



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, September 14, 2014
Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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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, September 15

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** John Kreutzer

Tuesday, September 16

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Special Intentions for Bert Lederle

Wednesday, September 17

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Helen O'Connor
Irene Mazar
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, September 18

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Richard Schafer

Friday, September 19

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** John & Ruth Giachetto
Charles Brady

Saturday, September 20

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, Sept. 21 –25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Margaret & Bill Sheehan
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Rick Orr
- ✧ **10:30 AM** L. Murray Pipkin

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Pam Smith, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brigid Gallagher, Patricia, Annamae, Larry These 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, Sharon Olsson, 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

Dear Parishioners,

Stewardship. Last Friday evening I attended a Mass and dinner at which Bishop Paprocki talked about stewardship. He and several staff members from the diocese had just returned from Wichita, KS where they had met with officials about their stewardship program. The Diocese of Wichita is well known for operating the most successful Catholic stewardship program in the nation. In their diocese Mass attendance is almost double the national average; they have over 50 seminarians in a diocese that is smaller than ours; and Catholic schools do not need to charge tuition.

The program began over 30 years ago when one pastor decided to ask his parishioners to take a risk. It was not about money. It was about changing the way one looks at life. Everything we have is a gift from God. It is God's blessing; not our worthiness, our hard work, or even our need that determines what we have. God takes a chance and generously blesses us. In turn, we must do the same. Stewardship is indeed about generosity and gratitude. But there is still one more step beyond that. That step is commitment. If we believe Jesus is our entrance into eternal life, serving him must become our first priority. We must ask ourselves does he **really** come first when it comes to budgeting our time, sharing our talents, and paying our bills? Making time for worship, prayer and helping others is not just an extra we choose to do. Rather it is part of our promise to Christ.

I know many families who practice stewardship. They sometimes tell me how it has affected their lives. One thing is that it creates a balance. The family goal is not simply to have more but to be more. The change in priority has actually helped them to enjoy each other more. The blessing was not what they expected—it was more than they expected.

I wonder what our parish could be if more of us adopted this stewardship model? We may find out if the diocese decides to pursue it. Yet, even if they don't, I still wonder how our lives could change if we became more conscious of God's blessings and in turn made gratitude and sharing of our blessings the model by which we lived our faith.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Hayden Leigh Holck, daughter of Ryan & Rochelle Holck

Maggie Eileen Farris, daughter of Ryan & Leslie Farris

School News:

September 12-19-Scholastic Book Fair

September 13 & 14-Scholastic Book Fair open after all the Masses.

Sunday, September 14– 11:00am-5KRun/Walk for Danielle Loftus at the Commodities Building on the Illinois State Fair Grounds

September 15-19-Iowa Assessments for grades 2-8

Wednesday, September 17-Mid quarter reports

Wall of Wine Contest for the Auction! You pay \$10- get a bottle of wine! Plus, one lucky winner will choose a bottle of wine wrapped in a \$100 bill. But we need your help in donating wine. We need 100 bottles of wine, valued at \$10 or more, and no local wines, please. Bring you donated wine to the school office or call Grainne Mahoney at 544-7944 or email grainnekmaoney@comcast.net to drop off with her. Thank you!!

Get ready for 2014 Blessed Sacrament Auction

More fantastic items to showcase-Gietl Brothers has donated a 2001 Mazda B2300 pickup truck! Plus paradise is calling-enjoy a seven-day stay on the Big Island of Hawaii in this condominium cooled by the spectacular breezes of Mauna Kea, Maun Loa, and the Kohala mountain ranges. Watch the bulletin for more previews of the exciting packages that will be auctioned this year! Lots more information on this year's auction plans can be found in the School Newsletter section at BSSBruins.org

IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER for the AUCTION.

Signing up has never been easier! Check out the various ways to **volunteer** and **earn service hours** while helping with this fantastic annual fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 4. Contact Megan DeFrain at 971-8726 or meganj2126@gmail.com for more information.

Christmas Wrapping Paper—Everyone Needs It!

Inserted into the bulletin this week is an order form for the B.S.S. Parent School Association annual fundraiser. Detailed instructions are on the flyer if you would like to help out by ordering wrapping paper or other gifts through the Innisbrook website. If you know a Blessed Sacrament student, he or she will have a catalog available from which you will be able to place an order as well. Thanks for all you do to support our school! Orders are due by September 22.

Coffee, Donuts and Flu Shot—Come join us next Sunday, September 21 for any one, two or all three of these. Have some coffee, donuts, friendly conversation and an opportunity to have a flu shot. **A Flu Shot Clinic**, sponsored by Walgreen's Pharmacy (no charge with Medicare/Medicaid card or \$25.99 with no insurance) will be offered to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament after all Masses, next weekend Saturday, September 20 and Sunday September 21. This Flu Clinic is for persons 10 years of age and older. Mark your calendars-protect yourself-get a flu shot.

