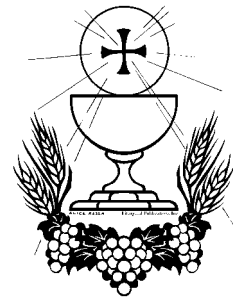




Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



Sunday
February 21, 2010

**First Sunday
of Lent**

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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.

First Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, February 22

- ✕ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Cecilia Quinn
Josephine Frank

Tuesday, February 23

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:20 AM Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine

Wednesday, February 24

NO MASS TODAY

Thursday, February 25

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:20 AM Special Intentions of Amy Gateway

Friday, February 26

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Stephen Bolser
- ✕ **5:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, February 27

- ✕ 7:00 AM Fr. C.J. Varkey (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✕ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✕ 4:30 PM Liz Duckworth

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

- ✕ 7:00 AM Barbara Korza
- ✕ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ 10:30 AM Pete Hartung

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the following people: Ruth Pohlman, Marilyn, Margaret, Sammy, Michael, Joe, Peter McDermott, Annette McDermott, Angel, John, Rhonda, Ellen, Sue, John Knoepfle, Linda, jobs for people, and Jack Quigley, MD, and others going to Haiti to help.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

In today's Gospel we have the story of Jesus in the desert for forty days and tempted by the devil. This reading is very good instruction for us on how to handle our journey through this world. The desert is a very dangerous and difficult place and so is our world. We are constantly confronted by temptations that threaten to lead us away from God.

Notice how the devil tempted Jesus to gluttony, power, and the worship of false gods. Jesus showed us how to handle these temptations. The devil had Jesus on the parapet of the temple. On this wide ledge along the roof, Satan told Him to jump and the angels would protect Him. We might be prone to look over the edge and study the situation. Jesus just stood there and told the devil we don't test God, we don't flirt with disaster. He didn't even consider the temptation and wasted no time giving it any thought.

What about us? Where are we prone to stick with the temptation rather than turn immediately away from it? These are the places we should be addressing during Lent. These are the places for us to grow in virtue through sacrifice and prayer.

Today, Sunday, we have an open house at the school as well as the science and history fair. As always, enrollment is the easiest way to help keep our school financially sound. Please invite to the open house any people you know who may be interested in having their children attend our school. Thank you for all of your support and please pray for the continued success of our school.

This Wednesday the bids for construction of our school expansion are due back from the general contractors. Please continue to keep our Building on Tradition project in your prayers.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler**

Please note that there will be

no Mass on Wednesday, February 24.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Allison Marie Nordyke, daughter of Steven and Amy Nordyke

Maximilan Kolbe Portz, son of Eric and Susan Portz
Hadley Noreen Gillis, daughter of Joshua and Jessica Gillis

Claire Elizabeth Klinner, daughter of Eric and Dawn Klinner

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Richard Beger
Marilyn Meyer

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Geography Bee Our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders recently participated in classroom geography bees. The following classroom representatives participated in the all-school geography bee held on Jan. 26: Daniel Gardner and Frank Hollahan (sixth graders), Ben Eck and Wilson Reyhan (seventh graders), and Zach Conlee and Andrew Hoffmann (eighth graders). Frank Hollahan was the geography bee champion, and Ben Eck placed second. Frank now advances to the next level of competition through a written test. Congratulations to Frank and Ben and all the classroom winners! Thanks to Mrs. Alan for organizing and moderating the all-school geography bee this year.

Our fourth through eighth graders participated in classroom spelling bees with the all-school spelling bee held on Feb. 10. Congratulations to the classroom winners who participated in our all-school spelling bee: Grace McDonald and Alex White (fourth graders), Katie Rearden and John Stegeman (fifth graders), Elena Reyhan and Will Londrigan (sixth grader), Eric Ketchum and Cody Prosperini (seventh graders), and Andrew Hoffmann and Lauren Redpath (eighth graders). Elena Reyhan and Andrew Hoffmann placed first and second, respectively. Both students are advancing to the Sangamon County Non-Public Spelling Bee to be held this weekend at Springfield Christian School. Good luck, Elena and Andrew! Thanks to Mrs. Valdez for organizing and moderating the all-school spelling bee this year.

SCHOOL NOTES:

Saturday, Feb. 20 & Sunday, Feb. 21 – Science and History Fair projects on display in the gym after Masses

Sunday, Feb. 21 – Open house for prospective students and their families from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 1 – Registration call-in begins at 9:00 a.m. for preschool and kindergarten students for 2010-2011 school year. Registration packets sent home for current students

OPEN HOUSE TODAY (SUNDAY)

Blessed Sacrament School will be hosting an open house on Sunday, February 21, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. We invite all families who are interested in enrolling their child (preschool through eighth grade) in our school next year to attend. If you know of any families who might be interested in attending our school, please invite them to join us.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH LENTEN FISH FRIES

Mark your calendar, and make plans to come and enjoy delicious, all you can eat walleye.

* WHEN: Fridays Feb 26th, March 5th, March 19th, and March 26th

* HOURS: 5:00pm to 7:30pm

* WHERE: Blessed Sacrament School Gym

* Carry out is available

* Prepared and served by the Blessed Sacrament Men's Club

* All proceeds benefit Blessed Sacrament Parish (Scholarships, Teachers Fund, Magic Match, church and school restoration, etc.)

