



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, February 2, 2014
Presentation of the Lord



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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 3

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Special Intention

Tuesday, February 4

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Marilyn Mason
Rita Bramlet

Wednesday, February 5

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Maria King-Peters
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, February 6

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Rita Bianco

Friday, February 7

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Richard Beger
Madaline Hughes

Saturday, February 8

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Edith & Leonard Berry

Sunday, Feb. 9– 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Barb McCabe-Fogel
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Ann Lust
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

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, Jean Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. It marks the day on which Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple for the traditional rite of redemption. In Mosaic Law, it was required that forty days after birth, a first born son must be redeemed by the sacrifice of either a lamb or, if the family was poor, a pair of turtledoves or pigeons. Jesus' parents offered the latter. This event is told in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, verses 22-40. The feast is one of the oldest feasts celebrated in the church. There are sermons written for the feast in the early fourth century that still remain. In these very early times places like Jerusalem would celebrate the feast on February 14th. This marked forty days following Epiphany, which was the day many Christians celebrated Jesus' birth. In the fifth century the feast began to be celebrated in Rome and the western church. Since the church in Rome celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25th, the Presentation was celebrated on February 2nd.

The name of the feast has changed over the centuries. The oldest name used seems to be "The Feast of the Meeting." Later names included Candlemas and The Purification of Mary. The present title, the **Feast of the Presentation**, became official about 1970. The feast was rather popular during the Middle Ages, when the custom of blessing and processing with candles became part of the rite. Since Jesus was the light of the world, processing with candles into the church symbolized the entrance of Jesus into the temple. By the tenth century, formulas for prayers and blessings of candles can be found in the ritual books used at the time.

The day also became important in the secular calendar. It was the last day for removing Christmas greenery or decoration. In some places it marked the last cold day of winter. In other places it was the day on which livestock was removed from fields that were to be plowed and planted for the coming year. In Scotland, it still remains as a "quarter day", a day when debts are paid and court is in session. Even the quirky tradition of groundhog's day is based on Candlemas. In France there is a tradition of eating crepes on this day and in Mexico the traditional food is tamales. Many countries and communities have traditions that mark the fortieth day following the birth of Jesus.

Today our church continues to celebrate this feast that recalls Jesus' first appearance in the temple. Our scripture, our music, our liturgy all recall Jesus as the light that will lead us to God's kingdom. May we never forget to follow the light and may the light of Christ always shine bright in our hearts.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:
Charlotte Elizabeth Jarmer, daughter of Mark & Christine Jarmer

Congratulations to our Newly Married:
Kalib Brown & Amanda Winters

Pray for our Recently Departed:
Norman Soler
Vivian Kirby
Sr. Mary Dougherty
Rev. Roger Simpson
Pamela Lemoine
Dorothy Myerscough

School Notes:

Sunday, Feb. 2– Boy Scout Sunday
Tuesday, Feb. 4– 9:00-10:00am –Leap into Kindergarten for potential Fall 2014 kindergarten students and their parents
Friday, Feb. 7– PSA Spirit Day \$1
 2:00pm –First Friday Benediction
Tuesday, Feb. 11– 8:20am—All School Mass
Wednesday, Feb. 12 1:30pm—Early dismissal for Faculty Meeting

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. 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. Closer to the date, more specific details will be published in the parish bulletin.

Mardi Gras Party to benefit the Annual Fund will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 7-10pm. Music will be provided by the local band, Black Magic Johnson, and Cajun food, along with assorted beverages will be served. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event please call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534, ext. 206.

KC Council #364 thanks you for your generous support of their Baby Bottle Campaign for the Lifetime Pregnancy Help Center. If you would still like to donate to this worthy endeavor, you may bring your baby bottles to the Parish Office during the week from 8am-4pm.

Coffee & Donuts: Today is Boy Scout Sunday. The Boy Scouts will be serving Coffee and Donuts after all the Sunday Masses, today, February 2nd.

St. Vincent De Paul Society will meet this Tuesday, February 4th, at 6:30pm, in the Rectory Basement.

Thank you for your generous donation to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift will ensure that present and future generations will have the opportunity to deepen and share their faith. Your support helps ensure adequate catechesis and lay leadership programs, along with strong formation for seminarians and religious. Thank you for taking this opportunity to share your faith.

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..

