



# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



**Sunday,  
January 9, 2011**

## Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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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 10

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Cathi Cripe

### Tuesday, January 11

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Marian Graham  
George Ann Martin

### Wednesday, January 12

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Richard Seefeldt
- ✘ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

### Thursday, January 13, Saint Hilary

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Howard Humphrey

### Friday, January 14

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Lorraine Franz  
Margaret Staudt

### Saturday, January 15

- ✘ **7:00 AM**
- ✘ 4:30 PM Jim Belz

### Sunday, January 16

- ✘ 7:00 AM Joseph Sullivan
- ✘ 8:30 AM Janice Coats
- ✘ 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: 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 Baptism of the Lord. It is still the Christmas season for the Church. The Epiphany celebrated last Sunday and the Baptism this Sunday reflects on the revelation of our Savior to the world. In these two moments of our salvation history we begin to see the deep meaning in the birth of Christ Jesus. We begin to understand that He is a savior, not just for a few but also for the world, for all who will receive Him. From here we begin the celebration of Ordinary Time, and we will reflect on the public ministry of Jesus. May our hearts be always open to His presence in our life.

For New Year's Day I received a calendar that lists those of you who are praying for me on any given day. You have taken it upon yourselves to organize this effort every year since I have been pastor. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support and prayers. You have been a constant consolation to me in that regard. I don't think there is any way you could know this side of eternity how much of a gift this is and how much I appreciate it. Thank you all so much!

You should have recently received an envelope for a donation to the Catholic Times, our diocesan paper. Our parish is assessed an amount every year to cover the subscription to the Catholic Times for our parishioners. This works the same way as the Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA). Your donations to these two parish assessments are important in meeting our parish budget for the year. Thank you for all your generosity!

Speaking of generosity, by December 31<sup>st</sup> we had gone over the \$5.1 million mark in total commitments (pledges and donations) for our \$5.4 million Building on Tradition project. Your dedication to this project and to our parish is amazing and inspiring! Also because of your consistency in honoring your pledges, we have still been paying for construction with cash in hand. This is continuing to save us interest and ultimately on the total cost of the project. Someone recently was in a position to pay off their pledge early. They said they aren't getting much interest at the bank, and they knew it would save us money. They were right! All your efforts in this area are literally paying off. And the project is still on time and on budget!

A lot has been accomplished on our Building on Tradition project. The new elevator in the school has passed testing and inspection. A little trim and flooring work is all that remains to be done. The structural work at the openings between the new addition and the old gym has been completed. All that remains is some finish work in that area. 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.

Work has also progressed inside 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.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Croix Anthony Navarro, son of Francisco and Heather Navarro

Colin Patrick Egizii, son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Egizii

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

John Maslouski

Dr. Edward Kwedar

Eileen Ochman

**SCHOOL NOTES:**

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

Thursday, Jan. 12 - End of second quarter

**NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**Thank You** – Both the Annual Fund (operational budget) and the Building on Tradition campaign (building fund) received some wonderful donations over the Christmas holidays. We thank all of those donors, as well as those who continue to pray for our students and the future of Blessed Sacrament School.

**Tax Incentive for Charitable Giving** - In December, President Obama signed into law The Tax Relief, Unemployment Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010. Included among its provisions is the restoration of the IRA Charitable Rollover retroactively for 2010, and for the duration of 2011. The law allows donors 70 ½ years of age or older, who have not yet taken their mandatory IRA distribution for the year, to make a direct contribution to the charity of his or her choice from retirement accounts. The donations are deducted from taxable income. The ceiling on such contributions is \$100,000 per individual. To qualify for the tax year 2010, any such donations must be made prior to the end of January. Please talk to your tax advisor if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.

**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.

**CHURCH DONATIONS**

Resolved to be more organized this year? Try using ACH and having your weekly or monthly church contributions directly debited to your bank account. No more writing checks each week! Stop in the parish office for a form to begin ACH debits or increase your contribution.

