



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, November 16, 2014
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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, November 17

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Heather Gonet

Tuesday, November 18

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Bob Barber
Helen Ciccone

Wednesday, November 19

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Vivian Kirby
William Flatley
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, November 20

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Mary Bernardi

Friday, November 21

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Helen Blalock

Saturday, November 22

- 8:00 AM** Toni Weis
(**Latin Mass**)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Mary & Louis Schmitt

Sunday, Nov.23- Feast of Christ the King

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners
- ✧ **8:30 AM** James Shea
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Andrew & Mary Goldstein

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : 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 Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, Nancy Hanlon, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & shipmates

Dear Parishioners,

Looking for solutions. Recently, as I was talking with one of our students at B.S.S., I asked him what he thought were the biggest concerns for people his age. He mentioned ebola, ISIS, and then; he mentioned bullying. Bullying seems to be a hot topic whenever we discuss schools or youth today. It is not new. Most of us remember people who bullied or were bullied when we were in school. However, in our efforts to show it will not be tolerated, we adults seem determined to find solutions that will control or eliminate it altogether. Where adult experience is indeed necessary, it does overlook one very important element—our youth. Perhaps before we determine the best approach we should listen to them. Here is what this student told me.

Bullying goes on everywhere—but mostly it is hidden. The teacher or adults don't see it. If someone tells them about an incident, it seems they believe that person. However, that person's view (of an incident) isn't always the right one. I think people bully to make themselves look better or more important than others. Maybe they don't think people like them enough. They usually pick on someone who is different or likes different things than everybody else. I think sometimes even adults are bullied. I think the best way to deal with bullies is just to stand up to them. That takes a lot of courage. I think also when I see someone who is being bullied or who is not being treated with respect, I can stand up for them. I can say that I don't think picking on others is right. The best way to stop bullying is to stand up to the bully.

I think this student has a lot to say. It does indeed take courage to stand up for what is right. Many just give in to pressure from others. Teaching fairness, justice, and respect are essential to an effective anti-bullying policy. Building self-confidence so that one can stand up to pressure is also a necessary goal. When we look to scripture we see that Jesus stood up to the bullies. He was respectful and kind to the poor, the foreigner, the handicapped and he defended those who didn't always do what some thought was God's law. It took courage and even cost him his life, but in the end it was the right thing to do.

We can try to solve our children's problems (and sometimes we must intervene) but our ultimate goal must be to give them the tools to know what is the right and respectful thing to do. We must give them the confidence and the courage to stand up to bullies. It is what we call building character.

Don't forget the Pastor Appreciation Party next Sunday, November 23rd. We invite all the adults from our parish to join us in this annual event. This year we celebrate the completion of a successful Building on Tradition campaign. We are indeed fortunate and have much to be grateful for.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Mary Ella Radunzel, daughter of James & Marya Randunzel

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Cecil Nicholas Williams & Jill Marie Eagan

School News:

Monday, Nov. 17— No School for DAEC

Thursday, Nov. 20—Mid quarter reports

Sunday, Nov. 23—Pastor's Annual Party (Adults only)

Monday, Nov. 24—Barnes & Noble Evening to benefit our library

Wednesday, Nov.26-Friday, Nov.28 No School

Happy Thanksgiving!

Women's Club will host an exciting new event "Advent by Candlelight", an evening of fellowship and reflection on Monday, December 8 the in school cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30pm (after Mass) and the program begins at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker is Donna Dausman, past Director of the Office of Family and Youth Ministry of the Springfield Diocese and the Blessed Sacrament Children's Jubilate Choir as entertainment. Finally, a delectable and delicious dessert buffet and hot drinks served by our Men's Group will set off the evening. The entire room will be lit by candlelight with each table uniquely decorated in themes of Advent, Christmas or winter. Tickets are \$10 (cash and checks accepted) and will be available this weekend after all the Masses in the vestibule or in the parish or school offices beginning November 17. For ticket information please contact MaryAnn Pohl at Mpohl@illinoisalumni.org. If you are interested in decorating a table, please contact Mary Cummings at marycumming1@comcast.net or Jane Miller at sjklp7@sbcglobal.net. If you love to bake and are able to make a homemade dessert for the event, please contact Joan Newell at joan.newell@att.net. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Angel Trees for Catholic Charities —Blessed Sacrament will again participate in Catholic Charities Angel Giving Trees beginning the weekend of **November 29-30**. Please take a tag off the tree and purchase two gifts in the category listed on the tag. Bring the **unwrapped** gifts back to the church and they will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution. Donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Gifts should be returned to the Lourdes Shrine area of the Church or the Parish Office by December 17th. Thank you for your acts of love and caring.

Save the Date! The choirs of Blessed Sacrament will present their annual Advent concert on Sunday, November 30th at 4pm here at Blessed Sacrament. The Adult Choir and The Chorale will be joined by two of the children's choirs, Jubilate and Choristers, along with orchestra members from the Illinois Symphony, Blessed Sacrament youth orchestra and community musicians in a performance of Schubert's **Magnificat** and other beautiful Advent selections. Tickets are \$10 for adults & \$25 for families (siblings & parents), and may be purchased from choir members or the church office (528-7521). A limited amount of tickets will also be available at the door, based on capacity. This is a beautiful way to begin the Advent Season!

