



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2015**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



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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, May 4**

Confessions before Mass  
**8:00 AM** Daniel A. Yuska

**Tuesday, May 5**

Confessions before Mass  
**8:20 AM** John Tweryon

**Wednesday, May 6**

Confessions before Mass  
**8:00 AM** Barbara Rutherford  
**5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, May 7**

Confessions before Mass  
**8:00AM** Winifred Thompson  
Paul Killion

**Friday, May 8**

Confessions before Mass  
**8:20AM** James Tamblin

**Saturday, May 9**

**8:00AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine  
(Latin Mass)  
**3:00-4:00PM - Confessions**  
**4:30 PM** Kathryn Riassetto

**Sunday, May 10-Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**7:00 AM** Teresa Egizii & George Ann Martin  
**8:30 AM** Helen C. Blalock  
**10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Becoming fully human.** Established in 1972 by the late global investor Sir John Templeton, the Templeton Prize is awarded annually to an “entrepreneur of the spirit,” that is to an outstanding person who has devoted their talent to expanding our vision of the human purpose and the ultimate reality. The monetary value of the prize is set always to exceed the Nobel Prizes in order to emphasize Templeton’s belief that discoveries in the realm of spiritual questions can be “quantifiably more vast than those of other worth human endeavors.”

This year’s award goes to Jean Vanier, founder of L’Arche, an international network of communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together. Started in 1964, when Vanier invited two intellectually disabled men to come live with him as friends, it has now grown to 147 residential communities in 35 different countries. There are also more than 1,500 Faith and Light support groups in 82 countries that urge a spirit of solidarity among people with and without disabilities.

In his letter of acceptance, Jean Vanier wrote, “It takes a long time to move from violence to tenderness.” He went on to write about Pauline, a woman who joined the community in 1970. She was epileptic and suffered paralysis in one leg and one arm. She was filled with violence and rage. Yet, over time, this violence gave way to tenderness. It happened as her caregivers spent time with her and took time to listen to her.

Vanier has demonstrated the transformative power that can come through “the practice and struggle of love.” Becoming fully human, he says, is to let down the barriers, to open up and discover that every person is beautiful. “Under all the jobs you’re doing, the responsibilities, there is you.” He further stated, “Our society will really become human as we discover that the strong need the weak just as the weak need the strong.”

I wonder what would happen if this spiritual principle that Vanier expounds was applied to other issues of our time. What if the poor and rich lived together in the same community? What if Christians, Jews, and Moslems lived and worked together as peers? What about the right wing and the left wing? Is it possible that some of the major issues facing our world could change by the simple practices Vanier uses in the L’Arche communities? Could violence and rage be turned to tenderness? I find myself thinking of the beatitudes that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. Vanier has devoted himself to promoting these values in our times. He has discovered we are all both—strong and weak—and the strong need the weak just as the weak need the strong.

**Fr. Jeff**

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### **Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:**

Mallory Paige Hoffman, daughter of Forrest & Lora Hoffman

Delphine Elizabeth Hankins, daughter of Benjamin and Briana Hankins

### **School News:**

**Tuesday, May 5-** 7:00pm Kindergarten Mothers' Tea

**Wednesday, May 6-** 1:30pm dismissal for Faculty Meeting; B.A.S.E. available

**Thursday, May 7-** 6:00pm-Ladies Night Out

**Congratulations!** To the winners of our Annual Marita Child Gospel Of Life Contest, sponsored by the Gospel of Life Committee.

**8th Grade:** First Place-**Jacks Hyde**; Second Place-

**Izzy Anderson**; Third Place-**Jane Reardon** **7th**

**Grade:** First Place-**Benjamin Kroner**; Second Place-

**Mark Wykoff**; Third Place-**Betsy Aldrich** **6th Grade:**

First Place-**Grace Lambert**; Second Place-**Meredith**

**Kelly**; Third Place-**Sofia Lewis**

**All-Class Reunion-** Blessed Sacrament School will host an All-Class reunion for its adult alumni on May 23, 2015. Activities will begin during the afternoon and include school tours. After 4:30pm Mass, there will be a happy hour followed by dinner and a disc jockey. Please contact Kim at hoffmannn@bssbruins.org with questions or to provide updated addresses so that as many alumni as possible are included

**Save the Date:** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 17**, for our annual **Garden Party**. Be sure to join us for great food, games and the ever popular carnival rides. More information to come.

**Save the Date:** Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26 from 9am to 12pm for those children going into first through sixth grade. Please contact Erin Sullivan at bssvbs@live.com for questions.

**Parish Council-**There are two openings on the Parish Council. These are 3 year terms. Only requirement is you must be a registered Parishioner to serve on the Parish Council. If you are interested please contact Fr. Grant or call the Parish Office 528-7521.

**32nd Annual Catholic Schools Appeal Kick Off** this weekend, May 2nd & 3rd. This coming week, parishioners will receive more information in the mail. Proceeds of the Appeal will be divided among the Springfield-area Parish elementary schools and SHG. Please be generous in your response to this appeal.

