



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Twenty-Sixth 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, September 26

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Charlotte Diss

Tuesday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** George & Helen Zeigler

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Bob Bice
Eileen Ochman

Friday, September 30, Saint Jerome

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Leon Martin

Saturday, October 1

- 7:00 AM Dennis Price (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ Confessions 3:00—4:00 PM
- ✕ 4:30 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, October 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ 7:00 AM Mary Edna Kramp
- ✕ 8:30 AM Louis Gietl
- ✕ 10:30 AM Bruno Baksys

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, 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 Bernardy, David Neale, Becky Figge, Midge Ward, Toni, Angie Henderson, Angel, Alyssa, Barbara, Beth, Bonnie, Donna Braun, Danielle Loftus, Bill Forsyth, Elaine Grace, Joe, Mary Swartz, 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,

The Illinois bishops, along with the Catholic Conference of Illinois, have asked us to make parishioners aware of the following:

On August 3rd, the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued “interim final rules on preventive services.” These rules include two highly objectionable provisions. The first is a mandate that all private health care plans must cover prescription contraceptives approved by the FDA (including drugs that can cause chemical abortions such as Ella), surgical sterilizations, and related patient education and counseling. This mandate in the rules is previously unprecedented in federal law. The rule undermines the prohibition on requiring coverage for abortion in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Weldon Amendment, the Church Amendment, and conscience protections in Medicare, Medicaid, and federal employee health benefits program. In other words, the rule reverses a generations old bipartisan consensus to protect religious freedom and right of conscience in health care matters.

The second objection is that the rule offers only a very narrow exemption to religious employers. There are no protections offered to health care insurers, practitioners, or purchasers, and individuals are offered no conscience protections. The only religious entity that could qualify under such rules is one completely withdrawn from public life. If organizations even serve people of different faiths and/or hire people of different faiths, they would not qualify. You can see the dilemma this would cause for many Catholic-affiliated institutions as well as other religious groups. Our faith motivates us to serve the public good. One only has to recall Jesus’ parable on the Good Samaritan to be reminded of our calling to love our neighbor.

In the past, the free exercise of religion has been protected by conscience exemptions to mandates concerning abortion, contraception, and sterilization. These new rules would dismantle many existing state and federal laws as well as protections stated in the first amendment of the constitution. The rule should be rescinded. Failing that, it should be revised to include a more inclusive definition of religion and broader conscience protection.

The Department of Health and Human Services has called for public comments to be submitted on these rules by September 30th (this Friday). The bishops of Illinois have already done so. If you wish to find out more or add your comment, you can do so by going to www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org. It will provide the addresses and more detailed information. Religious freedom is a principle deeply rooted in our nation and our law. Rules or laws that limit or compromise the practice of one’s religious beliefs cannot be tolerated if religious freedom is to be just that. I encourage you to study the issue and let your voice be heard, so that all may live in a society where they are free to live by the religious beliefs they hold dear.

Father Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Graciella Rose Brooks, daughter of Bradley and Betsy Brooks

MARRIAGE BANNES

Charles Fagan and Catherine Finn plan to wed October 1, 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED

Benjamin LaFata and Rebecca Drainer
John Russell Weakley and Kathryn Elizabeth Maggio

BAKE SALE FOR PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

The 2nd Grade Brownie Girl Scouts will hold a bake sale after all masses THIS weekend to support the Pregnancy Care Center in Springfield.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

The informational meeting for the Parish Pilgrimage to Italy was held last Wednesday. Several from our Parish have made the commitment to go, but there is plenty of room for more. Remember, this trip is not only for the musicians in the parish, but for all those who long for a spiritual journey.

The registration has been extended to Oct. 9 for those who are still considering. If you are in need of an application, or have questions, please call Jody at the church office. The dates of the trip are Sunday, June 24- July 3. We will visit Venice, Assisi, Lucca and Rome. The choir will sing 3 concerts along the way (Venice, Lucca and Rome) and 2 liturgies, one at the Assisi Basilica and the other at the Vatican. Father Jeff will be with us and daily Mass will be said. We hope you will join us for this amazing experience.

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.

BOOK FAIR

Please stop by the School Scholastic Book Fair after Masses this weekend and/or during the school day this coming week. Proceeds from the Book Fair support our school library and help us purchase books, supplies, and reading tests. Thank you!

