



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, October 6, 2013
27th 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, October 7

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Peg Bolin

Tuesday, October 8

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Dr. Jim Graham
Sylvan & Catherine Kocher

Wednesday, October 9

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Helen O'Connor
Maria King-Peters
- 5:30PM Prayer Service**

Thursday, October 10

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Robert Heckenkamp

Friday, October 11

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Jacqueline Toomey

Saturday, October 12

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(LATIN MASS)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Brian Joseph Madonia

Sunday, October 13--28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Greg Burton
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Maria King Peters

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call Jean Quigley at 523-6573 or Mary Theresa Drake at 726-6649.

Please pray for the intention of : Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Susan Baird, Tom VonBerg, Jim Hickey, Ellen White, Barbara, Jan Jones, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Jean Quigley

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you Lord, for our volunteers. Sociologists tell us that some people bond by getting together to discuss issues and visit. Others bond by getting together to work on projects or do some activity. The common thread is they come together. That is the way you build community in any organization, including the church. At Blessed Sacrament we come together to pray and to worship God. That is our main objective. Yet, we also come together to discuss issues of concern and to explore ways to better our community and our world. In doing so, we build bonds that make us a witness to Christ and a community where each of us belong.

There are many ways to accomplish this. For example, to celebrate Mass well we need men and women willing to usher and greet people. We need servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. We also need people willing to lead us in singing, choir members, musicians, and volunteers to help with the children's liturgy and the nursery. Behind the scenes there are people who help with flowers, candles, altar clothes, laundry, and cleaning the vessels as well as the church. I figure just on a weekend our parish needs 80 to 85 volunteers in order to make our worship a beautiful and prayerful experience. It wouldn't happen if we didn't have these volunteers willing to give their time and energy to serve the rest of us.

There are many other ways people volunteer in our parish. It takes over 160 volunteers every week in order to have a 24 Hour Adoration Chapel. That is over 8,300 volunteer opportunities each year. Our parish hosts two big social events annually—the Garden Party and the Pastor's Party. We also have two big fundraisers—the auction and the rummage sale. Our men's group does fish fries during Lent. I have no idea how many volunteers these events require. We have people who volunteer as money counters, office help, teachers and facilitators for our PSR and adult education. Volunteers help with the Gospel of Life, RCIA, and the scout program. We have people to visit parishioners unable to get out. They take communion and pray with them. We have volunteers who assist the poor through our St. Vincent DePaul Society. At school, we have volunteers who help with the library, lunch room, office, coaching, etc.

I do not know how many volunteers we have at Blessed Sacrament, but what I do know is that both they and the parish benefit from their gift. The volunteer benefits from being a part of something bigger than themselves. They are part of a people dedicated to building a world as Jesus proclaimed. The parish benefits by being a witness to Christ.

I wish I could say that all our parishioners volunteered in some way in the parish. I wish I could say that even half of them did. I could lament the fact this is not true. However, I would rather point out the accomplishments of those who do volunteer and challenge the rest to join us. Think of all the more we could do for the glory of God. Volunteering is an opportunity to belong, to be known, to be needed, and to be cherished by our parish family. It is a place to live by faith and in gratitude, give back to God a gift of thanksgiving. It is an opportunity to make a difference in a world that so desperately needs the witness and compassion of God. It makes our parish strong. If you do not already do so, please consider what you might give of your time and talent to make our parish even stronger. Call the parish office today and volunteer.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Joseph Clark

Rick Orr

Barbara Jean Stehn

Melvin Walker

Roberta Antonacci

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Brett Long & Elizabeth Kroner

School Notes:

Monday, Oct. 7-8:15 am Leadership assembly (wear blue t-shirts)

Wednesday, Oct. 9-1:30 dismissal for faculty meeting

Monday, Oct. 14-No School –Columbus Day

Wednesday, Oct. 16-6:30pm-First Reconciliation meeting for 2nd grade parents

Thursday, Oct. 17-6th Grade Field Trip to the Challenger Learning Center.

Monday, Oct. 21- End of the first quarter

Tuesday, Oct. 29- Report Card Day

Thursday, Oct. 31- Happy Halloween!! 1:30p.m. Halloween costume parade for Pre-K-Grade 4 in the gym followed by classroom parties.

Air-Conditioning is Complete! We are so pleased that the installation of air conditioning in the school is now complete. **ALL** of our classrooms now have air conditioning which greatly enhances the entire learning environment for the students. We are most grateful to everyone who has donated to this project along the way, and especially to Bill & Pam Grant for their generous donation to complete the project this fall. The students-and teachers– are thrilled!!!

Attention Schnucks Shoppers! Blessed Sacrament School can earn 1-3% of your purchases at Schnucks. Pick up a Schnuck's escrip card in the school or parish office and register by phone or online and designate Blessed Sacrament School as the school you would like to support. Scan you card every time your shop and BSS will receive automatic contributions. Last year BSS received \$2,751.51 from you purchases.

County Market Max Dollars for Education Pepsi and County Market are sponsoring a Max Dollars for Education contest from August 1 to December 31. Sign up at MyCountyMarket.com for Max Dollars for Education; scan your Max Card every time you shop at County Market; purchase Pepsi products to help our school for a chance to earn a \$5,000 bonus from Pepsi. The more folks designating BSS as their school

of choice on their Max Cards, the greater our chances of winning a donation from County Market. Please sign up today

Save Box Tops for Education. The school is having a contest between the homerooms now through the month of November. Classes with the most box tops will receive prizes. Save your box tops and take them to the school. Last year our school received over \$5000 from Box Tops for Education.

