



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, January 2, 2011

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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, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Betty Ryan Angwin

Tuesday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Helen Kramp
Larry R. Archie

Wednesday, January 5, Saint John Neumann

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

Thursday, January 6

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Marian Graham
Chick Delano

Friday, January 7

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Bud Schafer

Saturday, January 8

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Deceased Members of the
FisherKeller Family
- ✕ 4:30 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

- ✕ 7:00 AM George Ann Martin
- ✕ 8:30 AM Steve Unvervagt
- ✕ 10:30 AM Mary Ellen Green

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the following people: John Atteberry, 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,

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We celebrate that God has revealed Himself in human flesh. This profound moment in salvation history is something we can still hardly get our minds around after 2000 years. Isaiah proclaims it in prophecy in the first reading. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." God, the light of the world is here among us now. Isaiah also tells us that this is the beginning. All nations will begin to approach the Lord and recognize Him as King. This is the time of our own conversion. It is the time to renew our relationship with our Savior.

The fact that all this is proclaimed around the birth of a baby, the Christ child, is amazing and significant. A baby is vulnerable and requires a response from us if this new life is to remain among us. Also a baby does not possess its own power or wealth or any immediate means of intimidation. So it was with Christ. God revealed Himself in human flesh; weak, vulnerable, poor and without anything that could intimidate us unless we are intimidated by looking at Truth. His presence requires a response, a choice from us. Will we open our hearts and lives to go deeper into this relationship?

Thank you again to all who made the Christmas celebrations so beautiful! God added His own touch of silent beauty in the snow we had on Christmas Eve. Among it all I thoroughly enjoyed Christmas and felt the warmth of a wonderful parish family. Thank you all for your faith and your inspiring witness to it!

School comes back in session this week. We will have an all-school Mass on Thursday morning so please remember Thursday morning Mass is at 8:20, not 8:00. The students may notice some changes because of our Building on Tradition project. Workers have been concentrating efforts on the storage areas and passageways between the old and new buildings. A lot of work happened in the gym, the existing school basement and the elevator area.

Work also progressed in the addition. The interior wall framing and masonry walls are nearly complete. Work continues inside on the heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical. Please continue to pray for safety for our workers, good working weather, and a successful conclusion for our project.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Dave Hoefler**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Bianca Danielle Barton, daughter of Jeffrey and Tina Fay Barton

John Hennessy Keller, son of Brent and Suzanne Keller

William Charles Herman, son of Matthew and Christina Herman

SCHOOL NOTES:

Monday, Jan. 3 – Classes resume

Thursday, Jan. 6 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass – Feast of the Epiphany

Friday, Jan. 7 – PSA Spirit Day; 2:00 p.m. – First Friday adoration and benediction for grades 2-8

Monday, Jan. 10 – 2:15 p.m. – Character education assembly in the gym

Thursday, Jan. 12 - End of second quarter

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass will be held at 8:00 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday this week, with 8:20 AM Masses on Tuesday and Thursday. Thursday's Mass is an all-school Mass.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

M.E.R.C.Y. Communities, providing housing and supportive services to foster the independence of homeless families, is seeking four short term adult female mentors who would tutor, support and encourage four mothers working on getting their GEDs. Please call 753-1358 to volunteer or to gather more information.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join the 2011 March for Life to Washington, DC on January 21- 25, 2011. Join hundreds of thousands of other Pro-Life advocates in our nation's capitol to show your support for the sanctity of human life. Can't go on the March for Life to Washington? Join us for a Pro-Life Rally on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at noon at St. Elizabeth in Granite City. Complete information is available at www.dio.org/youthministry, or contact Kyle Holtgrave at 217-698-8500 ext. 154.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The St. Louise de Marillac Ladies of Charity cordially invite women of the Springfield area to join in our mission to raise funds for Catholic Charities Foster Care Children's Program. The Springfield Ladies of Charity was established in 1933 by Monsignor David Sculley and a small group of Catholic women. Dinner

meetings are held monthly. You may join any time of the year; dues are \$10 a year. Come join up in our charitable work for the least of God's children, His little ones. Please call for information: Karen Fassero 546-8322 or Pat Bolt 546-5672.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

An all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet will be held on Sunday, January 9 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 Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield. 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.

BEHOLD—A CONFERENCE ON THE DIGNITY AND VOCATION OF WOMEN (PEORIA DIOCESE)

Whether single or married, working in or out of the home, the Behold Conference aims to support you in your vocation, challenge you to seek God's will, and inspire you to better serve those around you.

