



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



Sunday
March 21, 2010

Fifth 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.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, March 22

- ✠ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:00 AM Donald Figge

Tuesday, March 23

- ✠ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:20 AM Elizabeth Humm
Josephine Frank

Wednesday, March 24

- ✠ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:00 AM Mary Ellen Picco

Thursday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord

- ✠ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:20 AM John Davidson
Mary Twaryon
- ✠ 7:00 PM Penance Service

Friday, March 26

- ✠ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:00 AM Fritz Rechner
- ✠ 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27

- ✠ 7:00 AM Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine
(LATIN MASS)
- ✠ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✠ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✠ 4:30 PM William Simmons

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday

- ✠ 7:00 AM Vincent Moore
- ✠ 8:30 AM Stephen Bolser
- ✠ 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 Gospel this Sunday we hear the story of the woman caught in adultery. In this powerful event in the life of Jesus and of the woman, we experience God's justice and mercy. We are reminded that sin is death to the soul. The wages of sin is death as Sacred Scripture says. Justice says we get what we deserve. Fortunately, in God we also have mercy, should we choose to accept it. In mercy, we get much more than we have a right to expect.

Jesus did not argue with the Scribes and the Pharisees when they pointed out that the law required the woman be stoned to death. He did impress upon their conscience that in a strict interpretation of justice, not a one of us is in any better position than the woman. To claim otherwise would be judging her, and that is a sin that carries the penalty of being judged in the same way.

Jesus refused to judge or condemn the woman. He offered mercy. What a beautiful gift! This is a powerful story of God's mercy and forgiveness, but I think we often let it stop when Jesus says, "Neither do I condemn you." The follow-up line is "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." We have access to God's abundant mercy. And it calls us to something. It calls us to change, to conversion, and to a firm amendment of purpose. In other words, we can't take mercy for granted or presume upon it. We must seek God's grace to change our ways.

Hopefully by this point in Lent, the areas of our life that need this kind of change have become clearer. Now is the time to be intentional about changing the patterns of our life and seeking God's grace and mercy to help us do so. This week we have a perfect opportunity to soak our weakness in grace and mercy. We will have a penance service here at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday night at 7:00. Please make plans to attend and to ask God for the grace to go and sin no more.

Things are beginning to move very quickly on our Building on Tradition project. As our workers get underway, please make it a daily effort to keep their safety and ours, and the success of the project, in our prayers. Thank you to all who came out for the groundbreaking and for all your generosity. Thank God for giving us the means to follow His call.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler

OUR PARISH FAMILY

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Registration for the 2010-2011 School Year

We are currently registering students for 2010-2011 school year. For the upcoming school year, we have openings in all grades (K-8) with space limited in fourth, fifth, and seventh grades. In the preschool classes, we have openings in the Monday through Friday afternoon class for four and five-year-olds and limited openings in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class for four-year-olds and the all-day preschool class for four and five-year-olds. We currently have a waiting list for the Tuesday/Thursday morning class for three-year-olds.

Please call the school office if you would like to receive registration information or if you would like to tour the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 522-7534.

Art Showcase '10: Congratulations to the students chosen by Mrs. Ficke to represent our school in the Art Showcase '10 at the Becker Library at Benedictine University. The following students currently have their artwork on display with their respective awards at their grade levels listed in parentheses: Gus Beard (Honorable Mention), Nick Schlosser (3rd), Patrick Rearden (3rd), Julia Morehead (1st), Grace Portz (3rd), Maddie Andres (Participant), Anna Benoit (Participant), Anthony DiNello (3rd), and Caroline Schmidt (1st). In addition, Caroline Schmidt's artwork was chosen as the Best of Show. The students' artwork will be on display through Tuesday, March 30, and the students will be honored that day at 4:30 p.m. at the Becker Library with a closing ceremony and reception. Special thanks to Mrs. Ficke for sharing her expertise with our students!

SCHOOL NOTES

Monday, March 22 – Report Card Day

Wednesday, March 24 – Reconciliation for grades 2-8
Confirmation Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 25 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass for
Feast of the Annunciation

Tuesday, March 30 – 4:30 p.m. – Closing ceremony for
Art Showcase '10 at Becker Library at
Benedictine University

Wednesday, March 31 – 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. – 7th
graders' Living Stations performances for the
Students

Thursday, April 1 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Easter
break; B.A.S.E. provided

LAST FISH FRY!

