

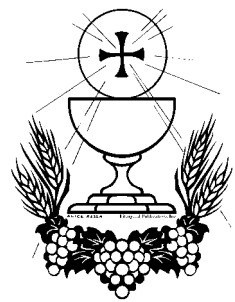


Blessed Sacrament School Expansion  
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# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday,  
March 14, 2010**

**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent**



**Groundbreaking  
Ceremony**

*Building on  
Tradition*

**Friday,  
March 19, 2010**

**2:00 PM**

**CELEBRATING THE DAYS**

**Monday, March 15**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Judy Mullins

**Tuesday, March 16**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Mildred Kreutzer  
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

**Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Dr. Fenton Drake

**Thursday, March 18**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Richard L. Senger

**Friday, March 19, St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Brian Joseph Madonia  
Chick Delano
- ✘ 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 20**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Vincent Vespa (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Joan Dillon

**Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Margaret Sheehan
- ✘ 8:30 AM Daniel Cusick
- ✘ 10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

**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, Linda, jobs for people, Bert and Maureen, and others going to Haiti to help.**

**DEAR PARISHIONERS**

In the second reading this Sunday, St. Paul told the Corinthians that "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." We know this to be true in our own life. Our relationship with Christ changes things. It should effect the way we relate to others and to the world.

The way we live our Faith looks like something. Sometimes it becomes especially tangible. This week, Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 P.M. we will have our groundbreaking for the addition to our school. 85 years ago our founding families and clergy built the original part of our school. This year the seed that Christ planted through them will sprout again in a 22,000 square foot addition. Just as our Faith blooms again in this dramatic outward sign, let's continue to pray and work so that it will always be alive, healthy, and bearing fruit in our own lives and those of the children formed in our Faith within the walls of our school. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity for this project. And thank you for your commitment to living our Faith and doing Christ's work.

These kinds of events in the life of the Church give us great hope for our future here on earth and in eternity. However, even as we see in physical signs that "new things have come," we also see that some "old things have passed away." When Blessed Sacrament School was built in 1925, we had the Ursuline sisters ready to teach and run the school. Now we have none (nun pun intended). Over the years the parish became used to at least two and up to five priests in residence. Now we have one. The Catholic culture is not what it was. We don't have the gift of many large families and many vocations. We don't have the witness of large numbers of vocations to encourage new vocations.

Over the course of our parish history, 37 sons of the parish have entered the priesthood. 36 were ordained in the first 50 years, and only one in the last 35 years. We are not the only parish to witness this change. 40 years ago we had 240 active priests in the diocese. Now we have 75. We have 131 parishes in the diocese. The problem is obvious.

We have declared this the year of the priest for our diocese in a prayerful search for more priests. We also are trying to make sure that the vibrant life of the diocese is supported in a way that it will continue to flourish. Already the diocese has begun a Pastoral Planning Process that focuses on supporting the ministries we have and need with the priests we have and the help of the lay faithful. Every parish is involved and will become more so over the next year.

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**LETTER FROM FR. HOEFLER, CONT'D.**

Our parish council members and several others from the parish have begun working on an initial report to give input to the diocesan process. All of the parishes of the diocese will be asked to work together to discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit in planning for our future. This issue has come and gone all over the world in the last 2000 years. The Lord always provides the answer. Please pray that we will have the wisdom to see it and the courage to follow it.

In the meantime, and before the situation gets better, it could be possible that on a given Sunday, due to some illness or accident or unforeseen situation, no priest is available for Mass here. We do have an emergency plan in place. Please see the announcement in this bulletin. I will try to get you more information on the Pastoral Planning process and keep you informed. If you have any suggestions please get a message to our parish council or myself.

Thank you for all your prayers for vocations and please keep them going!

**SINCERELY IN CHRIST,  
FATHER HOEFLER**

**NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**Bricks** – We will be mailing a another brick order in on Wednesday, March 17, so if you want a brick please try to get your order form in as we are ordering more infrequently. Brick forms are available in the church, the rectory office or by calling Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office at 522-7534.

**Unity Run** – Mark your calendars now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity Run for Blessed Sacrament. This year's run will be held on the Saturday morning, April 24. Tee shirt sponsors (\$125) will be needed again this year. There will also be a children's run. The event is open to all parishioners, school families, alumni and friends of Blessed Sacrament School. Call Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office (522-7534) to find out more about the Unity Run.

**CALVARY CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

Beginning Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, cemetery personnel will remove all decorations. Please remove any decorations that you wish to save for re-use. Spring/Summer decorations may be placed beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the cemetery office at 523-3726.



**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH LENTEN FISH FRIES**

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

\* WHEN: Fridays, 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](mailto:bssmensclub@gmail.com)

**MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers for Meals on Wheels are needed. Please call Melanie Hallman at 529-9461 if you can help. Blessed Sacrament's week is March 29th through April 2nd. Thank you!

**GUIDELINES FOR CATHOLIC FUNERALS**

When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions—particularly surrounding the religious teachings, beliefs and concerns of the Catholic Church. As funeral and cremation specialists, we're happy to provide information and answers to your questions during our FREE program—Guidelines for Catholic Funerals, which includes a meal and an optional tour of our Cremation Tribute Center. Please join us at Butler Funeral Homes on Thursday, March 18 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. for a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is open to the public and includes a complimentary lunch. For more information or to reserve your seat, please call (217) 544-4646.