Please join us for a day of reflection and fellowship on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 8:00am-4:30pm at Five Points in Washington, Illinois.

Featuring Guest Speakers Jennifer Fulwiler of ConversionDiary.com and The Sisters of Life With Music Performed by Marie Miller
The day will also include Mass, Adoration, and Confession.

The conference is funded by the Fulton Sheen Endowment of the Rooted in Faith Campaign, hosted by Saint Mary's of Metamora, and sponsored by OSF Healthcare.

CHIARA RETREAT

Honor God's spirit within you in the new year and give yourself a quiet day of retreat to refocus and begin anew in Christ. Come to an "Ah Day of Quiet" at Chiara Center in Springfield on Monday, January 10 from 9 AM - 3 PM. The day includes a wonderful meal and spiritual spaces to read, pray, or reflect. Reservations required 217-523-0901. \$20 per person.



ADORATION HOURS**Could you not watch one hour with me?**

New Years – the traditional time for resolutions.

When stewardship is mentioned in a religious context, usually we reach to protect our wallets! Stewardship includes time, talent, and treasure, but all too often we think only of our treasure. How about your time? How about an hour of scheduled adoration?

When a new food is presented to a young child, parents often say "Try it, you may like it. See – we do." If you have not had the experience of a regular hour in the presence of our Lord, "Try it, you may like it." Consider how many parishioners have been doing this in our Chapel for over ten years, even through the late night and early morning hours. What are they experiencing that you are missing?

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

12:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 1:00 A.M. MONDAY
 2:00 A.M. MONDAY
 11:00 P.M. TUESDAY – PENDING
 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY – PENDING
 11:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY – PENDING
 1:00 P.M. THURSDAY
 2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 1:00 P.M. FRIDAY
 12:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 3:00 P.M. SATURDAY

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

January 2011

General Intention: That the riches of creation be preserved, valued, and made available to all, as precious gifts from God to all mankind.

Missionary Intention: That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
 They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
 Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF JANUARY 3-9

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

Patrick Belz, Sam Bonansinga

**Thursday, Friday
 8:00 AM**

Mary Delano, Daniel Gardner

Saturday, January 8, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Ed Hart

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Hagler, Mary Rita Dineen, Ed Schofield, Marty Mosley, Sally Petrone, Karen Senger, Isabel Figueroa, Noreen Luhr

Sunday, January 9, 7:00 AM

Lectors: George Rudis, Jr.

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Hinds-Greenwood, Emily Delvo, Eric Delvo, Kathy Grubb, Mike Delvo

Sunday, January 9, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Chris Perrin

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrew Adams, Hannah Perrin, Janine Feller, Mary F. Conwill, Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Kathy Harth, Mark Ushman

Sunday, January 9, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Mike Goza

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Graham, Pat Graham, Lisa Belz, Grace Stannard, MaryAnn Gorney, Jim Mophew, Linda Thornberry, Jude Kennedy

EPIPHANY, THREE KINGS DAY

For centuries church calendars in the East and the West have agreed that there are twelve days of Christmas, and they begin on Christmas Day and end on January 6.

The twelve days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany, also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God." Celebrated on January 6, it is known as the day of the Three Kings (or wise men/magi): Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. These three kings saw, on the night when Christ was born, a bright star, followed it to Bethlehem and found there the Christ-child and presented Him with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the fourth century, December 25 was finally adopted by the Western Christian Church as the date of the Feast of Christ's birth. The Eastern Christian Church recognizes January 6 as the celebration of the nativity. January 6 was also kept as the physical birthday in Bethlehem. In the Teutonic west, Epiphany became the Festival of the Three Kings (i.e. the Magi), or simply Twelfth day.

On the evening before Three Kings, traditionally there were prayers, blessed dried herbs would be burnt and their aromatic smell would fill the house. Doorways would be sprinkled with holy water and the master of the house would write with chalk C + M + B and the year above the house and barn door and say: "Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar, behütet uns auch für dieses Jahr, vor

<i>Building on Tradition</i>	
Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,088,093.84
Total Cash Received	\$ 2,866,597.12

Feuer und vor Wassergefahr." ("CMB, protect us again this year from the dangers of fire and water.") C + M + B has traditionally been translated with Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, however, according to the Church it stands for "Christus Mansionem Benedictat" (Christ bless this home).

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent / Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
December 19, 2010	\$25,065.41
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
<u>Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 12/13/10)</u>	
Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 46,390.00
Remaining	\$ 54,975.00