A.S.E. provided

Monday, Dec. 14 – First grade (Mrs. Carter's homeroom) Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

Tuesday, Dec. 15 – Preschool (Tu/Th class) Christmas program at 10:00 a.m. in the classroom; First grade (Mrs. Stauffer's homeroom) Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – Reconciliation for grades 3-8 at 9:30 a.m.; Third grade play (Mrs. Williamson's class) at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom; Third grade play (Mrs. Anfield's class) at 1:15 p.m. in the classroom; First Reconciliation for second graders at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17 – Kindergarten Christmas program at 9:30 a.m. in the gym; Third grade play (Mrs. Anfield's class) at 10:00 a.m. in the classroom; Third grade play (Mrs. Williamson's class) at 1:15 p.m. in the classroom

Friday, Dec. 18 – Preschool (MWF class) at 10:00 a.m. in the classroom; 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Christmas break; no B.A.S.E.; Junior high dance at St. Aloysius at 7:00 p.m.

BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR UCP

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, December 13 from 8 am until noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. Proceeds will benefit United Cerebral Palsy of Land of Lincoln.

INTERNATIONAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

Over 120 nativity sets from around the world will be displayed as part of the third annual Franciscan Nativity Festival at Chiara Center, a new Franciscan Retreat Center of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis in Springfield, Illinois. The display is free and open to the public on Sat. Dec. 5 and Sun. Dec. 6 from noon - 4 PM. The Festival also includes viewing of the historic St. Francis of Assisi Church. Call 217-523-0901 with questions and/or directions or visit www.chiaracenter.org

2010 PRAYER CALENDAR FOR FATHER HOEFLER

For the fifth year, we are putting together a calendar of daily prayers for Father Hoefler. To participate, choose your day and sign up at the back of church NEXT WEEKEND after any Mass. You may also sign up by calling Kathy and Mike Harth at 744-9263 or Pat and Charles Brady at 544-6665. This prayer calendar is a nice daily reminder to Father Hoefler showing how much he means to Blessed Sacrament Parish.

BREADLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blessed Sacrament helps serve lunch at the Breadline on the second Saturday of every month. We are in need of several people to help serve on Saturday, December 12, 2009, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at St. John's Breadline, 430 N. 5th, Springfield. Please contact Donna at 744-3610 for additional information.

ST. MARTIN DEPORRES DONATIONS

The second collection this weekend will be for St. Martin DePorres. In addition, a west-side Springfield drop-off center has been arranged by St. Martin DePorres through December 31. Terry Farmer Photography, 2711 Washington Street will receive non-perishable food items, coats and blankets at the studio during regular business hours. Donors whose contributions are worth at least \$50 will receive a complimentary elite or premier family portrait session. Contact St. Martin DePorres, (217)528-2851, or Terry Farmer Photography, (217)698-6000, for additional information.

ANGEL TREE

Gifts for the Angel Tree should be returned to church by December 11. Thank you for your generosity! Donations of gift wrap and bows are also appreciated.

PLANNING SEMINAR

Blessed Sacrament Parish will host a Will and Estate Planning Seminar in the rectory basement on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 PM. You are invited to come hear a qualified panel explain this very important topic, free of charge. Please contact Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534 to reserve your space.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Fr David Hoefler invites you to join with us as we gather in a prolife prayer service. We will pray in concert with other parishes throughout the country on the 20th annual National Night of Prayer for Life. The service will take place beginning at 6:30 PM after mass on December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). We will gather to pray the rosary with exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For the next 24 hours we will perpetually adore the Blessed Sacrament. On December 9 (Memorial of Juan Diego) at 7:30 PM we will again pray the rosary and hear comments from Fr David Hoefler prior to benediction. Please come join us as we pray for an end to abortion and respect for the dignity of life in all its stages from conception to its natural end. If you have questions, contact Calvin Bell (741-0749).

CATHEDRAL CELEBRATIONS

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will hold a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow. They will also celebrate with the entire Springfield Christian Community an evening of Advent Lessons and Carols on Gaudete Sunday, December 13 at 7:00 PM. Finally, they will offer tours of the newly renovated Cathedral every Saturday morning, beginning at 10:15, as well as anytime by appointment.

