



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, January 4, 2015
Epiphany of the Lord



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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, January 5

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Kevin Dallavis
Charles Brady

Tuesday, January 6

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Chick Delano

Wednesday, January 7

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** James Foley
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, January 8

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** Mike Healy
Fr. Richard John Neuhaus

Friday, January 9

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** George Egizii

Saturday, January 10

- 8:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Eleyidath
Family
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Tom, Hazel & Mary O'Keefe

Sunday, Jan. 11-Baptism of the Lord

- ✘ **7:00 AM** George Ann Martin
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Ann Lust
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you. I want to thank all who helped our parish celebrate Christmas with such beautiful and prayer liturgies. There are many involved in this undertaking. There are those who care for the flowers, candles, and altar linens. There are those who set up the chairs, the crib, and other decorations. There are the musicians, choirs, and director who spend many hours preparing. There are ushers, greeters, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers and I am sure others I have forgot to mention. I am grateful to all who helped to make this a beautiful and joyous feast.

2014 Statistics. During 2014, 86 children and 1 adult were baptized at Blessed Sacrament. 7 other adults were received into the Catholic faith. 67 children made their first communion and 54 were confirmed. There were 25 marriages and 43 deaths. Our school has 504 students in pre-school through 8th grade and 60 students in PSR. Blessed Sacrament Parish, now in its 91st year, has 1,503 households.

Epiphany. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. Do you know how many wise men came to see the Christ child? In our tradition we usually mention three. In other eastern traditions there may be as many as 12. The reason for this is because the scripture does not say how many there were. It does mention three gifts. (That is why we usually name three.) The first gift was gold which proclaims Jesus a king. The wise men are the ones who kneel before Jesus willing to do as the king asks. The second gift is frankincense—use by peoples in Jesus' day to worship God. As a gift, it proclaimed Jesus' divinity. Again, the wise are those who kneel before Jesus and worship him as the Son of God. The third gift was myrrh. It was a reminder of Jesus' death which redeemed us from our sins. We kneel before Jesus to express our gratitude for this gift. When we live our lives in such a way that others see we put Jesus first, then, we too reveal Jesus as our king, our God, and our savior.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Charles Clark
Carlos Llosa

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Owen Emmett Gerding, son of John & Susan Gerding
Thomas Anthony DiMaggio, son of Anthony & Mary DiMaggio

School News:

Monday, January 5- School resumes

Thursday, January 8- End of 2nd quarter

Friday, January 9- Regular PSA Spirit Day
8:20am—All School Mass

Wednesday, January 14- Report Card Day

Friday, January 16- Jr. High dance for 7th & 8th graders at St. Agnes

News from the Development Office-Save the Dates

8th Annual Snowflake Shuffle- Make plans to shake off those winter doldrums by participating in the Blessed Sacrament Unity Shuffle on Sunday, January 25, 2015, the first day of Catholic Schools Week. The three-mile shuffle (or walk!) through the neighborhood will be followed by light refreshments in the cafeteria. The children's "run" will consist of an obstacle course in the gym prior to the adult event, along with crafts and activities. Registration forms will be inserted into the bulletin during the weekend of January 10-11. Please join us, snow or sunshine, for some exercise and great fellowship.

Madri Gras Party- Blessed Sacrament will again host a Madri Gras Party to benefit the Annual Fund on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 7-10pm. Music will be provided by the local band, Black Magic Johnson, and Cajun Food, along with assorted beverages will be served. Sponsors are needed for this yearly event, please call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534, ext. 206. In the meantime, put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Handicapped Parking behind the Church is not available on the mornings when school is in session. Our students are being dropped off in the parking lot in front of the school and line up along the school building between the church and school. Cars attempting to park in the handicapped spaces at that time pose a safety threat to our students. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Breakfast Buffet—Sunday, January 11th, 8am-Noon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road. Adults \$8, Children \$5, children under 5-free. Proceeds to United Cerebral Palsy, Land of Lincoln.

SHG 8th Grade Placement Test Make-Up Day-will be offered for those who have not yet taken the exam, on Saturday, January 10th at 8:30am with doors opening at 8am. The Placement Test is the first step for those interested in attending SHG in the fall of 2015. Please bring an exam fee of \$10 and two #2 pencils. Calculators are allowed. Pre-registration is required for the make-up exam by calling Theresa Duffin at 787-1595, ext. 124, or by e-mail at duffin@shg.org. SHG is committed to making tuition affordable for all families.

