



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, November 6, 2011**  
**Thirty-Second 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, November 7

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** John Davidson

### Tuesday, November 8

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** John David Heimlich  
David Copeland

### Wednesday, November 9

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

### Thursday, November 10

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Alfred Kramp  
Andrew and Mary Okwara

### Friday, November 11

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Charles J. Welch

### Saturday, November 12

- 7:00 AM Marilyn Mason (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ Confessions 3:00—4:00 PM
- ✕ 4:30 PM Robert & Mary Louise von Behren

### Sunday, November 13, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ 7:00 AM Frances Olzewski
- ✕ 8:30 AM Margery Maskey
- ✕ 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 Coyle, Bill Coyle, Charles Brady, Madair Family, Paul Hosmanek, Hazel, Cinda Gebbens, John Giachetto, Jackie, Eileen Dennison, Carol, Skylar, Cassidy, Hannah, Brett, MaryAnn, Greta, 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,

**New Translation.** Starting the weekend of November 26-27, we will begin to use the new English translation for Mass. All the responses will be found in the missalettes, but to make it a little easier, the same responses will also be found on Mass cards that will be placed in the pews. As you will see and hear, most of the changes will be a matter of adding, subtracting or changing a word or phrase here and there. Yet, since our responses have become automatic over the years, these changes may seem awkward at first. It takes a time to reprogram our brains to get use to the language.

In previous bulletins, I have written about the reasons and process for the change. If you are interested in reading more about it, you can go online and look up “new mass translation.” A few have asked if we should practice for these changes. I feel such practice is unnecessary and may do more to confuse than help us prepare. There is really nothing to worry about. The order of the Mass remains the same. We will stand, sit, and kneel where we have before. Perhaps when we begin the new translation, you may wish to take some time before Mass, to read over the responses. Then use the missalette or Mass card until you are comfortable with the responses. I might also suggest you consciously listen to what is being prayed. When familiar prayers are translated or phrased differently, we have an opportunity to gain new insight and understanding into what we are saying. It is my hope these changes will indeed help us to deepen our faith.

**Mass Count.** During the month of October, each parish in the diocese is asked to count the number of people who attend weekend Masses. These numbers help the parish and diocese evaluate and plan for the future. This year, Blessed Sacrament Parish averaged 1,269 people per weekend. This is an increase of 44 people per weekend or 3.6%. Where this is good, we still attract less than half our parishioners on any given weekend. My hope is we can find ways to bring more of our parishioners to church. For it is here at Mass, that we gather as God’s family and are fed at His table. It is here that our faith can be truly made strong.

**Pastor’s Party.** On Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the annual Pastor’s Party will be held in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. This annual get-together, just prior to the holidays, gives our parishioners a chance to visit and share time with each other. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Father Jeff

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED**

Joseph Toigo and Brittany Kink, October 29, 2011

#### **MARRIAGE BANNS**

Matthew Jackson and Kathleen Gietl plan to wed November 12, 2011.

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

#### **PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Gisela Kinnion, mother of Parishioner Steve Kinnion  
Thomas Walker, Sr.

#### **VETERANS DAY CONCERT**

The SHG Band and Springfield Catholic Grade School Bands will be honoring all area veterans at their 11th annual Veteran's Day Concert. The program will be held on Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. in the SHG Cafeteria, 1200 West Washington. The concert will feature patriotic music as well as comments and recollections from veterans. The public is invited to attend and light refreshments will be served.

#### **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.

#### **SHG PREVIEW NIGHT**

Come see what SHG has to offer! Sacred Heart-Griffin will hold its annual Preview Night, an open house for seventh and eighth grade students and their parents or

guardians, on Thursday, Nov. 17. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the SHG East Campus Commons, 1200 W. Washington St. Contact Erica Cusumano, Director of Student Marketing and Alumni, at 787-9732 or [cusumano@shg.org](mailto:cusumano@shg.org) with questions or for more information.

#### **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. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids ages 6 - 12, and kids five and under eat for free. 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.

#### **LATIN ENRICHMENT**

Latin is not a dead language. It is making a comeback. Why? Studying Latin improves SAT scores, reading achievement, vocabulary skills, and math problem-solving skills. Not to mention it is the official language of the Catholic Church. Corpus Christi!

An enrichment class will be offered after school every Wednesday for the following ages:  
Grades 6-8 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Grades: 3-5 from 4:15pm to 5:00pm

A Parent informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in BSS cafeteria. We will register your student(s) and order materials. The program is called Latina Christiana. We have a Latin teacher, Ms. Sharon Lombard, to instruct our students. Cost will be approximately \$25. Questions or volunteer help, please call Linda Thornberry at #523-7202 or email [timthornberry@msn.com](mailto:timthornberry@msn.com).

