



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, March 23, 2014**  
**Third 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.

## Third Sunday of Lent

### CELEBRATING THE DAYS

#### Monday, March 24

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Gerald Sheehy  
Barbra Steward

#### Tuesday, March 25

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** John Davidson & Mary Tweryon  
Sherwin Davis

#### Wednesday, March 26

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Melanie Jordan
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

#### Thursday, March 27

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Patrick Antonacci

#### Friday, March 28

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** John & Mildred Kreutzer
- 5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 29

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine  
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Paul B. Beveridge

#### Sunday, March 30—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Leonard & Georgiann Kutilek
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Wesley Welindt & Norm Billington
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

#### 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, Ellen White, Barbara, Jan Jones, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Bernie Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane

### Dear Parishioners,

(This week's letter is written by Bishop elect, Carl Kemme, who served as an associate pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish from 1990 to 1992.)

Dear Friends,

I suppose by now you may have heard that on February 20<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis appointed me the 11<sup>th</sup> bishop of Wichita, Kansas. I was quite surprised and overwhelmed by this appointment. After a brief time of prayer, I was given the grace by God to say yes, even though I had always planned and hoped to return to the ministry of a parish priest. Sometimes, God has other plans. Be that as it may, I am at peace with this appointment and have been praying for the graces I will need to fulfill the heavy responsibilities of a bishop in today's church and world.

I have been not only praying, but also making necessary preparations for my ordination/installation on May 1, 2014 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita. Needless to say, I would love to have all of you with me and my family, who have played an important part in my life as a priest and pastor. Unfortunately, I am unable to extend an open invitation to everyone to this event, given the limitations of space in the Cathedral. I am limited to invitations to family, curia, priests and deacons from the diocese and elsewhere and a select group of very close friends. I sincerely wish it could be more, but it is simply not possible. I do trust you will understand.

A farewell prayer service and reception is being planned on my behalf at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. It would be wonderful if you might be able to make this event, but I understand if you cannot. I would also let you know that the ordination will be streamed live over the internet and carried live, I am told, by EWTN. The mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can join us by such means, please do so and know that you will be with me in my heart.

Thank you for all you have been to me and done for me over these past 28 years. I will forever be grateful for the parish assignments I received and the many lessons I learned from you. Please keep me in your prayers as I do you in this important time in my life.

God bless,

Bishop Elect Carl A. Kemme

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Pray for our Recently Departed:

C. Joseph Cavanagh

### School Notes:

**Monday, March 24**-8:15am-2:30pm-Confirmation retreat for 8th graders at St. Joseph in Chatham

**Wednesday, March 26**-Report Card Day

**7:00pm - Confirmation Mass**

**March 28-April 4**-Scholastic Book Fair

**Congratulations to 7th grader Lois Yockey** on his second place finish in the K of C regional spelling bee. Louis will compete at the state level in Chatham on April 12th. Good Luck Louie!

**History Fair Winners:** In the exhibit category Alyssa Sweeny, Catie Eck, Emily Eades, Hannah Ketchum, A.J. Lust, Abbie Antonacci, and Elise Antonacci received superior awards. Haley Londrigan, Ben Scheufele, and Will Moran received excellent awards. In the research paper category, Emily Eades, Grace McDonald, Hannah Ketchum, Haley Londrigan, Kevin Aldrich & Will Moran received superior awards. Elise Antonacci, Lizzy George, Jim Hollahan, Cole Taylor, A.J. Lust, Mary Helen Healy, Hannah Bayer & Ben Scheufele received excellent awards. Congratulations to all!!! Special thanks to Mrs. Alan & Mrs. Gregory for guiding the students through the History Fair.

**Mom & Tot Playgroup**-Our playgroup is for Blessed Sacrament Moms with children ages birth to pre-school. Bring your little one(s) for an hour of play on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9-10am in the rectory basement. For more information contact Morgan Ambrose 741-3831 or on Facebook "Blessed Sacrament Mom & Tot Playgroup."

**Lenten Fish Fries:** The Men's Club Fish Fries for this Lenten Season will be held on March 28 and April 4 & 11, from 5:00-7:30pm in the school cafeteria. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a good meal and spend time with your fellow parishioners. Please join us!!

**Bible Briefings with the Bishop:** A briefing is defined as "an act or instance of giving precise instructions or essential information." Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will present briefings on the Bible during the Sundays of Lent in March. These briefings will take place in the Cathedral Atrium from 6:15-7:15pm following the Sunday evening Mass (note exception: Sunday, March 23, the briefings will take place within context of the Springfield Deanery Revival

at Christ the King Parish at 7pm.) We all live in a busy world. We know we should read the Bible more, but often don't make time to do so. A great resolution for Lent would be to spend an hour on Sunday evenings to receive and discuss some essential information on selected passages of the Bible, focusing on the Sunday Lenten Sermons of the great Fathers of the Church, as compiled by St. Thomas Aquinas in the *Catena Aurea* or *Golden Chain*, his great commentary on the Gospels. As Jesus asked, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

**Congratulations!** To Father David Hoefler on his appointment to Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

**Springfield Deanery Mission, March 23, 24, & 25-** *"Be Ye Transformed By the Renewal of Your Mind."* All parishes are invited to this Mission at Christ the King Church, at 7pm on the dates listed. For more information call 698-8500, ext. 167.

