



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



Sunday
July 11, 2010

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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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, July 13, Saint Henry

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Monica and Vincent Vespa

Tuesday, July 14, Blessed Kateri Tekawitha

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Mary Schafer Cichowski

Wednesday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Richard Beger
Jack Margaron

Thursday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Marjorie Koch

Friday, July 17

- ✘ 8:00 AM Special intentions of Deacon Ben and Leona Hoefler

Saturday, July 18

- ✘ 7:00 AM Special Intentions (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Jack Healy

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ 7:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 8:30 AM Patricia Link
Antoinette Weis
- ✘ 10:30 AM Special Intentions of Carol Guthrie

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the following people: For the health of Jeff Baggerly, Melanie Hallman, Barbara Zaccari, Leona Garvert, Barb Langley, Paula, Elaine Grace, Kendra, Allen Stemper, Sandy Stemper, Joe, Sammy, Michael, Tom Schmidt, Tom Rice, Ruth Pohlman, Angel, and others in need of prayers.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Our second reading today is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians. In this reading St. Paul reminds us of something we should never forget, "Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God." God who is invisible can be seen in the person of Jesus Christ. Now the only way that we can't see God is if we aren't looking.

Putting this together with St. Jerome's statement that "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" we begin to see how we can come to see God better. God is present in the Church, in the Sacraments, in Sacred Scripture, and He dwells in the baptized. When we come to the end of this life, we want God to recognize us as His own and welcome us into eternal life. It's best then to learn to recognize Him, to watch and listen for His presence. We can see God in this life and if we do, we should see Him in the eternity.

It's great to have the parking lots in and work beginning on the school addition! Landscaping will be completed later in the summer or early fall. The walls of our existing gymnasium and art room are being prepared for the door openings into new storage areas and the new gym and hallway. The elevator shaft is being prepared on the west side of the school. Please continue to keep this work and the safety of the workers in your prayers.

Our search for a new music director was a wonderful success! We had applications from Arizona to Connecticut with several excellent candidates to choose from. We made a job offer and Jody Kienzler has accepted the position. Her first weekend as music director will be August 21st and 22nd. Jody brings with her a wealth of talent and experience. She has music degrees in organ and vocal performance. In previous positions she has been director of music and liturgy for a Catholic parish and a professor of voice. Most recently she has been a professor at Millikin University in Decatur. I am glad to place the music ministry of our parish in Jody's capable hands.

This of course brings an end to Alice Hill's tenure as music director. Alice has been looking forward to her retirement for several months now. However, even in retirement Alice wants to place herself at our service as an accompanist and substitute when needed. I am grateful for her hard work and dedication over these last six years.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED

Justin Morgenthaler and Sarah Bretz, July 3, 2010

WEDDING BANNES

Sean O'Connor and Jennifer Splain plan to wed July 17, 2010.

Matthew Stoll and Jennifer Ramey plan to wed July 24, 2010.

Benjamin Hankins and Briana Davis plan to wed July 31, 2010.

CLASS REUNIONS

SHG Class of 1990 (20th class reunion)

Friday, July 23 at The Corner Pub and Grill

Saturday, July 24 at Panther Creek

Contact: Leah Hardy, 217-726-5177

or lghardy@gmail.com

<http://www.shgclassof1990.com/>

AUCTION DONATIONS

Ahh,...summer! Time for relaxing at the pool, taking a fun vacation, and...getting ready for the 2010 Blessed Sacrament School Auction!

Please help us make this year's auction our most successful one yet. We need donations for both the live and silent auctions and are reaching out to all our parish and school families.

- If you own a business or restaurant, or have a family member or friend who does, please consider donating or asking for a donation for our auction.

- Any jobs/services, hobbies, etc. to offer?

- You might see something cool on clearance this summer and pick it up to donate.

- And of course, we love tickets and trips.

We're looking for fun and unique ideas and really appreciate your help over the summer. Collecting items this summer will mean a lot less work in September.

We can start taking donations anytime, so next time you stop by your favorite store and have a chance to ask for a donation, or you and your friends come up with a fun package idea, please let us know! Thanks!

The Silent Auction Committee

Theresa Lambert, Tara Long, Grainne Mahoney, and Lori Reimers **Call 525-0648**

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY

A local organization will be hosting a group of Philipino orphans during the month of August. If you are considering adopting a child who is in need of a loving home, please contact Joan Reardon Mahoney at 787-3314.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Donations to the Holy Family Food Pantry will be picked up from the church vestibule on Monday, July 21.

CHIARA CENTER RETREAT

Mid-July is the perfect time to enjoy a quiet day of personal retreat at beautiful Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois. For just \$20 you can walk the grounds, pray in the historic St. Francis Church, discover wonderful books, enjoy a delicious meal, and just be with the Lord. Call 217-523-0901 to reserve your spot for an "Ah Day of Quiet" on Saturday, July 17 from 9 AM - 3 PM.

BLESSED SACRAMENT-ST. AGNES CROSS COUNTRY

Any Blessed Sacrament student entering 5th through 8th grades is eligible to participate in the cooperative cross country team with St. Agnes. The first practice will be Monday, August 2. Athletes will meet at the Washington Park playground pavilion at 8:00 AM. There will also be a mandatory parent meeting August 2 at St. Agnes at 7:00 PM. All athletes need an updated physical before participating. If you have any questions, contact Josh Bluhm at 41403247 or bluhm@shg.org.

