

RESUREXI ET ADHVC TECVM SVM. P̄S. CXXXVIII.



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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, April 5

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Dr. F. Paul LaFata
Andy and Steve Glosecki

Tuesday, April 6

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Thomas L. "Mick" O'Connor
Heather Gonet

Wednesday, April 7

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Liz Duckworth

Thursday, April 8

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Anne Clarizio

Friday, April 9

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Special Intentions of Mary & Bill Forsyth

Saturday, April 10

- ✘ 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, April 11, Second Sunday of Easter

- ✘ 7:00 AM Olive C. Eck
- ✘ 8:30 AM Vic Gorney
- ✘ 10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
Randy Houghan

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

On Good Friday we experienced the death of Jesus. The Way the Truth, and the Life was put to death and silenced in the darkness of the tomb. But the tomb could not hold Him. Death could not contain the author of Life. Jesus, the Light who had come into the world, burst from the tomb on that first Easter.

As Luke tells us, "At daybreak on the first day of the week the women ... went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." So begins the day that changed history and changed the future and changed the look of eternity. Because Jesus has been raised from the dead everything is changed. Now death is no longer the end but a doorway to eternal life. For the Christian, all life and all death leads to the resurrection. We join ourselves to the life and suffering and death of Christ because we hope one day to be joined with Him in the resurrection. What can we do but sing the praises of our God?!

This year we have received another large class from RCIA into the Church. This has been a major decision in the life of our neophyte Catholics and often a very difficult trip to make. Please welcome them into the life of our parish as they seek to get involved. Be on the lookout for anyone you don't know to help them feel welcome and comfortable in our parish home. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they adjust to life as Catholics. Their journey to our Faith is really quite inspiring. Don't miss the opportunity to get to know them and the story of God's work in their life.

Make plans to attend the Ordination of Brian Alford to the Transitional Diaconate next Saturday at the Cathedral at 10:30 A.M. Please continue to keep Brian and all the seminarians in your prayers. Please also continue to pray for more vocations to the religious life and the priesthood, especially for our own diocese. While we are at it, keep praying for our next bishop.

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy at the Cathedral next Sunday afternoon. I hope you can make plans to attend this beautiful celebration of God's mercy.

Our Building on Tradition project continues to progress. Please keep the project and the workers in your prayers.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED
Esther M. Kelly

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Young Authors Winners

Congratulations to our students whose manuscripts were chosen as the division winners and classroom winners for the Young Authors Program. The division winners included kindergarten through second grade students Ava Stone (1st place), Audrey Frost (2nd place), Lucas Icaza (3rd place), and Nick DePooter (Honorable Mention). The division winners in grades three and four were Catie Eck (1st), Elise Caton (2nd), and Isabel Gardner (3rd). The division winners in fifth and sixth grades included Sydney Compton (1st), Samantha Thiele (2nd), and Clara Young (3rd), and the division winners in grades seven and eight were Lydia Nelson (1st), Danielle Loftus (2nd), Cody Prosperini (3rd), and Michael Davis (Honorable Mention). First place division winners received \$25 Barnes and Noble gift cards, and the other division winners received \$10 Barnes and Noble gift cards provided by our Parent/School Association.

Kindergarten through second grade classroom winners were Elizabeth DePooter, Drew Herman, Andrew Reimers, Anna Riedell, Aili Sluga, Mitch Dye, Sofia Lewis, Niamh Mahoney, Sophie Reimers, Caleb Rutherford, Maya Dye, and Elizabeth DeSalle. Other classroom winners in grades three and four were Hadley Nyre, Sophie Sweetin, Logan Evans, Lizzy Benoit, Katherine Frost, Dennis Johnson, Clayton Lemme, Emily Eades, and Grace Portz.

Classroom winners in grades five and six were Connor Rutherford, Preston Njapa Njeuha, Nicole Gerber, Maria Nestler, Abbey Townsend, Elyse Morehead, Zoe Nelson, Molly Fitzhenry, Anna Benoit, and Emily Scheufele. The junior high classroom winners included Ethan Bluhm, Monica Bell, Maddie Smith, Wilson Reyhan, Albert Perlman, Tessie McDermott, Ryleigh Taylor, Sean Wesp, Emma Farley, and Caroline Schmidt. All classroom winners received \$4 in Baskin Robbins gift certificates.

Contest Winners

Congratulations to Mary Pohlman, a third grader, who was chosen as a winner in the 2010 Illinois State Dental Society Coloring Contest. Her entry was among those selected from over 9,000 other entries. She received a \$10 gift card as her prize.

Congratulations to Ethan Bluhm, a seventh grader, who was selected as a finalist in the 2010 Money Smart Kid Essay Contest. His essay now advances to the final judging round. Congratulations, Ethan and Mary!

