



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, October 23, 2011
Thirtieth 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, October 24

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Thomas P. O'Connor
Fritz and Molly Franz

Tuesday, October 25

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Loved Ones who have departed

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Thomas "Mick" & Helen O'Connor

Friday, October 28, St Simon and St Jude

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Mary and Charlie Ebel

Saturday, October 29

- 7:00 AM For those who have lost their faith
(LATIN MASS)
- ✕ Confessions 3:00—4:00 PM
- ✕ 4:30 PM Bob Baldoni

Sunday, October 30, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ 7:00 AM
- ✕ 8:30 AM
- ✕ 10:30 AM

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call Jean Quigley at 523-6573 or Mary Theresa Drake at 726-6649. Please pray for the following people:

Annette Fuchs, Phyllis, Gene Kaufmann, Coleen, John Coyle, Bill Coyle, Charles Brady, Madair Family, Eileen Dennison, Joe Hoasmandk, John Giachetto, 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, Joe, Mary Scwartz, 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,

History is an important subject in our lives. There is an old saying that goes those who are ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it. However, it is not only important to know history, but to get it right. Those who don't quite know the facts are just as likely to make some serious blunders. The following is an example of what I mean.

The History of the World. Adam and Eve were created from a apple tree. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birthmark. Later the Israelites moved to Egypt where the inhabitants were known as mummies. In that area, people traveled by Camelot. After many years, Moses led the people out of Egypt to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. One of the great kings of Israel was David. His son was named Solomon and he had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

The Greeks were also important in the history of our world. They started the Olympic games where they ran, jumped, hurled the biscuits and threw the java. One famous Greek teacher was named Socrates who died of an overdose of wedlock. Eventually, they were conquered by the Romans. Some of their leaders were very cruel. For example, Nero tortured his poor subjects by playing the fiddle.

The English also added much to the history of the world. The Magna Carta provided that no freed man should be hanged twice for the same offense. They also gave us Queen Elizabeth, whose navy defeated the Spanish armadillo. One great English author was John Milton who wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

America has also contributed many great people. Benjamin Franklin used a kite and a key to invent electricity. He died in 1790 and is still dead. Abraham Lincoln was a famous president. His mother died in infancy. In 1865 he was shot by an actor named John Wilkes Booth. This ruined Booth's acting career. There were also famous composers like Bach and Handel and Beethoven. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was a very big man. Beethoven was deaf and therefore wrote loud music.

I didn't write these facts. I borrowed them. Supposedly they were all collected by history and English teachers from around the country. Now some may think I should write about more serious topics in my column, but my point is that if we seek the truth or if we seek solutions to our problems, it is important that we first get the facts and get them right. Otherwise we may just end up sounding rather silly.

- Father Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

George Francis Boesdorfer, son of Brent and Kendra Boesdorfer

Jackson Robert-Eugene Cogan, son of Anthony and Kristin Cogan

MARRIAGE BANNES

Joseph Toigo and Britney Kink plan to wed October 29, 2011.

Matthew Wood and Rebecca VonDeBur plan to wed November 5, 2011.

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

NOTES FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**IESA Class 1A Cross Country State Meet**

Congratulations to our cooperative Blessed Sacrament/St. Agnes cross country teams on another successful season! After winning the section titles, both the boys' and girls' teams qualified for the state meet held on October 15 at Maxwell Park in Normal. The girls placed sixth as a team at the meet, and the boys finished seventh. In addition to the team honors, two individuals placed in the top twenty-five runners in Class 1A and received medals for their finishes. Congratulations to Olivia Doll, a seventh grader, for finishing thirteenth in state and to Dustin Moles, an eighth grader, for placing eighth in state!

Congratulations to the all of the following Blessed Sacrament students who were members of the state cross country team: Olivia Doll, Zoe Nelson, Grace McDonald, Mary Helen Healy, Hannah Bayer, Marisa Patten, Dustin Moles, Jack Healy, Michael Oh, Jacob Pohlman, Josh Moore, Braeden Frey, and Gabe Bonansinga. Congratulations and special thanks to their coaches and also to all of the cross country team members who ran throughout the regular season. Once again, we are proud of our student athletes not only for their successful season but also for their excellent representation of our school!

SCHOOL NOTES:

-Friday, Oct. 28 – Report Card Day

Sunday, Oct. 30 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Builders Club Halloween Carnival in the cafeteria

Monday, Oct. 31 – 1:30 p.m. – Halloween parade followed by classroom parties

Tuesday, Nov. 1 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass

Thursday, Nov. 3 – 11:30 a.m. dismissal; no B.A.S.E.; 1:00-8:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

Friday, Nov. 4 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal; no B.A.S.E.; 3:00-6:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Parish congratulates Sr. Carolina Okeoke, a Sister of Divine Love, who lives in our parish, on making her final vows recently. Blessed Sacrament will hold a reception for her after this Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass in the school cafeteria. All are invited. Please join us in sending special love to Sr. Carolina Okeoke!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We are invited to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously to the collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Let us pray especially at today's Mass for all who long to hear the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus, and for the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that Good News.

