



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, April 12, 2015**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**



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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.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### CELEBRATING THE DAYS

#### Monday, April 13

Confessions before Mass

**8:00 AM** Betty Groth

#### Tuesday, April 14

Confessions before Mass

**8:20 AM** Dr. John L. Hennessy

#### Wednesday, April 15

Confessions before Mass

**8:00 AM** Louis & Angela Gietl  
Jack Margaron

**5:30PM** Prayer Service

#### Thursday, April 16

Confessions before Mass

**8:00AM** Sally Pipkin

#### Friday, April 17

Confessions before Mass

**8:20AM** Tino Cobau

#### Saturday, April 18

**8:00AM** Deceased Members of Eleyidath Family  
(Latin Mass)

**3:00-4:00PM - Confessions**

**4:30 PM** Bobby O'Keefe III

#### Sunday, April 19– Third Sunday of Easter

**7:00 AM** Lucille Puma

**8:30 AM** Charles E. Clark

**10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

*Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.*

### Dear Parishioners,

**A powerful event.** Last Saturday evening, during the Easter Vigil, eleven new members were welcomed into the church here at Blessed Sacrament. Eight were baptized. It is a powerful experience to witness an adult baptism. After listening to the scriptures that talked about God's promise, they were questioned on their belief and commitment to live this new life. Then each was invited to step into the pool where they knelt in prayer. Water was poured over them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. There were indeed tears of joy and excitement not only among those being baptized, but also among the people present. As they stepped out of the pool, they were applauded and sent to change. When they returned they were given a white garment to symbolize the fact that it was now Christ that they wore. They were also given a candle lit from our Easter candle reminding them that it was Christ who would show them the way to the kingdom. Next they were brought forward to join those already baptized who came to profess their faith. All eleven were then confirmed or sealed with holy chrism, the symbol of the Holy Spirit that was given to them to live this new life.

As a priest, I have the privilege to witness many great milestones in the lives of people. For me, the most powerful is baptism. It is a sacrament that marks the beginning of a new life; thus, it is full of hope and promise. Baptism is about a purpose for living. Those called to baptism are chosen by God. If we accept, we become God's children as well as sisters and brothers to the Lord. Over the years, I have met many people who are looking for values to live by and/or meaning and direction for their lives. In baptism they are given the highest values and the greatest meaning that life could have. They are called to live by Christ's teachings and to bring truth, forgiveness, peace and dignity to all people. When one accepts that challenge, life takes on a new dimension and a satisfaction nothing else can give. All baptisms are beautiful and they recall God's desire for all to share eternal life. Adult baptisms, however, are also powerful when the person baptized accepts the gift by their public commitment. Please pray for all those who were baptized and received into the church at Easter.

**A special thanks to all** who helped to make our Easter liturgies beautiful and prayerful experiences...from those who sang or helped with music, to our readers, ushers, greeters, and servers, to those who decorated the church, set up chairs, cleaned, etc., it takes many people to make these services possible...and the more who become involved, the more beautiful and powerful the liturgies are.

Don't forget this Sunday is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. A special prayer service with confessions available will be held at the Cathedral at 2pm this Sunday afternoon.

Congratulations to **Sister Maureen O'Connor, OSF**, who was elected Provincial Superior for the American Province of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. She will serve from this year until 2019. Sister Maureen is a native of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Fr. Jeff

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### **Please pray for our recently departed:**

Mary Sue Dietrich  
Matt Eichinger

### **School News:**

**Monday, April 13–** School resumes

**Wednesday, April 15–** 1:30pm dismissal for Faculty meeting

**Friday, April 17–** 8:20am All School Mass

**Sunday, April 19–** 1:00PM First Communion for Mrs. Townsend's class and PSR

**The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club** cordially invites all ladies of the parish to an Afternoon Tea and Baby Shower to benefit the Mini O'Bierne Crisis Nursery, today, Sunday, April 12 at 3:00pm. The tea and shower will be held in the school cafeteria. No charge for the event, but we do hope ladies will bring a baby gift to donate to the Crisis Nursery. Traditional tea and refreshments will be served along with baby shower cake and games. Please join us.

**Blessed Sacrament Women's Club** will hold a planning meeting on April 15 at 6:30pm in the rectory basement. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend and help us prepare for upcoming events!

**Save the Date:** The Annual Ladies Night Out will be Thursday, May 7. More details to come!!

**HSHS St. John's Hospital** will be hosting a Health Fair in the gym, today, Sunday, April 12th from 9:30am -12:30pm. Representatives will be available for health screenings, education, a health needs assessment, kids' activities and more! A healthy snack will be provided. Don't miss the chance to talk to local health professionals in your own parish.

