



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, January 19, 2014
Second 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, January 20

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Marian Graham

Tuesday, January 21

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Richard Senger
Willia Senger

Wednesday, January 22

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Loretta Isley
ALL SCHOOL MASS
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** John Giachetto
Kathryn Davis

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26—Third 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, Charles McGrath, Jean Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg

Dear Parishioners,

One of the big names in the news this past year was a man named Edward Snowden. His revelations about the amount and types of information the National Security Agency was able to collect and store reignited the debate about a person's right to privacy. How far does that go? Many feel the agency had overstepped its bounds, but at the same time they were concerned about public safety. Where do you draw the line? The discussion pointed out to me something I always suspected...the right to privacy is not an absolute right. There are legitimate reasons (such as the protection of life) that might supersede it. Yet many still argue that abortion is protected by one's right to privacy. Is abortion not a threat to human life?

Sometimes when people argue the question of abortion, they side-step the real issue and argue such issues as right to privacy and choice. However, neither of these is recognized as absolute values in our nation or any other nation. Some will side-step the issue by saying it is a religious issue and no one has the right to impose their religious values on another. Yet, is abortion only a question among Christians, or Moslems, or religious people? Is it not a human question? Is it not a question about basic human rights and respect? The real question is whether the unborn child is a separate, living, human being—and if so, does that person deserve to be protected by our law?

If one can answer no to this question and defend it, then abortion is legitimate. On the other hand, if the answer to this question is yes, then abortion is not legitimate. The burden of proof, however, belongs to those who are trying to change what history, medicine, and morality have been saying for many centuries—in other words, the pro-abortion group. The status of the unborn must never boil down to simply what one wants it to be.

This Wednesday marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. Yet the controversy continues and does not seem to be going away. We must always uphold life as the ultimate value (and for those of faith, the ultimate gift of God). We must work to defend it; and live to make life better for all.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Pray for our Recently Departed:
Ann Lust

School Notes:

Sunday, Jan. 19-7:00pm 8th graders leave for Washington, D.C. for Right to Life March

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

Wednesday, Jan. 22-8:20am-All-School Mass for Right to Life

Thursday, Jan. 23-8th graders return from Washington, D. C.

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

Sunday, Jan. 26-1:00pm-Unity Run

Monday, Jan. 27– Student Appreciation Day

Tuesday, Jan. 28– Faith Appreciation Day

Wednesday, Jan. 29– Parent Appreciation Day

Thursday, Jan. 30-Community Awareness Day

Friday, Jan. 31-Teacher Appreciation Day

7th Annual Unity Run will be held next 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.

Please Note: Mass this Wednesday, January 22 will be at 8:20am. It is an All School Mass

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 may be brought back and dropped into the baskets located at the church doors this week end, January 18-19 and next weekend, 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, today, 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.

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.

Please keep in your prayers our 8th graders and their chaperones and all the youth traveling to Washington, D.C. this week to participate in the Right To Life March.

Collection for Latin America Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges, including violence and lack of both clergy and lay leadership to witness to the gospel message. Your support shares the faith with those in need, including the youth of Holy Family Parish in San Miguel, El Salvador. These young people, at high risk for violence, often lack an education in values and critical -thinking skills. To address this need, the parish designed a youth enrichment program. Funded by the Collection, this program gives the youth an opportunity to share their faith and break the cycle of violence in their neighborhoods. Please give generously to next week's Collection.

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	12:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M.. TUESDAY	4:00 P.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
3:00 A.M. TUESDAY	

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.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (All You Can Eat) and Bake Sale, today, 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.

Butler Funeral Home is having "*An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation & Advance Planning*", on Thursday, January 23rd, from 12-2pm at MCL Cafeteria. Join them for a complimentary lunch buffet and a brief, interactive and open discussion. For more information and to make reservations please call 544-4646.

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.

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 \$50per person. To make reservations or for more information please call 217-464-1099

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

Jacks Hyde-Kyle Ingram

Thurs.- Friday

Ben Kroner-Rachael Loftus

Saturday, Jan. 25, 4:30PM**Lector:** Judy Kjellander**Servers:** Preson Njapa Njehua, Gabrielle Njapa, Grace McDonald**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, Ken Dobucki, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosely, Noreen Luhr, Rose Amon**Sunday, Jan. 26, 7:00am****Lector:** Val Simhauser**Servers:** Ben Kroner, Maggie Haugh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Phil Graham, Ann Walker**Sunday, Jan. 26, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Laurie Mann**Servers:** Garrett Mohn, Abby Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Delvo, Bradley Frost, Colleen VonDeBur, Larry Newell, George Rudis, Jr. Janine Feller, Scott Reimers, James Dodge**Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Melaney Arnold**Servers:** Alex Mauntel, Andrew Mauntel, Mary Helen Healy**Eucharistic Ministers:** MaryAnn Gorney Lynn Frasco, Rita Keys, James Keys, Jim Mophew, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Mary Tuttle

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St. Thomas Church, Newton, Illinois Annual Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, January 25th at 6:30pm at the Newton K of C Hall. Minimum \$10 donation per adult will go towards the new church capital campaign.

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>\$4,958,431.43</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 441,568.57
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4,488.00

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, January 5, 2014	\$18,044.00
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	