Right o Life Signature Campaign— Today, before and after all the Masses, we will be collecting signatures for the Springfield Right To Life advertisement in the State Journal-Register, to be published on Monday, January 19th, 2015. This year's advertisement will state: "I am your creator. You were in my care even before you were born" You may participate in making a statement in defense of Life by completing the sign-up sheet and making a \$5 donation to have your name included in the Right to Life advertisement. Checks should be made out to Springfield Right to Life. While anonymous donations will be gratefully accepted, anyone who wishes to withhold their name from publication will be listed as a "Friend of Life". Please participate!!

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained- The Journey of Faith. Whether you would like a refresher on the basic beliefs of our Faith or there are topics you missed in catechism class, SYMBOLON is for you. In ten stand-alone video discussion sessions we will explore/review, and discuss, what Catholics believe. Attend all ten sessions or just the ones of most interest to you. The first session will be held on January 20th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. We'll talk about God, the Holy Trinity, and the Journey of Faith. For more information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335. This program is made possible in part by a *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* grant from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the people of our diocese.

ADORATION HOURS

Silence-Tranquility-Peace. How many of your waking hours are filled with sounds and demands for your attention? The Adoration Chapel is a place to retreat from the noisy world, and experience solitude. A place to talk to, and listen to, your Lord. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

12 :00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 P.M. TUESDAY
1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	1:00 P.M. THURSDAY(4th)
7:00 P.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	10:00 A.M.FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. TUESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY

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.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sunday, January 11, 2015 at the River-ton Knights of Columbus from 8am-Noon. Adults \$6, Children under 10, \$4. For questions, contact Tim 299-4596 or grigstwo@aol.com

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Peter Schofield, Phyllis Hawn, Amy Gatewood family, Rose Mann, Donna, Kari Elliott, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, Pam Smith, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brighid Gallagher, Annamae, Larry Theise, 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, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, 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 & shipmates

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF JAN. 5-9****Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Sophia Bonansinga & EmmyDoll

Thurs.- Friday

Gabby Antonacci & Mikayla Hady

Saturday, Jan. 10, 4:30PM

Lector: Mary B. Maloney

Servers: Louis Criscione, Garrett Mohn, Reilly Mohn

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Scott Reimers, Lori Criscione, Rosemary DiNello, Ed Schofield, Carol Gvazdinkas

Sunday, Jan. 11, 7:00am

Lector: Val Simhauser

Servers: Ben Kroner

Eucharistic Ministers: Riley Hinds, Jim Morphew, Phil Graham, Jackie Shafer, Kathy Grubb

Sunday, Jan. 11, 8:30 AM

Lector: Patrick Fitzgerald

Servers: Nick Broeker, Emma Kinion, Ruthie Kinion

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Delvo, Lynn Frasco, Andrew Adams, Bradley Frost, Patricia Clarida, Megan Greco, Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer

Sunday, Jan. 11, 10:30 AM

Lector: Shawn Rotherham

Servers: Rick Rotherham, Noah Kren, Josh Moore

Eucharistic Ministers: James Dodge, Lisa Belz, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Don Graham, Pat Graham, Barney Bruzetti, Carol Guthrie

Financial Peace University Get control of your finances, and learn God's way of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Cathedral will host 9 weekly sessions beginning Thursday, January 22. Classes run from 6:15-8:15pm in the Cathedral Atrium. Everyone attending the class will need a membership kit, which is \$75 and funded in part by the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. You need to register online at www.daveramsey.com in advance and bring \$75 to your first night of class to get a membership kit, which will allow you to attend FPU classes, anywhere, anytime in the future-FREE. If you have any questions, contact the class coordinator, Angela Vincent at 622-4340.

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance please call 698-4456

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



Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,203,776.09</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 196,223.91
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 34,555.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, December 22, 2014	\$24,828.25
Christmas Collection	\$25,658.00

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 12/11)	\$48,465.50
Amount Remaining	\$57,361.50

14% of our parishioners (190 families) have contributed to date