**LEGION OF MARY**

Rev. John Carberry, Diocesan Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary, will celebrate mass and give the homily at the Annual Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony on Sunday, March 21 at St. Agnes Church. The ceremony will begin with the Legion prayers and rosary at 2:30 PM, followed by mass at 3:00 PM, and conclude with a reception in the parish center. Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary and friends are invited to attend.

**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.

**SERRA CLUB**

The Serra Club of Springfield is sponsoring a Pre-Holy Week DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 West Washington Street, Springfield. Registration: 8 a.m., Holy Mass: 8:30 a.m., three talks by Reverend John Sullivan, OFM, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lunch provided. Free will offering. Reservations required: 529-2617, 341-2075, 523-2908, or 726-9479.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Madonna, invites members and their guests, as well as all Catholic women of the area, to the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Agnes Parish Hall, 245 N. Amos. A potluck supper will precede the business meeting, and Stations of the Cross will be part of the Lenten program. Further information may be obtained from Regent Mary Frances Lavin, 522-6339.

**TIMOTHY RETREAT**

A Timothy Retreat is a Catholic junior high retreat run by Catholic high school students. St. John Vianney Youth Group in Sherman will sponsor the first Timothy Retreat on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 from 7:00 PM through 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday. Kids sleep over at the SJV Activity Center. Cost is just \$15 and t-shirt and meals are included. Sign-ups through March 31 are only \$10!

For more information, email John Barrett at [sjv@workwithyouth.com](mailto:sjv@workwithyouth.com). High school students who are interested in writing a talk or working at the retreat AND adults interested in helping should also contact John Barrett.

**SUNDAY WITHOUT MASS**

Over 210 priests, parish life coordinators, deacons, and lay people participated in one of five training events held throughout the diocese in October and November 2009 and January 2010. These workshops provided initial diocesan training on using the new diocesan policy for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest. It was issued in Bishop Lucas in May 2009 before he was transferred to Omaha. The policy and the training prepares parishes for emergency situations when Mass cannot be celebrated on a rare Sunday because, for example, the assigned priest is ill or weather conditions prevent travel.

Our parish has given additional formation to these parishioners who have the necessary permission from Msgr. Carl Kemme, the diocesan administrator, to lead such a prayer only when necessary. They are: Deacon Dave Erdmann and Deacon Tom Burns. You may read the diocesan policy and supporting documents posted on the diocesan web site at [www.dio.org/worship](http://www.dio.org/worship), then click <Liturgical Norms>.

**K OF C BREAKFAST BENEFIT**

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, March 14 from 8 am until noon at the Knights of Columbus Council 364. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities' Holy Family Food Pantry.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MARCH 15-21**

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

Matthew Keane, Riley Hinds

**Thursday, Friday**  
8:20/8:00 AM

Ethan Bluhm, Taylor Loftus

**Saturday, March 20, 4:30 PM**

**Lectors:** Ginny Schofield

**Servers:** Elyse Morehead, Davy Morehead, Jesse Nicoletta

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Reimers, Jude Kennedy, Noreen Luhr, Pat Sheehan, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Christina Warren, Doug Warren

**Gospel of Life Icon:** Mary Rita Dineen Family

**Sunday, March 21, 7:00 AM**

**Lectors:** George Rudis, Jr.

**Servers:** Frank Hollahan, Dominic LoGrasso

**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Keys, Rita Keys, Dave Langston, Phil Graham, Ann Walker

**Sunday, March 21, 8:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Sarah Stannard

**Servers:** KaySay Johnson, Albert Perlman, Karla Hernandez

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Karaianis, Marge O'Keefe, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman, Mike Delvo, Colleen VonDeBur, Joseph Stannard, Grace Stannard

**Sunday, March 21, 10:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Melaine Arnold

**Servers:** Graham Cross, Isabel Cross, Danny Heffernan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Thornberry, Lisa Belz, Lynn Frasco, Jim Morphew, Sally Petrone, Cindy Ledbetter, James Dodge, Mary Tuttle

**ADORATION HOURS**

*We give our personal response to the Real Presence, who longs to see us and receive our love anytime we desire in our Adoration Chapel.*

*Can you respond to Him who longs for you this Lenten season?*

*Even if you cannot take a permanent hours, please consider signing up as a substitute for the scheduled adorers.*

**OPEN HOURS**

**DAYTIME**

2:00 PM Sunday  
3:00 PM Saturday

**NIGHT TIME**

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

[cmheimlich@att.net](mailto:cmheimlich@att.net)

**CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352**

**PRAYER VIGILS**

The letter of St. James proclaims that *“the fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.”*

You are invited to pray for the end of abortion in Springfield by peacefully praying outside of Planned Parenthood (1000 E. Washington) on the first Saturday of each month between their hours of opera-

**Building on Tradition**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Commitments</b>	<b>\$4,563,649.00</b>
<b>Total number of donors</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$ 1,829,103.76</b>

tion, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Catholic Diocese in Springfield in partnership with Springfield Right to Life will be organizing prayer vigils for 2 of the 4 hours Planned Parenthood is open. Call 414-3078 for info.

*Building on Tradition Groundbreaking  
Friday at 2:00 PM*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**(Time | Talent | Treasure)**

Parish Collection

<b>February 28, 2010</b>	<b>\$21,135.75</b>
<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>