



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 22, 2015
Fifth 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 23

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Joe Cavanagh
Brian Joseph Madonia

Tuesday, March 24

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Barbara Steward

Wednesday, March 25

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** John Davidson & Mary Tweryon
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, March 26

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** Bill Calnan III

Friday, March 27

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Helen & Mary Ciccone
- 5:30PM** Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

- ✘ **7:00 AM** George Ann Martin
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Paul Beveridge
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

God's World, Not Ours. Are you an optimist or a pessimist? When it comes to our world, are you hopeful for the future, or fearful? There are many things indeed that can frighten us about our world—terror and violence, poverty and disease, the utter disrespect for life and the fair treatment of people. As you watch the news, it would seem that the secular view of the world is very pessimistic, one that offers little hope for the future.

Yet, the other day, as I was reflecting on the scripture for Mass, I read a passage from Isaiah where the prophet told the people...“there will always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create, for I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight.” (Isaiah 65:18) I wonder...what did he mean? It seemed strange to me that we should be hearing about rejoicing during the season of Lent. This is a time to reflect on our sins—our problem—and turn back to God. Yet, maybe he was indeed talking about our problems.

Israel had seen hard times. Isaiah wrote during the exile when Israel had been defeated and many of those who had not been killed were forced to leave their homes and live in a foreign land. Finally, when they were allowed to return, the task of rebuilding their cities and their lives seemed overwhelming. What if the economy failed? What if their enemies attacked? What if famine and disease should breakout? Would God stand by them? In truth, it really doesn't sound much different than the worries we face today. But that was the point of Isaiah's writing. The world was God's creation, not man's...and God's creation is good. God is and will be in charge of this creation.

Pessimists accept a worldly view of the future—one that seems to view humanity as being in charge. An optimist, on the other hand, is one who looks to the future with hope. He or she does not discount the problems we face, but realizes the solutions come from God. Perhaps that is indeed consistent with our Lenten theme for how often is it that our own reaction and solution to our problems only get us in deeper trouble. How often do we react out of fear rather than act out of hope?

A pessimist is one who fears the future. An optimist is one who hopes. If we believe God is in charge of our world, can we embrace any other way than that of hope?

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our recently departed:

John Picco
Kathryn Ray

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Astrid Rois Pieper, daughter of Robert & Brigetta Pieper

School News:

Sunday, March 22-9am-Noon-CultureFest

6:00pm Fine Arts Evening

Wednesday, March 25-First Communion Meeting for 2nd grade parents in church.

Friday, March 27-Mens's Club Fish Fry in the cafeteria.

Culture Fest will be held from 9am-Noon, today, Sunday, March 22. The 6th grade will have the Living Wax Museum from 9:30-10am and the 4th grade will have a recorder concert beginning at 10am. Both events are in the cafeteria. The day will end with a Fine Arts Evening in the cafeteria at 6:00pm. Please join us to see and enjoy the multiple talents of our Blessed Sacrament students.

The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club cordially invites all ladies of the parish to an Afternoon Tea and Baby Shower to benefit the Mini O'Bierne Crisis Nursery on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00pm. The tea and shower will be held in the school cafeteria. No charge for the event, but we do hope ladies will bring a baby gift to donate to the Crisis Nursery. A list of needs from the Crisis Nursery will be provided in an upcoming flyer. Traditional tea and refreshments will be served along with baby shower cake and games. Please join us.

Save the Date: The Annual Ladies Night Out will be Thursday, May 7. More details to come!!

Men's Club Fish Fries continue this Friday, March 27 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. This will be the last Fish Fry this year.

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.

Lenten Penance Service for Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes & Christ the King will be held this **Tuesday, March 24th** at 7PM here at **Blessed Sacrament**.

Mark your calendars!-HSHS St. John's Hospital will be hosting a Health Fair in the gym on Sunday, April 12th from 9:30am-12:30pm. Representatives will be available for health screenings, education, a health needs assessment, kids' activities and more! A healthy snack will be provided. Don't miss the chance to talk to local health professionals in your own parish.

Fill your Easter baskets-Blessed Sacrament School Band members will be taking orders for Pease's candy after all the Masses this weekend, March 21-22 to benefit the Catholic Grade School Band. Fill your Easter baskets and support the band program.

