

Palm Sunday

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

“Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!”

- Mk 11:9-10

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Parish of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday



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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 30

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, Sr.
Gail Gouigan

Tuesday, March 31

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Len Dobucki

Wednesday, April 1

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Allan Reyhan
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, April 2--Holy Thursday

- 8:00AM** Morning Prayer
- 7:00PM** RCIA Catechumens & Candidates

Friday, April 3—Good Friday

- 8:20AM** Morning Prayer
- 3:00PM** Living Stations of the Cross
- 5:30PM** Good Friday Services

Saturday, April 4—Easter Vigil

- 8:00AM** Morning Prayer
- 3:00-4:00PM** No Confessions
- 8:00 PM** Stase & Algis Manvydas

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Betty Ball
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Beger-Solomon Family

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is more than simply retelling the story of our salvation. It is rather an invitation for each of us to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection as participants. By joining in the ancient and beautiful liturgies, we walk with Christ through his passion and death and come to the glory of the resurrection.

The triduum, as it is called, begins on **Holy Thursday** evening when we gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. No other Masses are allowed on this day. When Jesus and his disciples met that evening, they came to celebrate the Passover, a Jewish feast dating back to the time of Moses. They ate the seder meal and remembered how God delivered them from the slavery of Egypt. Our Eucharist is deeply rooted in this meal for that night Jesus declared the bread and wine of the Passover to be his body and blood that would save us from our sins. He also washed the feet of his disciples to impress upon them the importance of serving one another. Our Mass will begin at 7pm and will be followed by adoration until 11pm.

Good Friday, the only day the church does not celebrate Mass, is marked by a time of fasting. The official liturgy of the church focuses on the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John. It is followed by veneration of the cross and a communion service. It begins at 5:30pm. (Earlier in the afternoon—3 pm—our 7th graders will re-enact the Stations of the Cross. All are invited to attend this as well.)

Holy Saturday concludes the Triduum with the Easter Vigil Mass. It begins with the blessing of the new fire at dark (8pm). The Easter candle is lit and the light of the risen Lord is carried into the church. Several scriptures are read and then, the Gospel of Jesus' resurrection is proclaimed. Following this we prepare for the baptisms of the catechumens. This year we have eight adults to be baptized along with others already baptized who will be received into the church. The vigil concludes with the Eucharist where our new members join us in communion for the first time. The service is long (2 ½ hours), but if you have never attended, I strongly encourage you to join us as we welcome these new members into the church and into our parish. It is perhaps the most powerful and beautiful of all the church's liturgies, for it helps us to understand how our own baptisms are a dying to an old life and rising with Christ to a new one.

Easter Sunday Masses will be held at the regular times of 7am, 8:30am, and 10:30am.

A few reminders: There is **no 4:30pm Mass** and there are **no confession** scheduled for next Saturday or any time after the Triduum begins. Morning Masses on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday will be replaced by morning prayer at the scheduled time. The Chrism Mass, will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday at 6:30pm.

All through Lent we have been preparing spiritually to participate in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Of all the events we celebrate in our church nothing is more to the heart of our faith. Please join us in celebrating this Easter Triduum. You will be glad you did.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:
Monica Solis Kovalski, son of Oscar Kovalski & Jennifer Darrow

Keagan Joseph Ressler, son of Nicholas & Angela Ressler.

School News:

Monday, March 30– 3:15-7:45pm-Lifetouch sports photos in the gym

Wednesday, April 1–9:00 & 10:00am Living stations for the students

Thursday, April 2– 1:30pm Early dismissal for Easter Break. B.A.S.E. available.

Friday April 3-Friday April 10–No school for Easter break.

Monday, April 13– School resumes

Holy Week Services at Blessed Sacrament are as follows:

Holy Thursday—7:00PM

Good Friday— 5:30PM

Easter Vigil— 8:00PM

Easter Sunday Masses: 7:00 8:30 10:30

No Confessions Saturday April 4th

There will be instrumental music before the 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses on Easter Sunday.

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.

Blessed Sacrament Women's Club will hold a planning meeting on April 15 at 6:30pm in the rectory basement. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend and help us prepare for upcoming events!

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

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.

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Novena-Blessed Sacrament will have the Divine Mercy Novena again this year. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited 15 minutes before Morning Prayer or Mass starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th. If you cannot join us, please say the Novena at home. Please contact Donna with any questions 622-8576.

Divine Mercy Sunday– the Diocesan Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be at the Cathedral, Sunday, April 12th at 2:00PM.

Habitat for Humanity Home to Honor Pope Francis- The Springfield Deanery has been blessed with the opportunity to build a home for a Habitat family to honor Pope Francis. An anonymous donor wishes to give Habitat \$60,000 towards the total build cost of \$100,000. It is the donor's challenge to have the Catholic Community (churches, schools, & organizations) raise the \$40,000 needed to complete the funding needed. In addition volunteers will be needed to help with the actual build. Bishop Paprocki and Fr. Hoefler will be involved with this build in various ways. Please join them for a successful project. For further information or to confirm your participation please contact Colleen Stone at Habitat for Humanity, executivedirector@habitatsangamon.com Or 523-2710 x 12.

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
 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY
 2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
 1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 2:00 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.

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.

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.

St. Aloysius Church and Boy Scout Troop 53 Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast is today, Sunday, March 29th at St. Aloysius Parish Hall. Serving from 7:30am to 12 Noon. Adults \$6, Children \$4.50 and Family \$23.

Good Friday Way of the Cross for Peace and Justice will be held on April 3, beginning at noon at the Supreme Court Building, 2nd & Capitol. The two hours prayerful walk remembers Jesus' passion and its connection with the sufferings of injustice experienced in God's people in our world today.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MAR. 30-
APR.3**

**Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Gabrielle Njapa-Caleb
 Rutherford
Thurs.- Friday

Saturday, April 4, 8:00PM

Lector:

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, April 5, 7:00am

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Schuering, Sally Petrone, Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Kathy Grubb

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Colleen VonDeBur, Larry Newell, Carol Guthrie, Andrew Adams, Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer, Frank Hollahan

Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM

Lector: Michael Lawless

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Barney Bruzetti, Mary Tuttle, James Keys, Rita Keys, Lori Criscione, Don Graham, Pat Graham, Ben Portz

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Michael VonBehren, Dave, Betty, 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, Annamae, 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 Sulent 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 Galli, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & ship-mates

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 15, 2015	\$17,593.00

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