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for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now
than when we first believed; the night
is advanced, the day is at hand.
Let us then throw off the works of
darkness and put on the armor of light.
~Romans 13:11-12

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, November 29

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Margaret Stenger

Tuesday, November 30, Saint Andrew

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Donald Figge

Wednesday, December 1

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Al Bianco
- ✕ **5:30 PM** **Prayer Service for the Sick and Suffering**

Thursday, December 2

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Faye Fischer
Philip Graham, Jr.

Friday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Bill Geiser

Saturday, December 4

- ✕ 7:00 AM James H. Clark
- ✕ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✕ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✕ 4:30 PM Sterling Krueger
Herbert E. Taylor

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

- ✕ 7:00 AM Deceased Members of Vincent Connor Family
- ✕ 8:30 AM Vic Gorney
- ✕ 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: Alyssa, Angel, Barbara, Beth, Bonnie, Cathy, Charles, Dana, Danielle, Frances P., Gary, Jack, Irampelh, Loretta, Michael, Mary, Paula, Ruth, Ryken, Sammy, Thomas, the students, teachers, staff, and parents this school year, Margaret, Dick, Rita, Jackie T., Terry, Patrick, Cindy, Barbara and others who need prayers.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

This is the First Sunday of Advent. We have started a new year in the Church calendar. The Church looks at the beginning by looking at the end. At the end of time, when the Lord returns, we will find a new beginning. Today we see this as our great hope.

The responsorial psalm tells us "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." This psalm is a vision of the New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly city of God. The first reading also gives an image of what we will see when we reach heaven, when we "climb the LORD's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob." Isaiah tells us that "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

In this war weary world, we are tired and worn out by the violence of sin. We even see many people hurt in many ways by the very people who should love them the most. These readings not only hold out hope that we will see peace in eternity, they are hope that we shall see something of God's kingdom here on earth. Our way to the heavenly kingdom includes working to bring the kingdom of God into reality here and now in this life.

This time of Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ by our own conversion. Paul tells us "You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; ... Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day." In other words, our Faith looks like something and we should live like we know we are about to meet the Lord. The truth is, we meet Him in many ways every day if we are awake enough to see Him.

Thank you to all those who helped me organize and prepare for the PAP! Thank you also to the many who attended. I am so grateful for the community you all continue to support and develop and all of the hard work you do for the good of our parish! May God bless us all with an Advent that brings us deeper into the life and mystery of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We are getting a clearer look at our Building on Tradition project all the time. Please continue to pray for safety for our workers, good working weather, and a successful conclusion for our project. Thank God for this blessing in the life of our parish. May we use it well!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Dave Hoefler

OUR PARISH FAMILY

SCHOOL NOTES

Monday, Nov. 29 – Midquarter; 8:15 a.m. – Advent wreath ceremony in the gym

Wednesday, Dec. 1 – 2:15 p.m. – Character education assembly in the gym

Friday, Dec. 3 – PSA Spirit Day; 2:00 p.m. – First Friday adoration and benediction for grades 2-8

Monday, Dec. 6 – 8:15 a.m. – Advent wreath ceremony in the gym

Wednesday, Dec. 8 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Dec. 9 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting; B.A.S.E. provided

BRINKERHOFF CHRISTMAS

Come see the Brinkerhoff House decorated for the holidays at the Christmas Champagne Party on Saturday, December 4 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. \$10 per person.

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

M.A.G.I.C. Match ... The M.A.G.I.C. Match program, which stands for Making a Generous Incentive Commitment, enables donors who make a \$500 gift to sponsor a Blessed Sacrament classroom or program for the entire school year. As of November 15, we have nearly all of our classrooms and program areas sponsored. Thank you so much to the following donors!

M.A.G.I.C. Match Sponsors 2010-2011

Blessed Sacrament Men's Club
Friends of Blessed Sacrament School (6)
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The Patton Family
Reid Chiropractic & The Nutrition Center
Starcrest Cleaners
Drs. Jim & Susan Stegeman
The Vogel Family

End of Year Giving – For those of you thinking about end-of-year giving, please consider a gift to the Blessed Sacrament School Annual Fund or the Building on Tradition campaign. The Annual Fund supports the operating budget of the school, including salaries, educational materials, maintenance, and utilities. The Building on Tradition Fund is funding our current building project. Together, the two funds will benefit the education of our children both today and in the future.

Christmas Bricks - Looking for a Christmas gift for that family member who has everything? How about a brick? Order forms are still available in both the school and rectory offices, and in the back of church, for the purchase of commemorative bricks that will be placed in a prayer garden between the church and the school. There are three sizes available: 4x8 brick for \$100, 8x8 for \$200 and 12x12 for \$300. Completed forms and checks may be submitted to the school, the rectory or in the collection basket. If you have questions about the bricks, please call Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office. Please note that bricks may not be ordered until a sufficient number of forms are submitted.

ANGEL TREE

The Catholic Charities Angel Tree program needs your help to share the love, light, and hope of Jesus to families in our community. Blessed Sacrament's target goal is 500 gifts for 250 children. The trees with gift tags will be up this weekend in the grotto area and in the front of church. Unwrapped gifts must be returned to the trees before Sunday, December 19. Donations of wrapping paper are also appreciated. With your help and support, we can help make a happier holiday for those who need a hand. Call Katherine Pauley at 789-9820 with questions.

