

# *The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

will be at

Blessed Sacrament Parish  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 4 – 6pm



*"I am your merciful Mother."*

The Missionary Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe are actual size (4' x 6') replicas of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady which she left on Saint Juan Diego's tilma. They were blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Diego Monroy to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. They have journeyed on Visitations in the New Evangelization throughout the world. The Images have visited each of the United States in over one thousand parishes and have received the veneration of hundreds of thousands. There have been hundreds of Masses, Confessions, hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosaries in the presence of the Images. Many conversions, healings, reconciliations and graces have been reported.

**CELEBRATING THE DAYS**

**Monday, May 16**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Ed Kniery  
Alfred and Mary Edna Kramp

**Tuesday, May 17**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Tim Davlin

**Wednesday, May 18, Saint John I**

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

**Thursday, May 19**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Theresa Grieme

**Friday, May 20**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Liz Duckworth  
Esther Kelly

**Saturday, May 21**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Pat Link (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ Confessions 3:00—4:00 PM
- ✘ 4:30 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

**Sunday, May 22, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Bettye Thorp Berning
- ✘ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 10:30 AM Mary Tuerk

**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, Irampelch, 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,**

As I announced last weekend, I have accepted a new assignment. The Priest Personnel Board agreed that I am the one with the specific set of skills to fill this position. At first Bishop responded, "I want Father Hoefler to stay in Springfield." It became apparent, though, that things were lining up to create this very large assignment. Bishop asked me later, "are you even open to this?" I told him that I did not want to move, but it was beginning to look like providence. If the Holy Spirit is asking me to do this, there is no way I can say no." And you wouldn't want me here at Blessed Sacrament if I did. Bishop said he was warming up to it as well. Finally it became obvious that creating this assignment is the will of the Holy Spirit, and both Bishop and I said yes to the proposition that I fill it.

The assignment will make me Pastor of Annunciation parish in Shumway, Pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Effingham, and Pastor of St. Anthony parish in Effingham. St. Anthony is a parish the size of ours, with a grade school, its own high school, and a cemetery. Sacred Heart is a little bit smaller parish with a grade school. Annunciation is a little country parish with 120 families. So I will be the pastor of 2400 families, 3 parishes, 2 grade schools, 1 high school, and a cemetery.

I will also have 3 parochial vicars. These three priests will also help with 4 other parishes. This year, while we are losing pastors, we have an exceptional grace of extra parochial vicars in the diocese. This has not happened in a while, and it is one of the things that made this idea possible. My parochial vicars will be Fr. Brian Alford, Fr. Dominique Rimaz, and Fr. Sunder Ery. With the great heartache of leaving here, the prospect of working with these three priests gives me great consolation. On the one hand, I am heartbroken. I could have stayed here until death and died a happy man. On the other hand, I am happy to do something for the diocese that is needed and hasn't been done before. This assignment becomes effective July 1<sup>st</sup> this summer. Please pray for me.

We have selected the best priest available to take care of you. He is Fr. Jeff Grant who is now pastor of Ss. James and Patrick parish in Decatur. I know that he has seen a couple of parishes through some very difficult times, and he has done that well. I hear that he is a good administrator, and I know that he loves schools. He has a reputation as a hard worker and a good priest. He is impressed with our parish and sees it as a compliment to him to be assigned here. And so do I.

I have been here for 9 years and had no right to expect I could be here this long. When I came, I fell in love with you. If I had not been here when Msgr. Vann became Bishop Vann, I would have never become pastor. These  
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**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Evelyn Philomena Madonna Frey, daughter of Nathan and Amity Frey

**WEDDING BANNIS**

Andrew Call and Alexis Morgan plan to wed June 4, 2011.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED**

Blaine Thomas Marty and Marisa Anne Doerfler

**USED BOOK SALE**

Blessed Sacrament School will hold a used book sale THIS WEEKEND after all masses except 7:00 AM. All proceeds benefit the library. Thank you!

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

WHAT-WHAT-WHAT did you say? Fr. Hoefler is turning 50! Karen Senger and her husband David (who happens to share Father's birthday) would like to invite you to celebrate Father's 50th with us at Bridgeview Park on June 12th from 4-7. This is an adults only party. We will be having David's Italian beef, barbecue pork, and more!

