



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, November 13, 2011**  
**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**PASTOR:**

Father Jeff Grant  
Deacon David Erdmann  
Deacon Tom Burns  
Priest-in-Residence:  
Father Gerald Zienna

**PARISH OFFICE:**

Phone: (217) 528-7521  
Fax: (217) 528-3137  
Website: [www.bsps.org](http://www.bsps.org)

**SCHOOL OFFICE:**

748 West Laurel  
Phone: (217) 522-7534  
Fax: (217) 522-7542  
[www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org)

**Office Manager:**

Margaret Antenan

**Accounts Manager:**

Sharon Schraeder

**Principal:**

Kathy Wear

**School Administrative Asst:**

Nancy Evans

**School Secretary:**

Michele Hinds-Greenwood

**Music Director:**

Jody Kienzler

**Parish School of Religion:**

Call the Parish Office to register

**Plant Superintendent:**

Mike Hickey  
[MHickey@bsps.org](mailto:MHickey@bsps.org)

**Development Director:**

Kim Hoffmann

**Bulletin Submissions:**

Lori Reimers  
Email: [SLReimers@mac.com](mailto:SLReimers@mac.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

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, November 14

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Jack Healy

### Tuesday, November 15

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Mary Vasterling

### Wednesday, November 16

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Leo and Marjorie Enlow
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

### Thursday, November 17

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Heather Gonet  
Robin Kloppenburg-Heenhan

### Friday, November 18

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Fred Rechner  
Bob Barber

### Saturday, November 19

- 7:00 AM Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine  
(LATIN MASS)
- ✕ Confessions 3:00—4:00 PM
- ✕ 4:30 PM Ann Pohlman

### Sunday, November 20, Christ the King

- ✕ 7:00 AM Bud Schafer
- ✕ 8:30 AM Pete Maher
- ✕ 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: Simon Cory, Mary Kay Gonterman, Annette Fuchs, Phyllis, Gene Kaufmann, Coleen, John Coyne, Bill Coyne, Charles Brady, Paul Hosmanek, Hazel, Cinda Gebbens, John Giachetto, Jackie, Eileen Dennison, Carol, Skylar, Cassidy, Hannah, Brett, MaryAnn, Lennie & William Reed, Margaret & Patty Taylor, Bill Waters, Mary Ellen Brown, J. Schleyhahn, Jeni, Josh, Ginny, Rob, Mary, Roberta, Mary Bernardi, David Neale, Becky Figge, Midge Ward, Toni, Angie Henderson, Angel, Alyssa, Barbara, Beth, Bonnie, Donna Braun, Danielle Loftus, Joe, Mary Schwartz, Marlene, Michael, Ruth Pohlman, Thomas Rice, Tom Schmidt, Michael Guzzardo, Pat, Don, relatives in service, and those who need our prayers.

## DEAR PARISHIONERS,

**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA).** Last Sunday our parish officially welcomed several people who have begun their studies in the Catholic faith. Over the past two months they have been inquiring and discussing what our faith is about. They now enter a second phase, called the catechumenate, where they will study and reflect in more depth on the teachings of our faith. This period will continue until Lent, when they will then be asked to publicly state their desire to enter the church. Their initiation will take place at the Easter Vigil Service on Holy Saturday. Those who have not been baptized (catechumens) will be baptized, confirmed, and invited to receive communion. Those already baptized Christian (candidates) will be received, confirmed, and invited to take communion. This commitment they are preparing to make is indeed a serious one. It requires understanding, reflection, and discernment.

Our parish is very fortunate to have so many interested in exploring our Catholic faith. The responsibility in guiding them in this spiritual journey belongs to the **whole** parish community. Each of us plays a role even if we are not a teacher, sponsor, or member of the team. Our understanding of church is that we are a people of God, a community of faith who are called to hear the word of God and live it. Therefore, we are called as a parish to journey with these brothers and sisters as they discern this calling from God. Here are some ways all of us can help in supporting them as they prepare to become members of the church.

--Recognize that the RCIA is the responsibility of our whole parish family. God has given them to us as a blessing and we are called by word and deed to assist them.

--Pray for these catechumens and candidates, their teachers and sponsors. Some may have obstacles and concerns to overcome and they need the support of this spiritual community.

--Welcome these brothers and sisters at every opportunity. Make a point to welcome them at Mass and to speak to them when you see them around the community.

--Take part in the various rites and celebrations. Your presence at these events shows your willingness to accept this gift from God, as well as the warmth and welcome of our parish community.

--Support the RCIA team. Offer to help out when you can. Even a gift of providing refreshments or assistance at a reception can make a big difference.

--Educate yourself as to what RCIA is all about. It is more than "convert instructions." Rather it is a process by which we guide and accompany these prospective members in their faith journey.