OVER 55 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plan to enjoy a fun-filled evening and delicious dinner with the "Over 55 Group" at Illini Country Club on Thursday, December 2nd. Social hour is 6:00 to 7:00 with dinner following. Cost of the dinner is \$28.00 per person with a cash bar. For reservations, please call Bernie & Mary Alice Owens @ 529-4066, Mike & Carolyn Houston @ 698-0414, or John and Mary Staudt @ 787-7905 by Monday November 29th.

SHG SPORTS APPAREL FOR GIFTS

Get your Christmas shopping done on Saturday, December 4th from 8 a.m. to Noon at SHG's main campus, 1200 W. Washington. Hope to see you there!

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 30 through December 8, 2010 at Christ the King Parish. Novena begins at 7:00 PM each evening with exposition, adoration, followed by scriptural rosary led by ongregation. A speaker will discuss a topic of each day. Novena will conclude with benediction. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will open the Novena. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Serra Club. Call 529-2617 for questions and see Catholic Times for speakers and topics.

NATIVITY SET DISPLAY

Chiara Center in Springfield will sponsor its 4th annual Nativity Festival with a display of over 100 Nativity sets from around the world. Chiara Center is located on the grounds of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis at 3875 LaVerna Road. The event, which is free and open to the public, includes a tour of historic St. Francis of Assisi Church. This is an exceptional opportunity to enter into the true spirit of this sacred season.

The Nativity Festival is scheduled: Friday, December 3, 2 pm - 7 pm; Saturday, December 4, noon - 4 pm; and Sunday, December 5, noon - 4 pm. Call 217-523-0901 with questions.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Staab Funeral Home and the Knights of Columbus will host "A Service of Remembrance at Holiday Time" for bereaved families and friends on Sunday, November 28 at 2:00 PM. The service will be held at the Knights of Columbus #364 at 2200 South Meadowbrook Road in Springfield. Open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For questions, call 528-6461.

SPRINGFIELD CHORAL CONCERT

The Springfield Choral Society will present "Solstice Flirting with Twilight" on December 4 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and on December 5 at 4:30 PM at St. Joseph's in Chatham. Admission is \$12.50.

NFP GATHERING

Come to the first-ever Natural Family Planning Community Gathering on Wed, Dec 1st at 7pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center (1615 West Washington). **ALL are invited!** That means: big families and small families, young couples and single people. No matter your age or marital status, we want to meet you! Come gather with other Catholics in the area and find out how you too can help spread the good news about true married love. RSVP: cteveda@dio.org or call 217-321-1132.

HELP WANTED

St. Joseph's Home is looking for two part-time beauticians, approximately 2-3 days a week. Flexibility and ability to work with seniors are required. Must be licensed and insured. Please apply in person at St. Joseph's Home, 3306 S. 6th St. Rd., Springfield.

SHG CHORAL TRIP

The SHG Choral Music Department will travel to New York May 23-28, 2011, and seats are available for those who are interested in joining the trip. The itinerary includes a variety of site seeing events, including NBC Studios, Statue of Liberty, 5th Avenue, St. Patrick's Cathedral and two Broadway shows. The return trip will include either a day in Hershey, PA or Cedar Pointe in Sandusky, OH. Cost of the trip is approx. \$1,200 and includes transportation, lodging, meals and admissions. Contact Bill Bauser at SHG, 787-1595 ext. 122 if you are interested in going on this wonderful trip. Deadline to register is November 17.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF NOV 29-DEC 5

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

Isabella Sgro, Sam Thiele

Thursday, Friday

8:00/8:20 AM

Emily Thornberry, Clara Young

Saturday, December 4, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Melaine Arnold

Servers: Kate Healy, Joel Henderson, Dominic LoGrasso

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Newell, Noreen Luhr, Michelle Bretz, Susan Gallagher, Ginny Schofield, Ed Schofield, Mary Rita Dineen, Donna Hagler

Sunday, December 5, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Virginia Moore

Servers: Karla Hernandez, Erick Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Graham, Nancy Smith, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear, Kathy Grubb

Sunday, December 5, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Kevin Lust

Servers: Caroline Schmidt, Eric Delvo, Emily Delvo

Eucharistic Ministers: Hannah Perrin, Thomas Schmidt, Clara Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Johanna Toomey, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer, Andrew Adams

Sunday, December 5, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Tim Moore

Servers: Josh Moore, Joey Moore, Jim Moore

Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Dilbaitis, Lori Criscione, Patricia Clarida, Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, James Dodge, Barney Bruzetti, Mary Tuttle

ADORATION HOURS

Could you not watch one hour with me?

“The only time our Lord asked the apostles for anything was the night He went into His agony. But as often in the history of the church since that time, evil was awake, but the disciplines were asleep. That is why there came out of His anguished and lonely Heart a sigh: ‘Could you not watch one hour with me?’ (Mt. 26:40) Not for an hour of activity did He plead but for an hour of friendship.” -Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Prayerfully consider a scheduled hour in our adoration chapel. Please use the form in this bulletin. Contact Merle King (528-6088) or Tom Karaianis (415-3281) if you have questions.

- 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
- 12:00 A.M. SATURDAY
- 1:00 A.M. SATURDAY
- 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY



USHER NEEDED

We are in need of an usher for the Saturday evening 4:30 PM Mass. If you are interested in serving, please call Margaret in the parish office at 528-7521.

Building on Tradition	
Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,055,287.82
Total Cash Received	\$ 2,656,770.34

*Have a blessed
Advent Season!
O Come O Come, Emanuel*

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent / Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
November 14, 2010	\$19,430.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
<u>Annual Catholic Services Appeal</u>	
Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 36,555.00
Received (as of 10/28/10)	\$ 24, 120.00
Remaining	\$ 64,488.00