



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, March 9, 2014**  
**First 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.

## First Sunday of Lent

### CELEBRATING THE DAYS

#### Monday, March 10

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Special Intention of Lorraine Cusick

#### Tuesday, March 11

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Sandy Roof

#### Wednesday, March 12

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM NO MASS**
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

#### Thursday, March 13

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Thomas P. O'Connor  
Faye Fisher

#### Friday, March 14

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Cour & Dineen Families  
Dr. Fenton & Thomas Drake
- 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

#### Saturday, March 15

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Willa Senger  
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Edith & Leonard Berry

#### Sunday, March 16—Second Sunday of Lent

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Margaret & Bill Sheehan
- ✕ **8:30 AM** James Shea
- ✕ **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, 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., Brian Meredith, Joe Cavanagh, Don Cadigan

### Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I drove out to Kansas to attend a retirement ceremony for my nephew. My Godson, Joe is a staff sergeant in the army stationed at Ft. Riley. Having completed 21 years of service including tours of duty in Korea and Iraq, he is now retiring and moving into civilian life. Because of poor health his parents were unable to attend, so I was honored to fill in. As we sat in the hall waiting for the ceremony to begin, I teased him that some of the soldiers there weren't even born when he enlisted. It was true. However, my thoughts also went back to the days when Joe was a boy and would visit me. I remember one Christmas he received a magic set and he came to show me all the "cool stuff" he had learned. He always loved to go out to eat. He still does—so we did.

I watched as he, his wife and daughter went up to receive his certificate of appreciation and an American flag. There was a smile on his face and one in my heart. After the ceremony, I told him how proud I was of him. Back when Joe first enlisted, I decided to say a prayer every day for him and for all soldiers. Even as he retires and moves on to another career, I will still do the same. I will say a prayer for him and also for our soldiers serving in the military. They have given generously of their time for you and me. Most of them are just like my nephew. They are not looking to make a statement; rather they are looking to build a life. To all of them, I am grateful. Your spiritual support of these soldiers is invaluable. Please remember them in your prayers.

Fr. Jeff

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

**No Mass** this Wednesday, March 12th due to Clergy Conference. **Cathedral** will have **Mass at 7:00am** on Wednesday.

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

James D. Simpson

**School Notes:****Sunday, March 9– 9am-Noon– Culture Fest**  
throughout the school**10:00am**–4th Grade recorder performance**11:45am**–Children’s choirs 15 minute concert**6:00pm** Fine Arts Evening in the Cafeteria**Monday, March 17**–Registration packets due back.**Tuesday, March 18-11:30 Dismissal** for faculty in-service NO BASE provided.**Wednesday, March 19-6:30p**“Planning on SHG” meeting in the cafeteria**Thursday, March 20**– End of 3rd Quarter

**Buying School Script** is more convenient than ever! Scrip Now and re-loadable scrip cards are becoming more popular. Set up an online account and purchase scrip certificates from the convenience of your own home. 80 Script cards can be reloaded from your home computer. Call the school for more information.

**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.

**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.”

**Join us for a Lenten Discussion of Sin and Virtue** on Wednesday, April 2nd, in the Rectory Basement. Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues is a DVD program from Fr. Robert Barron’s Word on Fire ministries. No cost to attend and no reservations are necessary. For more information contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335.

**Lenten Fish Fries:** The Men’s Club Fish Fries for this Lenten Season will be held on March 14, 21, 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.

**“Be Ye Transformed By the Renewal of Your Mind”**

The Springfield Deanery will have an opportunity to be blessed at a Catholic Mission this Lenten Season, Sunday, March 23 through Tuesday, March 25. The Mission will begin at 7:00pm each night at Christ the King Parish. For more information call 698-8500, ext. 167 or email nmurray@dio.org.

**Pregnancy Care Center** of Springfield will hold its 32nd Annual Spring Luncheon on Monday, April 7th, at the Northfield Center. Event includes lunch, silent auction, bake sale, jewelry raffle and entertainment by Chatham Glenwood’s Nationally Ranked Show Choir: “Titan Fever”. Tickets are \$30 and doors open at 10:30am. To reserve a seat you can call the Center at 525-5630.

**SHG Spring Open House**, 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!

**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!

**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  
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

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/springfield-il)

**All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet** will be held today, 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.

**Contact Ministries** is looking to hire a mission minded manager for it's new Emergency Shelter. It serves single women and women with children. For more information call Breann Whitford at 753-3939 or email [bWhitford@contactministries.com](mailto:bWhitford@contactministries.com)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MARCH 10-14****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Will Hanken-Jim Hollahan

**Thurs.- Friday**

Elizabeth DeSalle-Jacks Hyde

**Saturday, March 15, 4:30PM****Lector:** Chris Perrin**Servers:** Jack Allen, Blake Mizer, Mary Helen Healy**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ken Dobucki, Janine Feller, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Lisa Belz, Scott Reimers, Joe Stannard, III**Sunday, March 16, 7:00am****Lector:** George Rudis, Jr.**Servers:** Grace McDonald, Gabrielle Wood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Mary B. Maloney, Ginny Schofield, Pat Sheehan, Riley Hinds**Sunday, March 16, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Melaney Arnold**Servers:** Joey Kolis, Braeden Frey, Siobhan, Wilhie**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bradley Frost, Mike Delvo, Kathy Harth, Patricia Clarida, Mark Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Colleen VonDeBur, Andrew Adams**Sunday, March 16, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Sandy Etheridge**Servers:** Abby Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson, Laurelynn Weihmeir**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, MaryAnn Gorney, Sally Petrone, Lynn Frasco, Rose Amon, Rita Keys, James Keys, Mary Tuttle

**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](http://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>\$4,985,766.42</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 414,233.58
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 3,021.83

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, February 23, 2014	\$23,532.63

**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	