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-The Paschal Mystery-** Whether you would like a refresher on the basic beliefs of our Faith or there are topics you missed in Catechism class, SYMBOLON is for you. Our next session we will discuss the Holy Spirit and the upcoming Pentecost. This session will be held on May 12th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. For more information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335. This program made possible in part by a *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* grant from the Diocese of Springfield.

**The Eucharist-Source & Summit of our Faith-**using a combination of DVD material from Fr. Robert Barron and group discussion we will consider the centrality of the Eucharist in our faith. We'll look at the history of "breaking bread" in the Old Testament and New, as well as the Catholic understanding of the Real Presence. We will also discuss chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, the bread of life discourse. This session will be held on May 19th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. For information contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335

**In Unison-TODAY, May 3-**at 4pm, young musicians and artists from Blessed Sacrament Parish will present **In Unison**, a concert under the direction of Blessed Sacrament's Music Director, Jody Kienzler and art teacher Ruth Ficke. All proceeds will fund the completion of an outdoor prayer grotto in the parish of SS Peter & Paul in the Tamale Archdiocese of Ghana, Africa. Fr. Gerald Zienna is the pastor of this parish. You will remember Fr. Gerald as the priest who was in residence here at Blessed Sacrament from 2010-2012 while he was chaplain at St. John's and Memorial Hospitals. The event will be held here at Blessed Sacrament Church with a reception following. Handmade items such as rosaries, quality prints, and original art and photos will be available for purchase. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

**M&M's for Money and Missions-**Hope you enjoy the M&M's! THANK YOU! Keep us in prayer, and if you'd like to help financially for the J.O.S. H. U. A. M&M's for Money and Mission, we return next week to collect the M&M's tubes.

**All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet** will be held on Mother's Day, May 10, from 8am until noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for children five and under. All mothers will receive a complimentary rose. Proceeds will benefit Council 364's scholarships to SHG. For questions 787-2360.

**ADORATION HOURS**

**ULTIMATE BULLYING:** Bullying occurs when the strong attack the weak. Abortion occurs when adults attack and kill a defenseless, pre-born child. 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	8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	9:00 P.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	6:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	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..

**Advertise on the Bulletin-**During the week of May 18th our representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc., will be working on our Bulletin and contacting advertisers for the back page. Please consider advertising in the Bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes the Bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. It's a great way to get your name in front of the families in the church. Please do give this idea some thought. We need and appreciate your help in reaching the Parish goal. If you are interested or just curious about prices please call Cathy Lenihan 530-941-7125 or contact her at the Parish Office 528-7521 during the week of May 18th or email her anytime at clenihan@4LPi.com

**Chicken Dinner Time-**Knights of Columbus #4175 North Council and Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation will have their 42nd Annual Chicken Dinner, today, Sunday, May 3rd, from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Eat in, take out and drive-through are available.

**Pro-Life Baby Shower-**Knights of Columbus 364 will be conducting a Pro Life Baby Shower during the month of May at Blessed Sacrament. There will be a baby bed set up in the vestibule where people can donate items such as diapers, wipes, "almost new" clothes, toys, blankets, etc. All items will then be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center in Springfield. For questions, call 787-2360.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Memorial Medical Center has opportunities for Eucharistic Ministers. As the number of Catholic patients continues to grow so does their need for Eucharistic Ministers. In particular they are in need of Eucharistic Ministers who are available any day of the week or weekends. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact Fr. Teddy Adukus (788-3588) or email Fr. Teddy at Adukus.thaddeus@mhsil.com

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MAY 4-8**

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

Emma Brennan-Elise  
Huffstedtler

**Thurs.- Friday**

Jack Davis-Max Wottowa

**Saturday, May 9, 4:30PM**

**Lector:** Calvin Bell

**Servers:** Nathaniel Bell, Louis Criscione, Nathan Jugan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Reimers, Noah Kren, Lynn Frasco, Larry Newell, Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Lori Criscione

**Sunday, May 10, 7:00am**

**Lector:** Dan Schuering

**Servers:** Jackie Romer

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Michele Hinds-Greenwood,  
Kathryn Gietl, Riley Hinds,  
Dave Langston, Kathy Grubb

**Sunday, May 10, 8:30 AM**

**Lector:** Daniel Heffernan

**Servers:** Jack Allen, Maggie Allen, Gabrielle Njapa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bradley Frost, Patricia Clarida, Mke Delvo, Mark Ushman, Kathy Harth, George Rudis, Jr. Janine Feller, Rick Campbell

**Sunday, May 10, 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Donna Moore

**Servers:** Dannie Heffernan,  
Kevin Heffernan, Augie Antonacci

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose Amon, Lisa Belz, Andrea Judd, Jim Morphey, Barbara Erdmann, Rita Keys, James Keys

**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line**

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Kayte, Denise S, Bernie Coady, Michael VonBehren, Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Steve, Peter Schofield, Amy Gatewood family, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, 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 Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Judy, Doug, Tammie, 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 & shipmates

**Project Rachel** can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance please call 698-4456

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,254,994.50</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 145,005.50
Amount Received March 2015	\$ 2,830.00

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

**Parish Collection**

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, April 19, 2015	\$22,567.25

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 3/9)	\$64,545.73
Amount Remaining	\$41,281.27

17% of our parishioners(234 families) have contributed to date