



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, September 15, 2013
24th 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, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Helen O'Connor

Wednesday, September 18

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Mike Smith
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, September 19

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Richard Schafer
John Giachetto

Friday, September 20

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Margaret Sheehan

Saturday, September 21

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Soul's Shrine
(LATIN MASS)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✘ **4:30 PM** Robert T. Parker

Sunday, September 22--25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Tom Marti
- ✘ **10:30 AM** L. Murray Pipkin

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

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, October 13th, Deacon Tom Burns and I will leave for a trip to Ghana. This is not a vacation but a visit to a very special place called the **St. Theresa Youth Development and Education Center (STYDEC)** located in Kaluri, Ghana. Kaluri is in the northern rural region of Ghana in the diocese of Wau. The center we will visit opened this month and will be dedicated by the bishop during our visit. Several people from our diocese who have been involved with the building of this center will be traveling for the dedication. Tom and I will also be looking at the possibility of establishing a connection between the center and our parish. Why? The answer is that we think such a connection can offer our parishioners an opportunity to understand how the Catholic faith can affect the lives of people in other parts of the world. By sharing with this community, it will also give us an opportunity to deepen our faith. I have often wondered how people from such different places and cultures can share the same faith. What is the common need in all of us that attracts us to Christ? The more we share with each other, the more we understand how to live as brothers and sisters.

For well over a year, our parish has had a committee studying how to form such a relationship. Where this area of Ghana is indeed poor, we are not simply talking money. We want this to be about people—people who are not the haves and have nots, but who each have something to offer the other. We think communication is the key to making this a successful relationship.

I know many in our parish have been involved in mission work in the past. Several have told me how it has changed them. Faith is not simply a topic of discussion, but a way of life. I would like to see that opportunity happen for others. Where we may not all be able to go on a mission, we can still connect with others. That is my hope for this project.

Our initial trip will be ten days. When we return we will tell you what we've learned. We will discuss how we might be able to help each other grow in our faith and commitment to Christ. At this time, I ask two things from each of you.

--Begin to think more about what it means for us to be a Catholic people. How can we and the people of Ghana (or anywhere else in the world) live a common faith?

--Pray for Deacon Tom and me as we make this trip. Pray also for the people at the St. Theresa Youth Center and for the success of our project. May God's will guide us.

There is much we can gain and learn through this effort to connect. I am excited for the opportunity to do so on a personal and concrete level. Please feel free to ask me or Deacon Tom about our trip. Tell us what you would like to see or learn from this project. Your interest and support is essential to its success.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:
Jacob Reinhardt Stanley, son of William & Lindsey Stanley

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:
Christopher Laws & Elizabeth Rossi

Please pray for our Recently Departed:
John David Lawler
Donald Healy

School Notes:

Sunday, Sept. 15-5K Run/Walk for Danielle Loftus
Monday, Sept. 16– Friday, Sept 20-Terra Nova and In View Testing for grades 2-8.
Monday, Sept. 16– Leadership Assembly
Wednesday, Sept. 18– Mid-quarter reports
Monday, Sept. 23-Friday, Sept 27– Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, Sept. 26-Friday Sept. 27– Vision & hearing screenings.
Friday, Sept. 27-PSA fundraiser sale orders due

Girls on the Run is in need of coaches! The program is open for girls in grades 3-5. It starts September 9th and runs for 10 weeks. They meet every Tuesday & Thursday from 3-4:30pm. Volunteers need to have the Protecting God’s Childen certificate as well as coaches’ training form BSS. Please call GerriAnne Graham at 891-3538 or hueygamh34@att.net for more information.

Make plans now to attend this year’s tailgating Party at BSS Auction, October 5 and bid on amazing live and silent auction packages like...a 2001 Kia Sephia Car! Perfect for the new driver in the house or a weekend trip to Chicago, condo in Hilton Head or other getaway packages! **You can now register online at bssbruins.org to save time in the checkout line and to purchase your games and raffles tickets before the auction. Plus, this year we will feature ONLINE ONLY auction items! Check the web site fore more information** “Score a Touchdown for BSS!”

Tickets for the children’s playhouse raffle are now on sale at the school and parish offices for \$20 each! page for more news. To volunteer or for any questions call Jen Madiar 312-371-8362 or jmadiar@yahoo.com.

Wall of Wine contest for our Auction, during which one lucky winner will choose a bottle of wine wrapped with a \$100 bill, we need your wine donations! We need 100 bottles of wine, valued at least \$10 or more, no local wines, please. You can bring your donated wine to the school office or call Grainne Mahoney 544-7944

or email grainnekmahoney@comcast.net to coordinate drop off with her.

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.

The 2013-2014 Annual Catholic Services Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish. The programs, services and ministries supported by **ACSA** 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 “**Profess, Celebrate, Witness.**” The diocese serves each of us and our financial support is needed to continue God’s work in the diocese.

PSR Reminder! Classes are every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:45pm. The first PSR class will be held on Wednesday, September 18th. For more information contact Stacey DePooter 220-9300 or depooterfamily@hotmail.com.