**ST. HILARY—FEAST DAY: JANUARY !3**

Hilary of Poitiers hadn't been raised as a [Christian](#), but he had felt a wonder at the gift of [life](#) and a desire to find out the meaning of that gift. In the [Psalms](#) and the Prophets he found descriptions of God's power, concern, and beauty. For example in Psalm 139, "Where shall I go from your spirit?", he found [confirmation](#) that [God](#) was everywhere and omnipotent.

After becoming a Christian, he was elected [bishop](#) of [Poitiers](#) in what is now [France](#). During his time of exile, Hilary had time to study and write. The writings of his that still exist include *On the Trinity*, a commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, and a commentary on the Psalms. He tells us about the Trinity, "For one to attempt to speak of [God](#) in terms more precise than he himself has used: -- to undertake such a thing is to embark upon the boundless, to dare the incomprehensible. He fixed the names of His nature: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Whatever is sought over and above this is beyond the meaning of words, beyond the limits of perception, beyond the embrace of understanding."

*Saint Hilary of Poitiers, instead of being discouraged by your exile, you used your [time](#) to study and write. Help us to bring [good](#) out of suffering and isolation in our own lives and see adversity as an opportunity to learn about or share our faith. [Amen](#)*

**DAILY MASSES**

Daily Mass schedule has returned to a regular schedule of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 AM and Tuesday and Friday at 8:20 AM.

*Take a peek every now and then at [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org) to see ongoing photographs of our construction project!*

**PRAYER VIGIL ON JANUARY 22**

You are invited to pray to end abortion in Springfield. Planned Parenthood is dispensing RU-486, the abortion pill, in the Capital City. Please join the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the Springfield Right to Life on Saturday, January 22, 2011, for an all-day prayer vigil (9:45am – 2:15pm) outside of Planned Parenthood, located at 1000 E. Washington Street, to pray for an end to abortion. This prayer vigil will be a peaceful witness against the dispensing of the abortion pill RU-486 in Springfield. *Take a stand for the Unborn. Give 30 minutes of prayer to end abortion.*

To sign up for a prayer shift or for more information, please contact Mary at [lepanto.effect@yahoo.com](mailto:lepanto.effect@yahoo.com) or call Springfield Right to Life at (217) 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.

**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](http://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.

*Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. — Mt 3:13-15*

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF JANUARY 10-16****Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
8:00/8:20 AM**

John Stegeman, Emma Smith

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

Matthew Keane, Frank Hollahan

**Saturday, January 15, 4:30 PM**

**Lectors:** Ken Dobucki

**Servers:** Sami DeJanovich, Noah Edwards, Patrick Rolens

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noreen Luhr, Lori Criscione, Colleen VonDeBur, Thomas Schmidt, Kathryn Gietl, Susan Gallagher, Michelle Bretz, Mary B. Maloney

**Sunday, January 16, 7:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Val Simhauser

**Servers:** Erin Monroe, Katie Rearden

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Johanna Toomey, Dave Langston, Ann Walker, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear

**Sunday, January 16, 8:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Daniel Heffernan

**Servers:** Jack Broeker, Laura Hanselman, Albert Perlman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Keys, James Keys, Clara Ushman, Marge O'Keefe, Scott Reimers, Pat Sheehan, Larry Newell, Anne Capestrain

**Sunday, January 16, 10:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Joseph Stannard

**Servers:** Ethan O'Connor, Preston Njapa, Delanie Aldrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally Petrone, Karen Senger, Patricia Clarida, James Dodge, Andrea Judd, Cindy Ledbetter, Rick Campbell, Lynn Frasco

**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*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Commitments</b>	<b>\$5,121,181.84</b>
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$ 2,916,351.12</b>

*Happy New Year!*

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent / Treasure)*

**Parish Collection**

<b>Christmas Collection</b>	<b>\$18,326.00</b>
<b>Catholic Children's Home</b>	<b>\$ 3,979.00</b>
<b>December 26, 2010</b>	<b>\$25,065.41</b>
<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>

**Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 12/13/10)**

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$101,365.00</b>
<b>Pledges by Parish Families</b>	<b>\$ 46,390.00</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 54,975.00</b>