



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



**Sunday,
January 16, 2011**

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

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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 17, Saint Anthony

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** William Conlin and Family

Tuesday, January 18

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Truman Flatt

Wednesday, January 19

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** John and Mary Tweryon
- ✘ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

Thursday, January 20

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Special Intentions of Jack and Carolyn Fisher
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Ray Sitki

Friday, January 21, Saint Agnes

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Richard Senger

Saturday, January 22, Saint Vincent

- ✘ **7:00 AM** For the Safety of the Construction Workers
- ✘ 4:30 PM Fran Zeigler

Sunday, January 23

- ✘ 7:00 AM Maratha Tasset
- ✘ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 10:30 AM Fredrick C. Franz

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the following people: Donald Kren, Ron Melcer, 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, any relatives of parishioners who are in service, and others who need prayers.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Responsorial Psalm says, "I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry." In the readings for today we are beginning to realize the gift that has been given us in the Christ child of Christmas. In the first reading Isaiah tells us that He is the servant of God and "a light to the nations." In the Gospel John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Christmas may seem a memory, but we should continue to contemplate the greatest gift we have ever received, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Sacred Scriptures reveal Him to us and the Church has come to know Him as well through prayer and the sacraments. Let's ask for the grace to also see how Jesus is revealed to us in our own daily life and experiences.

As you know we have a prayer service for the sick and suffering every Wednesday evening at 5:30 in the church. This prayer is offered for all the sick and especially for our own parishioners. We include those on the prayer line and even those we don't know about. This began as a sporadic response to specific needs for specific people in our parish such as Danielle Loftus and several people prior.

Recognizing the need of so many in our parish we have made this a permanent addition to our liturgical schedule. We have a group of people who have been very committed to this prayer, and we would like to remind and invite you to participate in this important apostolate of our parish. The prayer we pray is evening prayer from the Divine Office for the day. It is brief, but we know it to be very effective. Please join us.

Remember that next Sunday is the annual collection for the Church in Latin America. There are envelopes in your packet for this collection. A donation can be placed in the regular collection. Please make sure if it is not in the envelope provided that it somehow indicates the Church in Latin America.

A lot has been accomplished on our Building on Tradition project. The big red drilling rig you see on the west side of the building is drilling wells for the geothermal heating and cooling system for the addition. About a third of the wells have been dug. The upper walls of the gym are being "tented" in order to work on the exterior finish on those walls. The interior work is far enough along that workers are now preparing to start drywall installation. 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

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Bill Montague

SCHOOL NOTES:

Monday, Jan. 17 - No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, Jan. 19 – Report Card Day

Friday, Jan. 21 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass for Respect for Life

Sunday, Jan. 30 – Friday, Feb. 4 – Catholic Schools Week

NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Upcoming Events! - It's time to start filling in that new 2011 calendar. Please note the following Blessed Sacrament events on the horizon.

Catholic Schools Week – An always festive week, Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated starting Sunday, January 30. Parishioners will be able to view the new section of the school from 11:30 until 1:00 on that day. More special events will follow during the week.

Trivia Night – The Blessed Sacrament Men's Club will sponsor an 80's-Themed Trivia Night on Saturday, February 5 at 6:30. Tables for 10 will be sold for \$100, while individual admission is \$10. Prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded to the winners, as well as a special prize for the best "theme" table. Liquid refreshments and light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring dishes to share with your table (or the whole gym for that matter)! To reserve your spot, call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534.

Mardi Gras Party – Come celebrate Mardi Gras with a Fat Tuesday Party at Blessed Sacrament. The evening will feature musical entertainment and traditional Cajun specialties. More information will follow.

BOOK FAIR COMING SOON

Blessed Sacrament School will hold a Blue Ribbon Book Fair at school after Masses on January 29-30 and during school the week of January 28-February 2. We are working with a new company that does not charge tax and brings only books to sell. Thank you!

FROM VOLUNTEERS OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

St. Martin de Porres Center is very grateful for the donations of coats, scarves, hats, gloves, and jeans. Special thanks go to the third grade for organizing the coat drive and to Ryleigh Taylor who was in charge of the jeans drive.

RIGHT TO LIFE SIGNATURE AD PROGRAM

Springfield Right to Life will again sponsor a signature campaign in the *State Journal-Register*, published this year on January 24, 2010. This year's campaign will state: "Precious in God's eyes, All Life is a Gift."

You will have the opportunity to be a part of making a statement in defense of Life. After all Masses on January 15/16, parishioners and guests may make a \$5.00 donation and complete the signup sheet to have their name included in the Right to Life advertisement.

