

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



**Sunday,
March 6, 2011**

**Ninth 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, March 7

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Janet Dickason

Tuesday, March 8

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Janie Lokaitis
James A. Molohon

Wednesday, March 9, Ash Wednesday

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Theresa Grieme
- ✕ **5:30 PM** ASH WEDNESDAY Mass

Thursday, March 10

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Ted Siedle

Friday, March 11

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Special Intentions
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Helen Kramp (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 4:30 PM Maureen Vandiver

Sunday, March 13, First Sunday of Lent

- ✕ 7:00 AM
- ✕ 8:30 AM
- ✕ 10:30 AM

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, Ron Melcer, John Atteberry, John A. Davis, Jr., Don Egan, John Carlyle, James Bridgewater, Dorothy Hollis, 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,

Over a week ago the priests of our diocese got together to study and prepare for the upcoming change to the Roman Missal. The Roman Missal, or Sacramentary, is the book we use for Mass. It has the rubrics, which tell us what to do. It also has the prayers we say at Mass. The Roman Missal is written in Latin. Since the Second Vatican Council, it has then been translated into the language of the local Churches. The English version was quickly translated with the intention of immediately revisiting it in order to make improvements on the translation. Forty years later this has finally been done. This new translation does not change the rubrics or what we do at Mass. It changes what we say at Mass. This translation is done in a way that is intended to be more faithful or accurate with the original Latin.

For example, the first translation had us say, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." This ends up only being an allusion to the Gospel story of the healing of the servant of the centurion in Mt 8:6 or Lk 7:7. The new translation will be more direct. "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." The only word different from the Gospel here is "soul" rather than "servant."

I am very excited about this new translation. It makes much clearer the links to the images in Sacred Scripture and many of the moments in our salvation history. This translation will go into effect November 27th, 2011, the first Sunday of Advent, all over the English speaking world. I will be incorporating the parts of the Mass and the changes we will hear and speak in my homilies later this summer and fall. Let's keep this upcoming change in our prayers that it may become a moment of deeper conversion for the whole Church.

Every week in the collection, the loose change goes to the St. Vincent DePaul society to help those in need in our own parish. If you know anyone in our parish or within our parish boundaries who is in serious need of financial help, please contact the parish office. We will be happy to reach out to them and see if there is any way we can offer assistance. Some may be very reluctant to contact us. Please help us help them by watching out for our neighbors in need.

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Maddox Jay Patton, son of Robert Patton and Tori Seward
Jack Arthur Majcina, son of Ryan and Sarah Majcina

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED

Ken Tasset and Mary Kay Frank, February 26, 2011

SCHOOL NOTES:

Tuesday, March 8 – Mardi Gras Carnival during the school day
6:30 p.m. – Mardi Gras Evening Annual Fund Event - \$20 per person (ADULTS ONLY)
Wednesday, March 9 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass – Ash Wednesday
Thursday, March 10 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting; B.A.S.E. provided
Monday, March 14 – 11:30 a.m. dismissal for faculty workshop; NO B.A.S.E.
Wednesday, March 16 – Confirmation Mass at 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 17 – End of 3rd Quarter

FISH FRIES ARE COMING!

Mark your calendars! The Lenten Fish Fries will be held the Fridays of **March 11th, 18th, and April 1st.**

SAVE THE DATE, LADIES!!

Ladies' Night Out will be Thursday, May 5 celebrating Cinco de Mayo!

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Holy Family Food Pantry will pick up donations from the back of church on Monday, March 21. Thank you!

BRINKERHOFF ST PATRICK'S DINNER

Brinkerhoff Home St. Patrick's Dinner is Sunday, March 13 from 3-6. Join them for corn beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert and a drink for \$8.50. Carryout available. Call Susan at 494-1571 for reservations.

SPRINGFIELD DEANERY MEETING

The Springfield Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women is holding a meeting at Christ the King Parish hall on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 6 PM. The meeting is open to all women of your parish and all are encouraged to attend. The Council of Catholic Women is the umbrella group for all parish women's organizations and is committed to supporting the work of the Church in parishes worldwide. Come see what DCCW is all about! For more information, please contact Vickie Moseley at 546-7122, Sue Warner at 789-0373 or Angela Vincent at 546-3124.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a part of a mission that helps people all over the world? The Outreach Center located in Springfield is in need of volunteer's to help sort medical supplies that are sent over to the Third World countries hospital's.

A person with a medical background is helpful, but anyone who has the desire to devote a few hours to help a worldly cause can do this! Plus, it's a great opportunity to meet others in the community.

For more information, call the Volunteer Director at the Mission Outreach: Jill Hawkins at 525-8843. Or, talk to a parishioner Volunteer, Brenda Underwood at 698-8970.

BREAKFAST BENEFIT

An all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet will be held on Sunday, March 13 from 8 am until noon at the Knights of Columbus Springfield Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities' Holy Family Food Pantry, and Crisis Assistance Program.

NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Mardi Gras Party – Tuesday, March 8, 2011! It'll be here before you know it! Fat Tuesday Party tickets are now being sold in the school office. The party will be held on March 8 from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. For our entertainment we will have Area 51, a band featuring Blessed Sacrament Parishioner Jeff Loftus. Cajun fare and beverages are included in the \$20 ticket price. The band will be rocking the gym so adults only please! Call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534 for more information.
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

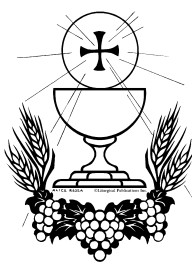
Mardi Gras Party Sponsors – We gratefully acknowledge our sponsors for the Mardi Gras Party: E & F Distributing, Mid-America Advertising and Sikich. Thank You!