**Driving Down Hunger Raffle** sponsored by Springfield Catholic Charities. Enter to win a 2014 Toyota Camry or \$20,000 cash. Tickets are \$25 each and will be sold after all the Masses this weekend in the vestibule. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold. All funds raised will help Catholic Charities purchase a Mobile Food Pantry which will feed hungry people in our community. Drawing is Friday, April 25th.

**Bishop Thomas John Paprocki** will join the 40 Days for Life on Tuesday, March 25th at 12 Noon and lead the prayer outside Planned Parenthood, 1000 East Washington. Parking available at Catholic Charities parking lot at the southeast corner of 11th & Washington.

**Now Hiring**-Administrative Assistant-Calvary Cemetery-Springfield. The position exists to provide compassionate assistance to families during one of the most difficult times of their lives by providing for the burial of their loved one in the traditions of our Catholic Faith. The position is responsible for producing detailed documents and maintaining burial records. The candidate must be able to compose business letters and correspondence, proficient using Microsoft Word. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. Qualified applicants apply at Calvary Cemetery, 2001 N. 1st Street or request an application by calling 523-3726.

**Stations of the Cross**-Fridays at 5:30pm during Lent.

**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 Karaiianis 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. TUESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
7:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	4:00 P.M. FRIDAY
	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

**Prayers for the Sanctity of Life**-Each Wednesday during Lent, after the 8:00am Mass, a deacon will lead us in praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet as offerings of compassion, mercy, and healing for those among us suffering from the trauma of abortion, as well as prayers for the protection of all innocent life.

**Join Fr. Robert Barron** for a Lenten discussion of Sin & Virtue. *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues* is a DVD program from Fr. Barron's Word on Fire ministries. Father shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the Seven Lively Virtues. The Seven Lively Virtues offer antidotes to each sin and helps set us on the right path to healing & happiness. Join us for this special two hour video presentation at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 2nd in the Rectory basement. There is no cost to attend and light refreshments will be provided. Reservations are not necessary. For more information contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335

**Please pray for our RCIA:** We have a number of people going through the RCIA process this year. As they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at Easter, we are asking you to choose one and become their prayer sponsor from now until Easter. There is a board in the vestibule with their photos and names. Please choose one and add them to your prayer list by name. This will be a blessing to the person you pray for and to you.

**Springfield Diocese is hiring** a Pro-Life Associate Director-Part-Time Position. Position has flexible hours of 2 full days a week or 3 part-time days a week. The position is responsible for training parish pro-life chairs, identifying and dispensing pro-life resources to parishes, representing the diocese by attending national meetings and meetings addressing pro-life issues. A 4 year college degree preferred but will consider candidates with commensurate work experience. Candidates must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church and possess a good understanding of the theology of Catholic moral and social teachings. Skills required include excellent organizational abilities, proficiency with Microsoft Office, and the ability to effectively speak publicly to groups to provide knowledge and training on pro-life issues. Send resume, salary requirement, and references to HR@dio.org. Applications received until April 16, 2014.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MARCH 24-28****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Francie Vespa-Monica DeLeon

**Thurs.- Friday**

Michael Dailey-Noah Finch

**Saturday, March 29, 4:30PM****Lector:** Steven Scheufele**Servers:** Ben Scheufele, Alex White, Augie Antonacci**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Belz, Janine Feller, Scott Reimers, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Colleen VonDeBur, Rose Amon**Sunday, March 30, 7:00am****Lector:** Mike Goza**Servers:** Ben Kroner, Jacks Hyde**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phil Graham, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Dave Langston, Pat Sheehan, Riley Hinds**Sunday, March 30, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Kevin Lust**Servers:** A.J. Lust, Ben Eck, Catie Eck**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bradley Frost, Mike Delvo, Kathy Harth, Patricia Clarida, Larry Newell, Rick Campbell, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman**Sunday, March 30, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Lila Dilbaitis**Servers:** Tyree Redpath, Jackie Romer, Jayden Snodgrass**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, MaryAnn Gorney, Sally Petrone, Lynn Frasco, Jim Morphew, Dan Schuering, James Keys, Rita Keys

**Prayer Vigil** at the Granite City Abortion Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 29th. Leave Blessed Sacrament Parking Lot at 7:30am, return to Springfield shortly after 12 Noon. Please call Kevin Miller for more information 618-792-9500.

**Women's Day of Recollection**, this Thursday, March 27th at Christ the King from 12:45-2:45pm. There will be a talk, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, two meditations by a priest and closing Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. The spiritual guidance at the Recollections is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*. The Mother's Room will be available. All women are invited to attend. These days of recollection will be on the fourth Thursday of alternating months.

**Lenten Parish Mission**, "*Signed and Sealed with the Cross*", presented by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, March 23-25, Church of St. Jude, Rochester, 7:00pm, Sunday thru Tuesday. Everyone is welcome.

**SHG Spring Open House**, Today, Sunday, March 23rd, 11am-1pm. Talk to the faculty and staff, meet our students, tour the classrooms, fine arts facilities and more. See what life is like at SHG and what we have to offer!

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,994,285.25</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 405,714.75
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,484.50

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, March 9, 2014	\$19,397.00

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 2/18/2014)	\$66,094.54
Amount Remaining	\$56,529.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	