



*John the Baptist appeared...saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of
him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:
A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord. — Mt 3:1a, 2-3b*

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, December 6, St. Nicholas

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Doris Wavering
Patricia Collins

Tuesday, December 7, St. Ambrose

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Larry Fisherkeller
- ✘ **5:30 PM** Gen. Geo. W. Erdmann

Wednesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Al Bianco
- ✘ **5:30 PM** Tom Schmidt

Thursday, December 9

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Albert Cusick

Friday, December 10

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Catherine Bolser
Jules & Cecelia Margaron

Saturday, December 11

- ✘ 7:00 AM Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Mary Vasterling

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

- ✘ 7:00 AM Deceased Members of Arquilio Egizii Family
- ✘ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 10:30 AM Ray Sitki

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 week we hear the call to conversion in the ministry of John the Baptist. He tells us to "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" We also see that many people "were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins."

If we don't acknowledge our own sins, our need for a savior, it's hard to prepare for the coming of the Christ. Self-righteousness and pride are not the way to welcome our Lord. We won't even recognize Him in our life without looking through the eyes of humility. Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, the herald of Jesus the Christ, may we come to recognize our need for Jesus and open our hearts to receive Him.

I want to thank the many people who prayed with us at the Vigil for Nascent life. I am grateful for the choir doing double duty from 4:30 Mass to sing for the vigil. The sung rosary was especially beautiful. Please continue your prayers for respect for the dignity of every human life, especially in the wake of heightened threats of war and violence around the world.

This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mary is the patroness of our country and of our diocese under this title. It is a holy day of obligation and a great opportunity to work on our spiritual preparation for Christ's coming as well as our prayers for our Church and our country.

After the 5:30 Mass on Wednesday the 8th for the Immaculate Conception, we will begin a vigil as part of the annual National Night of Prayer for Life. This vigil continues for 24 hours into the Feast of St. Juan Diego to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico. The prayer will end on Thursday evening with a rosary and benediction that begins at 6:30.

Since these times conflict with our usual Wednesday evening prayer service for the sick and suffering, we will include those intentions in the National Night of Prayer for Life.

Our Building on Tradition project continues to take shape. A majority of the roofing is done, as is a majority of the brickwork. The windows openings are covered with plastic in order to provide temporary heat to the gym. A lot of the mechanical work is being done in the interior. Drillers have begun work on the geothermal wells. 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

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Abigail Lynn Lewis, daughter of Bill and Jill Lewis
Orlaith Elizabeth Mahoney, daughter of Mark and Grainne Mahoney
Alexander Luke Humphrey, son of Jerrod and Melissa Humphrey
Maxwell David Humphrey, son of Jerrod and Melissa Humphrey
Matthew Gradyon Lewis, son of Ryan and Sarah Lewis

SCHOOL NOTES

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

SHG PLACEMENT TESTS

SHG will give its Placement Test to all interested 8th grade students on Saturday, December 11 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at SHG's Main Campus, 1200 W. Washington Street. Students are to bring a \$10 exam fee and a calculator. There is no pre-registration for this test. Information on tuition, financial aid and scholarships will also be available for parents from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The number of students testing in December determines class sizes and placement into freshmen year classes. Students testing after December 11, 2010 will be admitted as space and programs allow. For more information regarding the Placement Test or SHG's programs, please call 787-1595.

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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.

7th/8th GRADE DANCE

Knights of Columbus #4175, 2801 West Street, will have a 7th/8th Grade Dance on Friday, December 3, from 7-10 p.m. \$5 admission. For info call 528-5740 or visit kofc4175.com.

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 793-9820 with questions.

BREAKFAST BENEFIT

An all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 8 am until noon at the Knights of Columbus Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6 - 12, and free for kids ages five and under. Santa Claus will be attending and available for pictures. All proceeds will benefit United Cerebral Palsy of Land of Lincoln. There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing for a cash prize and you do not have to be present to win. For questions, contact the Council Office at 787-2360.