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL AUCTION NEWS CORNER

Please join us for the Annual Auction on October 8, an enjoyable evening filled with good friends, delicious food, and fantastic items and packages to bid on! If you will be joining us for dinner your reservations must be made in advance as no dinner tickets will be sold at the door. However, auction only tickets will be available at the door for \$15 each. Many gracious thanks to Fritz's Wagonwheel, Sebastian's, Lake Pointe Grill and Cafe Moxo for being our dinner sponsors.

The Auction has joined the World Wide Web! You can now go to www.bssbruins.org to find the link to our new auction website. Please visit the site where you will be able to make and pay for your reservations, purchase raffle tickets, make a donation and view the latest items and packages donated. You can even leave an absentee bid for both live and silent auctions if you are not able to join us at the auction. Visit the site often for the latest Auction News!

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.

RESPECT LIFE MASS AND ROSARY WALK

The Diocese will hold its annual Respect Life Mass with Bishop Paprocki at 9:00 AM at Holy Family Church in Granite City with a 10:00 AM Rosary Walk and Prayer Vigil at the Abortion Clinic. Please join priests and Catholics around the diocese to pray for an end to abortion. Dr. Calvin Bell is the featured speaker.

PUBLIC ROSARY PRAYER

America Needs Fatima organization will pray the rosary all over the world on Saturday, October 15 at noon. The Springfield location will be the capitol steps in front of the Lincoln statute at 2nd and Capitol Streets, or inside the capitol if inclement weather. Please bring your rosary and pray with us for a peaceful rosary crusade. If you would like to volunteer to lead a decade or if your choir would like to lead us in singing between decades, call Harold at 341-4891 or Donna at 622-8576.

RCIA & PSR UPDATES

RCIA & PSR are rolling. The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the way that those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are able to do so. If, after they have learned enough to make an informed decision, they wish to enter fully into the Church, the RCIA can accomplish that for them. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes began this past Wednesday. Classes 1st through 9th offer religious instruction for those students attending public schools and support faith development at home. PSR for Exceptional Students classes begin Wednesday, September 28. All three programs are still accepting new people. Simply call the parish office at 528-7521 and tell them you wish to enroll. They will put you in touch with the right person.

JOB OPENINGS

St. Joseph's Home: Part-Time Dietary Position and Full-Time Laundry/Housekeeping Position—Call 529-5596
Companion for early onset Alzheimer's individual for activities and errands in Springfield. Call Helen at 670-2897.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF SEPT 25-OCT 2

Monday—Wednesday

8:00 AM/8:20 AM

Aanise Sajna, Taylor Loftus

Thursday-Friday

8:00/8:20 AM

Kendra Ward, Reanna Ward

Saturday, October 1, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Ed Hart

Servers: Josh Bluhm, Joel Henderson, Davy Morehead

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Colleen VonDeBur, Dan Schuering, Patricia Clarida, Ken Dobucki, Isabel Figueroa, Marty Mosley, Rosemary DiNello

Sunday, October 2, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy

Servers: Christian Gatewod, Brandon Gatewood

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, Johanna Toomey, Rose Amon, Phil Graham, Nancy Smith

Sunday, October 2, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Laurie Mann

Servers: Alex DeLeon, John Drake, Andrew Hoffmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Grace Stannard, Lynn Frasco, Andrew Adams, Marge O'Keefe, Janine Feller, Larry Newell, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL

Sunday, October 2, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Donna Moore

Servers: Kate Healy, Mary Helen Healy, Ace Keeley

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Erdmann, MaryAnn Gorney, Sally Petrone, Andrea Judd, James Keys, Rita Keys, Lisa Belz, Lori Criscione

FLU SEASON

With Fall's arrival comes a reminder that it is almost time to get your flu shot to reduce your risk of getting the flu as well as spreading it to others. The flu is estimated to cause more than 36,000 deaths and 200,000 hospitalizations annually in the US. CDC now recommends influenza vaccinations for everyone age 6 months or older. It is especially important for people at higher risk of complications: pregnant women, young children, and older adults.

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.

SKATE FOR DANIELLE

The Land of Lincoln Hockey Boosters have organized a Skate for Danielle Event this weekend, September 23-25, at the Nelson Center. Teams from Chicago, St. Louis, and elsewhere will descend on our local ice rink to help Danielle. Admission is free and donations are welcome. All proceeds will go to the Caring Bridge Organization in Danielle's name. Caring Bridge has provided invaluable support and guidance to the Loftus family and so many others when crisis calls. Don't miss

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,230,792.50
Total Cash Received	\$3,514,698.56

this unique opportunity to support a great cause! Call Wayne at 720-7989 or email bsoady@gmail.com.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
September 11, 2011	\$16,373.50
Target Amount	\$23,500.00