The tickets will be \$10 per person and will cover the cost of food and drinks (tea and lemonade). Tickets will be given out at the door. The rest of the proceeds will be donated to the Building on Tradition fund in Father's name as a gift.

Please call (leave your name and number of people attending) to reserve your tickets today! Karen Senger (741-2818), Kim Hoffmann (698-0184), Fritzi Belz (544-7338) or Willa Senger (529-1542). See you there!

**K OF C PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER**

During the month of May, the Knights of Columbus Council 364 will be conducting their annual Pro-Life Baby Shower by collecting baby items to benefit expectant mothers who might otherwise choose abortion and to also benefit the unborn who might not otherwise be given the "Right to Life". A baby crib is now at the entrance to church and parishioners are asked to donate baby or maternity clothing (like new), layette items (undershirts, socks, receiving blankets), diapers, bottles, formula, toys, baby food, etc.. All items collected will then be taken to the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield. For questions contact the Council office at 787-2360.

**NOTES FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

**Illinois State Science Fair**

Congratulations to our seventh graders who competed in the State Science Fair held in Champaign on May 7. Laura Hanselman, Noah Kren, and Paige Ulrich earned silver awards, and Mary Delano, Isabel Garcia, and Curry Buscher received gold awards. In addition, Curry Buscher was awarded "Best in Category" in the junior division. Congratulations to our students on their success at the fair, and thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Cornelius and Mrs. Healy, for their guidance of all the seventh graders as they completed their science fair projects.

**Illinois State History Fair**

Congratulations to our eighth graders who competed in the State History Fair held in Springfield on May 5. In the research paper category Maddie Smith and Albert Perlman received excellent awards, and Monica Bell, Wilson Reyhan, Taylor Pohlman, Ryleigh Taylor, Riley Murphy, and Luke Reiser received superior awards. In the exhibit category Taylor Pohlman, Maddie Smith, and Ryleigh Taylor received superior awards. Congratulations to the eighth graders on their excellent representation of our school, and thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Alan and Mrs. Gregory, for their support of the students during the history fair preparations.

**SCHOOL NOTES**

Sunday, May 15 –

1:00 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> grade spring program in the gym (Mrs. Carter's homeroom)

3:00 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> grade spring program in the gym (Mrs. Stauffer's homeroom)

Sunday, May 22 –

6:00 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony & dance in the gym

Monday, May 23 –

No school for 8<sup>th</sup> grade only;

6:00 p.m. – Graduation Mass

Monday, May 30 –

No school in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31 –

Tu/Th preschool last day of school

Wednesday, June 1 –

Kindergarten Cookout for kindergarten only; lunch with parents and dismissal following end-of-the-year program

MWF preschool last day of school & dismissal following end-of-the-year program

M-F preschool last day of school & dismissal following end-of-the-year program

Thursday, June 2 –

Fun Day for grades 1 - 7

1:30 p.m. dismissal; B.A.S.E. provided

Friday, June 3 –

Last day of school for grades 1 – 7

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass; 9:30 a.m. dismissal of students from the classrooms for summer break

**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 PM SUNDAY****1:00 AM MONDAY****2:00 AM MONDAY****12:00 PM MONDAY (Noon)****11:00 PM THURSDAY****1:00 AM FRIDAY****12:00 AM SATURDAY****2:00 AM SUNDAY****2:00 AM SATURDAY****GARDEN PARTY HELP NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for the 2011 Blessed Sacrament Garden Party! All shifts are available. We are in need of the following: Pull games out of the basement into the gym on Sunday, June 12th immediately following 10:30 mass (this shouldn't take long) Set-up on Tuesday, June 14th from 5 :00 - whenever we finish. Set-up during the day on Wednesday, June 15th starting at 1pm . Game shifts from 5:00-7:30, 7:30-9:00, and cleanup. We need people to help with the different game booths and the face painting/tattoo booth. Volunteers to help serving food at the BSS Grill anytime from 5:00 - 9:00 . All hours worked will count towards your service hours! If you can help, please return the attached form to: Stephen DePooter [s.depooter@gmail.com](mailto:s.depooter@gmail.com) 220-9200 or Sean Noonan [snoonan@skkr.com](mailto:snoonan@skkr.com) 691-0910 Thank you!!!

