

A photograph of a tree branch with budding leaves and a yellow cross against a bright, bokeh background. The branch is on the left, with several buds and small green leaves. The cross is on the right, made of a translucent yellow material. The background is a soft, out-of-focus mix of blue and yellow light.

Easter

A NEW BEGINNING

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, April 25

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Richard Seefeldt
Al Stenger, Jr.

Tuesday, April 26

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Bettye Thorp Berning

Wednesday, April 27

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Leon Martin
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

Thursday, April 28

- ✕ **8:00 AM** Jules & Celia Margaron

Friday, April 29

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Margaret Pierce
Bill Carrico

Saturday, April 30

- ✕ 7:00 AM Don & Judy Finch (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 4:30 PM Enos Tolan

Sunday, May 1, Second Sunday of Easter

- ✕ 7:00 AM Joseph J. McRoberts
- ✕ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ 10:30 AM Jose Gonzalez

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the following people: Nicolle, Pat Stolleis, Angie Henderson, Jim Morris, Steve Weir, Joe, Donald Kren, John Atteberry, John A. Davis, Jr., Don Egan, John Carlyle, James Bridgewater, Donna Braun, Alyssa, Angel, Barbara, Beth, Bonnie, Cathy, Charles, Dana, Danielle, Gary, Jack, Irampelh, Loretta, Michael, Paula, Ruth, Ryken, Sammy, Thomas, the students, teachers, staff, and parents this school year, Margaret, Dick, Rita, Jackie T., Terry, Patrick, Cindy, Barbara, any relatives of parishioners who are in service, and others who need prayers.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Happy Easter! Lent seemed long in the middle of it, at least for me. The sacrifices we made are already fading into memory as we celebrate Easter. We immersed ourselves in the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ and now we are ready to celebrate His Resurrection! This is the great hope we now have access to through Christ Jesus. If we tie our sufferings in this life to His sufferings, we have the hope that our death will find us joining Christ in His Resurrection. May we all be blessed with this great gift! Have a happy and joyful Easter season. I hope we never forget the reason we celebrate but come to know and love our Lord Jesus more and more each day.

Congratulations and welcome to those who have gone through RCIA and enter the Catholic Church this Easter at the Easter Vigil! Please continue to pray for them and welcome them into our Church and our parish. There are a few of our candidates who are still working on completing their initiation into our Church. Please keep them in your prayers as well. I look forward to the day when they can celebrate with us the Faith they long to live.

Our school children are on their Easter break this week. I hope and pray that during their time off they will soak in the beauty and graces of this great season of Easter and come back rested, healthy and ready to finish up the school year.

Please make note of the special schedule for Easter Week. All morning Masses from Monday through Friday this week will be at 8:00. Confessions will be heard before Mass as usual. The Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed before Mass as well. The Feast of Mercy will be celebrated at the Cathedral next Sunday afternoon at 2:00.

Our Building on Tradition project is moving along very well. The concrete and site work around the outside of the building continues. The floor in the gym is nearly complete. We are still on budget. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness to your pledges. Please keep the safety of our workers, good working weather, and the successful completion of our project in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Dave Hoefler

OUR PARISH FAMILY

WEDDING BANNIS

Blaine Marty and Marisa Doerfler plan to wed on May 7, 2011.

Jason Lancaster and Tisha Smith plan to wed on May 14, 2011.

ALL DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK (APRIL 25-29) will be at 8:00 AM due to the school Easter Break.

SCHOOL NOTES:

Friday, April 22 – Friday, April 29 – Easter break
(Classes resume on Monday, May 2)

Friday, May 6 – Grandparents/Special Persons Day – 9:30 a.m. Mass; NO B.A.S.E.

NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Unity Run – Registration for the Unity Run on May 7 is now open. The approximately 3-mile course around the Blessed Sacrament neighborhood is open to all ages and levels of fitness. Walkers, runners, strollers, bicycles, are all invited to this family event.

Refreshments are provided. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information about signing up for this fun event.

Unity Run Sponsors – We are still looking for sponsors for the Unity Run. A \$125 donation gets your business logo printed on the back of the race tee shirts. Call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534, or via e-mail at Hoffmann@bssbruins.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S RAFFLE FOR CAMP ONDESSONK

St. Joseph's Parish is holding a raffle to win a free week's registration at Camp Ondessonk. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Money can be sent with name, address, phone and email address to: St. Joseph School, 1344 North 5th Street, Spfld, IL 62702. Drawing May 2nd. Entries by mail must be postmarked by April 25th or received in person at the school office by April 30th.

LADIES NIGHT OUT—MAY 5

Plan to celebrate Cinco De Mayo at the annual Ladies Night Out! If you would like to have a vendor table, please contact Kelly DeSalle at 691-2718. Space is limited!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM in the north conference room of the rectory basement.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care for children ages 1-4 years of age is available during Sunday 10:30 AM mass in our rectory basement. There is no monetary fee for this service. Participating parents are put on a rotating schedule to help with the care of the children (usually once every 6 weeks, depending on the number of parents). BSS parents also gain family service hours for watching the children. (even if you don't have a little one in the nursery you can help and get service hours) We are also looking for teenage or pre-teen helpers for the nursery. This is a perfect way to start collecting service hours. We are starting to put together our summer schedule, so if you are interested in joining the nursery, please contact Carrie Sluga at 529-6355 or carrie@sluga.net.

TIMOTHY RETREAT

MAY 20-21, 2011 at St. John Vianney Sherman
An overnight retreat for junior high students (grades 6-8), run by high school students (grades 9-12).

