



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



**Sunday,
March 27, 2011**

**Third 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, March 28

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** John Kreutzer
Fred "Todd" Brinkman

Tuesday, March 29

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Norm Billington and Wesley Welindt

Wednesday, March 30

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Special Intentions of the Parquett Family
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

Thursday, March 31

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Margaret Pierce

Friday, April 1

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Harold Figge
Brad Dodge
- ✕ **5:30 PM** **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, April 2

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 4:30 PM George Ann Martin

Sunday, April 3, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- ✕ 7:00 AM Ted Siedle
- ✕ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ 10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family

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,

How often do we feel so alone that we wonder if even God is paying us much attention? How often do we pray while wondering why God won't give us what we need? The Gospel this weekend gives us the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. She is an example of someone who has actually distanced herself from God and doesn't even know how to ask for what she needs. Jesus came and found her. He didn't answer her prayers the way she would have expected but offered her an answer to her greatest need and deepest desire. We often don't even know what is best for us or even how to pray for it. God already knows what we need and has never left our side.

Next week the special collection will be 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. This is one of the best ways I know to have a global impact for the millions who suffer daily. I saw their work first hand in India. I saw children, including hundreds of orphans, receiving the only meal they would eat that day and an education. CRS has a long-term relationship with many countries around the world. It is a physical extension of our Catholic Faith at work in the world. Please consider supporting this special collection.

The parish mission with Fr. Tom Sullivan, C.P.M. starts next Monday April 4th and goes through Wednesday evening April 6th. Please prepare your schedule so that you are able to attend the retreat sessions on that Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening at 7:00.

The workers are busy on our Building on Tradition project inside and out of the building. Painting continues inside. Ceilings and cabinets are being installed. Work on the windows is nearly complete. Masonry work at the front entrance is nearly complete as you can see. The geothermal wells outside and the piping to the heating and cooling system inside are done. As you may have noticed, we are working on the lane that goes through to Glenwood and the site work. 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

Joseph Patrick Gatewood, son of Brian and Amy Gatewood
Sophia Grace Llosa, daughter of Tulion and Mae Llosa

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Regional History Fair

After our school's history fair was held in February, research papers and projects of several eighth graders were chosen to advance to the Regional Illinois History Fair, which was held on Saturday, March 19, in Springfield. Congratulations to our students who represented our school at the Regional Fair! In the research paper category, Natalie Bayer, Ethan Bluhm, Derek Miller, and Cody Prosperini received excellent awards. Monica Bell, Riley Murphy, Albert Perlman, Taylor Pohlman, Luke Reiser, Wilson Reyhan, Maddie Smith, and Ryleigh Taylor received superior awards for their research papers. In the project category, Natalie Bayer, Monica Bell, Alex Mandeville, Tessie McDermott, Derek Miller, and Luke Reiser received excellent awards, and Taylor Pohlman, Maddie Smith, and Ryleigh Taylor received superior awards. All students who earned superior awards advance to the State Illinois History Fair to be held in Springfield in May. Congratulations, students, and thanks to Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Alan for guiding the students through the history fair preparations!

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:

Monday, March 28 – 6:00 p.m. – Fine Arts Evening in the gym followed by viewing of CultureFest displays

Tuesday, March 29 – 6:00 p.m. - Bru-ins Read-in Night with viewing of CultureFest displays

Friday, April 1 – 2:00 p.m. – First Friday adoration and benediction for grades 2-8

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club Fish Fry in the gym

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**

Culture Fest	March 28
Men's Club Fish Fry	April 1
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.

FISH FRY—THIS FRIDAY!

Join us for the last Fish Fry of the season this Friday, April 1. Come share good food and good company as the Men's Club wraps up another successful year. Thank you for your support!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Monday, April 4 through Wed. April 6 at 7:00 PM

Please join us for 3 evenings of inspiring talks as Father Tom Sullivan C.P.M., a member of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy 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 the weekend of April 2 and 3rd.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels THIS WEEK. Blessed Sacrament is responsible for volunteers this week. Please call Melanie Hallman at 529-9461. Thank you!

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

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.

PRAYER WITH FATHER HOEFLER

TODAY, Sunday, March 27, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Fr Hoefler and our Parish School of Religion will conduct a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 1000 E Washington St. Please come in support of Fr Hoefler and Life and join in prayer.

BROTHER JAMES COURT DINNER

Brother James Court will hold its 17th Annual Benefit Auction and Dinner on Saturday, April 9 from 5:30 to 9:00 PM at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. Cost is \$75 per person. In-kind donations of new items for theme baskets or auction items are greatly appreciated. Call 747-5905 or visit www.brotherjamescourt.com for more information.

LENTEN REFLECTION

When the Israelites felt that they were out of options in the desert and pleaded to God for help, God answered their prayers.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF MAR 28-APR 3

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

Olivia Hibbert, Daniel Gardner

Thursday, Friday

8:00/8:20 AM

Laura Hanselman, Sam Bonansinga

Saturday, April 2, 4:30 PM

Lectors:

Servers: Clara Munyer, Riley Murphy, Ethan O'Connor

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Belz, Susan Gallagher, Isabel Figueroa, Marty Mosley, Grace Stannard, Noreen Luhr, Ken Dobucki, Janine Feller

Sunday, April 3, 7:00 AM

Lectors:

Servers: Ashley Dunn, Olivia Hibbert

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

Sunday, April 3, 8:30 AM

Lectors:

Servers: Kate Healy, Mary Helen Healy, Clara Young

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Delvo, Eric Delvo, Laurie Mann, Mary F. Conwill, Marge O'Keefe, Rose Amon, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL

Sunday, April 3, 10:30 AM

Lectors:

Servers: Eric Ketchum, Hannah Ketchum, Elizabeth Wiatrolik

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Criscione, Dan Schuering, Andrea Judd, Lynn Frasco, Cindy Ledbetter, James Dodge, MaryAnn Gorney, Jim Morpew

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

MEN'S WILDERNESS BACKPACKING RETREAT

Fr. Hoefler will lead a week-long retreat in Banff Canadian National Park. The retreat will run from Friday,

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Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,160,182.69
Total Cash Received	\$3,182,021.69

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.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
March 13, 2011	\$18,633.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
<u>Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 3/14/11)</u>	
Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 53,862.00
Remaining	\$ 47,503.00