Bible Study at Blessed Sacrament beginning Tuesday, October 1 at 6PM, in the Rectory Basement for eight consecutive Tuesdays. Discover God’s plan for your life as you discover his amazing story in **A Quick Journey Through The Bible**, a Jeff Cavins study program. In this study you will discover the “big picture” of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible. Join us and learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. For more information or to reserve your spot, call Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335. This Bible Study is made possible in part by a grant from the Diocese.

Running to help those in need

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
 is seeking sponsors for his run at the
Crazy Horse Marathon *Run Crazy Horse*
 in Hill City, SD on October 6, 2013 26.2 - 13.1

Proceeds are to benefit
 Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry.

To pledge, go to www.dio.org/marathon or send in the form below:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Pledge: \$ _____ (Please make check payable to Diocese of Springfield in Illinois)
 Send form & donation to: Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 1815 West Washington Street
 Springfield, IL 62704-4757

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

Monthly Prayer Vigil at Granite City Abortion Clinic sponsored by the **Gospel of Life** will be Saturday, September 21. Leave Blessed Sacrament Parking Lot, 7:00am. Two hour prayer vigil. Return to Springfield approximately 12 Noon. Please call Eric Portz at 718-4030 to attend. Please join us this Saturday to help save the babies.

Blessed Sacrament Lending Library with video titles from Jeff Cavins, Fr. Robert Barron, Christopher West and others, is ready for your use. To see a complete list of titles available please go to the Adult Faith Formation page of the Blessed Sacrament web site at <http://bsps.org/ministries/adult-faith-formation>. To donate a video contact Bob Vincent 523-4335. To check out a video call the Parish Office 528-7521.

Cathedral will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University for 9 weekly sessions beginning Thursday, September 19th. Classes will be held in the Cathedral Atrium from 6:30-8:30pm. Register online at www.daveramsey.com. If you have never attended FPU, you will need to purchase the class kit. This enables you to attend FPU classes anywhere in the future for FREE. Contact Angela Vincent 622-4340

Annual Respect Life Benefit Dinner will be on Friday, September 27 at the Northfield Conference Center. Mrs. Nancy Kreuzer, spokesperson for the *Silent No More Awareness Campaign*, is the featured speaker. Tickets are \$50 for adults & \$25 for students. Tables will seat 8. Register early to assure desired seating with friends. For reservations call the Springfield Right to Life 523-2700. Deadline for registrations is September 23rd.

Save the date: October 6 is the National Life Chain Prayer Witness. More details to follow.

Nashville recording artist County Red will be performing at 7pm, October 5th at SHG's West Campus. Tickets are general admission only and are on sale now for \$10 at SHG's Main Office. The Band *Cedar Ridge*, with SHG alums will be the opening act.

St. Louise de Marillac Guild will meet Monday, September 16th at 6:00pm at St. Agnes Parish Hall.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF SEPT. 16-20****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Benjamin Kroner-Gabrielle Njapa

Thurs.- Friday

Ruthie Kinion-Rachael Loftus

Saturday, Sept. 21, 4:30PM**Lector:** Joseph Stannard, II**Servers:** Alex White, Andrew Mauntel, Alex Mauntel**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Reimers, Larry Newell, Noreen Luhr, Isabel Figueroa, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Rita Keys, James Keys**Sunday, September 22, 7:00am****Lector:** Sandy Etheridge**Servers:** Augie Antonacci, Emily Blrtch**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Ann Walker, Phil Graham, Kathryn Gietl, Pat Sheehan**Sunday, September 22, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Laurie Mann**Servers:** Emma Smith, Calyn Reardon, Grace McDonald**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Delvo, Patricia Clarida, Rick Campbell, Kathy Harth, Bradley Frost, Mark Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Janine Feller**Sunday, September 22, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Shawn Rotherham**Servers:** Rick Rotherham, Raychelle Roesch, Jack Murphy**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Belz, Lynn Frasco, Barbara Erdmann, James Dodge, Andrea Judd, MaryAnn Gorney, Barney Bruzetti, Mary Tuttle

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.

K of C All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Benefit for St. Martine De Porres Center will be held today, September 15, 8am-noon at KC Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. Adults \$8, Children(6-12) \$5. Proceeds will benefit St. Martin De Porres Center. For questions call 787-2360.

Annual Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach Trivia Night will be held on Friday, October 4th. This year's theme is Broadway. Doors open 5:30pm and event beginning at 7:00pm. To reserve a table and for more information, please e-mail trivia@hsosf-usa.org or call 522-3386 and ask for JoEllyn.

Bishop Paprocki will be on local Catholic Radio on Monday, September 23rd at 8:00am. Springfield will be the topic of the hour on Covenant Network. Tune in to Am 1410, 88.0 FM, 96.9 FR, or online at www.covenantnet.net.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,766,780.67</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 633,219.33
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 7,651.83

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, September 1,2013	\$18,657.00