



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 1, 2015
Second Sunday of Lent



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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, March 2

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Christopher Young

Tuesday, March 3

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Bob O'Keefe, Sr.

Wednesday, March 4

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Midge Ward
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, March 5

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** Vivian Kirby
Ruth Kilker

Friday, March 6

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Dale Thull
- 5:30PM** Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

- 8:00 AM** Ed Bancroft
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Robert O'Keefe, Sr.

Sunday, March 8– Third Sunday of Lent

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
- ✕ **8:30 AM** George Egizii
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Reverence for the Image of God. “There is something about anonymity that brings out the worst in people.” If you don’t believe this, then read the blog following any article published on the internet. It seems that many people use these blogs to vent their frustration and anger. They attack not just ideas, but people as well. Their mean-spirited words are used to make others look ignorant, self-centered, rude, or mean. Ironically, the bloggers do not see these characteristics in themselves. Anonymity provides a means to promote an agenda or create an illusion of superiority. In truth, it becomes little more than a tool of disrespect.

I wonder how Jesus would have responded to blogs had they been around in his day. I can only imagine the comments that might have been posted following one of his miracles. What would they have said about healing the man born blind or forgiving the woman caught in adultery? What shots would these anonymous bloggers taken at Jesus as he hung upon the cross? Could this be the reason Jesus didn’t want people telling others about his healings...to keep them from hurting others by their words?

The disrespect and negativity of many of these blogs sadden me. Where they may have been designed to create dialogue, the truth is they inhibit constructive dialogue. They also expose a vicious and sinful strain of behavior that seems too prevalent in our society today. Where it is true that such anonymous and poison letters have been around for years, the presence of the internet does indeed complicate and even encourage such cowardly behavior.

I know the easiest way to deal with this is simply to ignore it...don’t read them...but that won’t make the issue go away. Where I cannot change it, I can remind each of us the importance of respecting others and teaching our families to do the same. Why is this so important? Because we are all made in the image of God. That is a dignity that each of us has and that no one has the right to destroy. We can disagree about the issues, but we do not have to make our disagreements personal attacks. Somehow we must help our society recapture a reverence and respect for all people...for how can we reverence God if we disrespect His image?

Fr Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Please pray for our Recently Departed:**

James Coady
Bernadette Costa

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Liam James Regan, son of James & Nicole Regan
Wyatt Lee Parker, son of Thomas & Amanda Parker

School News:

Sunday, March 1—Book Fair open after all Masses

Monday, March 2— Call in begins for 2015-2016
Preschool/preK classes

Tuesday, March 3— 9:00am—Call in begins for 2015-
2016 kindergarten class

9:30am Reconciliation for grades 2-5.

6:30pm—5th Grade Mother/Daughter evening

Thursday, March 5— 9:30am Reconciliation for
grades 6-8.

Friday, March 6—PSA Spirit Day

2:00pm— First Friday Benediction for grades 2-8

5:00-7:30pm— Men's Club Fish Fry

Registration for 2015-2016—Registration for Blessed
Sacrament School begins on Monday, March 2 with
registration packets being sent home with current
students. Call-in registration for pre-school parents is
Monday, March 2, beginning at 9am. Call-in
registration for kindergarten parents calling in Tuesday,
March 3 beginning at 9am.

Priest, Prophet, & King— Jesus is the Anointed One—
the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed
throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. In Fr. Robert
Baron's new DVD series, "Priest, Prophet, & King", we
will explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet,
and king and see how Jesus is the fulfillment of each
one. Throughout this experience you will better
understand who Jesus really is and also realize your
own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. This
program will be presented and discussed in the rectory
basement at 6:30pm, Tuesdays, February 24 (priest),
March 3 (prophet) and March 10 (king). For more
information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent
523-4335. This program is made possible by a
Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope grant and the
people of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Men's Club Fish Fries continue this Friday, March 6th
from 5-7:30pm in the School Cafeteria. All you can eat
Walleye \$7 or all you can eat shrimp \$8. Come join us
for good food and good company.

Please Pray for Our RCIA— Please remember our
candidates and catechumens in your prayers during
Lent. They have been meeting since September and
are now in the final time of discernment and prayer.
Their pictures are on a board in the vestibule so you
can see them and better understand for whom you
are praying. While not everyone can serve as a
sponsor or RCIA team member everyone can pray.

Girl Scout Sunday—The Girl Scout Troops from
Blessed Sacrament would like to invite parishioners to
help celebrate Girl Scout Sunday, March 8 at the
8:30am Mass. Donuts, coffee, milk and juice will be
provided after the Mass and all are invited. Girl Scout
Cookies will be available for purchase.

Mother's Rosary Group—If you are still looking to add
something to your prayer life this Lent consider joining
our Mom's Rosary group. We will meet in the rectory
basement on Tuesdays at 9:00am. Please feel free to
come with or without your children. For more
information and questions please call Morgan
Ambrose 726-9733 or Jane Cloyd 622-7796.

