



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 2, 2014
8th 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, March 3

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Vincent & Emma Thull

Tuesday, March 4

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Special Intention to the Blessed Mother

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Nelle Clark
- 5:30PM** Dr. Norman Soler

Thursday, March 6

Confessions before Mass

- ✘ **8:00 AM** Lynn Remfer

Friday, March 7

Confessions before Mass

- ✘ **8:20 AM** Maryann Sgro
- 5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 9 –Firs Sunday of Lent

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Pauline Tolan
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Brian Joseph Madonia
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Helen Wernsing

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, Bernie Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Cindy B.

Dear Parishioners,

Lent 2014. This Wednesday (March 5th) is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. "He became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich." This passage from 2nd Corinthians is the theme Pope Francis has chosen to be the focus of our Lenten journey. It is the "real wealth" and not the "earthly wealth" that we must seek. How much time and energy do we spend seeking this real wealth? Lent is a time to refocus and recommit ourselves as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection. The Lenten regulations for fast and abstinence are:

Fasting. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid food between meals is not allowed.

Abstinence from meat. Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent.

The church no longer attempts to set Lenten penances in detail. However, each of us is expected to make Lent a season of Penance. This might include the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and charity (almsgiving). You are encouraged to choose practices suitable to your need.

Sacrament of Penance. I would encourage everyone to receive the sacrament of penance sometime during this season. It is offered each day about 20 minutes before Mass and on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. There will also be a parish penance service held in conjunction with St. Agnes and Christ the King Parishes on Tuesday, April 1st at 7 pm. This year it will be held at St. Agnes.

The parish will hold **Stations of the Cross** each Friday evening at 5:30 pm for all who would like to attend. We also have available the **Little Black Book**, put out by the Diocese of Saginaw, for those who are looking for a short daily meditation. **Rice bowls** are available for those who fast and then use the money they saved to help feed the poor.

Several rites for the RCIA, preparing them for baptism and reception into the church will be held during Lent. Please pray for them as they use this season to prepare for their initiation. Mark your calendar for the celebration of the Easter Triduum. These services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus and are the most important liturgical celebrations in the church's calendar.

You may wish to clip this letter and put it on your refrigerator as a reminder. Lent provides us many opportunities to refocus our lives and to prepare for the celebration of Easter. It will come whether we plan for it or not. However, for those who do plan and use this time wisely, it will make all the difference.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Pray for our Recently Departed:**

Rosalyn A. Bradley

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Jackson Murphy Dunlap and William Michael Dunlap,
 sons of Andrew & Stacey Dunlap
 Logan Thomas Selinger, son of Justin Selinger and
 Tiffani McCubbin

School Notes:

Monday, March 3-Registration packets sent home with current BSS students.

Tuesday, March 4-Mardi Gras Carnival.

Sunday, March 9— 9am-Noon— CultureFest throughout the school

6:00pm Fine Arts Evening in the Cafeteria

Monday, March 17-Registration packets due back.

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. The call-in for kindergarten will begin and 9:00am on Monday, March, 3. The call-in for preschool will begin at 9:00am on Tuesday, March 4. 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.

Thank you to Schnucks for the donation we receive each month through their eScrip program. We also thank all of our school and parish families who scan their eScrip card each time they shop at Schnucks. We have received over \$1400 so far this year. You can obtain an eScrip card at Schnucks or in the School or Parish Office. You will need to activate the card by calling Schnucks or visiting their website. The more supporters we have, the more dollars we will earn. Thank you for everything you do to enhance our educational efforts at BSS!

Mardi Gras Party was a great success. Thank you to the following sponsors of the event: Jack & Carrie Davis, Mid-America Advertising, and the Blessed Sacrament Men's Club. We are also grateful to the chef for the evening, David Senger, and his crew, who prepared a wonderful Cajun feast.

Planning on SHG?? Find out how affordable SHG can be for all!. Parents of students in all grade levels, in our school or PSR programs are invited to an

informational meeting on **Wednesday, March 19th** in the school cafeteria from **6:30-7:30pm** with **representatives from SHG as guest speakers.**

Topics include, prepaid tuition, grants, scholarships, scrip program, and internships. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. Plan to join us!

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..

Save the date! Friday, March 21, 7:30pm here at Blessed Sacrament Church. Come celebrate Bach's Birthday with—**Go for Baroque** music of Pergolesi, Bach & Marcello. Diane Dietz, soprano, Jody Kienzler, Mezzo-Soprano, Dale Thomas Rogers, Organ, Krista Steller, Oboe. There will be a free will offering. A portion of the proceeds will be given to St. Martin de Porres Center.

Girl Scout Sunday is today, Sunday, March 2. The Girl Scouts will attend the 8:30am Mass. They will serve **coffee and donuts after the 8:30am Mass** in the School Cafeteria. Please join them!

