



**42ND ANNUAL
BLESSED SACRAMENT
AUCTION & DINNER**

OCTOBER 8, 2011

5:30 PM

PARISH CENTER

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, October 3

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Ahbee Robinson

Tuesday, October 4

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Virginia Madonia

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Peg Bolin
Mary Evelyn Rechner

Friday, October 7

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Darlene Tasset
Robert DeSalle

Saturday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 9, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ 7:00 AM Earl Walker, Jr.
- ✕ 8:30 AM Helen O'Connor
- ✕ 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: Deacon Ben Hoefler, Jackie, Eileen Dennison, Carol, Skylar, Cassidy, Hannah, Brett, MaryAnn, Greta, Walter Dietrich Brafford, 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, Bill Forsyth, Elaine Grace, Joe, Mary Schwartz, Marlene, Michael, Ruth Pohlman, Thomas Rice, Tom Schmidt, Michael Guzzardo, Pat, Don, Parishioners, relatives in service, students, faculty, and parents of our school, and those who need our prayers.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

October Count. Each year, during the month of October, the parishes of our diocese are asked to count every one who is in attendance at the weekend Masses. This count helps us determine who is going to Mass and whether that number is going up or down. It also helps the diocese in its planning process. With fewer priests and resources to go around, it is important that we get accurate data in order to make good choices. The ushers will do the count at each Mass during this month.

Life Chain. Don't forget this Sunday, October 2nd is the Annual Life Chain. We will have people standing along MacArthur from South Grand to Outer Park between 2:00 and 3:30 pm. This national event helps to keep the cause for life before the public. Your witness in this chain, may help others remember or reflect on the dignity of human life. You are graciously invited to join in the event.

Auction. Next Saturday evening we will be holding our annual auction. This year there will be a catered dinner served during the event. Reservations for the dinner must be made by this Monday, October 3rd. You can do so by calling Kim Hoffman at the school. Keep in mind, that fund raising is an important part of a parish school. It keeps tuition down and provides for many extras that otherwise we could not do. Last year it cost about \$4,780 per student at our school. There was over \$850,000 in expenses not covered by tuition. This difference is made up by fund raising and parish subsidy. We are very grateful to all who help out and support our auction.

Pet Blessing. Tuesday is the Feast of St. Francis. Francis was known as a man who loved and cherished all creatures and even referred to them as his brothers and sisters. A special blessing will be held after school (about 2:45 pm) in the grassy area of the playground. This blessing reminds us that our pets are a gift from God and good care of them is a way to express our gratitude for God's blessing.

Month of the Rosary. October is often referred to as the month of the Rosary. We are encouraged to pray and meditate on the mysteries of Christ during this time. One special event planned for this time will be the choir's sung rosary. It will be held at 10:00 am next Sunday, prior to the 10:30 Mass. Perhaps you will want to make plans to attend.

ACSA. Hopefully you received your letter from Bishop Paprocki asking your help with our Annual Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish goal is \$128,143. Since we must make up the difference from parish funds, every contribution is important. Don't wait...make your gift today.

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Madilyn Rae King, daughter of Patrick and Lisa King
Teresa Joan O'Brien, daughter of Michael and Carrie O'Brien

MARRIAGE BANNES

Jacob Klunik and Mary Doerfler plan to wed October 22, 2011.

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Adrella E. Van Horn
Juan Long
Robert Parker

FATHERS IN FAITH AND FAMILY

The Springfield Area Catholic Men's Conference invites all men to the Fathers in Faith and Family Conference on Saturday, November 5 at St. John Vianney in Sherman. Mass will be held at 8:00 AM with a buffet breakfast. To register, call John Szerletich at 528-0081, Gene Mitchell at 492-9924, or Jerry Daniels at 744-8855.

RETREAT FOR DIVORCED OR SEPARATED

A retreat for divorced or separated individuals will be held October 7-9 at the Villa Maria Conference Center. Call Deacon Patrick O'Toole at 698-8500 x 121.

CLASS ART PROJECTS

Class Art Projects for this year's Auction will be on display after masses this weekend outside of church (or inside the cafeteria if weather does not permit). Please support our young artists by buying raffle tickets. Class art projects will be raffled this year, rather than auctioned off.

K OF C MEMBERSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Springfield #364 will conduct a membership drive after all Masses on Sunday, October 2. All Catholic men age 18 or older are qualified to join. Members have opportunities to discover the importance of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in our community. Representatives will be available to answer questions and accept applications for membership. Call the office at 787-2360 with questions.

BAKERS & SNACK MAKERS...HELP!

The RCIA is looking for people to help just a little bit. We need volunteers to help with the snack at break-time. We ask that you provide something for our

break. You choose it, cookies, cakes, cheese, fruit ... whatever. We break at 8:00 p.m. during our Thursday meetings. This is just one concrete way that we are able to show the Candidates a warm welcome from the community. We let them know that many people are praying for them and care about them. One person, a couple, several, or a family can do this. If you will help, please contact the RCIA Hospitality Director, Mary Beth Maloney, at Email: memsmary@aol.com or 793-6588. She will see that everyone gets assigned to an evening that will work best and give an idea of numbers. She will help you get oriented and resolve any questions or problems. After all, "Nothin says lovin like something from the oven" (it doesn't even have to be from the oven). Thanks.

CALVARY CEMETERY TOUR

Walk with your Ancestors: A tour of Springfield's Calvary Cemetery on October 16 from 1:00 -3:00 PM. Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 7-12
Tickets can be purchased on the day of the walk. Come and listen as six "ancestors" tell the story of their lives. Groups will leave for the approximately one-mile walk every 15 minutes with the last tour starting at 3pm (wheelchairs available). For more information, visit: archives.dio.org/walk.