Thinking about a Family Portrait? – Terry Farmer Photography will be partnering with some of the Catholic grade schools, including Blessed Sacrament, to take family portraits of parishioners who are interested in doing so. The seventy-five dollar sitting fee will in turn be donated to the Blessed Sacrament Annual Fund. More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, our chosen dates are May 2 through May 14 at the studio, if you want to try to coordinate dates with your family members.

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****1:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY****1:00 A.M. FRIDAY****6:00 A.M. FRIDAY****12:00 A.M. SATURDAY****2:00 A.M. SATURDAY****DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Replenish your Lenten devotion at a Day of Prayer and Reflection on Saturday, March 26 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. "Genesis and the Human Condition" by Reverend John Sullivan, OFM. Mass is at 8:30 AM with breakfast, 3 talks, lunch, rosary, Stations of the Cross, and reconciliation. Concludes with a benediction at 3:00 PM. We recommend that you bring your bible and read the first three chapters of Genesis before our day. Reservations can be made by calling 529-2617. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Springfield.

CALVARY CEMETERY SEMI-ANNUAL CLEAN-UP

Beginning Tuesday, March 15th, cemetery personnel will remove **all** decorations. Please remove any decorations that you wish to save for re-use. Spring/Summer decorations may be placed beginning April 1st. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the cemetery office at 523-3726.

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGILS

Our elected officials continue to allow more than 1 million abortions yearly in the U.S., many of these at Granite City. Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of the month to help save these babies. Numerous women testify the presence of people praying outside the abortion mill helped them decide to save their baby. **Your presence will help.** Next date is Sat. March 19th Schedule: Leave Lakeside Christian Church Parking Lot, Toronto Road at 7:00 am for Granite City. Three hour prayer vigil. Return to Springfield approx. 1:00 pm. Please call Eric Portz at 718-4030 if you plan to attend.

THURSDAY PRAYER VIGILS DURING LENT

All are invited to join the 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood, 1000 East Washington St. to help end abortion in Springfield. Blessed Sacrament Parish will meet Thursday afternoons from noon to 2:00 PM.. "Friends of Lolek" (Pope John Paul II's was called Lolek by his friends and closest relatives) will meet every Friday during Lent, 9:30a-10:30a and 10:30a-11:30a. Feel free to come for one or both hours. Call Mary Ellen at 789-2533 to schedule a day.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MAR 7-13****Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00/8:20 AM**

John Stegeman, Sara Rotherham

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

Tim Oh, Clara Munyer

Saturday, March 12, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Mary B. Maloney

Servers: Sydney Compton, Nicole Gerber, Steven Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Kathryn Gietl, Calvin Bell, Susan Gallagher, Michelle Bretz, Ed Schofield, Mary Rita Dineen, Donna Hagler

Sunday, March 13, 7:00 AM

Lectors: George Rudis, Jr.

Servers: Jack Broeker, Sami DeJanovich

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Delvo, Eric Delvo, Kathy Grubb, Kathy Wear, Jim Wear

Sunday, March 13, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Christian Gatewood, Clare Stannard, Noah Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, Clara Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Thomas Schmidt, Larry Newell, Hannah Perrin, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer

Sunday, March 13, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Virginia Moore

Servers: Andrew Hoffmann, Dominic LoGrasso, Alex Mandeville

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Belz, Lori Criscione, Sally Petrone, Karen Senger, Patricia Clarida, Mary Tuttle, Pat Graham, Don Graham

FATHER HOEFLER’S LETTER, CONTINUED

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. This is about as late in the year as Lent will ever begin. Hopefully we have used some of this extra time before Lent to think about what we will do with our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. By almsgiving we help those who do not have the blessing of resources that we have. Lent is a great time to sacrifice the things we normally like to have or do such as snacks, desserts, or going to the movies. A good way to give alms is to use the money we save from the sacrifices we make to give to those who need our help. Please consider using “Operation Rice Bowl” as one way to do this. Another opportunity will come with the collection on Ash Wednesday for aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Consider almsgiving as a way to make a good sacrifice for Lent as well as a way to thank God for the rich blessings He has given us.

MUSIC NOTES

On Wednesday, March 9, after the Ash Wednesday Mass,(approximately 6:30 p.m), the choirs of Blessed Sacrament will again share with the community the sung Rosary by Bob Hurd. It is a very beautiful way to pray the rosary and to begin our Lenten journey. If you haven't experienced this amazing meditation as yet, we pray you will join us.

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,137,370.68
Total Cash Received	\$3,117,222.83

On March 25 at 5:30 PM, the choirs/Instruments of Blessed Sacrament will enhance the already profound Stations of the Cross by presenting a choral concert of music depicting each station. This musical evening will offer those in attendance time to linger and meditate while listening to music reflecting our rich Catholic heritage.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
February 20, 2011	\$19,087.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
<u>Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 1/27/11)</u>	
Assessment	\$101,365.00
Pledges by Parish Families	\$ 53,837.00
Remaining	\$ 47,528.00