



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, February 23, 2014**  
**7th 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, February 24**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Esther Kelly

**Tuesday, February 25**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Mary Ciccone

**Wednesday, February 26**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Roberta Beall
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, February 27**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Bob Baldoni

**Friday, February 28**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Ann Lust

**Saturday, March 1**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Mary Stenger  
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Scritchfield

**Sunday, March – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Truman Flatt
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Peter Hartung

**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line**

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

Please pray for the intention of : Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Jim Hickey, Ellen White, Barbara, Jan Jones, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Charles McGrath, Bernie Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Parish Growth.** Our parish is growing. During the months of December and January we registered over 20 new households. Growth is a sign of a healthy parish. If we believe we have something of value, we should be willing to share it with others. That is the way it is with faith. Good faith nourishes us and draws us closer to the Lord. Any parish looking to grow must begin with this. But growth won't necessarily follow. Getting the word out involves a plan and that plan is called evangelization.

A couple of years ago, Pope Benedict XVI announced a Year of Faith. It was a time for Catholics to consider their own commitment to Christ and to look at ways to share it. The year ran from October of 2012 through November of 2013. During that time, Blessed Sacrament established a committee to explore ways our parishioners could deepen their faith and invite others to join us. They were called the Evangelization Committee. Their task was not just to study evangelization, but to come up with some practical suggestions as to how we could better accomplish this in our parish. One thing they all agreed upon is that the most important impression a parishioner or a visitor has about our church happens at the weekend Mass. So they began to look at ways our parish might be more inviting at Mass. Last week, at the parish council meeting, they presented us with five suggestions.

--Develop a greeting committee to work alongside the ushers. These greeters could welcome people as they enter church and answer questions that would put visitors at ease. That first impression can make a big difference as to how one perceives a parish.

--Place a white board in the vestibule that would highlight some upcoming events in the parish. Studies show that only about 20% of the parish reads the bulletin. This board would be another way of reminding and inviting people to parish events.

--Encourage parishioners to be welcoming. They presented us with a bookmark that could be placed in the pews with the message: A welcoming parish is full of people who smile, make room in the pew, sing and pray the liturgy, respond to the needs of others, and introduce themselves. These bookmarks could remind and challenge us in our role of hospitality.

--Develop visitor packets that could provide more information about the parish for those who were interested.

--Ask Father (me) to welcome visitors (and for that matter, all parishioners) in the greeting at Mass.

All these things are small yet, when put together they can make a big difference in our parish. It can create a spirit that attracts others. The evangelization committee will continue to implement and monitor not only these suggestions but others that can help us grow. I am grateful for the work they are doing and excited about the challenges they put before us. For I know that Christ sends us out to share the Gospel and I think this committee can give us some practical steps as to how to do this.

Fr. Jeff

**OUR PARISH FAMILY****Pray for our Recently Departed:**

Sally J. Regan-Hatfield

**Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:**

Elijah David King, son of Zachary and Patricia King  
Gail Irene Pilbean, daughter of Ryan and Katherine Pilbean

**School Notes:**

**Sunday, Feb. 23**-8:30am Mass Enrollment Sunday for the 8th Grade Confirmation candidates

**Monday, Feb.24**-3:00pm-Fine Arts Evening tryouts

**Monday, March 3**-Registration packets sent home with current BSS students.

**Tuesday, March 4**-Mardi Gras Carnival

**Monday, March 17**-Registration packets due back.

**School Registration:** Once again, the Catholic grade schools in Springfield are holding a common registration period for the 2014-2015 school year for preschool through eighth grade students. Registration period begins on Monday, March 3, with registration packets being sent home with current students. We will have call-in registration for Pre K and Kindergarten once again. The call-in for kindergarten will begin and 9:00am on Monday, March, 3. The call-in for preschool will begin at 9:00am on Tuesday, March 4. Different this year will be that parents of our current preschool students will have the opportunity to indicate their preferences for kindergarten or preschool the week before registration begins.

**Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Bible Study.**

This in-depth study of Matthew's Gospel shows how Jesus builds on the foundation laid in the Old Testament to inaugurate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Countless references tie the reader back into the story and show Jesus to be the fulfillment of all that the Hebrew Scriptures points. The Spring session of this study begins on Tuesday, March 4th at 6PM in the Rectory Basement. To register or for more information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335..

**Save the date!** Friday, March 21, 7:30pm here at Blessed Sacrament Church. Come celebrate Bach's Birthday with—**Go for Baroque** music of Pergolesi, Bach & Marcello. Diane Dietz, soprano, Jody Kienzler, Mezzo-Soprano, Dale Thomas Rogers, Organ, Krista Steller, Oboe. There will be a free will offering. A portion of the proceeds will be given to St. Martin de Porres Center.

**Girl Scout Sunday** is next Sunday, March 2. The Girl Scouts will attend the 8:30am Mass. They will serve coffee and donuts after the 8:30am Mass in the School Cafeteria. Please join them!

**Gospel according to Matthew** presented by Rev. Richard Chiola & Madonna Jones, five Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 16, & April 2, 9, St. Francis Cabrini Parish Center. 10 Hours Catechist Formation Credit. \$15 pre-registration, \$20 onsite. To register contact Chris Malmevik, 698-8500.

**The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)** is offering four (4) \$500 scholarships to Catholic Female High School Seniors. Application requirements are posted in the vestibule. Applications must be postmarked by March 20, 2014.

**55th Annual SHG Mostaccioli Dinner** will be held Sunday, March 2, at SHG's West Campus from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to the delicious food, the dinner will feature a cash raffle with top prize of \$10,000. Thank you for your support of SHG!

