



# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Springfield,  
Illinois



May 8, 2011

Third Sunday  
of Easter

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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, May 9

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Marilyn Meyer Family  
Theresa Vadakkedath

### Tuesday, May 10

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine

### Wednesday, May 11

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Eileen Knierly
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

### Thursday, May 12

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Norma Burns

### Friday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Greg Burton  
Sean Staudt and Barbara Dillon

### Saturday, May 14, Saint Matthias

- ✕ 7:00 AM Janie Lokaitis (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 4:30 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

### Sunday, May 15, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- ✕ 7:00 AM John Kreutzer
- ✕ 8:30 AM Hank Malkus
- ✕ 10:30 AM Ray Sitki

### 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,

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke the story of the disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus. This is one of my favorite scriptures. It seems like it can apply to so many of the issues we find along the path through life. The disciples were consumed by several emotions as they were walking away from the community in Jerusalem. As they tried to work out their problems they found that Jesus had been walking with them along the way. Do we remember that Jesus is always with us for every step along the path of life? Do we watch for His presence among us every day of our life?

Grandparents Day was celebrated this Friday. It is always a joy to see the grandparents of the students in school. We owe so much to them for all their support and commitment to our students, parish, and school. The example of their lives will affect our young people more than we will know in this life.

Our grandparents were probably surprised at the condition of the floor in our old gym. It was torn up over the Easter break in order to prepare for the remodeling that will happen after school is out. This was done in order to insure completion of the transformation of that space into a cafeteria/ auditorium by the time of our dedication August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our Building on Tradition project is moving along, as you can see. The preschool wing is nearly complete. Only a few small items remain in that area. The finish on the new gym floor is now cured so we can continue, or rather finish up work, on the Glenwood side of the gym and the gym itself. The concrete and site work around the outside of the building continues. 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

*A Happy and Blessed  
Mothers' Day to all our  
mothers!*

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

John Shepard Montgomery, son of Brandon Montgomery and Erica Shipman

**WEDDING BANNIS**

Jason Lancaster and Tisha Smith plan to wed on May 14, 2011.

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Giovanna Antonacci

**USED BOOK SALE**

Blessed Sacrament School will hold a used book sale at school on Saturday, May 14, after mass and Sunday, May 15 after 8:30 and 10:30 masses. If you have any used books to donate to the sale, please drop them off at the school. 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), Fritz Belz (544-7338) or Willa Senger (529-1542). See you there!

**MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE**

Volunteers from the Elizabeth Ann Seton (EAS) Program will be selling individual roses for \$3.00 each after all masses TODAY for Mother's Day. Proceeds will go toward funding the efforts of EAS to embrace the sanctity and dignity of life by nurturing pregnant and parenting women. Your support is much appreciated!

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BENEFIT**

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Mother's Day, May 8 from 8 am until noon at K C Council 364. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages

6-12, and free for kids ages five and under. Every Mom attending will receive a complimentary rose. All proceeds benefit Council 364's scholarships to Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. For questions contact the Council office at 787-2360.

**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 will be placed 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.

**SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY**

For twenty- and thirty-somethings, Vincentian Opportunities for Young Adults (VOYA) is holding its annual summer service project from August 8 - 13. This year, the group will be working one hour away from New Orleans in Dulac, Louisiana, providing service to the needy. If you would like to find out more, please visit [www.voya.us](http://www.voya.us).

**SAINT MATTHIAS—Feast Day May 14**

The first act of the [apostles](#) after the [Ascension](#) of [Jesus](#) was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth [apostle](#) was needed.

Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new [apostle](#) be someone who had been a [disciple](#) from the very beginning, from his [baptism](#) by [John](#) until the Ascension. The [reason](#) for this was simple, the new [apostle](#) would must become a [witness](#) to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed [Jesus](#) before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away. Matthias was chosen to be the twelfth apostle, and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**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**

**2:00 A.M. MONDAY**

**6:00 A.M. MONDAY**

**12:00 P.M. MONDAY (Noon)**

**3:00 P.M. TUESDAY**

**1:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY**

**1:00 A.M. FRIDAY**

**12:00 A.M. SATURDAY**

**2:00 A.M. SATURDAY**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

The Springfield Area Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is hosting their next Theology on Tap on Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Casey's Pub in Springfield. The topic will be "From Catholic to Atheist to Catholic...and everything I learned in between" and the conversation will be led by Dr. Kevin Vost, a Psychologist and Author from Springfield. Dr. Vost will cover all the aspects of his faith journey and the valuable lessons he learned along the way. He has been featured on EWTN's "The Journey Home" and "Bookmark with Doug Keck" as well as several radio programs. There is no charge to attend and everyone is welcome. Food and drinks available for purchase - please arrive early if you plan to order food. Casey's Pub is located inside the Knights of Columbus Hall #364 at 2200 South Meadowbrook Road in Springfield. More information available at [www.SpringfieldYAM.com](http://www.SpringfieldYAM.com).

**FATIMA CRUSADE**

The Fatima Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. Speaker is Father Patrick Gibbons. See *Catholic Times* for details.

**HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY**

The Holy Family Food Pantry will collect food and household item donations from the back of church on Monday, May 16. Thank you for your generosity!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

*WEEK OF MAY 9-15*

**Monday—Wednesday**

**8:00/8:20 AM**

Gabrielle Wood, Taylor Loftus

**Thursday-Friday**

**8:00/8:20 AM**

Alex White, Nic Farris

**Saturday, May 14, 4:30 PM**

**Lectors:** Ken Dobucki

**Servers:** Madeline Smith, Cody Prosperini, Kaitlyn Johnson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Criscione, Lisa Belz, Susan Gallagher, Isabel Figueroa, Marty Mosley, Ginny Schofield, Mary Rita Dineen, Ed Schofield

**Sunday, May 15, 7:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Chris Perrin

**Servers:** Brent Parquette, Reese Parquette

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sr Josephine Okeke, DDL, Nancy Smith, Phil Graham, Colleen VonDeBur, Kathy Grubb

**Sunday, May 15, 8:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Kevin Lust

**Servers:** AJ Lust, Elizabeth Wiatrolik, Vinny Vespa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ken Sommer, Andrew Adams, Hannah Perrin, Mary K Sommer, Janine Feller, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Mary F Conwill

**Sunday, May 15, 10:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Tim Moore

**Servers:** Maria Moore, Joey Moore, Josh Moore

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, MaryAnn Gorney, Rose Amon, James Dodge, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Jim Morphew, Cindy Ledbetter

**PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE**

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land, sponsored by the Office for the Missions, under the spiritual direction of Father Joseph Ring, November 28-December 9, 2011. This pilgrimage will include visits to the Holy Places, the "Ancient Stones," important to the People of God. We will walk where Jesus walked. We will also take time to visit God's Holy People, the "Living Stones," Palestinian Christians who live in Israel/Palestine. Visit the diocesan website [www.dio.org/missions](http://www.dio.org/missions) for more information or contact Vicki Compton at 217-698-8500 ext 120.

**KIDS' TENNIS LESSONS**

Former UIS Women's Tennis Coach and parishioner Dom Giacomini will offer free kids' tennis lessons beginning June 13, every Monday and Wednesday, from 9 to 11 AM at Southern View tennis courts. Lessons are for grade school boys and girls. For more information, call Coach Dom at 306-3040 or email to [gmcparking@comcast.net](mailto:gmcparking@comcast.net).

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS-MAY**

**General Intention:** That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

*Building on Tradition*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Commitments</b>	<b>\$5,166,518.68</b>
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$3,231,449.95</b>

*And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. — Lk 24:30-31*

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*(Time / Talent / Treasure)*

**Parish Collection**

<b>April 24, 2011</b>	<b>\$26,831.50</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>