K of C Springfield Council 364 will be holding a
membership drive after all the Masses this weekend
February 28-March 1. If you are a man interested in
helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in
your faith or having access to top-rated insurance
protection for your family, then the Knights of
Columbus is the organization for you. Representatives
of Council 364 will be available to answer questions
and sign up those interested in joining.

St. Agnes Parish Auction is March 14th. Tickets are
still available for this fun event. Ticket are \$25 and
includes open bar and buffet. Call the rectory for
tickets 793-1330.

Calvary Cemetery Spring Clean-Up—Please remove
ALL decorations that you would like to save by March
15th. ALL decorations will be removed during the
period March 16th-31st. Spring/summer decorations
may be placed beginning April 1st. If you have any
questions please contact the cemetery office 523-3726

THANK YOU —For over twenty years the parishioners
of Blessed Sacrament have been providing a monthly
meal for the clients of St. John's Breadline. The need
for this service is great. Thank you to all who have
cooked meals and to those who continue to do so.

ADORATION HOURS

ULTIMATE BULLYING: Bullying occurs when the strong attack the weak. Abortion occurs when adults attack and kill a defenseless, pre-born child. Join 40 Days for Life in prayer during Lent, to end the killing of pre-born children in Springfield. More information is on the church bulletin boards. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want 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
 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY
 1:00 A.M. MONDAY
 12:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY
 2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
 1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 9:00 P.M. FRIDAY
 2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 1:00 P.M. SATURDAY

Are you a visitor to Blessed Sacrament? If you're visiting us today we're glad you're here. If you are considering Blessed Sacrament as your new spiritual home, or if you just want to know more about us, we have a packet of information we would like you to take home with you. Just ask any usher for a visitor's packet. You don't have to give us any information about yourself. Just ask an usher. No strings attached. Thank you for visiting Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop's Questionnaire on the Family— Bishop Paprocki has announced the launch of a questionnaire for use at the October 2015 Ordinary Synod of Bishops on the theme "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World." All of the Catholic faithful are invited to respond to the questionnaire. The responses will help inform Pope Francis and the Synod Bishops about the challenges faced by today's families and enable them to discuss & develop appropriate pastoral solutions. **The questionnaire will be available online through Sunday, March 1. The link on the diocesan website is www.dio.org.** The response from the Springfield Diocese will be shared with the USSB and then incorporated into a document that will be forwarded to the Vatican for use at the Synod.

St. Patrick Catholic School 2nd Annual Blarney Bash fundraiser is Friday, March 13th from 5:30-8:30 at the LRS Hangar at Capitol Airport. Tickets are \$30/person, \$50/couple, \$200/table of 10. Purchase your tickets online at www.st-patrick.org or call 523-7670. Green attire encouraged.

56th SHG Mostaccioli Dinner— is today, at SHG's West Campus from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to dinner will feature a cash raffle with a top prize of \$10,000.

Kof C 364 All You Can Eat Breakfast Benefit—Sunday, March 8, 8am-Noon. Benefits Catholic Charities St. Clare's Health Clinic. \$10 for adults \$5 for kids (6-12). For questions 787-2360

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MARCH 2-6****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Gabby Antonacci-Sophie Reimers

Thurs.- Friday

Maggie Allen-Mikayla Hady

Saturday, March 7, 4:30PM

Lector: Sandy Etheridge

Servers: Elizabeth DeSalle, Abby Pohlman, Mary Pohlman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Lisa Belz, Scott Reimers, Carol Gvazdinskas, Rosemary DiNello, Ed Schofield, Lori Criscione**Sunday, March 8, 7:00am****Lector:** Mike Goza**Servers:** Brandon Graham**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathryn Gietl, Phil Graham, Jackie Shafer, Dave Langston, Riley Hinds**Sunday, March 8, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Kevin Lust**Servers:** AJ Lust, Will Hanken, Maggie Haugh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Morphey, Bradley Frost, Patricia Clarida, Megan Greco, Janine Feller, Mike Delvo, Larry Newell, Andrew Adams**Sunday, March 8, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Judy Kjellander**Servers:** Danny Heffernan, Kevin Heffernan, Noah Kren**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, Mary B. Maloney, Barney Bruzetti, Carol Guthrie, Mary Tuttle, Andrea Judd, Barbara Erdmann, Lila Dilbaitis

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Steve, Peter Schofield, Phyllis Hawn, Amy Gatewood family, Rose Mann, Donna, Kari Elliott, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, Pam Smith, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brigid Gallagher, An-namae, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Liz, Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & shipmates

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance please call 698-4456

Lenten Devotion– Pray the Rosary before the 10:30am Mass, beginning at 10:05am.

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,231,022.83</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 168,977.17

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, February 15, 2015	\$34,632.01
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,984.00

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 2/3)	\$64,030.73
Amount Remaining	\$41,796.27

17% of our parishioners(229 families) have contributed