



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, April 3, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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, April 4, Saint Isidore

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Betty Ball
James Tamblin

Tuesday, April 5, Saint Vincent Ferrer

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine

Wednesday, April 6

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Heather Gonet
Thomas L. "Mick" O'Connor
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

Thursday, April 7

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Richard Beger

Friday, April 8

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Special Intentions of Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 9

- ✕ **7:00 AM** John Pyle (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 4:30 PM Mary Tuerk

Sunday, April 10, Fifth Sunday of Lent

- ✕ 7:00 AM Jean Haey
- ✕ 8:30 AM Bob Baldoni
- ✕ 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: 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,

This Sunday the Gospel of John gives us the story of the man born blind. The story of this man and the healing he receives from Jesus is another story that gives us great insight into our own spiritual life. We don't tend to think of ourselves as sinful beings. Sometimes we are not even conscious of the idea of sin much less our own sinfulness. This is a blindness that keeps us from seeing the grace God pours into our life. Only God can heal us and make us see the truth. God help us to respond to your love and mercy at work in our life!

Please pray for the second graders from our school and our PSR who will be receiving their First Holy Communion. We have so many that we do this over the course of two Sundays. This Sunday and next Sunday, they will be receiving this great gift, the source and summit of our Faith, for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers. They are very excited about this important event. May their excitement become an ever-deepening faith and love for the Savior they receive!

This week the special collection is for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS does an amazing amount of work bringing needed food, supplies, and support to countless people suffering from poverty, natural disasters, and violence around the world. It is a physical extension of our Catholic Faith at work in the world. Please consider supporting this special collection.

A warm welcome to Fr. Tom Sullivan, C.P.M. who will lead our mission this week. He comes highly recommended by some of our own parishioners who have been to one of his missions. Fr. Tom Sullivan will show a movie after each morning Mass Monday through Thursday in the rectory basement. Also, please prepare your schedule so that you are able to attend the retreat sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening at 7:00.

The workers are busy on our Building on Tradition project both inside and outside the building. You may have noticed the "BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL" in stone above the front entrance. It was an exciting day when that was installed as the students were being dropped off at school. The capstones on the top of the brick walls are being installed. The concrete and site work around the outside of the building is also in progress. Painting continues inside. Ceilings and cabinets are nearly complete. AND 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

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Michael Paul Morgan, Jr., son of Michael and Marianne Morgan

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year

We are currently registering students for 2011-2012 school year. For the upcoming school year, currently we have openings in grades K-4 and 6-8. To date, we have a waiting list for students entering fifth grade, and space is limited in sixth grade. In the preschool classes, we have openings in the Monday through Friday afternoon class for four and five-year-olds and openings in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class for four-year-olds. We currently have limited openings for the Tuesday/Thursday morning class for three-year-olds and for the all-day preschool class for four and five-year-olds.

Please call the school office if you would like to receive registration information or if you would like to tour the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 522-7534.

SCHOOL NOTES:

Sunday, April 3 – 1:00 p.m. – First Communion Mass for Mrs. Townsend's second grade class and PSR students

Sunday, April 10 – 1:00 p.m. – First Communion Mass for Mrs. Kroner's second grade class

NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Night Out	May 5
Grandparents Day	May 6
Unity Run	May 7
Garden Party	June 15
Vacation Bible School	June 20-24

Unity Run – The 4th Annual Blessed Sacrament Unity Run will be held on Saturday, May 7. If you would like to provide a \$125 sponsorship donation, you may have your business logo on the back of the race tee shirts.

Please e-mail Kim Hoffmann at Hoffmann@bssbruins.org, for further information.

K OF C BREAKFAST BENEFIT

An all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet will be held on Sunday, April 10 from 8 am until noon at the Knights of Columbus Council 364. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6 - 12, and free for kids ages five and under. All proceeds will benefit MERCY Communities of Springfield. For questions, contact the Council Office at 787-2360.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Correction: Parish Lenten Mission - Mon, April 4th through 'THURSDAY, April 7th' at 7 PM

Please join us for 4 evenings of inspiring talks as Father Tom Sullivan C.P.M., a member of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy & friend of Mother Teresa's leads this mission at Blessed Sacrament Church. During the mission Father will encourage and challenge the parish community to make a stronger, deeper commitment to Christ, His Church and the Sacraments. Among the topics he will speak on are: the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Virgin Mary, the Mercy of God, the Ten Commandments, and the Angels and Saints. Fr Sullivan will also give the homily at all the Masses this weekend.

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Looking for a spiritual, charitable organization to join? St. Louise de Marillac is the answer. This guild, meets once a month, 9 months of the year, offers ladies informative programs at its 6:00PM dinner meetings. All proceeds from monthly meetings, yearly dues (\$10.00) and silent cash donations go directly to Catholic Charities Foster Children's Program. This guild has been in existence since 1933, and we seek to keep it strong with your help. Please call one of the following officers to join or for more information: Pat Bolt (546-5672), Karen Fassero (546-8322), Rita Keys (789-1942), Linda Patterson (725-1388).