AUCTION NEWS CORNER

Interested in finding out what packages will be up for bid at the auction? Want to make a donation or purchase raffle tickets? Interested in seeing who are our generous sponsors? You will find all this and more at our auction website, which you can view by visiting www.bssbruins.org and choosing the Auction logo. Packages for Live and Silent Auction will be available for viewing early next week. Check the website often for the latest news!

Own a piece of Blessed Sacrament history! Wooden folding chairs used for generations in the "old gym" are available for purchase. The auction committee is selling these chairs for \$10 each. These are good for keeping on hand as additional seating and have held many a Blessed Sacrament parishoner! If you are interested in purchasing one or many of these well loved and well patinaed chairs please send Dana Kinion, Auction chair an email to bssauction2011@comcast.net with your contact information and the number you would like to purchase.

ADORATION HOURS

Stewardship of Talent—Jesus warned in a parable about the temptation of burying our talents because we think of them as insignificant. Realize the God has blessed you with unique talents, meant to be invested in the lives of those around you. In prayer, ask God to guide you in the use of your talents.

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

12:01 AM SATURDAY

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2:00 AM SATURDAY

1:00 A.M. FRIDAY

8:00 PM SATURDAY

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

Blessed Sacrament will again participate in the National Life Chain by praying between 2:00 and 3:30 PM on Sunday, October 2. We will stand on MacArthur between South Grand and Outer Park Drive. Thank you! Blessed Sacrament Parish children who participate will receive Baskin-Robbins Gift Certificates, sponsored by the Gospel of Life Committee.

PUBLIC ROSARY PRAYER

There will be PRAYER IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE all over the world on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 12:00 P.M - 1:00 P.M. The Springfield location will be the Capitol steps in front of the Lincoln statue at 2nd and Capitol Streets, or inside at the Hewlett Building Auditorium if inclement weather. We have a permit from the Capitol to pray. All are welcome. Please bring your rosary and your prayer group and join us in prayer for the United States. For additional information, please call Harold at 217-341-4891 or Donna at 217-622-8576.

FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

The Fatima Rosary Rally will take place on Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. Speaker is Father Patrick Gibbons.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

A Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by CVS Pharmacy will be offered to parishioners of Blessed Sacrament after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. This Flu Clinic is for persons 14 years of age and older. Shots are given at no charge with a Medicare/Medicaid card or \$29.95 with no insurance. Mark your calendars and protect yourself - get a flu shot.

MISSION OUTREACH TRIVIA NIGHT

The Fourth Annual Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach Trivia Night will be Friday, October 7. Doors open at 5:30 with trivia beginning at 7:00. The theme is Peace, Love, and Trivia, celebrating the '60s and '70s. Call 522-3387 x 531 to reserve a table.

K OF C BENEFIT BREAKFAST

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, October 9 from 8 am until noon at the Knights of Columbus Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. All proceeds benefit Council 364's Vocations Support Fund. For questions, contact the Council Office at 787-2360

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-9****Monday—Wednesday**

8:00 AM/8:20 AM

Meredith Beger, Sam Bonansinga

Thursday-Friday

8:00/8:20 AM

Louis Criscione, Olivia Hibbert

Saturday, October 8, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Mary B. Maloney

Servers: Sydney Compton, Ellie Herman, Matthew Keane

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen VonDeBur, Noreen Luhr, Thomas Schmidt, Kathryn Gietl, Susan Gallgher, Michelle Bretz, Mary Rita Dineen, Ed Schofield

Sunday, October 9, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Mike Goza

Servers: Alex Mandeville, Clara Munyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Ann Walker, Mary F. Conwill, Kathy Wear, Jim Wear

Sunday, October 9, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Daniel Heffernan

Servers: Danny Heffernan, Kevin Heffernan, Noah Finch

Eucharistic Ministers: Hannah Perrin, Kathy Harth, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman, Clara Ushman, Mary K Sommer, Ken Sommer, Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL

Sunday, October 9, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Melaney Arnold

Servers: Tim Oh, Graham Cross, Isabel Cross

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Clarida, Pat Graham, Don Graham, Rick Campbell, James Dodge, Cindy Ledbetter, Jim Mophew, Barney Bruzetti

PRAYER FOR CLOSING ABORTION CLINICS

Father, all life is in Your care.
 You have entrusted us to one another,
 That we may show our brothers and sisters
 The same love You have for us.
 We pray, then, for the least among us,
 the children in the womb.
 Protect them from the violence of abortion.
 We pray for those that are scheduled to die at
 The Hope Clinic in Granite City Illinois.
 Save them from death.
 Give hope to their parents,
 that they may turn away from the desperate act of abor-
 tion.
 Grant conversion to the abortionist and to the staff.
 Show us how we are to respond to the bloodshed in our
 midst,
 And lead us to the day when this place of death
 Will be transformed into a haven of life.
 Guard us with your joy and your peace,
 For in You, life is victorious.
 We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen

FATHER JEFF'S LETTER CONTINUED

Congratulations to our 8th grade boys baseball team who recently won the sectional by defeating Jackson-ville. This weekend they are participating in the state tournament in East Peoria. We wish them the best and perhaps next weekend, I will have some more good news to report on this topic.

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,230,987.50
Total Cash Received	\$3,522,054.56

MUSIC NOTES

The choirs of the Parish will be singing the Rosary at 10:00 AM in the church, Sunday, October 9. Please join us as we pray. There will be four times throughout the year we will come together as a parish to pray/sing the rosary (Oct 9, Dec 4, March 4, May 6).

The registration for the pilgrimage trip to Italy for the summer of 2012 is being extended to Sunday, October 9. If you would like an application, call Jody at the church office.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection	
September 18, 2011	\$16,622.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00