

# BRUINS

44th Annual  
Auction & Tailgate Party



October 5, 2013

Blessed Sacramento Fieldhouse

Doors Open @ 5:30

SCORE A TOUCHDOWN FOR THE BRUINS!

**CELEBRATING THE DAYS**

**Monday, September 30**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Svet Madonia

**Tuesday, October 1**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Susan Senger  
Pauline Tolan

**Wednesday, October 2**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Leila Vicari  
Ben Bodewes
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, October 3**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Gerald F. Sheehy

**Friday, October 4**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Thomas & Delores Krause

**Saturday, October 5**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Don Lewis Smith ( LATIN MASS)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Mildred McCarthy

**Sunday, October 6--27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Sam Janusweski
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Floyd Thompson
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

**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,**

**October Count.** Each year the diocese asks that all parishes do an actual count of the people who attend weekend Mass during the month of October. This data helps the church plan for the needs of parishes and the placement of personnel. In a day and age when the number of priests available to celebrate Mass is limited, this count gives a good indication of how many Masses are actually needed in a parish or community. It has also helped to track attendance over the years. For example, back in 1974, 47% of the Catholic population in the U.S. attended Mass. In 2012, the figure had dropped to 24%. Even among those who identify themselves as strong Catholics, only 53% attend Mass at least once a week compared to 85% in 1974. I'm sure these figures don't come as a total surprise to most, but the real question is why and what can be done to reverse this trend. Research shows the reasons for this vary, including issues of scheduling, health, other responsibilities and a changing attitude about faith. This latter reason seems especially true among young adults. Many in this category state there is a serious disconnect between the message of the church and the world they find themselves living.

The new evangelization is one way the church is trying to counter this trend. It reminds us that all play a role in sharing the faith with others. In our diocese, Bishop Paprocki is planning an effort to "grow" our parishes. This is simply a less technical term for evangelization. We have been conducting surveys to determine why some people come to Mass and others do not. As we analyze the responses perhaps we can gain insight as to how we might reach some of these people we are missing. I know that in our own parish we will be doing the same. Presently, about 28% of our parishioners show up for weekend Mass. I am sure most of us would agree that we could do better. Following the October count, I will ask the Parish Council to reflect on the statistics we compile. What strategies could we use to successfully reach out to those not attending? I will strive to do my part, but the truth is, I cannot do so alone. I need your help. If each person who attends Mass regularly would reach out to a family member, neighbor or friend, our Masses would be over-flowing. Your personal example, your positive attitude, and your willingness to have that heart-to-heart sharing of faith is what I believe would be most effective.

My desire is that each October should not only be a month to count parishioners who attend Mass, but also a month to renew our efforts to reach others who are not attending. I encourage you to take the time this October to make contact with someone you know who could really benefit from such an invitation. Talk to them. Ask them to come to Mass with you. I am certain God will bless your efforts. For even in difficult times, the good news of Christ does not disappear or diminish. We just need more people willing to share that message with others. I ask you to be one of those people.

**Adoration.** We are lacking volunteers for several hours in our Adoration Chapel. Please check the schedule and if you can, offer your help. It will be greatly appreciated. I am sure you will find this gift to the parish a most rewarding one. Thank you.

Fr. Jeff



**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**Pray for our Recently Departed:**  
**Charles Brady**

**Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:**  
**Callen Maddux Perry, son of Ray & Tammy Perry**  
**Josalynn June Rinehart, daughter of John & Jamie Rinehart**  
**Annabelle Jean Sommer, daughter of Timothy & Ashleigh Sommer**

**Congratulations to our Newly Wed:**  
**Matthew Davlin & Meghan Sander**

**School Notes:**

**Tuesday, Oct. 1-11:30am** Dismissal for Diocesan Regional Workshop; No B.A.S. E. available

**Thursday, Oct. 3--**Lifetouch School Picture Day  
 7th Grade joint retreat at K of C Hall.

**3:00PM. Blessing of animals in the field**

**Friday, Oct. 4-PSA Spirit Day,**  
 8:20am –All-school Mass  
 11:30 dismissal-No B.A.S. E.

**Saturday, Oct. 5-Annual Auction “Score a Touchdown for BSS”**

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

**Monday, Oct. 14-No School--Columbus Day**

**Just one week left!** The **ONLINE** Auction (new this year) will close at 10:00PM on October 2. It's very easy-just click on the auction link at the school website, [bssbruins.org](http://bssbruins.org), to find the **ONLINE** auction and bid on items not available at the Tailgate Auction next Saturday! Just a reminder, the tailgate party begins at 5:30 with the silent auction starting soon afterwards, and the live auction starts at 7:30. Pick up an auction catalog after the Masses this weekend to see all the exciting packages offered in both the Live and Silent Auctions, as well as the fantastic games and raffles. There is definitely something for everyone-from home side tickets to the Notre Dame vs. USC game on October 19 to a car, to vacation packages in Hawaii, Hilton Head, Fr. Myers, and Chicago, more sports tickets and lots and lots more! See you at the Auction!