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.

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This month's Women's Day of Recollection is Thursday, October 27 at Christ the King Church from 12:45 to 2:45 PM. The afternoon includes Exposition, two meditations given by a priest, time for personal prayer and Adoration, an opportunity for confession, and a closing Benediction. A Mother's Room is available. All women throughout the diocese are invited. The spiritual guidance is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

SHG MEGA RAFFLE COUNTDOWN

The Grand Prize \$100,000 drawing (+ 49 other cash prizes!) is Monday, October 31 at 7:30 a.m. on Sports Radio 1450 AM WFMB. Tickets are going fast and ALMOST GONE! Get yours today by calling 787-9732 or going on-line at www.shg.org. Thank you & Good Luck!

NEWS OF FR. RIMAZ

Gilbert, Rimaz, father of Fr. Dominic Rimaz, Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua and Sacred Heart, Effingham, died very suddenly this week. Fr. Rimaz is from Switzerland and will be traveling to his home for the funeral. Please keep Fr. Rimaz, his father, and the Rimaz family in your prayers.

ADORATION HOURS

Stewardship of Talent: Jesus warned in a parable about the temptation of burying our talents because we think of them as insignificant. Don't give in to that temptation. Realize that God has blessed you with unique talents, meant to be invested in the lives of those around you. (OSV) 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**

2:00 AM SATURDAY **1:00 A.M. FRIDAY**

8:00 PM SATURDAY

HELP FOR RCIA

The RCIA is looking for people to help just a little bit. We need volunteers to help with the snack at break-time. This is one small way that we (the community they may join) show them that we care about them and are praying for them in their journey. We ask that you provide something for their 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 our 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: memsymary@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. Many hands make for light work, please help. Thanks.

—Deacon Dave Erdmann

GOSPEL OF LIFE**Prayer of *Evangelium Vitae***

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
 Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life
 Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers
 of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
 of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,
 of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
 Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life
 with honesty and love to the people of our time.
 Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel
 as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
 throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it
 resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will,
 the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God,
 the Creator and lover of life.

Pope John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 PM in the rectory basement. All are welcome!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 24-30

Monday—Wednesday

8:00 AM/8:20 AM

Garrett Mohn, Jack Murphy

Thursday-Friday

8:00/8:20 AM

Maria Moore, Preston Njapa

Saturday, October 29, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Taylor Loftus, Erin Monroe, Jesse Nicoletta

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Isabel Figueroa, Grace Stannard, Johanna Toomey, Marge O'Keefe, Colleen VonDeBur

Gospel of Life Icon: Jim and Annette McDermott Family

Vocation Chalice: Mark and Beth Henderson Family

Sunday, October 30, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Val Simhauser

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Walker, Mary F. Conwill, Dave Langston, Phil Graham, Nancy Smith

Sunday, October 30, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Patrick Fitzgerald

Servers: Brent Parquette, Reese Parquette, Tristan Cano Nelson

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, George Rudis, Jr., Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL, Janine Feller, Rose Amon, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Kathy Harth, Larry Newell

Sunday, October 30, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Suzanne Miller

Servers: Patric Belz Laura Hanselman

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Clarida, Rita Keys, James Keys, Lisa Belz, Lynn Frasco, Barbara Erdmann, Sally Petrone, Andrea Judd

NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Auction – The Oktoberfest Auction was an amazing evening and a successful fundraising event. Thank you to Dana Kinion and the Auction Committee for all of their work. Many thanks also to our patrons, sponsors and numerous friends in the parish and business community for the wonderful donations.

Auction “Big Raffle” – Congratulations to our Big Raffle Winners that were awarded at the Auction! Kim Firilas won the \$1,000 Grand Prize, Rita Bertmann was the \$600 winner, and Timmy Ryan won the \$400 prize. Thanks to all who participated!

IRA Rollovers to Charities Set to Expire – Special tax code provisions that allow persons older than 70 ½ years of age or old, to make tax-free gifts from their IRA accounts directly to charities will expire on December 31, 2011. Taking advantage of this provision allows one to fulfill the obligation to take a yearly IRA distribution, avoid taxes they would otherwise pay, and support the non-profit organization of their choice. Please contact your tax advisor for further information.

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.

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,229,512.50
Total Cash Received	\$3,594,265.22

JUNIOR CYCLONES WRESTLING

Junior Cyclones Wrestling Club invites students, grades 1-8, to learn scholastic wrestling. No previous experience is necessary. Wrestle kids your own age and weight. The Club season runs from November to March. Practices are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00-7:30 pm at SHG. For more information, call Doug Ludolph at 816-3931.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection

October 9, 2011	\$19,446.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00

ACSA

Parish Assessment	\$128,143.00
Parish Pledged (22 %)	\$ 28,730.00