Scholastic Book Fair has begun at school. You can shop in the main hallway after Masses this weekend and during school this week. The profit from this fair goes to the school library. We are helping our Youth Center in Ghana with this fair by asking to **KEEP THE CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE**. We will be purchasing books with this program to send to Ghana by keeping the change from purchases of people who wish to participate. You may also buy books for Ghana

Special Collection for the Crisis in the Middle East will be taken up this weekend September 13-14. The Catholic Bishops have asked us to take up this special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brother and sisters in the Middle East. Our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of the violence in the Middle East urgently need our assistance. Please be generous.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal The 2014-2015 Annual Catholic Services Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish. The programs, services, and ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in need in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The diocese needs the financial support of each of us. The theme this year is **“Growing Communities of Faith**. The diocese serves each of us and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in the diocese.

Women's Club Potluck— The new Women's Club of Blessed Sacrament will have a kickoff potluck dinner on Tuesday, September 30, at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Please bring a dish to share. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVPs are appreciated. Call Mary Margaret Giesing at 528-0880 or email mmgies@sbcglobal.net

Just a reminder— Holy Family Food Pantry will pick up any donated food items, Monday, September 22nd.

ADORATION HOURS

Independence Day is past; many of us sang "God Bless America!" with our friends and neighbors. Elections are coming and if we sincerely want God to bless our country, PRAYER is needed! Pray that "We the people" elect moral leaders at local, state, and national levels. Thank god for the recent Pro-Life ruling by the Supreme Court. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if your want more information about scheduled adoration, or if your have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY
4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	

RCIA Gathering—RCIA continues to meet in the rectory basement on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm. There is still time to join this group. If you are not sure whether the Catholic Faith is where you are being called; come join us to see if the message rings true. There is no commitment to join. Come and see. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 528-7521.

Tips for Welcoming Visitors at Mass: Avoid Parish Business. Avoid conducting parish business immediately before or after mass. Focus on Visitors. This series of tips is brought to you by the Blessed Sacrament Evangelization Committee. More tips to come.

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.

That Man is You! To resume at 3 Parishes— Cathedral —weekly session Monday evenings 6PM beginning September 15. Light evening meal will be provided. To register contact Mike Christie, mchristie1766@yahoo.com or 546-5716. **St. Agnes** - weekly sessions Tuesday, 6am beginning September 16th. Hot breakfast, coffee & juice available. To register contact Doug McDonald doug-mcdonald255@sbcglobal.net or 622-9918. **St. John Vianney, Sherman**-weekly sessions, Saturday, 6am, beginning September 13. A light breakfast will be available. To register contact Keith Spaniol kpsaniol@1791.com or 496-2146. If is not necessary to have attended year one in order to attend year two. No registration fee.

Calvary Cemetery Fall Clean-up-Please remove any decorations that you would like to save by September 14. ALL decorations will be removed during the period of September 15th-30th.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF SEPT. 15-19****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM**

Brandon Graham-Kyle Ingram

Thurs.- Friday

Sophie Bonansinga-Mikayla Hady

Saturday, Sept. 20, 4:30PM

Lector: Steve Scheufele

Servers: Charlie Yockey, Louis Yockey, Mary Kate Yockey**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, Kathryn Gietl, Colleen VonDeBur, Janine Feller, Rose Amon, Marty Mosley, Susaan Gallagher, Noreen Luhr**Sunday, Sept. 21, 7:00am**

Lector: Ginny Schofield

Servers: Will Moran, Monica DeLeon**Eucharistic Ministers:** Riley Hinds, Phil Graham, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Ann Walker, Pat Sheehan**Sunday, Sept. 21, 8:30 AM**

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Maya Dye, Haley Londrigan, Francie Vespa**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Harth, Larry Newell, Scott Reimers, Lynn Frasco, Jim Morphew, Carol Guthrie, Mark Ushman, Patricia Clarida**Sunday, Sept. 21, 10:30 AM**

Lector: Michael Lawless

Servers: Elise Heffstedtler, Tyree Redpath, Adrianna Thiele**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Erdmann, Sally Petrone, Lisa Belz, Joseph Stannard, Mary Tuttle, Barney Bruzetti, James Keys, Rita Keys

St. Joseph's Home will be hosting its 3rd annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 20th, from 11am-4pm. The event will include food, music, free bounce house, petting zoo and local vendors. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Lauren Acton at lacton@saintjosephshome.org. or call 529-5596 to request an information packet.

All-You-Can-Eat breakfast buffet will be held, today, Sunday, September 14 from 8am-Noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364. \$8 for adults, \$5 children 6-12. Proceeds benefit St. Martin DePorres Center. For questions, call 787-2360.

Christ the King is hosting a fall Bible Study –*Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*. This is an 8 week study, beginning September 18th in the Christ the King Parish Center. Sessions are from 9:15-10:45am. Childcare available for a small donation. For more information or to register contact, Kristin Luker at 546-4959 or KLuker@LukerDentalCare.com.

SHG Mega Raffle Tickets are now available for the 20th annual Mega-Raffle. SHG's Raffle will include 50 total cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$100,000. Only 4,200 tickets are available at \$100 each. Final drawing in October 28th. Early Bird drawing is Oct. 3. All proceeds benefit the school's operating budget.

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,112,029.21</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 287,970.79
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 8,558.66

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, August 31, 2014	\$16,326.00

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