ACSA Report: Our most recent report from the Diocese shows that 17% of our parish members have pledged \$66,094.54 to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish assessment for this year is \$122,624.00. The balance at the end of June will be paid from parish funds. Please send a pledge card or a check to the Diocese to be applied to our account to minimize the cost to the parish. No amount is too small. Working together we can reach this goal!

55th Annual SHG Mostaccioli Dinner will be held, today, Sunday, March 2, at SHG's West Campus from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to the delicious food, the dinner will feature a cash raffle with top prize of \$10,000. Thank you for your support of SHG!

Masses for Ash Wednesday are : 8:20AM & 5:30PM

Stations of the Cross: Fridays on Lent at 5:30pm

Lenten Fish Fries begin on March 14th. More details in next week bulletin.

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
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY
7:00 A.M. MONDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY

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

Save the date: Tuesday, April 1st, 7:00pm, Lenten Penance Service for Blessed Sacrament, Christ the King and St. Agnes held at St. Agnes

Calvary Spring Cleanup: Please remove any decorations that you would like to save by March 18th. ALL decorations will be removed during the period of March 19th-31st. The crew will begin collecting decorations early morning on March 19th and then, weather-permitting, clean remaining leaves, tree debris, etc., as well as mow these areas before decorations are replaced beginning April 1st. Spring/Summer decorations may be placed beginning April 1st. The clean-up notice signs on the gates will be removed as soon as the clean-up is complete. Please do not leave decorations prior to the signage being removed as it will only take more time for the crew to remove it to access the area. If you have any questions or concerns please call 523-3726.

Save the Date: The Springfield Deanery is sponsoring a Catholic Mission on March 23 --25, 7PM, at Christ the King Parish, Preached by Rev. Ferd Cheri, OFM, Director of Campus Ministry at Quincy University.

40 Days for Life-From March 5th through April 13th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood, 1000 E. Washington. We hope you will join us in praying and fasting on behalf of the unborn. For more information call Springfield Right to Life 523-5700 or you can register by visiting our web page www.40daysforlife.com/springfield-il

Gospel according to Matthew presented by Rev. Richard Chiola & Madonna Jones, five Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 16, & April 2, 9, St. Francis Cabrini Parish Center. 10 Hours Catechist Formation Credit. \$15 pre-registration, \$20 onsite. To register contact Chris Malmevik, 698-8500.

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, March 9th, from 8am-noon at the Knights of Columbus Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free. The proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities' St. Clare's Health Clinic. For questions, call 787-2360.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MARCH 3-7****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Elise Antonacci-Noah Bright

Thurs.- Friday

Gabe Bonansinga-Nick Broeker

Saturday, March 8, 4:30PM**Lector:** Ken Dobucki**Servers:** Louis Criscionne, Alex Mauntel, Andrew Mauntel**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Janine Feller, Rose Amon, Lori Criscione, Rosemary DiNello, Ed Schofield**Sunday, March 9, 7:00am****Lector:** Val Simhauser**Servers:** Ethan O'Connor, Brandon Graham**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Ann Walker, Phil Graham, Michele Hinds Greenwood, Kathy Grubb**Sunday, March 9, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Judy Kjellander**Servers:** Jacob Coady, Haley Londrigan, Maggie O'Brien**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Delvo, Bradley Frost, Lynn Frasco, Larry Newell, Sally Petrone, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo, Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer**Sunday, March 9, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Suzanne Baase**Servers:** Max Beard, Rick Rotherham, Maggie Haugh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Ann Gorney, James Dodge, Barbara Erdmann, Jim Morphew, Rick Campbell, Andrea Judd, Don Graham, Pat Graham

Help Support St. Patrick Catholic School students by attending the Blarney Bash fundraiser, March 14th, 5:30-8:30pm, at the LRS Hangar. Entertainment includes the Shenanigans Band, Irish dancers, Leprechaun costume contest, raffles, auctions, and Dick Levi's collection of cars and motorcycles. Tickets \$25, \$40/couple. For more information go to www.st-patrick.org.

SDCCW April Retreat will be held on April 2-3, 2014 at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat Center, 1903 E. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield. For women who wish to attend, Registration Forms are available in the pamphlet racks located in the vestibule of the church.

Lenten Taize Prayer, Sunday, March 16th, 6:00pm, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 1020 N. Milton Avenue. Please bring a gift of food for the poor.

Springfield Deanery of the Councils of Catholic Women will be holding a Deanery Meeting on Tuesday, March 11th from 10am-Noon at Christ the King Parish Hall. All women from all the parishes in the Springfield Deanery are invited to attend.

Patricia Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Springfield 698-8500

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,982,744.59</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 417,255.41
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,795.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, February 16, 2014	\$17,988.50

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 1/29/2014)	\$66,094.54
Amount Remaining	\$56,529.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	