**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](mailto:grainnekmahoney@comcast.net) to coordinate drop off with her.

**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](http://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!

**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.

**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

**Animal Blessing-**In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, October 4, Father Jeff will bless pets at 3:00pm on Thursday, October 3 in the field adjacent to the school.

**PSR Reminder!** Classes are every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:45pm in the school. For more information contact Stacey DePooter 220-9300 or [depooterfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:depooterfamily@hotmail.com).

**2013 Senior Living Expo** on Friday, October 4, from 8:00am-1:00pm, Sangamon Prairie Reception Center and Staab Polk Memorial Home will host the tenth annual “Senior Living Expo”, to be held at the Sangamon Prairie Reception Center in Chatham. Open to the public, free admission, free parking, free health screenings. Several Illinois state agencies and vendors will be present, offering products and services for seniors. Flu shots will be offered by the Sangamon County Health Department. For more information please contact Jeannie at [seniorexpo2013@aol.com](mailto:seniorexpo2013@aol.com).

**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

**Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?** Fr. Robert Barron's Faith Clips DVD answers 50 of the most common questions people have. Blessed Sacrament's DVD library has a copy you can check out and view at home with your family. To check out this DVD or any of the DVDs in the library contact the Parish Office 528-7521 or stop by. For more information about the Lending Library contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335.

**The National Life Chain Prayer Witness is October 6 this year.**

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.

**Would your family know what your wishes are in a medical crisis?**

Dr. Cristine Gorka, PhD, a clinical ethicist is presenting a **free interactive seminar** on advanced directives. It will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Chatham on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00pm. Registration and refreshments at 6:30pm. RSVP to 483-3772 with name, number attending and contact number. Sponsored by St. Joseph's parish nurses.

**The Latin Mass** on Saturdays October 5th and November 2nd will be a sung Mass with Gregorian Chant. Additionally, the November 2nd Mass 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.

**Mark your calendars!** Illinois Family Institute “Defend Marriage” Lobby Day, Wednesday, October 23rd, 9:00am-3:00pm at the Illinois State Capitol, 401 South 2nd St.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF SEPT. 30– OCT. 4****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Brandon &amp; Christian Gatewood

**Thurs.- Friday**Mary Kate Yockey-Jayden  
Snodgrass**Saturday, Oct. 5, 4:30PM****Lector:** Ken Dobucki**Servers:** Jack Allen, Max Beard,  
Kyle Ingram**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan  
Gallagher, Noreen Luhr,  
Colleen VonDeBur, Joseph  
Stannard, II, Rose Amon,  
Cordelia Moore, Rosemary  
DiNello, Ed Schofield**Sunday, Oct. 6, 7:00am****Lector:** Judy Kjellander**Servers:** Nathan Shafer, Tim  
Delano**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Jacqueline Shafer, Kathryn  
Gietl, Pat Sheehan, Sr.  
Francesca Ezeokonkwo,  
Ginny Schofield**Sunday, Oct. 6, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Laurie Mann**Servers:** Jacob Coady, Rachael  
Loftus, Taylor Loftus**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrew  
Adams, Mark Ushman, Mike  
Delvo, Anne Capestrain,  
Bradley Frost, Kathy Harth,  
Jim Morphew, Janine Feller**Sunday, Oct. 6, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Cynthia Lamar**Servers:** Michael Dailey, Abby  
Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally  
Petroni, James Dodge, Mary  
Tuttle, James Keys, Rita Keys,  
Joe Stannard III, Barbara  
Erdmann, Lori Criscione

**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.

**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](mailto:trivia@hsosf-usa.org) or call 522-3386 and ask for JoEllyn.

**St. Joseph's Church, Chatham** will hold an Arts & Craft Show on Saturday, October 5th, 9:30am-4:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 700 E. Spruce, Chatham. Food and drink will be available. For more information call Geoff or Rita Davis 585-8079.

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,774,566.83</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 625,433.17
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4,085.00

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, September 8,2013	\$16,481.00