#### **CATHOLICISM—A GLOBAL RELIGION**

A panel focused on interreligious dialogue and Catholicism will be hosted by Benedictine University's Springfield campus. The panel event, titled "Catholicism: a Global Religion," will be held twice—once on **Monday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Beata Hall Meeting Room on the Benedictine campus and again on **Tuesday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m.** in Dawson Hall 105 on the Benedictine campus. The panel will feature three scholars of interreligious dialogue and a Q&A session. The panelists include Dr. Rita George Tvrtković, Dr. Christine M. Fletcher, and Fr. Richard Chiola. The Q&A session will be facilitated by Sr. Marilyn Jean Runkel and Reverend David Holland. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

**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**

Our hope is founded on Christ's sacrifice. His Resurrection inaugurates the "end of the times" (1 Pt 1:20; cf. Heb 1:2). The belief in eternal life which we profess in the Creed is an invitation to the joyful hope of seeing God face to face. To believe in the resurrection of the flesh is to recognize that there is a final end, an ultimate goal for all human life, "which so satisfies man's appetite that nothing else is left for him to desire" (Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, I-II, q. 1, a. 5; St Paulinus of Nola, Letters, 1, 2). This same desire is wonderfully expressed by St Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" (Confessions, I, 1). Thus, we are all called to live with Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, and to contemplate the Holy Trinity, for "God is the principal object of Christian hope" (Alphonsus Liguori, *Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ*, 16, 2).;

While waiting for death to be overcome once and for all, "some of the disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory", contemplating the Trinity in full light (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen gentium*, n. 49; cf. Eugene IV, *Bull Laetantur coeli*). For the souls in purgatory, waiting for eternal happiness and for meeting the Beloved is a source of suffering, because of the punishment due to sin which separates them from God. But there is also the certitude that once the time of purification is over, the soul will go to meet the One it desires (cf. Ps 42; 62).

- Message for Millennium of All Souls' Day  
Blessed John Paul II

**SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP**

Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, OSA will offer a spirituality workshop on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 to 2:30 at Holy Family Church in Decatur. The topic will be The Eucharist—The Real Presence and Treasure of our Faith. Fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Please register by November 18 by calling 423-6223.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE***WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7-13***Monday—Wednesday****8:00 AM/8:20 AM**

Jim Hollahan, Matthew Keane

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

Kaitlyn Johnson, Ace Keeley

**Saturday, Nov 12, 4:30 PM****Lectors:** Steven Scheufel**Servers:** Connor Rutherford, Cody Rutherford, Sara Rotherham**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Reimers, Noreen Luhr, Larry Newell, Janine Feller, Pat Sheehan, Isabel Figueroa, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher**Sunday, November 13, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** Don Tracy**Servers:** Marissa Patten, Denver Patten**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Smith, Phil Graham, Dave Langston, Mary F. Conwill, Ann Walker**Sunday, November 13, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** Michael Lawless**Servers:** Alex White, Adam White, Alyssa Sweeney**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Keys, Rita Keys, Kathy Harth, Colleen VonDeBur, Marge O'Keefe, Grace Stannard, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL**Sunday, Nov 13, 10:30 AM****Lectors:** Donna Moore**Servers:** Louis Criscione, Billy Wilhite, Preston Njapa Njehua**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Criscione, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Barbara Erdmann, Lynn Frasco, Patricia Clarida, Rose Amon, Lila Dilbaitis

**BRUINS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

To celebrate the inaugural season in the new gymnasium, the Blessed Sacrament Boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball team will host a six team tournament. The *Bruins Catholic Classic* will be held Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12. The tournament will open with a special tribute to Veterans and presentation by the VFW 755 Color Guard. Veterans are invited to attend, free of charge, and will be recognized during the opening ceremony November 11 at 5:30p.m. Please join us for the tournament. Admission is \$5/day for adults, \$2/day for students and \$3/day for seniors. For a complete schedule of games, visit [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org).

**SPRINGFIELD DEANERY MEETING**

The Springfield Councils of Catholic Women Deanery will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 17 in the atrium at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 6:30 PM. The Springfield Deanery includes all Springfield parishes and those in the surrounding area. All women are members of the Deanery. A brief business meeting will be followed by a program entitled "Modesty-it's not dead...Tools and Resources for instilling it in the next generation," presented by Carlos and Elena Tejeda. They will answer questions and put us in touch with inspiring resources and ideas for overcoming a pervasive concern shared by many parents and grandparents in today's world. Everyone is welcome. Come join us.

*Building on Tradition*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Commitments</b>	<b>\$5,222,630.50</b>
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$3,621,975.22</b>



**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent / Treasure)*

<b><u>Parish Collection</u></b>	
<b>October 23, 2011</b>	<b>\$18,223.00</b>
<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>
<b>ACSA</b>	
<b>Parish Assessment</b>	<b>\$128,143.00</b>
<b>Parish Pledged (27 %)</b>	<b>\$ 35,150.00</b>