All God's children adults supervising.

Hosted by St. John Vianney Parish in Sherman and St. Jude Parish in Rochester.

\$30 retreat fee includes: t-shirt, breakfast, lunch, and other goodies. Retreat will include: Reconciliation, Rosary, Stations of Cross, & Mass. Retreat begins at 7:00 PM on Friday May 20 -- Ends after 5:00 PM mass on May 21.

For more information contact JOHN 496-2452 or DAN 498-9197 X 23.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Volunteers from the Elizabeth Ann Seton (EAS) Program will be selling individual roses for \$3.00 each after all masses on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 8). Proceeds will go toward funding the efforts of EAS to embrace the sanctity and dignity of life by nurturing pregnant and parenting women. Your support will be appreciated!

JOSHUA FUNDRAISER

Next weekend is SHG's JOSHUA, **M&M's for Money and Missions**. . Students and adults spend a week as they travel to upper Appalachia helping repair, paint, build, and clean various homes. Students will be available after masses with a tube of mini M&M's. If you'd like to support your young people, help yourself to a tube of M&M's. Enjoy the M's and place your contribution in the empty tube. Students will collect the tubes May 7-8. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

ADORATION HOURS

"Prayer has power. Whether we pray for ourselves or intercede on behalf of another, prayer helps hold together what seems in danger of breaking down in our society, our families, our spirits, and ourselves." This text is the opening paragraph in a pamphlet by *Our Sunday Visitor* to promote rosaries of intercession on behalf of the jobless and underemployed in our country. In very few words, it gives an optimistic view of our time in adoration and prayer.

Prayer has power — remember this! Prayerfully consider a scheduled hour in our adoration chapel. Contact Merle King (528-6088) or Tom Karaianis (415-3281) if you have any questions.

1:00 P.M. SUNDAY**1:00 A.M. MONDAY****2:00 A.M. MONDAY****6:00 A.M. MONDAY****12:00 P.M. MONDAY (Noon)****3:00 P.M. TUESDAY****1:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY****1:00 A.M. FRIDAY****12:00 A.M. SATURDAY****2:00 A.M. SATURDAY****FEAST OF MERCY - PRAYER SERVICE - SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011**

It is Our Lord's explicit desire that the Feast of Mercy be celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will preside over a Feast of Mercy Prayer Service on Sunday, May 1, 2011, 2 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The service will include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Scriptural Readings; Veneration of the Image; Recitation of the Chaplet; and Reconciliation. This service is not a Mass. Be sure to attend regularly scheduled Sunday Mass. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. . . On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (The words of Our Lord as recorded in the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, entry 699.) All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA STARTS ON GOOD FRIDAY**APRIL 22, 2011 - BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**

A Divine Mercy Novena will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish again this year. The Novena starts on Good Friday. We will say the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet 15 minutes:

*before the 8:00AM prayer service on Good Friday and Holy Saturday;

*before the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011 and the 10:30 Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011;

*before the 8:AM weekday Masses next week; and

*before the 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Please join us for some or all of these days. If you are unable to join us or you miss a day, the Novena and Chaplet can be said privately at home, now and all year long.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF APRIL 25-MAY 1****Monday—Wednesday****8:00 AM**

Danny Heffernan, Kevin Heffernan

Thursday-Friday**8:00 AM**

Brandan Gatewood, Christian Gatewood

Saturday, April 30, 4:30 PM**Lectors:**

Servers: Braeden Frey, Denver Patten, Marissa Patten

Eucharistic Ministers: Marty Mosley, Isabel Figueroa, Lynn Frasco, Cindy Ledbetter, Jim Morphew, Janine Feller, Marge O'Keefe, Susan Gallagher

Sunday, May 1, 7:00 AM**Lectors:**

Servers: Taylor Pohlman, Abby Pohlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen VonDeBur, Sally Petrone, Andrea Judd, Phil Graham, Nancy Smith

Sunday, May 1, 8:30 AM**Lectors:**

Servers: Jack O'Connor, Tim Oh

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Mary F. Conwill, Mike Delvo, Eric Delvo, Anne Capestrain, Clara Ushman, Barney Bruzetti

Sunday, May 1, 10:30 AM**Lectors:**

Servers: Joey Moore, Josh Moore, Maria Moore

Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Moore, Lisa Belz, Lori Criscione, James Dodge, Rose Amon, Rita Keys, James Keys, MaryAnn Gorney

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPEAL

The 28th Annual Catholic School Appeal will kick off in area parishes on the weekend of April 30 - May 1, 2011. The proceeds from this appeal will be divided among the seven area Parish elementary schools and Sacred Heart – Griffin. After the kick off weekend, parishioners will receive more information in the mail. Last year, 9.8% or 130 Blessed Sacrament parishioners supported this fund in the amount of \$34,074. Thank you for your prayers and financial support year after year that help keep Catholic education as a viable option for our families no matter what their financial situation. Please continue your support, no gift is too small.



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Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,163,680.68
Total Cash Received	\$3,217,111.62

The Brinkerhoff Home will hold its Spring Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, May 7 from 9 to 3 at 1500 N. Fifth Street, rain or shine. Many vendors, a silent auction, country kitchen, 50/50 raffle, and free tours of the Home with Concessions by Vose will be available.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
April 10, 2011	\$17,729.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
<u>Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 3/14/11)</u>	
Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 53,862.00
Remaining	\$ 47,503.00