



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, September 8, 2013
23rd 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 9

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Cour & Dineen Families

Tuesday, September 10

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** George Morgan

Wednesday, September 11

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Theresa Davis
Albert Lust
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, September 12

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Chick Delano
Ernest Hildebrand

Friday, September 13

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** For deceased souls of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 14

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Barbra Steward (LATIN MASS)
Confessions 3:00--4:00pm
- ✘ **4:30 PM** Rev. Martin Mangan
Stephen B. Adsit

Sunday, September 15–24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Maria Baliva
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Stella Foster
- ✘ **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

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Some may not have heard of the great poet, Seamus Heaney, who died this past week. He was an Irish poet, the oldest of nine children, born in 1939 on a small farm near Londonderry, Northern Ireland. He won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1995. Some have called him the greatest Irish poet since Yeats. I first read some of his works on a trip to Ireland back in 2004. His ability to use the language to capture an experience quickly drew me in. I found myself watching and listening in a way that seemed to connect me to my surroundings. I called it my Irish experience.

I love to read poetry. It's something we don't seem to do much of in our world today. In fact many universities and schools no longer require classes where poetry is read and discussed. We are a data-based generation. Knowledge is equated with facts. If I put the facts together in the correct order, I can solve any problem...or so we think. Why waste time on something with no practical value? Some even approach religion or scripture this way. They analyze it. They read the scripture focused on finding facts and teachings. Their concern is that the translation be as precise as possible. Where this is important, it is not the only way to read the scripture. Scripture is not simply one brain speaking to another. It is not even one heart speaking to another. Rather it is the human soul entering into the mystery of God. To understand, we must allow ourselves to be drawn into its beauty. Scripture tells us that God has entered into our world. To ponder this mystery, we must enter God's. In other words, reading the scripture does not just involve knowledge of the geography or history of an event, or even the origin of a word. The real secret is the ability to connect to the mystery of God. Perhaps we must also read scripture as if we were reading poetry.

When one writes poetry, one writes from what is in his/her soul. When one reads poetry, one reads from what is in his/her soul. The beauty is that through poetry the two souls can connect. If we read scripture from this perspective we can gain an insight that data alone cannot give. Jesus is more than a teacher of facts, more than a martyr who died for a cause; he is also a poet who transformed our souls by connecting his experience with ours. Through Jesus, we see the ordinary and extraordinary mysteries of life on a new and deeper level. The bread and wine on His table also becomes the bread and wine on ours. A good poet can change our perspective. A great poet can change our lives.

At the funeral Mass for Seamus Heaney, his son noted that his father's last words were a text to his wife. It was a Latin phrase, "nolle timere—do not be afraid." I can't help but wonder if he was talking about death or life. Seamus Heaney helped us connect to the extraordinary mysteries around us. That is what good poets do. A great one can also connect us to God.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:
Peter Raymond Kovski, son of Kory & Lindsay Kovski
Daenerys Sophia dela Cruz, daughter of Jonathan & Marthe dela Cruz

Please pray for our Recently Departed:
Richard Reid
Harry Bouslough
James E. Newell, Jr.

School Notes:

Monday, September 9-10:00am All City Mass at SHG Athletic Field

Wednesday, Sept. 11—1:30 Dismissal for faculty meeting. **6:30pm** Back-to-School Night for parents

Thursday, Sept. 12-PSA fundraiser kick-off

Sunday, Sept. 15-5K Run/Walk for Danielle Loftus

Run/Walk for Danielle Loftus Danielle is a 2010 alumni of Blessed Sacrament School, who sustained a traumatic brain injury in a jet ski accident in July 2010. Danielle is cared for at home 24/7 by her parents and younger sisters. She requires a great deal of medical care and many therapies that are necessary for her recovery that are not covered by insurance. Please join us for a 5K run/walk to benefit Danielle on Sunday, September 15 at the Hope Pavilion in Southwind Park. The event begins at Noon and is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child(4-17 years). For more information or to register go to www.prayfordanielle.com.

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 Children 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 packages like...**4 fabulous tickets to the Notre Dame vs. USC Game on October 19! Home side tickets on the 25 yard line.** "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! New this year will be exciting online only items so keep watching the bulletin, school newsletter, school web site and our Facebook 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.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal 2013-2014 weekend will begin on Saturday-Sunday, September 21st & 22nd. The theme for this year's **Appeal** is "**Profess, Celebrate, Witness.**" Christ calls us to consider our gifts and to return a portion of them to Him through our parish and the larger Church, our diocese. Joining with the other parishes in our diocese, we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing God's gifts through the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal.**

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.

Volunteers Needed! Blessed Sacrament's PSR Program is looking for volunteer teachers & aides for the coming school year. No prior teaching experience needed. Teachers should be adults who are in good standing with the Church. Teacher aides can be adults or older students who are looking for service hours. Please contact Stacey DePooter at 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.

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

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.

Bible Study at Christ the King: Join us for an 11 week Bible Study, examining the instructions of St. Paul to the Corinthians beginning Thursday, September 12th, from 9:15-10:45am. View a DVD by Dr. Tim Gray and share your thoughts from the weekly study questions in a small group setting. Child care available for a small donation. For questions or to register call Kristin Luker 546-4959.

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

Queen of Peace a new documentary on the extraordinary events taking place in the village of Medjugorje in Bosnia, will be shown on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30pm in Blessed Sacrament Rectory Basement. Everyone is invited. No charge.

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.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF SEPT. 9-13****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Noah Finch –Braeden Frey 9/9

Max Beard-Jim Hollahan

Thurs.- Friday

Will Hanken-Jacks Hyde

Saturday, Sept. 14, 4:30PM**Lector:** Steven Scheufele**Servers:** Charlie Yockey, Louis Yockey, Mary Kate Yockey**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ken Dobucki, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Isabel Figueroa, Noreen Luhr, Rick Campbell, Kathryn Gietl, Cordelia Moore**Sunday, September 15, 7:00am****Lector:** Carolyn Graham**Servers:** Billy Willhite, Siobhan Willhite**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phil Graham, Ann Walker, Dave Langston, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Jacqueline Shafer**Sunday, September 15, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Patrick Fitzgerald**Servers:** Maggie O’Brien, Cole Taylor, Reid Taylor**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Newell, Scott Reimers, MaryAnn Gorney, Patricia Clarida, Mike Delvo, Clara Ushman, Colleen VonDeBur, Andrea Judd**Sunday, September 15, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Cynthia Lamar**Servers:** Laurelynn Weihmeir, Elise Antonacci, Nick Broeker**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, Barbara Erdmann, Lynn Frasco, Lisa Belz, Jim Morphew, Rose Amon, Sally Petrone

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 on Sunday, 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

Calvary Cemetery Fall Clean– Up– Please remove any decorations that you would like to save by September 14th. **ALL** decorations will be removed during the period of September 15-30. Fall decorations may be placed beginning October 1.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,759,128.84</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 640,871.16
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4,888.00

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, August 25,2013	\$22,656.50