St. John's Breadline-Feb. 8-Blessed Sacrament parishioners provide food and service to St. John's Breadline on the second Saturday of every month. We are in need of help Saturday, February 8th. We need parishioners to make sloppy Joes and bring potato chips. We also need 1 or 2 more servers that day from 10:15am-12:45pm. Please contact Donna at 622-8576 for the recipe and more information. Thank you for your generosity.

Calling all musicians!! Our adult choir, CHORALE, would like to reach out to all those in our community who enjoy singing and have had some experience in high school, church, or college choirs and miss it, yet do not want to sing every week. We have a solution. **Beginning this Wednesday, February 5th and every 1st Wednesday, from 7-9pm in the Music Room,** we are inviting newbies to practice with us and then sing the 10:30am Mass on the second Sunday of the Month. Come and sing with us. Help us bring beautiful music to enhance our worship.

Monday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed at the 8:00am Mass.

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 Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want some more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	3:00 A.M. TUESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. SUNDAY	4:00 P.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. TUESDAY	

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.

Eight-week study on developing Catholic Prayer to be held at Christ the King Parish Center, beginning Thursday, February 6th thru Thursday, March 27th, from 9:15-11:00am. Childcare is available for a small donation. All are welcome, this is a perfect study for a beginner! Participants will receive a workbook containing specific scripture passages to pray each day, along with space to keep a prayer journal. Cost of the materials is \$18. A short DVD presentation will be given with discussion following. For more information or to sign up contact Kristin Luker at 546-4959.

K of C Breakfast: All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, February 9th from 8am-Noon at the K of C Springfield Council 364 on Meadowbrook. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12. The proceeds will benefit Illinois Law Enforcement's Torch Run for Special Olympics. For questions, call 787-2360.

Bishop Kevin Vann will be the keynote speaker at **WDCR 88.9FM Catholic Radio's** Annual Dinner. The Dinner will be held on February 18th, 5:30pm at the Decatur Conference Center, 191 US 36 West, Decatur, Illinois. Cost is \$50 per person. To make reservations or for more information please call 217-464-1099.

Attention High School Senior Girls: On Saturday, February 8th & Sunday, February 9th, the Dominican Sisters of Springfield will be hosting a "Girls Night In" at Sacred Heart Convent. The weekend consists of prayer, vocations stories, journaling, a sister buddy, a movie, games and other activities. They will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday and be together until Noon on Sunday, All high school senior girls are invited to attend. If you have questions email Sr. Teresa Marron, OP at srteresa@spdom.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3-8****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Jack Allen-Max Beard

Thurs.- Friday

Jacob Coady-Nick DePooter

Saturday, Feb. 8, 4:30PM**Lector:** Steven Scheufele**Servers:** Ben Scheufele, Maya Dye, Jacks Hyde**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Colleen VonDeBur, Sally Petrone, Jim Morphew, Ed Schofield, Rosemary DiNello**Sunday, Feb. 9, 7:00am****Lector:** Sandy Etheridge**Servers:** Brandon Gatewood, Christian Gatewood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Phil Graham, Ann Walker, Kathy Grubb**Sunday, Feb. 9, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Tom Karaianis**Servers:** Emma Smith, Rachael Loftus, Taylor Loftus**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Newell, Bradley Frost, Mike Delvo, Janine Feller, Scott Reimers, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer, Andrew Adams**Sunday, Feb. 9, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Donna Moore**Servers:** Louis Criscione, Michael Dailey, Noah Finch**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrea Judd, Rick Campbell, Dan Schuering, Lisa Belz, Lori Criscione, Pat Graham, Don Graham, Jo Stannard, III

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.

Mystery Dinner Theater : K of C Council #364 and St. Agnes Young at Heart Club are co-sponsoring a Mystery Dinner Theater on Saturday, February 15th at 6:00pm in St. Agnes Parish Hall. The theme is *The Demise of the Bandits*. The cost is \$24 which includes a full Italian dinner, dessert, coffee, tea, wine and soda. All profits go to support the ultrasound project at a local pregnancy help center. For more information or to make a reservation please call Sue Hartl by February 5th at 787-5849

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,965,172.93</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 434,827.07
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4,099.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, January 19, 2014	\$18,210.00

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 1/09/2014)	\$57,680.54
Amount Remaining	\$64,943.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	