



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, January 12, 2014**  
**The Baptism 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, January 13**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Ann E. Hasara Churchman

**Tuesday, January 14**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Special Intention of John Kupish

**Wednesday, January 15**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Jim Belz  
Families of Beger & Solomon
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, January 16**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Gene Costa  
Special Intention of Joe & Sandy Cavanagh

**Friday, January 17**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Cour & Dineen Families

**Saturday, January 18**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine  
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✘ **4:30 PM** Dorothy Corbett

**Sunday, January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✘ **7:00 AM** John & Mary Tweryon
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Special Intention

**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line**

Call Jean Quigley at 523-6573.

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, Melanie, Charles McGrath, Jean Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C.

Dear Parishioners,

**A Revolution of Tenderness.** In late November, Pope Francis issued his first apostolic exhortation entitled, **Evangelii Gaudium**, or in English, **The Joy of the Gospel**. With Thanksgiving and all the things leading up to Christmas, I had little time to give it a thorough reading. The document contains 47,560 words. My copy is 85 pages long with 217 footnotes. It leans heavily on the writings of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Yet Francis has his own style. It is not written in academic or technical language, but rather in a way that is easy to grasp and straight to the point. The pope challenges the hierarchy, the clergy and the laity to let the Gospel fill their hearts with joy and then to go out to others with that good news. Joy must be the charism by which we evangelize or interact with others.

He also mentions certain temptations that will inhibit this effort. One is the temptation toward defeatism which turns us into dissolitional pessimists or sourpusses. (Yes that is the term he uses.) We must trust in God's grace to overcome this fear. He also warns of those who promote a faith whose only interest is a certain experience or set of ideas meant to console or enlighten. Faith cannot simply be knowledge or feeling. A related temptation is the self-absorbed person who feels superior to others because he or she observe certain rules or remain faithful to a certain Catholic style. He says this "soundness of doctrine or discipline" leads not to evangelization but to analysis and classification of others. In other words, it is elitism.

As you can see, he is to the point and there is much to contemplate in his writing. Since the "new evangelization" is encouraging us to share our faith with others, this document has much to say about how to do it right. Pope Francis says we must open the doors of the church and open the doors of our hearts. He calls us not just to be mindful of the poor and marginalized, but to share with them the joy of the Gospel. We owe it to them. We owe it to Christ who commands us to go out to all the world. We don't go out as angels or even as saints, but as human beings filled with hope. We don't go out with force or fear or threats, but with compassion, understanding, and oh yes, joy. For to bring the Gospel to others is not simply an academic task, it is a relational one. That is what Francis is calling us to—to deepen our relationship with Christ and then to share it with others.

Pope Francis goes on to talk about other themes such as peace, social justice, homiletics, the family, faith and politics, ecumenism and interreligious dialogue, and the role of women and the laity in the church. All are concerns facing our church today and how we deal with them will indeed affect our ability to get the Gospel out to others. The pope's exhortation is not simply an academic exercise, but a heartfelt appeal for all of us to do something about the many brothers and sisters who are living without the friendship of Jesus Christ. He suggests a revolution of tenderness. He calls us all to join in the cause.

Fr. Jeff

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**Please pray for our Recently Departed:  
Christine Franz White**

**School Notes:**

**Sunday, Jan. 12-**Scout Pinewood Derby

**Monday, Jan. 13-**8:15am Leadership Assembly

**Thursday, Jan. 16-**Report Card Day !

**Monday, Jan. 20-**No school-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Sunday, January 26– Friday, January 31—**Catholic Schools Week

**Save the dates: 7th Annual Unity Run** will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2014, the first day of Catholic Schools Week. The three mile run (or walk) through the neighborhood will be followed by light refreshments in the cafeteria. The children's "run" will consist of an obstacle course in the gym prior to the adult event, along with crafts and activities. Please join us, snow or shine, for some exercise and great fellowship. For more information or to register please call Kim Hoffman at 522-7534, ext. 206.

**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.

**Nursery Care** for children ages 1-4 years of age is available during Sunday 10:30am Mass in our rectory basement. This is a great place for children to safely play and interact with each other while parents are at Mass. There is no monetary fee for this service. Participating parents are put on a rotating schedule to help with the care of the children (usually once every 6 weeks). Parents need to attend "Protecting God's Children" class. This is a perfect way to obtain service hours for the school year. If you are interested please contact Carrie Sluga 415-1898 or [carrie@sluga.net](mailto:carrie@sluga.net).

**Galatians Bible Study:** This fascinating letter from St. Paul reveals the merciful love that God the Father has for us, his children. It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and it explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love. Galatians: Set Free to Live, a Jeff Cavins program, will be offered on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm beginning January 7th in the rectory basement. To reserve your spot, or for more information, please contact Bob or

Connie Vincent at 523-4335.

**KC #364 Fall Baby Bottle Campaign** to purchase an Ultrasound Machine for the Lifetime Pregnancy Help Center was very successful. Blessed Sacrament will now work to raise money to assist with the various costs to operate and maintain the machine, to include an RV which will make it mobile. The baby bottles that were distributed last week end may be brought back and dropped into the baskets located at the church doors for week ends of January 18-19 and January 25-26 or they may be brought to the Parish Office during the week from 8:00am-4:00pm. For detailed information please see the KC Council #364 website <http://kofc364.com>. For further information contact Dcn. Dave or Barbara Erdmann at 522-4683.