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Jamie Adams at 836-6727, or email: bssmensclub@gmail.com

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This month's Women's Day of Recollection will be held on Thursday, February 25, at Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry, Springfield, IL, 12:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m. The afternoon will include Exposition; two meditations given by a priest; time for personal prayer and Adoration; an opportunity for Confession and spiritual direction; and closing Benediction. A Mother's Room is available. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollections is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

LENTEN TAIZE

A meditative common Christian prayer with the combined music ministries of St. Frances Cabrini, Christ the King and St. John's Lutheran Churches, participants in Taize 2010, a collaboration of ecumenical prayer in the Springfield area.

Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 PM at St. Francis Cabrini Church, 1020 North Milton Avenue.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

A special collection will be taken up for the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charities at all Masses next weekend. A special envelope is in your February packet. Demand for the many services provided by Catholic Charities has grown exponentially in this period of economic uncertainty. Catholic Charities is grateful for your generosity and prayers.

TOTUS TUUS

You might want to mark your calendars now so you don't miss this awesome summer activity which will be June 6th-11th. As this program was such a huge hit with the students last year, Blessed Sacrament will again be hosting Totus Tuus. The program runs for one week and includes solid faith-forming, fun activities all presented by trained and enthusiastic college students. It will be offered for students going into 1st-12th grade with 1st-6th grade meeting during the day and 7th-12th grade meeting in the evening. More info to follow as summer approaches. Questions? Call Angie Hyde at 891-4619 or email: hyde717jaja@gmail.com.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

Wednesday, March 3, will be the Catholics At The Capitol event, sponsored by the Catholic Conference of Illinois. Catholic adults are invited to join Cardinal Francis George, the Bishops of Illinois, clergy, and laity from across the state to promote our gospel values with state lawmakers. The day will begin at 10:00 AM with Mass at the Cathedral (optional). There will be a presentation on advocacy at the capitol by CCI staff at 11:00 with visits with local legislators at 12:00 at the state capitol. For more information, call 528-9200 or visit www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Christ the King will host a Golden Frontier travel program from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., on Sunday afternoon March 7th in the parish center. The presentation is open to all interested. Pilgrimages are to the Holy Lands, Rome, Greece, Lourdes, Shrines of Ireland, Poland and Mexico. Domestic trips also available. Information, brochures and refreshments are offered to all guests.

SHG's GODSPELL TICKETS ON SALE

SHG's spring musical, *GODSPELL* will take place on Thursday, March 18 – Sunday, March 21, 2010 in the SHG Auditorium. Tickets for this year's musical will be on sale Monday, February 15. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. All tickets are reserved and may be purchased by phone at 787-1595 ext. 153 or by mail by sending a check, your name, phone, number of tickets and performance date to the school office. Tickets will be waiting at the box office before the show or may be picked up at the school office during school hours.

"The Making of *GODSPELL*," a children's event is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, 2010. Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling the SHG Advancement Office at (217) 787-9732. Further information about the *GODSPELL* production and the cast and crew is available by calling (217) 787-1595.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) at 5:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23-28**

Monday, Tuesday
8:00/8:20 AM

Tessie McDermott, Megan
McCarthy

Thursday, Friday
8:20/8:00 AM

Alex Mandeville, Mallary Lemme

Saturday, February 27, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Ken Dobucki

Servers: Elaine Ryeyne, Cody
Rutherford, Danielle Sakach

Eucharistic Ministers: Janine
Feller, Linda Thornberry, Lisa
Belz, Noreen Luhr, Calvin
Bell, Christina Warren, Doug
Warren, Michelle Bretz

Sunday, February 28, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy

Servers: Jim Moore, Daniel
Gardner

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike
Delvo, Johanna Toomey,
Colleen VonDeBur, Patricia
Clarida, Sean Fitzgerald

Sunday, February 28, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Michael Lawless

Servers: Caroline Schmidt,
Elyse Morehead, Davy
Morehead

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick
Campbell, Laurie Mann,
Hannah Perrin, Clara
Ushman, Kathy Harth, Mary
F. Conwill, Thomas Schmidt,
Barbara Erdmann

Sunday, February 28, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Eric Ketchum, Alex
Mandeville, Dylan McPeek

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary
Ann Gorney, Dan Schuering,
Lori Criscione, Lila Dilbaitis,
Andrea Judd, Karen Senger,
Lynn Frasco, Jim Morphew

SHG's BLACK AND GOLD WITH TOUCH O' GREEN

Tickets are now on sale for SHG's Black & Gold with a touch o' green event, which will take place on Saturday, March 27 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at SHG's East Campus. The events for the evening will include entertainment by the Emerald Underground, a silent and live auction, catering by McCormicks, cash bar and big screen televisions to watch the games. Tickets are limited and cost \$25 each and sponsorships are also available. The public is invited to attend. Dress is casual. The Black & Gold with a touch o' green event is a fundraising event in support of SHG's athletic programs, which will help offset the school's operating budget. The event is sponsored by the SHG Booster Club. For more information or to order tickets, call the SHG Advancement Office at (217) 787-9732.

ADORATION HOURS

DAYTIME

2:00 PM Sunday
 3:00 PM Saturday
 9:00 PM Friday

NIGHT TIME

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

cmheimlich@att.net

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$4,562,149.00
Total number of donors	699
Total Cash Received	\$ 1,807,493.43

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." — Lk 4:1-3

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Parish Collection

February 7, 2010	\$19,330.75
Target Amount	\$23,500.00