2011 PRAYER CALENDAR FOR FATHER HOEFLER

For the sixth year, we are putting together a calendar of daily prayers for Father Hoefler. To participate, choose your day and sign up in the back of church NEXT WEEKEND after any Mass. You may also sign up by calling Kathy and Mike Harth at 744-9263 or Pat and Charles Brady at 544-6665. This prayer calendar is a nice daily reminder to Father Hoefler showing how much he means to Blessed Sacrament Parish.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blessed Sacrament provides food and service for St. John's Breadline on the second Saturday of every month. This month, December 11th, we will need additional volunteers to help serve food. Consider giving of your time this holiday season. It is a lot of fun and the patrons really do appreciate it! 10:15AM - 12:45PM. St. John's Breadline, 430 S. 5th Street, Springfield, IL. Contact Donna for more information 622-8576.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah will be performed by the Springfield Handel Society on Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 PM at St. Agnes Church. The performance will feature soloists, organ, instruments, and over 55 singers of the Springfield Handel Choir. The performance is free; freewill donations will be gratefully accepted.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

December 5	2:00 pm	St. Joseph – Springfield
December 12	2:00 pm	St. Aloysius
December 12	2:00 pm	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. Katharine Drexel <u>at</u> Cathedral
December 13	7:00 pm	Little Flower
December 14	6:30 pm	St. Joseph the Worker – Chatham
December 14	7:00 pm	Christ the King (hosting) Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes
December 19	2:00 pm	St. Francis Cabrini
December 19	4:00 pm	St. James, Riverton

SHG MUSIC CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Mixed Chorus, Encore and Premiere Choirs of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will present their annual Christmas Show, “*Christmas in Your Eyes*” on Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dominican Hall Auditorium, 1200 West Washington. The public is invited to attend, and tickets do not need to be purchased. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door.

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 congregation. A speaker will discuss a topic of each day. Novena will conclude with benediction. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Serra Club. Call 529-2617 for questions.

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 will continue through Sunday, December 5, noon - 4 pm. Call 217-523-0901 with questions.

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.

*December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass Times: Tuesday, 5:30 PM

Wednesday, 8:20 AM

Wednesday, 5:30 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6-12

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

Delaney Yates Aldrich, Riley Hinds

**Thursday, Friday
8:00/8:20 AM**

Reanna Ward, Vinny Vespa

Immaculate Conception

Servers on Tuesday, 5:30: Clara Young, Brendan Stannard

Servers on Wednesday, 5:30: Patrick Rolens, Adam White

Saturday, December 11, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Steven Scheufel

Servers: Jack Jennings, Steven Long, Erin Monroe

Eucharistic Ministers: Sally Petrone, Rick Campbell, Lisa Belz, Marge O'Keefe, Pat Sheehan, Marty Mosley, Colleen VonDeBur, Isabel Figueroa

Sunday, December 12, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Val Sinhauser

Servers: Tessie McDermott, Gabrielle McDermott

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL, Dave Langston, Ann Walker, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Kathryn Gietl

Sunday, December 12, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Tom Karaianis

Servers: Sam Bonansinga, Mitchell Hardeman, Sara Rotherham

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Erdmann, Mike Delvo, Kathy Harth, Jim Morphew, Janine Feller, Mary F. Conwill, Scott Reimers, Mark Ushman

Sunday, December 12, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Suzanne Baase

Servers: John Drake, Noah Edwards, Laura Hanselman

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Amon, MaryAnn Gorney, Cindy Ledbetter, Karen Senger, Jude Kennedy, Linda Thornberry, Pat Graham, Don Graham

ADORATION HOURS

Could you not watch one hour with me?

How to Explain and Defend the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Many people, including a large number of Catholics attending Mass, are not sure of this basic belief in our faith. BEGINNING APOLEGETICS 3, with this title, is available at the Marian Center. Excellent reading for all during this Advent Season. Learn how to defend your faith!

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
- 9:00 PM MONDAY
- 12:00 A.M. SATURDAY
- 1:00 A.M. SATURDAY



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	\$5,059,912.82
Total Cash Received	\$ 2,666,930.94

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

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection

November 21, 2010	\$18,388.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 39,175.00
Remaining	\$ 64,488.00