SCHOOL NOTES:

Monday, April 12 – Classes resume after Easter break
Monday, April 12 – Wednesday, April 15 – No school for present kindergarten students; kindergarten screening for 2010-2011 class
Wednesday, April 21 – Midquarter
Friday, April 23 – Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day – Dismissal after 9:30 a.m. Mass and reception; no B.A.S.E
Sunday, April 25 – 1:00 p.m. First Communion Mass for Mrs. Kroner's homeroom and PSR students
Sunday, May 2 – 1:00 p.m. First Communion Mass for Mrs. Townsend's homeroom

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 siv@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.

K OF C BREAKFAST BENEFIT

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, April 11 from 8 am until noon at the Knights of Columbus Council 364. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children age 6 - 12, and free for kids five and under. Proceeds will benefit M.E.R.C.Y. Communities of Springfield, who provides housing and supportive services to homeless and at-risk families.

7TH/8TH GRADE DANCE

Knights of Columbus #4175, 2801 West Street, is having a 7th/8th Grade Dance on Friday April 9th from 7-10 p.m. Karaoke night. \$5 admission. For info call 528-5740 or visit www.kofc4175.com

ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE

On the second Saturday of every month, Blessed Sacrament provides food and service at St. John's Breadline. On Saturday, April 10, 2010, we are in need of volunteers to help serve food from 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at 430 S. 4th Street. Parking available on the street. Contact Donna with questions 622-8576.

PEPSI REFRESH GRANT

Blessed Sacrament School has a unique opportunity to secure grant dollars for construction of bleachers in the new gymnasium. Beginning April 1, we will be competing for \$25,000 – to be granted to the organization that garners the most on-line votes during the month of April. Please go to the Pepsi Refresh web site and log your vote BSS. Our proposal is entitled “BLEACHERS FOR BRUINS”. We will be listed under Education at the \$25,000 level. You may vote every day of the month. Please ask all of your e-mail contacts and family and friends to vote for us. Use your Facebook pages! (From the Pepsi site, you can also enjoy the You Tube video of our students that we produced for the kids to express their spirit and desire for bleachers.)

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**Upcoming Spring Events**

Grandparents Day - On Friday, April 23, we honor special people in the lives of our Blessed Sacrament students – their grandparents and other special friends. The morning program will include a Mass, reception in the gym and the chance for the students to show their grandparents around the school. We are blessed at Blessed Sacrament to have the support and prayers of so many of our students’ grandparents.

Unity Run – Mark your calendars now for the 3rd Annual Unity Run for Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, April 24. Registration forms will be available in the back of the church after Easter. Tee shirt sponsors (\$125) are needed. 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. All proceeds of the Unity Run benefit the Annual Fund.

Ladies’ Night Out – On Thursday, May 6, the annual Ladies’ Night Out will be held in the gym. This year’s theme will feature unique shopping opportunities as well as delicious food and plenty of fellowship. If you have a business or hobby and would like to set up a booth, please contact Kelly DeSalle (691-2718), Tricia Schlosser (971-9569), or Ruth Hanken (652-1742). More information will follow.

Bricks – We just placed our sixth brick order for the prayer garden! The bricks, as well as two concrete benches will be installed when they arrive. As long as there is still interest, we will continue placing orders. Brick order forms are available in the church, the rectory office or by calling Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office at 522-7534.

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 combs (large and sturdy)
toothbrush in package (no child-size) 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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF APRIL 5-11

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

Jack Broeker, Preston Njapa
Jnehua

**Thursday, Friday
8:00 AM**

Jack O’Connor, Patrick Belz

Saturday, April 10, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Isabel Long

Servers: Mitchell Hardeman,
Steven Long, Eric Ketchum

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry
Newell, Scott Reimers, Karen
Senger, Noreen Luhr, Mary
Rita Dineen, Michelle Bretz,
Janine Feller, Marty Mosley

Sunday, April 11, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy

Servers: Noah Edwards, Elyse
Morehead

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat
Sheehan, Dave Langston,
Johanna Toomey, Jim Wear,
Kathy Wear

Sunday, April 11, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Jim Clancy

Servers: Alana Veach, Jeremy
French, Sami DeJanovich

Eucharistic Ministers: Clara
Ushman, Hannah Perrin,
Andrea Judd, Barbara
Erdmann, Jude Kennedy,
Rick Campbell, Ken Sommer,
Mary K Sommer

Sunday, April 11, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Dan Schuering

Servers: Lily Coady, Charlie
Delano, Mary Delano

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori
Criscione, MaryAnn Gorney,
Gene Mitchell, Sean
Fitzgerald, Patricia Clarida,
Lynn Frasco, Jim Morphew,
Sally Petrone

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.

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

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Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$4,563,649.00
Total Cash Received	\$ 1,882,527.42

cmheimlich@att.net

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

TALK AT MARIAN CENTER

The Marian Center of Springfield, IL will host a talk on the life of Saint Faustina and Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 11 a.m. at the Marian Center, 313 E. Monroe. Local legend and longtime Marian Center volunteer, Tom Shrewsbury will be the presenter. Please spread the word and join us. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent / Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
March 21, 2010	\$18,332.75
Target Amount	\$23,500.00