Mark your Calendars: The Pastor's Annual Party for adults of the parish will be next Sunday, November 23rd from 5:30-8:00pm in the school cafeteria.

Holy Family Food Pantry is gearing up for the busy holiday season. They are grateful for our past love and support & hope they can count on us again to "adopt" families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by providing holiday food baskets. They anticipate serving 800 families this year and really need our help. The menus for the Thanksgiving Food baskets are in the vestibule of the Church. Thanks and God bless you for all your efforts.

Special Collection: This weekend November 15th-16th we will take a **special second collection** to help **St. Martin De Porres Center** in its mission to help those less fortunate. **Please be generous!**

29th Annual "Breadline Sunday" to benefit St. John's Breadline, Loaves of bread will be available after Masses next **week end November 22-23**. With your generous donation, the Breadline can meet the ever increasing need to feed the hungry in our community. Please help us continue to provide hot, nutritious meals to the homeless, socially disabled, elderly, unemployed, and many families, including single parent families with children. The Breadline is currently serving an average of 600 meals a day!

Living Rosary - Blessed Sacrament will host the Annual DCCW Living Rosary this Friday, November 21st (Feast of the Presentation of Mary) at 6:00pm. Fellowship and Potluck Dinner will follow in the rectory basement. For reservations please call Rose Amon 787-8826 or email rose_amon_2828@comcast.net. Everyone is welcome!

ADORATION HOURS

Silence-Tranquility-Peace. How many of your waking hours are filled with sounds and demands for your attention? The Adoration Chapel is a place to retreat from the noisy world, and experience solitude. A place to talk to, and listen to, your Lord. 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.

12 :00 A.M. SUNDAY
 1:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 2:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 3:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY
 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY
 1:00 A.M. MONDAY
 12:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY

2:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
 8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
 1:00 P.M. THURSDAY(4th)
 1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 2:00 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.

Start or Finish Your Holiday Shopping! November 24 is the Barnes & Nobles book fair. You can purchase items all day long with our voucher number 11433851 and the library gets a percentage of the profits. There will be performances by our kindergartners and 1st graders in the evening beginning at 6pm. If you are unable to attend, you can purchase online until November 29. Use the voucher number,

BSS Welcomes a Local Children's Author! December 3rd, we are hosting the author of THE SUGAR PLUM TREE at our school! This author grew up in our Catholic community. Pre-order the book for an autographed copy by November 21st; the forms are available on our school website. This book is only available from independent dealers, so this might be your only chance to purchase it. Check out this book at the website: thesugarplumtree.com. It will make a great Christmas/St. Nicholas gift.

The Novena to the Immaculate Conception will be held at Christ the King Church beginning November 30 thru December 8. The Novena will begin each evening at 7:00pm.

2013 Church Directories are still available in the Parish Office for those parish families who did not receive a copy last year. Please stop by the office between 8:00am and 4:30pm any weekday.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court Madonna #148 will meet on November 20th at 6:30pm at St. Agnes Parish Hall. Ladies of all ages are welcome. For more information please contact Regent Shirley Harrison at 414-9375.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17-21****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM**

Maddie O'Connor-Siobhan Wilhite

Thurs.- FridayMary Kate Yockey-Andrew
Mauntell**Saturday, November 22, 4:30PM**

Lector: Steven Scheufele

Servers: Ben Scheufele, Jenna Pohlman, Miles Roland**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Noreen Luhr, Kathryn Gietl, Ken Dobucki**Sunday, November 23, 7:00am****Lector:** Chris Perrin**Servers:** Brandon Gatewood, Christian Gatewood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Phil Graham, Carol Gvazdinkas, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo, Mary B. Maloney**Sunday, November 23, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Patrick Fitzgerald**Servers:** Taylor Loftus, Rachael Loftus, Jackie Romer**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patricia Clarida, Scott Reimers Rick Campbell, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman, Megan Greco, Bradley Frost, Larry Newell**Sunday, November 23, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Shawn Rotherham**Servers:** Rick Rotherham, Noah Kren, Caleb Rutherford**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Lisa Belz, Barbara Erdmann, Jim Morphew, MaryAnn Gorney, Mary Tuttle.

St. Louise de Marillac will meet on Monday, November 17th at 6:00pm at St. Agnes Parish Hall.

Riverton Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Fish Fry, Friday, December 5th, from 4:30-7:00pm. They also will have a Breakfast with St. Nick on Saturday, December 13th at 9AM. Both of these events will be held at the Knight of Columbus Hall in Riverton .

Light a Candle of Love "A Service of Remembrance-at Holiday Time" for bereaved families and friends will be held on Sunday, November 30th at 2:00pm at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Atrium. You are invited to bring a small framed photo to be placed on our memory table during the service. Refreshments will be served. Open to the public. Sponsored by Staab Funeral Home. For more information 528-6461

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

Pat Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the of Springfield in Illinois. 698-8500

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,142,130.56</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 257,869.44
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 3,911.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, November 2, 2014	\$22,181.50.

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 10/15)	\$19,515.00
Amount Remaining	\$86,321.00

8% of our parishioners have contributed to date