An Introduction to Theology of the Body- You've heard about Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, but do you know what it is really all about? Blessed Sacrament's DVD library has a copy of this Christopher West video that you can check out and view at home. To check out this DVD, or any of the DVDs in the library, contact the office at 528-7521, or come by. For more information about the lending library, or to donate at DVD, please contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335. To see a complete list of available titles go to <http://bsps.org/ministries/adult-faith-formation>

The National Life Chain Prayer Witness is today, October 6. Please join in praying to end the abortion holocaust in America on the streets of MacArthur, Wabash, Sangamon Ave. and in front of Planned Parenthood at 11th & Washington. The time is 2-3:30pm. Blessed Sacrament will stand and pray on MacArthur between South Grand and the Walgreens Store.

March for Life Pilgrimage is January 19-13, 2014. Buses will depart the evening of January 19th. Several tour stops are scheduled in and around our nation's capital followed by the Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Paprocki is celebrating Mass at a local parish on the morning of January 22, followed by a rally and demonstration parade to the U.S. Supreme Court. For more information, contact Kyle Holtgrave at 622-4994.

**A HUGE THANK-YOU TO
ALL WHO MADE OUR
ANNUAL AUCTION A
SUCCESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

ADORATION HOURS

Friday is the day Jesus suffered his passion: Curious that Friday is the day with the most vacancies. What are YOU doing on Friday? Do you wonder why you do not feel led to “step up” and join the scheduled adorers? “Think About It”? Contact Merle King at 528-6088, or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want some 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
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
11:00 P.M. MONDAY	12:00 P.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	2:00 P.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	11:00 P.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

SHG Mega-Raffle Tickets on Sale Now-Tickets are now on sale for the 19th annual Mega-Raffle. SHG's Raffle will include 50 total cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$100,000 cash, a second prize of \$10,000 cash, and a third prize of \$3,000 cash. Only 4,200 tickets are available at \$100 each. The Final Drawing is October 29. All proceeds from the Raffle benefit the school's operating budget. In addition, each of the Springfield area Catholic grade schools will receive \$1,000. Tickets can be purchased online at www.shg.org or call 787-9732.

K of C Breakfast— An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, October 13, from 8am until noon at K of C Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids ages 6-12. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Band. For questions call 787-2360.

Illinois Family Institute “Defend Marriage” Lobby Day will be Wednesday, October 23rd from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Illinois State Capitol 401 South 2nd Street. Join Illinois Family Institute and Illinois families from around the state to take a stand to protect marriage, religious freedom, parental rights and the innocence of our children. Plan to bring your family and friends.

Scout Retreat –Boys and Girls-Sunday, October 20th, 1:00 - 4:00pm at Holy Cross Parish, Auburn. Younger scouts are invited to an afternoon of faith, food, and fun as they work on requirements for earning a religious emblem or recognition. Through games and activities, Scouts will start work on the religious program for their age and rank. Cost is \$5.00 for each youth participant. This fee covers supplies, patch, and a snack. There is no charge for adults. Please bring your own copy of the appropriate workbook. For more information, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at 698-8500 or email kholtgrave@dio.org.

SHG Swim Team will sell Krispy Crème donuts in the front of church after the all the Masses on Sunday, October 20th.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF OCTOBER 7-11****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**Siobhan Wilhite-Kendra
McCubbin**Thurs.- Friday**

Rick Rotherham-Maggie Haugh

Saturday, Oct. 12, 4:30PM**Lector:** Chris Perrin**Servers:** Brandon Graham, Will Moran, Preston Njapa Njehua**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Rick Campgell, Lisa Belz, Lary Newell, Scott Reimers, Marty Mosley, Isabel Figueroa**Sunday, Oct. 13, 7:00am****Lector:** Val Simhauser**Servers:** Riley Hinds, Gabe Bonansinga**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathryn Gietl, Kathy Grubb, Phil Graham, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Ann Walker**Sunday, Oct. 13, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Don Tracy**Servers:** Emmy Doll, Maggie Haugh, Ruthie Kinion**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Delvo Mark Ushman, Rose Amon, Colleen VonDeBur, Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer, George Rudis, Jr. Patricia Clarida**Sunday, Oct. 13, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Suzanne Baase**Servers:** Nick DePootr, Daniel Gardner, Mikayla Hady**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally Petrone, Jim Morphew, Don Graham, Pat Graham, Lila Dilbaitis, MaryAnn Gorney, Barney Bruzetti, Andrea Judd

Saturday, October 12th– Rosary Rally at the Capitol Building. We will gather in front of the Lincoln Statue from 12-1pm to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and sing. *America Needs Fatima* had over 9000 rosary rallies all over the world on the same day last year. This year we strive for more. Bring your prayer group and family. We will be praying for our country. If you would like to lead in prayer or song contact Donna 622-8576.

The Latin Mass on Saturday, November 2nd will be a Requiem Mass for All Souls' Day. The Latin Mass is held every Saturday morning at 8:00am. For questions concerning the Latin Mass, call Sean Dailey 725-6006

Just a reminder: If you had your picture taken for the Parish Directory, your free Directory is available in the Parish Office. If you would like to purchase a Directory, they are available in the Parish Office for \$5. Office Hours are 8am-5pm, Monday– Friday.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,779,726.83</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 620,273.17
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 5,160.00

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent /Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, September 22,2013	\$18,657.50