



# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



**Sunday**  
**March 28, 2010**

**Palm Sunday**

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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 29

- ✠ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:00 AM Norm Billington  
Wesley Welindt

### Tuesday, March 30

- ✠ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:20 AM Mildred Kreutzer

### Wednesday, March 31

- ✠ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✠ 8:00 AM George Ann Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, Sr.

### Thursday, April 1, Holy Thursday

- ✠ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- ✠ 7:00 PM Vocations to the Priesthood

### Friday, April 2, Good Friday

- ✠ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- ✠ 5:30 PM Good Friday Services

### Saturday, April 3, Holy Saturday

- ✠ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- ✠ 8:00 PM Intentions of those completing the journey towards the Catholic Faith

### Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday

- ✠ 7:00 AM Betty Ball
- ✠ 8:30 AM James Tamblin
- ✠ 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.

\*All daily Masses the week of April 5 will begin at 8:00 AM.

## DEAR PARISHIONERS

Today as Jesus entered into Jerusalem in glory, we enter into Holy Week with Him. It is hard for us to understand in our human sensibility that this entire week, from the glory of His entrance, through the agony of His passion and death, to the glory of the resurrection of Christ, the whole week is radiant with God's love and glory.

We are invited to walk with Jesus Christ through the entire week. Today we enter with glory and within minutes we hear the cries of "crucify him!" We hear how the apostles were in communion with Jesus at the last supper. It is a picture of our call to union with God. It begins to unravel when Judas leaves and the others can't stay awake with Jesus in prayer in the garden.

Once again we are in the garden with God and once again we turn away and choose the wrong fruit. The apostles choose their own comfort over prayer. In response to Judas and the guards they choose violence over humility, charity, and peace. Pride wins over humility and obedience. The apostles are scattered in the face of evil while only the Christ, the God/man, keeps His focus on God's will and confronts evil. This is why we can call the cross "glorious." On the cross we see humility, love, obedience and because of that fidelity, the sins of those who put Him there are healed.

This year, will we stay with Jesus in His passion and death where others scattered?

Please make every effort to enter as fully as possible into this week of our salvation. Make plans to attend the special liturgies we have on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. If at all possible, please attend the greatest liturgy of all, the Easter Vigil.

This year we have another large class in RCIA entering into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.

We have great news on vocations! Brian Alford will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 at the Cathedral. It would be a great thing for Brian if we could have a large Blessed Sacrament contingent present. We have been his home away from home for the last few years. Please make plans to attend and keep Brian and an increase in vocations to the priesthood for our diocese in your prayers.

Remember to keep our Building on Tradition project and the workers in our prayers as well.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Hoefler

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

John Bosco Pio Hyde, son of John and Angela Hyde

**SCHOOL NOTES**

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. – 7<sup>th</sup> graders' Living Stations performances for the Students

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

**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.

**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](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. **There is an organizational meeting for all adults and high school students who can help today (Sunday, March 28) at the SJV activity center in Sherman from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.**

**ST. ALOYSIUS BOY SCOUT BREAKFAST**

St. Aloysius Church and Boy Scout Troop 53 will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast today (Sunday, March 28) at the St. Aloysius Parish Hall from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for children, and \$20 for family.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR HYGIENE KITS**

Blessed Sacrament's Fourth and Eighth grade classes will be partnering with Mission Outreach to provide basic hygiene and health items to organizations promoting healthy living environments both locally and globally. These kits will be used in learning literacy, hygiene, nutrition, and health.

Needed items include:

Hand towels    fingernail clippers (no toenail clippers)  
Wash clothes    bath-size bar soap  
band-aids    toothbrush in package (no child-size)  
combs (large and sturdy)  
tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz or larger)

All items should be new. Please place donated items in the box in the vestibule. Thank you!

**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.

**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.

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Building on Tradition groundbreaking ceremony! The day was beautiful, and the ceremony was even better. Your support is amazing. Thanks again from the Steering Committee!

**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****NIGHT TIME**

2:00 PM Sunday	1:00 AM Monday
3:00 PM Saturday	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**

**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 Feinstein Challenge.

**SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES****Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM**

Sydney Compton	Frank Hollahan
Kevin Farley	Cody Rutherford
John Drake	Adam White
Joel Henderson	Ashley Dunn
Daniel Gardner	Austin Beger

**Good Friday, 5:30 PM**

Sam Bonansinga      Nick Evans

**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](http://www.shg.org/generationsofgold) or e-mail [generationsofgold@shg.org](mailto:generationsofgold@shg.org) or call 217-787-9732. Space is limited.

**HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS**

At the Good Friday liturgy, a collection will be taken to help the work of the Church in the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

At the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, the special collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests.

Thank you.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

WEEK OF MARCH 22-28

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

Clara Munyer, Ben Eck

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3,  
8:00 PM**

**(Practice 11:00 AM)**

**Servers:** Connor Adams, Tessie McDermott, Gabrielle McDermott, Davy Morehead, Taylor Pohlman, Dominic LoGrasso, Ethan Bluhm, Riley Hinds, Elizabeth Wiatroluk, Abigail Perrero

**Sunday, April 4, 7:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Val Simhauser

**Servers:** Emily Delvo, Eric Delvo

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Walker, Phil Graham, Mike Delvo, Kathy Grubb, Ted Siedle

**Sunday, April 4, 8:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Laurie Tappenbeck

**Servers:** Brent Parquette, Abby Ralph, Ethan O'Connor, Vinny Vespa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** George Rudis, Jr., Mark Ushman, Anne Capestrain, James Keys, Rita Keys, Andrew Adams, Sr. Francesca Okwars, Barney Bruzetti

**Sunday, April 4, 10:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Daniel Heffernan

**Servers:** Adrienne Dodge, Danny Heffernan, Patrick Rolan, Alex DeLeon, Jim Moore, Joey Moore, Josh Moore, Sam Sgro, Isabella Sgro, John Belz, Patrick Belz

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Belz, Linda Thornberry, Mary Tuttle, James Dodge, Pat Graham, Don Graham, Sr. Josephine Okeke, Cordelia Moore

**LENTEN PRAYER**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
 By Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion.

You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross, Your clothing became the prize of soldiers, Your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple.

Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, that little life that remained to You.

Lord, teach me to accept the afflictions after the example you have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment. Take Hold of me with Your love, that same love that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life. Amen.

<b>Building on Tradition</b>	
<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>\$ 1,837,043.76</b>

**CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass is the annual liturgy when the diocesan Church gathers to consecrate sacred chrism and bless the oil of the sick and the oil of the catechumens for use throughout the year. It takes place in the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, March 29 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b> <i>(Time / Talent / Treasure)</i>	
<b><u>Parish Collection</u></b>	
<b>March 14, 2010</b>	<b>\$18,971.25</b>
<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>