TEACHER SALARY SUPPORT FUND/CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Christmas is the best time to show our teachers how much we appreciate all that they do for our children and school. Through the Teacher Salary Support Fund we are able to give our teachers the bonuses they deserve at Christmas time. The monies that are donated to the Teacher Salary Support Fund throughout the year are combined with monetary gifts donated by the school families at Christmas and money given by PSA. The total amount in the fund by mid-December is calculated to determine the dollar amount we are able to give as a bonus to our teachers and staff each year. The bonuses are given once a year--at Christmas. Our teachers and staff are so grateful for the generosity of our parish and school families!! Please consider the teachers and staff of Blessed Sacrament School in your gift giving this year. (You may use the Teacher Salary Support Fund envelope in your parish contribution envelope packet.) Thank you so much for your consideration, generosity and support.

ADORATION HOURS

"The time we spend before Jesus [in adoration] is the time best spent during the day and during our life." Ven. James Alberione

DAYTIME

1:00 PM Friday
3:00 PM Friday
3:00 PM Saturday
2:00 PM Sunday

NIGHT TIME

12:00 AM Saturday
1:00 AM Saturday
12:00 AM Sunday
1:00 AM Sunday

cmheimlich@att.net

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

OPENINGS AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

St. Joseph's Home now has rooms available in both sheltered care and intermediate nursing care. For information or a tour, please call Sr. Patricia, 529-5596.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF DECEMBER 7-13**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00/8:20 AM

Vinny Vespa, Clare Stannard

Thursday, Friday
8:20/8:00 AM

Brendan Stannard, Madeline Smith

Monday, December 7

5:30 PM Servers: Brendan Stannard, Vinny Vespa, Delanie Yates Aldrich

Tuesday, December 8

5:30 PM Servers: Clara Young, Nic Evans, Jack Broeker

Saturday, December 12, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Ken Dobucki
Servers: Sami DeJanovich, Adrienne Dodge, Alex DeLeon
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Newell, Susan Gallagher, Mary Rita Dineen, Isabel Figueroa, Marty Mosley, Scott Reimers, Rick Campbell, Jude Kennedy

Sunday, December 13, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy
Servers: Ashley Dunn, Kevin Farley
Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Judd, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear, Ted Siedl, Dave Langston

Sunday, December 13, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Melaine Arnold
Servers: Ben Eck, Noah Edwards, Brent Parquette
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Harth, Beckie Figge, Harold Figge, Clara Ushman, James Dodge, Janine Feller, Lynn Frasco, Barney Bruzetti

Sunday, December 13, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Daniel Heffernan
Servers: Danny Heffernan, Patrick Belz, John Belz
Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Moore, Lori Criscione, Patricia Clarida, Lisa Belz, Barbara Erdmann, Tom Garvey, Linda Thornberry, Mary Tuttle

EVENING RECOLLECTION FOR MEN

All Catholic men are invited to attend a monthly Evening Recollection for men at St. John's Hospital Chapel on Thursday, December 10 from 5:00 to 6:45 PM on the main lobby level. For further information, call Jim Henneberry at 793-1182.

SHG PLACEMENT TESTS

SHG will give its placement test to all interested 8th grade students on Saturday, December 12 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at SHG's main campus, 1200 W. Washington Street . Students are to bring a \$10 exam fee and a calculator. There is no pre-registration for this test.

Information on tuition, financial aid and scholarships will also be available for parents from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The number of students testing in December determines class sizes and placement into freshmen year classes. Students testing after December 12, 2009 will be admitted as space and programs allow. For more information regarding the placement test or SHG's programs, please call 787-1595.

Have a blessed and wonderful Advent season!

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$4,217,470.00
Total number of donors	543
Total Cash Received	\$ 1,413,570.90

**BUILDING ON TRADITION
CAMPAIGN CORNER**

We have had very few parishioners contact Kim Hoffmann to attend the Planned Giving seminar on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. This informative session not only can benefit you in your long-range planning, but also can help benefit the future of Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested in attending please R.S.V.P. to Kim Hoffman by Monday at 522-7534.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time | Talent | Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
November 22, 2009	\$19,662.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00