MISSION OUTREACH SUPPLY DRIVE

On Saturday, April 16, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, St. John's Hospital will host a Community Medical Supply drive to benefit Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach. Donations can be dropped off at the Mission Outreach truck, parked in the lot on 9th Street.

Items for donation include walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs, commodes, shower seats, soft braces, orthopedic braces and slings. Items must be clean and in good condition.

Because of the recent disaster in Japan, Mission Outreach is also in need of personal care supply kit items to send to Japan. These items will also be collected at the event. The Japan supply list is very specific to meet the regulations imposed by the World Health Organization. Items include: hand towels and wash clothes, regular-size combs, fingernail clippers, toothbrushes wrapped in original wrap, toothpaste in 6 oz tubes in original wrapper with at least one year before expiration date, and plain Band-aids.

For more information, call 544-6464 X 44307. Visit www.mission-outreach.org.

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

12:00 P.M. MONDAY (Noon)

1:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY

1:00 A.M. FRIDAY

12:00 A.M. SATURDAY

2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

**PRAYER VIGILS TO END ABORTIONS IN SPRINGFIELD**

You are invited to pray for an end to abortion in Springfield as part of the 40 Days for Life campaign. From now through April 17, Blessed Sacrament Parish will meet **every Thursday afternoon** from 12pm - 2pm and **every Friday morning** from 9:30am - 11:30am outside of Planned Parenthood at 1000 E. Washington Street. All are welcome to attend. Come either day for as much time as you are available.

If these vigil days do not fit your schedule, you may sign up to pray at any time, 7 days per week, from 7am - 7pm. To sign up for a prayer shift or for more information, contact Mary Ellen Hollahan at lepanto.effect@yahoo.com or 789-2533, or visit www.40daysforlife.com/springfield-il.

PRESENTATION ON THE THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

The public is invited to a presentation on the revisions to the Mass that will begin the First Sunday of Advent. Content will explore the three major reasons for the new translation, analysis of some specific changes, and a practical approach with timeline for parish implementation of the changes.

This is a great Lenten opportunity for catechesis for all parish leadership, pastoral, finance and liturgy councils as well as any parishioners who would like to know more about the third addition of the Roman Missal.

Presentation by Madonna Jones, MAPS

Q & A by Father Richard Chiola, PhD

Wednesday, April 6th

5:30 p.m. – Sacrament of Penance (church)

6:00 p. m. – Soup Supper

6:30 p.m. – Presentation on the RM

St. Frances Cabrini Parish Center

Father Richard Chiola, Pastor

1020 N. Milton Ave. - Springfield

For more information: 217-522-8555, Madonna@stcabrini.dio.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF APRIL 4-10

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

Abbie Antonacci, Meredith Beger

Thursday, Friday

8:00/8:20 AM

Elise Caton, Lilly Coady

Saturday, April 9, 4:30 PM

Lectors:

Servers: Alex White, Adam White, Mitchell Hardeman

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Campbell, Jude Kennedy, Thomas Schmidt, Scott Reimers, Kathryn Gietl, Johanna Toomey, Colleen VonDeBur, Michelle Bretz

Sunday, April 10, 7:00 AM

Lectors:

Servers: Christian Gatewood, Brandon Gatewood

Eucharistic Ministers: Mcihele Hinds-Greenwood, Dave Langston, Ann Walker, Phil Graham, Pat Sheehan

Sunday, April 10, 8:30 AM

Lectors:

Servers: Ben Eck, Katie Eck, Preston Njapa Njehua

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Ushman, Barbara Erdmann, Clara Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Larry Newell, Mike Delvo, Eric Delvo, Emily Delvo

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 AM

Lectors:

Servers: Tessie McDermott, Gabrielle McDermott, Erin Monroe

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Criscione, Rose Amon, Grace Stannard, Lisa Belz, Patricia Clarida, Karen Senger, Mary Tuttle, Sally Petrone

MEN'S WILDERNESS BACKPACKING RETREAT

Fr. Hoefler will lead a week-long retreat in Banff Canadian National Park. The retreat will run from Friday, July 29th returning the following Friday or Saturday. A passport will be required. This will include a 5 day/4 night backpacking trip. Participants should be in good health, (by then), and able to carry approx. 40 lbs. over rough terrain. If somehow this sounds interesting, contact Jim McDermott at taptap7@comcast.net or phone at 546-9467.

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.

LENTEN REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognizes the blind man as one who has been made in God's image and likeness. Jesus demonstrated God's goodness to all by healing the blind man.

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,160,820.69
Total Cash Received	\$3,188,011.69

*Congratulations to the
 Second Graders of Mrs. Townsend's
 Class and our PSR Class on their
 First Holy Communion!*

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection

March 20, 2011	\$21,629.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00

Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 3/14/11)

Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 53,862.00
Remaining	\$ 47,503.00