Our School Garden needs ongoing TLC and we are looking for parishioners who love to garden or teach about gardening. We received a grant from HyVee to expand our school garden. We will be adding raised beds to plant vegetables and herbs. We hope to bring the students to the garden more frequently for a close-up experience. Volunteers are needed in these areas: Classroom instruction in the garden, watering/weeding/maintenance during school and summer. Monetary donations or supplies are always welcome. Please contact Julie Roland at j.roland@comcast.net or 899-7800 to express your area of interest, your contact information and any gardening supplies you wish to donate.

SHG's Spring Musical, "The Addams Family" will be presented March 26-29. Tickets available by calling 787-1595, ext. 153 or at www.SHG.org. Congratulations to Blessed Sacrament graduates who are participating in the Musical: Sean Chapin, Sydney Compton, Grace Portz, Marisa Patten, Jack Londrigan, Erin Monroe, Anna Benoit, Albert Perlman, Emma Smith & Clare Stannard.

Join St. Joseph's Home for a night of fun and fellowship at Trivia Night 2015. The event will take place on Saturday, April 25th, from 7-10pm in the Christ the King Parish Hall. Cost is \$15 per person or \$100 a table. (tables limited to 8 individuals). Proceeds will benefit upcoming building improvements. To reserve your space call the Development Office at 529-5596.

Women's Day of Recollection, Thursday, March 26, Christ the King from 12:45-2:45PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, meditations and talk by priest from Opus Dei and period for silent adoration. Mother's Room available.

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	8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	9:00 P.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	6:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	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.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is continuing from 7am-7pm seven days a week until Palm Sunday in front on Planned Parenthood, 1000 East Washington Street. Those interested in participating in this 40 days vigil can sign up for a particular hour or a regular weekly hour by contacting: www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield#

Meals on Wheels-Blessed Sacrament Parish has been assigned to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of March 23-27. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Melanie Hallman 529-9461.

Theology On Tap is Thursday, March 26th at the K of C Hall on Lake Springfield, 141 North Lakewood Drive. Pizza will be provided. Doors open at 6:15pm. Drinks will be available for purchase. Fr. Seth Brown from the Cathedral will speak and answer questions about Holy Week. For more information, contact Nicholas Gray 309-253-7146 or graynicholasjohn@gmail.com.

Job Opening: Cafeteria Kitchen Manager for Christ the King Parish. Hours 7am-1:30pm, M-F when school is in session. Duties include, but not limited to, supervising kitchen staff, ordering and preparing food, planning menus meeting federal requirements, preparing yearly commodity order form and preparing food bid. Must complete the Food Service Sanitation Manager certification course. Experience recommended. Benefits included. If interested, send resume to Mrs. Patti Martin at martin@ctkcougars.com. Please feel free to email or contact Mrs. Martin at 546-3711 with any questions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MARCH 23-27****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Emmy Doll—Lily Klaves

Thurs.- Friday

Pat Kolis—Ben Kroner

Saturday, March 28, 4:30PM

Lector: Ed Hart

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Newell, Calvin Bell, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Lisa Belz, Colleen VonDeBur

Sunday, March 29, 7:00am

Lector: Mike Goza

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Graham, Kathryn Gietl, Pat Sheehan, Ann Walker, Michele Hinds-Greenwood

Sunday, March 29, 8:30 AM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Delvo, Patricia Clarida, Bradley Frost, Janine Feller, Scott Reimers, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman, Kathy Harth

Sunday, March 29, 10:30 AM

Lector: Donna Moore

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Morphew, Andrea Judd, Rick Campbell, Lynn Frasco, Rose Amon, Sally Petrone, MaryAnn Gorney, James Dodge

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Steve, Peter Schofield, Phyllis Hawn, Amy Gate-wood family, Rose Mann, Donna, Kari Elliott, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, Pam Smith, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brighid Gal-lagher, Annamae, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Rich-ard 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 Mere-dith, 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>\$5,252,164.50</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 147,835.50
Amount Received February 2015	\$ 21,141.67

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, March 8, 2015	\$24,124.00

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 3/9)	\$64,293.73
Amount Remaining	\$41,531.27

17% of our parishioners(232 families) have contributed to date