BUTLER FUNERAL HOME—LONG TERM CARE AND FUNERAL PLANNING

When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions—particularly surrounding the benefits of and requirements for preserving funds for funeral or memorial services in accordance with Illinois Medicaid eligibility requirements before medical expenses, including the cost of long term care, diminish assets. As specialists on this matter, we're happy to provide information and answers to your questions during our free program—*An Open Door Session: Preparing for Long-Term Care and Funeral Planning*. Please join us at MCL Cafeteria in Springfield on Thursday, July 15 from 9-11 a.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 breakfast. For more information or to reserve your seat, please call (217) 544-4646.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations and Volunteers for Parish Council
The Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council is seeking nominations and volunteers for new members. In addition to attending meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. and representing the pastoral needs of the parish, Council members also assist in implementing pastoral programs (such as Blessed Sacrament's involvement in the M.E.R.C.Y. Communities program), and hosting events (e.g. receptions for RCIA participants, new parishioners, newly married couples). Each Council member commits to a 3-year term. Please contact Margaret Antenan at 528-7521 or mantenan@bsps.org to volunteer or nominate another parishioner.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

What follows are excerpts from a letter written by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo to Dr. Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner of the FDA, after the recent move toward approving the new drug Ulipristal. In this letter written on June 17 the Cardinal DiNardo of Galveston-Houston related grave concerns about the drug's effects and safety.

Dear Dr. Hamburg:

Concerns have been raised over other drugs considered for "emergency contraception," such as the "Plan B" regimen, because they might act not only to prevent ovulation but also to prevent implantation of the developing embryo in his or her mother's womb. However, such drugs were thought to have no post-implantation effects. Ulipristal is a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, with the same biological effect – that is, it can disrupt an established pregnancy weeks after conception has taken place.

This drug is contraindicated for women who are or may be pregnant. Yet its proposed use here is targeted precisely at women who may already have conceived, as it would be administered within five days *after* "unprotected" sex or contraceptive failure. No existing pregnancy test can exclude the possibility that a new life has been conceived in this time frame. Indeed, advocates praise this drug as an advance precisely because it seems to retain its full efficacy five days after intercourse – that is, after the opportunity to prevent fertilization has passed.

Millions of American women, even those willing to use a contraceptive to prevent fertilization in various circumstances, would personally never choose to have an abortion. They would be ill served by a misleading campaign to present Ulipristal simply as a "contraceptive." In fact, FDA approval for that purpose would likely make the drug available for "off-label" use simply as an abortion drug – including its use by unscrupulous men with the intent of causing an early abortion without a woman's knowledge or consent. Such abuses have already occurred in the case of RU-486, despite its warning labels and limited distribution.

For many years, Congress has acted to ensure that the federal government does not fund abortion, and does not endanger or destroy the early human embryo even in the name of important medical research. This Administration, like many before it, has voiced support for federal laws to ensure that no one is involved in abortion without his or her knowledge or consent. And the Administration's support for broad access to contraception has been defended as serving the goal of reducing abortions. Plans for approving a known abortion-causing drug as a "contraceptive" for American women is not consistent with the stated policy of the Administration on these matters.

Please know that I appreciate any attention the FDA can give to these serious concerns, and I will follow the Administration's further discussion and actions on this issue with great interest.

Sincerely,

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo

Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF JULY 12-18

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00 AM

Patrick Belz, Jack O'Connor

Thursday, Friday
8:00 AM

Lilly Coady, Sydney Compton

Saturday, July 17, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Sam Thiele, Nolan Reid, John Stegeman

Eucharistic Ministers: Isabel Figueroa, Scott Reimers, Noreen Luhr, Jude Kennedy, Johanna Toomey, Janine Feller, Marty Mosley, Michelle Bretz

Sunday, July 18, 7:00 AM

Lectors: George Rudis, Jr.

Servers: Sarah Miller, Sara Rotherman

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Langston, Colleen VonDeBur, Mary F. Conwill, Phil Graham, Ann Walker

Sunday, July 18, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Caroline Schmidt, Emily Delvo, Eric Delvo

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Hugh McDermott, Thomas Schmidt, Mark Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Kathy Harth, Mike Delvo, Grace Stannard

Sunday, July 18, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Lila Dilbaitis

Servers: Patrick Belz, Meredith Beger, Austin Beger

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Criccione, Lynn Frasco, MaryAnn Gorney, Sean Fitzgerald, Mary Tuttle, Danielle Ketchum, Patricia Clarida, Lisa Belz

ADORATION HOURS

“The living lamps before the Blessed Sacrament are the guardian angels of humanity” - Mateo Crownley

12:00 A.M SUNDAY

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY

1:00 P.M. SUNDAY

1:00 A.M. MONDAY

2:00 A.M. MONDAY

4:00 P.M. THURSDAY

11:00 P.M. THURSDAY

9:00 P.M. FRIDAY

12:00 A.M. SATURDAY

1:00 A.M. SATURDAY

3:00 P.M. SATURDAY

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

SHG WORKS PROJECTS

For the past two years, over 200 Sacred Heart-Griffin students, parents, alumni and friends have blanketed Springfield neighborhoods as part of a widespread service effort to help low income or physically disabled homeowners clean up and maintain their properties and complete tasks they are unable to do themselves.

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$4,728,031.58
Total Cash Received	\$ 2,056,488.00

Nominations are currently being accepted for 2010 projects. *(All projects must be in Springfield. Rental property cannot be considered.)* In addition we are looking for volunteers willing to assist with the projects and/or make donations. If you are interested in being apart of this event or would like to make a nomination, please contact Nora Yochim, SHG Works Coordinator at norayochim@comcast.net , 217-698-9846 or visit the SHG website at www.shg.org

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection

June 27, 2010	\$16,918.25
Target Amount	\$23,500.00