**Annual Recommitment to Life Rally**, sponsored by the Springfield Right To Life Civic Committee, will be held January 19th, at 2:00pm in the State Capitol Rotunda. The rally commemorates the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. The keynote speaker will be Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue, who has been instrumental in closing numerous abortion clinics.

**Thank You** to all who participated in the Springfield Right To Life signature campaign last weekend. For those who missed it, and would like to participate please call the SRTL office at 523-7000 no later than Tuesday, January 14th, to be included in the Advertisement.

**Save the dates:** January, marks the fifth anniversary of the Latin Mass at Blessed Sacrament. To commemorate this anniversary, the 8:00am Latin Mass on Saturday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, will be a Missa Cantata, with Gregorian chant. Please join us for this beautiful and spirit-filled liturgy. Call Sean Dailey with any questions. 725-6006

**Blessed Sacrament Lending Library** with video titles from Jeff Cavins, Fr. Robert Barron, Christopher West and others, is ready for your use. To see a complete list of titles available please go to the Adult Faith Formation page of the Blessed Sacrament web site at <http://bsps.org/ministries/adult-faith-formation>. To donate a video contact Bob Vincent 523-4335. To check out a video call the Parish Office 528-7521.

**BUY SCHOOL SCRIPT!!!!!!!!!!**



**ADORATION HOURS**

Christmas 2013 is past; now, time for those New Year's Resolutions! Make one to ACT to grow your faith! Time spent in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is one, effective way to do this. Even better is to have a scheduled time-it assures it is a priority. 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	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	4:00 P.M. FRIDAY
12:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

**Adult Enrichment/ Catechist Formation Classes** are being offered by the Diocese. Three classes are being offered at 3 locations beginning in February 2014. For information on the classes, their dates and locations please see the flyers on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**Living in Love** a Retreat Weekend for married couples designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of Being in Love will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 18 & 19, at the Chiara Center, 3875 LaVerna Road, Springfield. Cost is \$150 per couple and this includes all retreat materials, meals and overnight accommodations. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. To RSVP, contact Bernadine Smith, at BSmith@dio.org or 321-1139.

**K of C Breakfast** –An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be held today, Sunday, January 12th from 8am-Noon at K of C Springfield Council 364. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, five and under are free. The proceeds will benefit United Cerebral Palsy of Land of Lincoln. For questions please call 787-2360.

**Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** is hosting their next retreat January 18–20 at Villa Maria Catholic Life Conference & Retreat Center on Lake Springfield for high school teens and older. For details please go to [Http://tecofspringfield.homestead.com/techome.html](http://tecofspringfield.homestead.com/techome.html).

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** (All You Can Eat) and Bake Sale, Sunday, January 19th at St. Joseph's Church, Chatham, from 8am-1pm. Adults \$5, Children (4 thru 11) \$3, Children under 4-Free. To benefit Local Food Pantries: (Chatham & Holy Family)

**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).

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF JANUARY 13-17**

**Monday-Wednesday**  
**8:00AM –8:20AM**

Elizabeth DeSalle-Emmy Doll

**Thurs.- Friday**

Brandon Graham-Jim Hollahan

**Saturday, Jan. 18, 4:30PM**

**Lector:** Ken Dobucki

**Servers:** Louis Yockey, Charles Yockey, Mary Kate Yockey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Reimers, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Sally Petrone, Andrea Judd, Janine Feller, Lori Criscione

**Sunday, Jan. 19, 7:00am**

**Lector:** George Rudis, Jr.

**Servers:** Brian Gatewood, Christian Gatewood

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Riley Hinds, Ginny Schofield, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Pat Sheehan

**Sunday, Jan. 19, 8:30 AM**

**Lector:** Jim McDermott

**Servers:** Maggie O'Brien, Blake Mizer, Tynan Madonia

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Newell, Colleen VonDeBur, Bradley Frost, Mike Delvo, Anne Capestrain, Kathy Harth, Patricia Clarida, Mark Ushman

**Sunday, Jan. 19, 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Suzanne Baase

**Servers:** Cole Taylor, Reid Taylor, Mikayla Hady

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Mophew, Rick Campbell, James Keys, Rita Keys, Lisa Belz, Lynn Frasco, MaryAnn Gorney, Barbara Erdmann

**Christ the King Over 50 Club** invites you to **JOURNEY THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI, June 21-23, 2014.** Journey back in time to the days when steamboats were the fastest, safest and most luxurious transportation in the country. Relax on the promenade deck and enjoy the wildlife, towering bluffs and historic river towns-experience Life on the River. Spend Saturday night in the charming river town of Le Claire, Iowa and then cruise to the quaint town of Port Dubuque, Iowa. After exploring the many sites of Dubuque, return to Le Claire Monday Evening. Round trip motor coach transportation to Le Claire is included. Please call 793-3733 for more information and to register.

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,953,943.43</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 446,056.57
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 98,005.43

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, December 29, 2013	\$25,065.50
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 3,779.00
First Offering	\$ 1,170.00

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 12/10/2013)	\$51,000.00
Amount Remaining	\$71,624.00
15% of our parishioners have contributed to date	