**40 Days for Life**-From March 5th through April 13th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood, 1000 E. Washington. We hope you will join us in praying and fasting on behalf of the unborn. For more information call Springfield Right to Life 523-5700 or you can register by visiting our web page [www.40daysforlife.com/springfield-il](http://www.40daysforlife.com/springfield-il)

**Our Ladies of Lourdes Parish, Decatur, Illinois** has an opening for a Principal in their Catholic Elementary School, Pre K-8th Grade, 240 students. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic who evidences knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. A letter from the applicant's pastor is required. Must have a master's degree or further in school administration and have state certification in both teaching and administration. Salary is negotiable. Large parish with 1200 registered families, very active. Applications must be received no later than March 14, 2014 to be considered. Please send resume to: Search Committee, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes, 3850 Lourdes Drive, Decatur, Illinois 62526 or [frick@ololchurch.com](mailto:frick@ololchurch.com).

**ADORATION HOURS**

Time now for a PACT with Jesus: **P**etition for the blessings you want. **A**doration for Who He Is. **C**ontrition for your sins, and **T**hanksgiving for the blessings you are experiencing now. The Adoration Chapel is a great place for this prayer. A scheduled time is better! Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaiianis at 415-3281, if you want some more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY  
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY  
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY  
7:00 A.M. MONDAY  
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY

1:00 A.M. TUESDAY  
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY  
1:00 A.M. FRIDAY  
2:00 A.M. FRIDAY  
4:00 P.M. FRIDAY  
2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

**Men's Club Fish Fry** organizational meeting to plan Fish Fries on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria.

**Diocesan Youth Conference** for high school teens and their youth ministers is February 28-March 1 at Lake Williamson Christian Conference Center in Carlinville. The week end includes a keynote session with Sal Solo, a former pop star, now Catholic speaker and musician. Breakout sessions help teens learn how to seek God's kingdom in a variety of contexts. The weekend closes with Mass with Bishop Paprocki. Details are posted on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org/youthministry/dyc](http://www.dio.org/youthministry/dyc).

**Calvary Spring Cleanup:** Please remove any decorations that you would like to save by March 18th. ALL decorations will be removed during the period of March 19th-31st. The crew will begin collecting decorations early morning on March 19th and then, weather-permitting, clean remaining leaves, tree debris, etc., as well as mow these areas before decorations are replaced beginning April 1st. Spring/Summer decorations may be placed beginning April 1st. The clean-up notice signs on the gates will be removed as soon as the clean-up is complete. Please do not leave decorations prior to the signage being removed as it will only take more time for the crew to remove it to access the area. If you have any questions or concerns please call 523-3726.

**Save the Date:** The Springfield Deanery is sponsoring a Catholic Mission on March 23 --25, 7PM, at Christ the King Parish, Preached by Rev. Ferd Cheri, OFM, Director of Campus Ministry at Quincy University.

**Pancake & Sausage Day:** Today, Sunday, February 23rd from 8:00am-1:00pm at Sacred Heart Church in Virden. Adults \$6, children 6-12 -\$3, and children under 5 are free. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Don't miss their specialty—blueberry pancakes!!

**Relics Display:** A display of Sacred Relics will be available for Veneration at Sacred Heart Church Hall in Virden on Saturday, March 1 from 4:30-6:30pm and Sunday, March 2 following the 10:30am Mass until 2pm.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24-28****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Andrew Mauntel-Blake Mizer

**Thurs.- Friday**

Gabrielle Njapa-Maggie O'Brien

**Saturday, March 1, 4:30PM****Lector:** Jim McDermott**Servers:** Jack Murphy, Gabrielle Njapa, Preston Njapa Njehua**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Mophew, Janine Feller, Larry Newell, Joseph Stannard II, Lynn Frasco, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher**Sunday, March 2, 7:00am****Lector:** Ginny Schofield**Servers:** Ethan O'Connor, Brandon Graham**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phil Graham, Ann Walker, Dave Langston, Riley Hinds, Pat Sheehan**Sunday, March 2, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Mary B. Maloney**Servers:** Jacob Coady, Haley Londrigan, Maggie O'Brien**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bradley Frost, Mike Delvo, Colleen VonDeBur, Anne Capestrain, Scott Reimers, Marh Ushman, Paricia Clarida, Kathy Harth**Sunday, March 2, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Shawn Rotherham**Servers:** Max Beard, Rick Rotherham, Maggie Haugh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Erdmann, James Dodge, MaryAnn Gorney, Lisa Belz, Cynthia Lamar, Mary Tuttle, James Keys, Rita Keys

**Butler Funeral Home** is presenting An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation & Advance Planning on Thursday, February 27th, at MCL Cafeteria, from 8:30-10:30am. Join them for a complimentary breakfast buffet and a brief, open discussion. For more information or to make reservations please call 544-4646.

**Help Support St. Patrick Catholic School students** by attending the Blarney Bash fundraiser, March 14th, 5:30-8:30pm, at the LRS Hangar. Entertainment includes the Shenanigans Band, Irish dancers, Leprechaun costume contest, raffles, auctions, and Dick Levi's collection of cars and motorcycles. Tickets \$25, \$40/couple. For more information go to [www.st-patrick.org](http://www.st-patrick.org).

**SDCCW April Retreat** will be held on April 2-3, 2014 at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat Center, 1903 E. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield. For women who wish to attend, Registration Forms are available in the pamphlet racks located in the vestibule of the church.

Patricia Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Springfield 698-8500

### Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,980,949.59</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 419,050.41
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 2,446.50

### STEWARDSHIP

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

#### Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, February 9, 2014	\$17,956.50

#### **ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 1/29/2014)	\$65,174.54
Amount Remaining	\$57,449.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	