



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2015**  
**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 9

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Patricia & Charles Brady  
Joan Reardon Mahoney

#### Tuesday, March 10

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Winifred Thompson

#### Wednesday, March 11

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Pauline & Bill Calnan
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

#### Thursday, March 12

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** C. Joseph Cavanagh

#### Friday, March 13

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Thomas P. O'Connor  
Faye Fischer
- 5:30PM** Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 14

- 8:00 AM** Donald Lawler  
(Latin Mass )
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Chick Delano

#### Sunday, March 15– Fourth Sunday of Lent

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Jim Shea
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Richard Schafer

*Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.*

Dear Parishioners,

**When You Confess.** “When you can tell those you hurt that you realized what you did was intolerable and that you share their pain, you reach the level of confession. If they believe you, your separate sadnesses begin to melt into one. When you confess this way, you do more than **admit** your blame. Criminals are sometimes trapped into admitting what they can no longer deny; lawyers call this a ‘confession,’ but it isn’t what I am talking about. Terrorists break their necks to claim blame for the worst sorts of brutalities; but they do not confess in our sense of the word. Confession is different, too, from spilling the beans. Celebrities are not confessing when they hire ghost writers to tell their private stories. Confession is not for payoffs; it is for **healing**.

When you confess to another person, you do not merely admit that you did something; you tell the person you hurt, that you hurt too, with the very hurt that you hurt them with, and that you want terribly to be forgiven. It is awesomely hard to confess to friends, I know—a lot easier to confess to God than to a wounded brother. And the deeper you hurt them, the harder it is to confess to them. When you confess, you put yourself helpless in the hands of the person you wronged, trust him with your very self, bringing nothing with you but your hope for a sign of love. Confession is the rumbling of a crumbling heart. “--Lewis B. Smedes (1921-2002)

Several years back, the church changed the name of confession to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By doing so, they hoped to change the emphasis from simply admitting our sins to seeking forgiveness from those we’ve hurt. During this time of Lent, we are reminded of our need for the sacrament. However, we are not asked simply to “confess” our sins. We are also asked to recognize the pain our sins cause others and to make the effort to reconcile. It is an opportunity for all of us to experience true spiritual healing.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated twenty minutes before Mass—Monday through Friday, and on Saturday at 3:00 PM. A Penance Service is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Blessed Sacrament.

**Fr. Jeff**

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our recently departed:  
Helen Giannone Garman

#### School News:

**Wednesday, March 11**-Lifetouch Spring Photo Day (non-uniform day)

1:30pm-dismissal for faculty meeting B.A.S.E. provided  
7:00pm-Confirmation Mass

**Friday, March 13**-End of third quarter

5:00-7:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry

**Monday, March 16**-Registration forms for 2015-2016 school year due

**Wednesday, March 18**-11:30am dismissal for faculty in-service— **NO B.A.S.E. available**

**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, Tuesday, 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 13th 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, today, 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.

**St. Agnes Parish Auction** is March 14th. Tickets are

still available for this fun event. Tickets are \$25 and includes open bar and buffet. Call the rectory for tickets 793-1330.

**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.

**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.

**Springfield Catholic Charities presents—"Driving Down Hunger"** 2nd Annual Raffle to support hunger relief efforts in Sangamon & surrounding Counties. An estimated 24,380 food insecure people live in Sangamon County. Our new Mobile Food Pantry has extended Catholic charities services to small towns, veterans, and families that need food assistance. WIN a 2015 Hyundai Elantra or \$20,000 cash, 2nd prize \$1500, 3rd prize \$1000 and Early Bird prizes too. Tickets are \$25 or 5/\$100. Drawing is April 10, 2015 at the Cathedral Atrium at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available in the back of church after the Masses next weekend. Remember— not only were the most tickets sold at Blessed Sacrament but also a parishioner was the winner of the car last year.

**Ursuline Sisters Convent Auction**-Many religious items, antiques, religious statues, oak church pews, antique furniture and other furnishings from the Ursuline Sisters' Alton convent will be auctioned at 5pm, Tuesday, March 10, at Harman Auction Center in Shipman, IL. Many items can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/18hKatj>. Harman Auction Center is at 864 West Railroad St. on the west side of Shipman. The auction will be held outdoors. In case of bad weather, google Harman Auction for cancellation information.

**Lenten Taize Prayer**-Sunday, March 15 at 6:00pm, St. Frances Cabrini Church, 1020 North Milton. Please bring a gift of food for the poor. Private Sacramental Confession available during the service from 6-7pm.

**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  
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8:00 A.M. THURSDAY  
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 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. **Bishop Paprocki** will lead the prayer service at 12noon on March 17th. All are invited to attend. 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#](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield#)

**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](http://www.st-patrick.org) or call 523-7670. Green attire encouraged.

**K of C 364 All You Can Eat Breakfast Benefit-** today, 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,

**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.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MARCH 9-13**

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

Elise Huffstedtler-Jonah Parkes

**Thurs.- Friday**

Sophia Bonansinga-Kyle Ingram

**Saturday, March 14, 4:30PM**

Lector: Ken Dobucki

**Servers:** Ava Giacomini, Mary Clare Mizeur, Maya Dye

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Newell, Janine Feller, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Lynn Frasco, Rose Amon, Susan Gallagher

**Sunday, March 15, 7:00am**

Lector: George Rudis, Jr.

**Servers:** Christian Gatewood

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

**Sunday, March 15, 8:30 AM**

Lector: Melaney Arnold

**Servers:** Ruthie Kinion, Emma Kinion, Maggie O'Brien

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patricia Clarida, Bradley Frost, Jim Mophew, Scott Reimers, Kathy Harth, Mark Ushman, Colleen VonDeBur, Anne Capestrain

**Sunday, March 15, 10:30 AM**

Lector: Suzanne Baase

**Servers:** Noah Finch, Connor Klopfer, Caleb Klopfer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrea Judd, Rick Campbell, Lisa Belz, James Dodge, MaryAnn Gorney, Sally Petrone, James Keys, Rita Keys

**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>\$5,231,022.83</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 168,977.17

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

**Parish Collection**

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, February 22, 2015	\$20,300.75

**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 to date