**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, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. A May Crowning ceremony and formal reception of our new members will precede the business meeting. Plans and activities continue for our June 11, 2011, Centennial Celebration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where Bishop Paprocki will celebrate 6 p.m. Mass, and a celebration dinner will follow in the Cathedral Atrium. New members are welcome. Former members are especially welcome to return and share this historic 100th year celebration. Questions? Call Regent Lois Jirgal, 523-2908.

**JOSHUA PROJECT**

A huge THANK-YOU for your generous support of **M&M's for Money and Missions**. SHG students attending the JOSHUA mission trip to upper Appalachia leave on June 5 Please keep us all in prayer as we remember you, our donors, and our creature comforts of home. You may still contribute by returning any tubes to the parish office or to SHG.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE***WEEK OF MAY 16-22***Monday—Wednesday****8:00/8:20 AM**

Kendra Ward, Olivia Hibbert

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

Cole Taylor, Daniel Gardner

**Saturday, May 21, 4:30 PM****Lectors:** Isabel Long**Servers:** Elise Caton, Sara Rotherham, Alex Mauntel**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Newell, Johanna Toomey, Calvin Bell, Noreen Luhr, Michelle Bretz, James Keys, Rita Keys, Pat Sheehan**Sunday, May 22, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** Val Simhauser**Servers:** Riley Hinds, Michael Dailey**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Belz, Ann Walker, Dave Langston, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Kathryn Gietl**Sunday, May 22, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** Laurie Mann**Servers:** Calyn Reardon, J. Stegeman, Ellie Herman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Harth, Mark Ushman, Scott Reimers, George Rudis, Jr., Thomas Schmidt, Tom Karaianis, Clara Ushman, Anne Capestrain**Sunday, May 22, 10:30 AM****Lectors:** Dan Schuering**Servers:** Louis Criscione, Clara Munyer, Olivia Hibbert**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Criscione, Joseph Stannard, Mary Tuttle, Jude Kennedy, Karen Senger, Patricia Clarida, Grace Stannard, Lynn Frasco

**FATHER HOEFLER's LETTER CONTINUED...**

9 years have been all blessing. We have grown together in the Lord, and in fact you are greatly responsible for shaping me into the priest that I am. For that I am eternally grateful. I have been blessed beyond words. I think this has been a mutual blessing for all of us. That is probably what makes this so hard.

You are getting a good priest. This will be different for you, but it will be good. The temptation will be to decide to not like him because he is different from what you are used to. Resist that temptation. When I became the only priest here 6 years ago, you all decided that you would pray for me every day, and you decided that you would support me. You decided to pull together in unity to make this work. That is exactly the recipe for the Holy Spirit to do some of His best work. If you do this for Fr. Grant, your next pastor, you will do very well. The best gift you could give me is to make the same commitment to Fr. Grant that you made to me. Because then, I know you will be okay. That's what I want. I want you to continue your wonderful walk with the Lord. This place is not the final destination for any of us. The next place we will all be together like this again is in the Resurrection. And I want to spend eternity with you. For that, we all have to follow the Lord Jesus wherever He calls us along the way in this life.

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

*Building on Tradition*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Commitments</b>	<b>\$5,166,974.68</b>
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$3,274,147.58</b>

**MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS**

Calvary Cemetery will hold Mass on Memorial Day, May 30, at 9:00 AM at the Father Howard Altar. Bishop Paprocki will be the principal celebrant. Limited seating is available. Lawn chairs are welcome. Please call 523-3726 with questions. A golf cart will help those who may have difficulty walking to the Mass site.

*STEWARDSHIP*

*(Time / Talent / Treasure)*

**Parish Collection**

<b>May 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$22,679.30</b>
<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>

**Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 4/12/11)**

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$101,365.00</b>
<b>Pledges by Parish Families</b>	<b>\$ 53,872.00</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 47,493.00</b>