Keep in mind the RCIA is an essential part of our parish. It is our way of bringing God's word to others who want to hear. We are indeed blessed to have these candidates and catechumens. May we work together as we prepare them and welcome them into our Catholic Church.

**Father Jeff**

**OUR PARISH FAMILY****CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED**

Matthew Wood and Rebecca VonDeBur

**MARRIAGE BANNS**

Justin Driscoll and Annamarie Dumonceaux plan to wed November 19, 2011.

**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Kellan James Sherman, son of Geoffrey and Melissa Sherman

Charlie Jo Caskey, daughter of Casey and Jennifer Caskey

**SCHOOL NOTES:**

Monday, Nov. 14 – 6:15 p.m. – Last 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' home basketball game vs. Jacksonville Our Saviour

Tuesday, Nov. 15 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Joint Service Day at Little Flower & St. Joseph's Home; 7<sup>th</sup> grade Joint Retreat Day at Knights of Columbus Hall; Lifetouch fall team sports photos after school

Wednesday, Nov. 16 – 1:30 dismissal for faculty meeting; B.A.S.E. provided;

6:30 p.m. – First Reconciliation for second graders

Saturday, Nov. 19 – 9:00 a.m. - Joint Speech Meet at St. Joseph School

Monday, Nov. 21 – 6:15 p.m. - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' home basketball game vs. Springfield Christian

Wednesday, Nov. 23 – Friday, Nov. 25 – No school for Thanksgiving break

**BREADLINE SUNDAY**

The 26th Annual Breadline Sunday, benefitting St. John's Breadline, will be next weekend. Loaves of bread will be available to purchase. With your donation, the Breadline can help meet the ever-increasing need to feed the hungry in our community. Please help us continue to provide hot, nutritious meals to the homeless, socially disabled, elderly, unemployed, and many families, including single parent families with children. The Breadline is currently averaging 600 meals a day.

**PLEASE HELP**

The Holy Family Food Pantry is in great need of donated food items as we move into the winter months and holiday season. Please pick up a few extra items while you're doing your holiday food shopping. It would be much appreciated by those in need. **Items will next be picked up from the back of church on November 21.** Also, there are over 450 families signed up to receive Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Frozen turkeys and hams are much needed! Please call 523-2450 to donate.

**LIVING HOLY ROSARY**

The DCCW will sponsor a Living Holy Rosary and Fellowship at Blessed Sacrament on Monday, November 21, Feast of the Presentation of Mary, beginning at 6:00 PM. A potluck meal will follow in the school cafeteria. The Living Holy Rosary uses a special format for praying the rosary, which is family-oriented. Everyone attending is asked to bring a favorite dish. Italian beef will be furnished but please call Rose Amon, DCCW International Commission Chair, at 787-8826, so she can have an idea of how much to prepare. All are welcome.

**SCOUT RETREAT**

On Sunday, December 4 from 1 – 4 PM, the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a retreat day for Cub Scouts to begin work on the Light of Christ or the Parvuli Dei religious emblem. The retreat will be held at St. Aloysius. The afternoon will include an introduction to the Catholic religious emblems programs, a series of sessions where Scouts can complete some of the activities required for an emblem, and lots of chances for Scouts to have fun learning about our Catholic faith. Registration fee is \$5 for Scouts to help cover supplies and a snack. Please bring your own copy of the workbook – Tiger and Wolf Scouts will work on the Light of Christ emblem while Bear and Webelos Scouts will work on the Parvuli Dei emblem. Workbooks are available at the Council office. Please RSVP to Kyle Holtgrave, chairman of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or email [kholtgrave@dio.org](mailto:kholtgrave@dio.org).

**NEW ONLINE GIVING TOOL**

You may now use a link on the school website to give to the school and church! We have worked with Town & Country Bank to provide a safe, convenient way for school families, parish members and alumni to contribute to our parish and school via the general church contributions, the School Annual Fund, and the Building Fund. Funds will be withdrawn from your designated checking account as a one-time contribution, or you may set up recurring contributions.

Many of our families have been contributing using automatic withdrawals from their bank accounts that we first offered several years ago. (These will continue unless we are notified by those families of a change.) These automatic deposits in our account each week and each month have helped the parish financially with regular contributions, regardless of whether families are on vacation or away from the parish for a week.

We hope many of our families and our alumni will take advantage of this convenient option. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Schraeder or Kim Hoffmann in the school office.

**ADORATION HOURS**

Balance. Most people haven't thought about balance since they learned to ride a bicycle. Let's consider balance in your life: between your career and your family; between time for your recreation and time for your spiritual life; between the budget for recreation and the budget for charity and church support. The Adoration Chapel is a great place to meditate on balance in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts. An hour a week is a small but powerful step for balance in your life and peace of mind.

Prayerfully consider a scheduled hour in our adoration chapel. Contact Merle King (528-6088) or Tom Karaianis (415-3281) for more information.