Join us in the gym this Friday, March 26, for our last Blessed Sacrament Fish Fry of this Lenten season! Come enjoy delicious, all you can eat walleye.

* 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

CHIARA CENTER PROGRAM

Chiara Center and Hospital Sisters Health System are sponsoring a one day conference on Palliative Care: The Spiritual Cloak of Comfort and Compassion at Chiara Center on Wednesday, March 24 from 8:30 - 3:45. The conference is beneficial to care givers, healthcare decision makers, parish nurses, and those with life-limiting illness. It is time for caring in healthcare to catch up with the technology. 4 Nursing CEU's will be given. To register call Chiara Center at 217-523-0901.

CALVARY CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Beginning Wednesday, March 24th, 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 1st. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the cemetery office at 523-3726.

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. Signups through March 31 are only \$10!

For more information, email John Barrett at 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.

CATHEDRAL SPRING AUCTION

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish will hold its Annual Live and Silent Auction and Dinner on March 27th at the Crowne Plaza. We will have over 300 items up for auction as well as several cash raffles and a raffle for a 50" flat-panel HDTV! Reservations are \$40 each and include two hours of open beer and wine, dinner and dessert. If you would like to join us, please make reservations by emailing Casey Wichmann at cathedraldevelopment@gmail.com or by calling the parish office at 217-522-3342. Reservations are required.

SHG FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYERS

SHG will host *Generations of Gold: A Celebration of Seasons* for all former Cyclone football players and supporters. Football players, coaches, former parents, spouses, family members and volunteers who have ever been involved in the Cyclone football program dating back to 1933 are encouraged to attend. The event will be Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at SHG's West Campus, 1601 West Washington Street, Springfield. Tickets are \$25 each. To order tickets, visit www.shg.org/generationsofgold or e-mail generationsofgold@shg.org or call 217-787-9732. Space is limited.

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC LADIES OF CHARITY

The St. Louise de Marillac Ladies of Charity cordially invite women of the Springfield area to join in our mission to raise funds for Catholic Charities Foster Care Children's Program. The Springfield Ladies of Charity was established in 1933 by Monsignor David Sculley and a small group of Catholic women. Dinner meetings are held monthly. You may join any time of the year; dues are \$10 a year. Come join up in our charitable work for the least of God's children, His little ones. Please call for information: Karen Fassero 546-8322 or Pat Bolt 546-5672.

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This month's Women's Day of Recollection will be held on Thursday, March 25th at Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberrry, 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*.

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 operation, 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.

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 MARCH 22-28

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

Alex Mauntel, Sam Bonansinga

Thursday, Friday
8:20/8:00 AM

Jack O'Connor, Patrick Belz

Saturday, March 27, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Steven Scheufele

Servers: Andrew Hoffmann, Ben Portz, Megan McCarthy, Noah Kren, Patrick Rolan

Eucharistic Ministers: Marge O'Keefe, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Rick Campbell, Janine Feller, Johanna Toomey, Michelle Bretz, Mary Rita Dineen

Sunday, March 28, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Virginia Moore

Servers: Riley Murphy, Abigail Perrero

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Langston, Pat Sheehan, Patricia Clarida, Sean Fitzgerald, Andrea Judd

Sunday, March 28, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Patrick Fitzgerald

Servers: Sarah Miller, Ben Eck, Kevin Gamble, Averi Gamble

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Scott Reimers, Hannah Perrin, Clara Ushman, Kathy Harth, Mary F. Conwill, Larry Newell, Thomas Schmidt

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Mike Goza

Servers: Nic Farris, Maddie Oh, Tim Oh, Joel Henderson, Alex Mandeville

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Morphew, Lynn Frasco, Jude Kennedy, Barbara Erdmann, Gene Mitchell, MaryAnn Gorney, Karen Senger, Lori Criscione

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

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

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.

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$4,563,649.00
Total number of donors	700
Total Cash Received	\$ 1,837,043.76

Lunch provided. Free will offering. Reservations required: 529-2617, 341-2075, 523-2908, or 726-9479.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

If you would like to help a struggling family this Easter, please call Janet at 523-2450. Donations made to Holy Family Food Pantry in March and April can multiply through the Feinsein Challenge.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection

March 14, 2010	\$18,971.25
Target Amount	\$23,500.00