An individual, family or group name is acceptable for inclusion in the ad. Checks should be made out to Springfield Right to Life. Note: while anonymous donations will be gratefully accepted, given the nature and intent of this public pronouncement, anyone who wishes to withhold their name from publication will be listed as "Friends for Life."

SCREENINGS AVAILABLE AT ST. AGNES

Life Line Screening will be available at St. Agnes Church on Monday, January 24. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. The Stroke, Vascular Disease, and Heart Rhythm package is \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call 800-324-1851 to pre-register.

BUTLER SESSION ON FUNERAL PLANNING

From Butler Funeral Homes....

When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions—particularly surrounding the benefits of and requirements for preserving funds for funeral or memorial services in accordance with Illinois Medicaid eligibility requirements before medical expenses, including the cost of long term care, diminish assets. As specialists on this matter, we're happy to provide information and answers to your questions during our FREE program—*An Open Door Session: Preparing for Long-Term Care and Funeral Planning*. Please join us at MCL Cafeteria in Springfield on **Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.** for a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is open to the public and includes a complimentary breakfast. For more information or to reserve your seat, please call (217) 544-4646.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who donated jeans for the Jeans Drive held at our school during December. Over 250 pairs were collected and delivered to St. Martin dePorres!! The Class of 2011 appreciates your support!

PRAYER VIGIL ON JANUARY 22

Take a stand for the Unborn by **giving 30 minutes of prayer to end abortion.** Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and Springfield Right to Life, a prayer vigil for an end to abortion will occur on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 9:45am – 2:15pm, outside Planned Parenthood, located at 1000 E. Washington Street. Opportunities to sign up for a prayer shift will occur after all Masses Jan 15-16. For more information, call Springfield Right to Life at 523-2700.

ALL SCHOOL MASS ON JANUARY 21

All are invited attend Mass at 8:20 AM on Friday, January 21, the 38th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision to legalize abortion.

RECOMMITMENT TO LIFE RALLY

The Annual Recommitment to Life Rally, sponsored by the Springfield Right to Life Civic Committee, will be held January 23 at 2:00 PM in the State Capitol Rotunda. The rally commemorates the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. The keynote speaker is Jane Brennan, MS, who will give her personal testimony of abortion and miraculous healing. Following the rally, a reception will be held in the Hall of Flags in the Howlett Building. Refreshments and pro-life materials will be available.

COURT MADONNA MEETING

Court Madonna, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, invites Catholic women of the Springfield area to its monthly meeting at St. Agnes Parish Hall, 245 N. Amos, Springfield, on Thursday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. All are encouraged to bring items for a silent auction which will follow the meeting. Plans continue for our ministries, and for our June 11, 2011 Centennial Celebration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. New members are welcome. Former members are especially welcome to return and share this historic 100th year. Questions? Call Regent Lois Jirgal, 523-2908.

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-4:30pmat 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.

*MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JANUARY 17-23***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00/8:20 AM**

Olivia Hibbert, Karla Hernandez

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

Laura Hanselman, Daniel Gardner

Saturday, January 22, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Virginia Moore

Servers: Steven Long, Taylor Pohlman, Abby Pohlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Colleen VonDeBur, Noreen Luhr, Lisa Belz, Linda Thornberry, Janine Feller, Marty Mosley, Isabel Figueroa

Sunday, January 23, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy

Servers: Riley Hinds, Jim Moore

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary F. Conwill, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Mike Delvo, Eric Delvo, Phil Graham

Sunday, January 23, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Laurie Mann

Servers: Nicole Gerber, Dominic LoGrasso, Clara Munyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Kathy Harth, Mark Ushman, George Rudis, Jr., Barbara Erdmann, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer

Sunday, January 23, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Lila Dilbaitis

Servers: Jeremy French, Noah Kren, Mallory Lemme

Eucharistic Ministers: James Keys, Rita Keys, Lori Criscione, Grace Stannard, MaryAnn Gorney, Jim Mophew, Jude Kennedy, Mary Tuttle

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
- 1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
- 12:00 A.M. SATURDAY
- 2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
- 3:00 P.M. SATURDAY**



Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,130,913.03
Total Cash Received	\$3,041,171.50

*Holy Family Food Pantry will pick up donations from the back of church on Monday, January 17.
Thank you for your donations.*

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
January 2, 2011	\$30,199.13
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
<u>Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 12/30/10)</u>	
Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 49,815.00
Remaining	\$ 51,550.00