**6:00 A.M. MONDAY****8:00 PM SATURDAY****2:00 AM SATURDAY****1:00 A.M. FRIDAY****2:00 AM MONDAY****GOSPEL OF LIFE**

To proclaim Jesus is itself to proclaim life. For Jesus is "the word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). In him "life was made manifest" (1 Jn 1:2); he himself is "the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us" (1 Jn 1:2). By the gift of the Spirit, this same life has been bestowed on us. It is in being destined to life in its fullness, to "eternal life", that every person's earthly life acquires its full meaning.(80)

- Evangelium Vitae

Blessed John Paul II

**WOMAN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

This month's Women's Day of Recollection will be held on one week earlier than usual, on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at Christ the King Church , 12:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m. The afternoon will include Exposition; two meditations given by a priest; time for personal prayer and Adoration; an opportunity for Confession and spiritual direction; and closing Benediction. A Mother's Room is available. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollections is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

**COURT MADONNA MEETING**

Court Madonna, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, invites Catholic women of the Springfield area to its monthly meeting at St. Agnes, on Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. A Memorial Service for deceased members will be followed by the business meeting. Plans for the December 3 visits to homebound members and December 15 Christmas celebration and dinner will be finalized. Questions? Call Regent Lois Jirgal, 523-2908.

**K OF C BREAKFAST BENEFIT**

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, November 13, from 8 am until noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364. Proceeds will benefit VFW Post 755's Honor Flight Program, which provides air travel for local WW II veterans to visit memorial in Washington, D.C. For questions, contact Council Office at 787-2360.

**SHG PREVIEW NIGHT**

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Preview Night— Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 PM in the East Campus Commons

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14-20****Monday—Wednesday****8:00 AM/8:20 AM**

Hannah Ketchum, Taylor Loftus

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

Joey Kolis, Ben Scheufele

**Saturday, Nov 19, 4:30 PM****Lectors:** Ken Dobucki**Servers:** Ethan O'Connor, Marie Moore, Garrett Mohn**Eucharistic Ministers:** Isabel Figueroa, Pat Sheehan, Noreen Luhr, Scott Reimers, Jim Morphew, Cindy Ledbetter, Michelle Bretz, Lisa Belz**Sunday, November 20, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** Carolyn Graham**Servers:** Riley Hinds, Ben Scheufele**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Phil Graha, Nancy Smith, Kathryn Gietl, Michele Hinds-Greenwood**Sunday, November 20, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** Daniel Heffernan**Servers:** John Stegeman, Emma Smith, Aanise Sajna**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL, Janine Feller, Larry Newell, Clara Ushman, Mark Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Johanna Toomey**Sunday, Nov 20, 10:30 AM****Lectors:** Mike Goza**Servers:** Isbella Sgro, Sam Sgro, Calyn Reardon**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Keys, James Keys, Rick Campbell, MaryAnn Gorney, Barney Bruzetti, James Dodge, Joseph Stannard, Dan Schuering

**NOTES FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**Pastor's Annual Party** – You recently received a letter from Father Jeff inviting you to his first Pastor's Annual Party on November 20, from 5:30 to 8:00 in the school cafeteria. Please put this date on your calendar; it is an excellent opportunity to join Father in meeting and visiting with your fellow parishioners. The evening will feature excellent hors d'oeuvres, beverages and live music provided by guest performer, Phil Steinberg, as well two of our own talented parish pianists, Bob Mocharnuk and Choir Director Jody Kienzler.

**Bricks** – The opportunity to order bricks for the Prayer Garden is still available. A certain quantity must be purchased before we can place the order. An order was just submitted last week and should be placed (weather permitting) in time for the holidays. We thank you for your orders and apologize for the delay in being able to place the order.

**What's Bruin?** – Our school newsletter should be hitting mailboxes soon, and will include the Annual Report detailing donations received by the school from our many benefactors during this past fiscal year. A special thank you goes to Lynell Loftus for once again providing the graphic art for the newsletter.

**Save the Date!** – A cocktail reception will be held on Tuesday, December 13 to kick-off this year's B.S.S. Annual Fund. The fund, with a goal this year of

*Building on Tradition*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Commitments</b>	<b>\$5,190,343.00</b>
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$3,635,923.05</b>

\$75,000, supports the operating budget of the school. More information to follow!

*Angel Trees Coming Soon!*

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent / Treasure)*

<b><u>Parish Collection</u></b>	
<b>October 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$18,479.00</b>
<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>
<b>All Saints' Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,447.00</b>
<b>St. Martin DePorres</b>	<b>\$ 6,143.83</b>
<b>ACSA</b>	
<b>Parish Assessment</b>	<b>\$128,143.00</b>
<b>Parish Pledged (27 %)</b>	<b>\$ 35,150.00</b>