**All-Class Reunion–** Blessed Sacrament School will host an All-Class reunion for its adult alumni on May 23, 2015. Activities will begin during the afternoon and include school tours. After 4:30pm Mass, there will be a happy hour followed by dinner and a disc jockey. Registration forms for this event will be mailed by Mid-April. Please contact Kim Hoffmann at Hoffmannn@bssbruins.org with questions or to provide updated addresses so that as many alumni as possible are included

**Class of 1965— Sacred Heart, Griffin, Ursuline-50th Reunion–** June 26th at Engrained & June 27th at the Illini Country Club. For times and more information contact Katie at 553-2055 or katieh13@att.net.

**Class of 2015-High School Graduates–**We would like to know the college you will be attending. The Newman Connection's High School Outreach Program would like to connect with Catholic students attending college and invite them to events on campus. You can call the Parish Office (528-7521) and leave your name and the college you will be attending or email your information to [mantenan@bsps.org](mailto:mantenan@bsps.org).

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-The Paschal Mystery–** 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. Our next session we will discuss Jesus' death and Resurrection and reflect on Easter. This session will be held on April 28th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. For more information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335. This program made possible in part by a *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* grant from the Diocese of Springfield.

**Divine Mercy Sunday–** the Diocesan Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be at the Cathedral, today, Sunday, April 12th at 2:00PM.

**Moms' Rosary Group–**Please join us to pray the Rosary each Tuesday from 9-9:30am in the Church Rectory basement. Feel free to come with or without your children. Enter from the parking lot, down the staircase by the blue picnic tables. Please contact Morgan Ambrose for more information 741-3831.

**Kids Good Grief Camp–**Staab Funeral Home's Annual "Kids Good Grief Camp" is set for Sunday, April 26th at Erin's Pavilion at Southwind Park at 4965 S. Second Street from Noon to 4pm. Led by licensed therapists, Kids Good Grief Camp is a supportive and fun camp for children who have lost a loved one. The event is open to children ages 6-12. The cost of the event is \$10, scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 247-4421.

**Monthly Prayer Vigil** at the Granite City Abortion Clinic sponsored by the **Gospel of Life** is Saturday, April 18th. Leave Blessed Sacrament Parking Lot at 7:00am-two hour prayer vigil-return to Springfield at approximately Noon. Please call Eric Portz, 718-4030 if your plan to attend.

**ADORATION HOURS**

**ULTIMATE BULLYING:** Bullying occurs when the strong attack the weak. Abortion occurs when adults attack and kill a defenseless, pre-born child. 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.

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
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	9:00 P.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	6:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	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..

**Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield** will hold its 33rd Annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 23rd at the Northfield Center. The event includes lunch, a silent auction, a bake sale, a jewelry raffle and entertainment by Southeast High School's Show Choir: "Sensations". Tickets are \$30 and doors open at 10:30am. To reserve a seat you can call the Center at 525-5630.

**SHG Spirit Sunday Walk/Run 2015** on Sunday, April 19 from 12-4pm ( registration at 11am) Spirit Sunday is a FREE new event designed for parents, students, alumni, children, grandparents and friends ( ALL AGES) to have an excuse to come on out, get some fresh air and exercise. Best of all, for every lap you walk (around the stadium) or run (around the track), corporate sponsors will sponsor you, and the money raised will go towards Scholarships and the Operating Fund. Food and t-shirts available for purchase. Kids 8 and under eat free! Bounce house, games and activities for the kids! Please pre-register at [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org).

**All you can eat breakfast buffet** will be held today, Sunday, April 12 from 8am-12 noon at the K of C Council 364. Adults \$10, Children \$5(6-12). Proceeds benefit UCP's Life with Limits Overnight Camp.

**Butler Funeral Homes invite you to An Open Door Session on Preparing for Long Term Care** at 8:30am on Thursday, April 16th at MCL Cafeteria, 2551 Wabash. This event is free with no obligation. Call 544-4646 no later than April 13th for reservations.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF APRIL 13-17****Monday-Wednesday  
8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Nathaniel Bell-Ava Giacomini

**Thurs.- Friday**

Elizabeth DeSalle-Mary Clare  
Mizeur

**Saturday, April 18, 4:30PM**

**Lector:** Mike Goza

**Servers:** Emmy Doll, Kyle  
Ingram, Lily Klaves

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marty  
Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Rose  
Amon, Susan Gallagher,  
Noah Kren, Larry Newell,  
Josh Moore

**Sunday, April 19, 7:00am**

**Lector:** Judy Kjellander

**Servers:** Christian Gatewood

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele  
Hinds-Greenwood, Kathryn  
Gietl, Dave Langston, Riley  
Hinds, Carol Gvazdinskas

**Sunday, April 19, 8:30 AM**

**Lector:** Patrick Fitzgerald

**Servers:** Jack Allen, Sarah  
Allen, Nick Broeker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark  
Ushman, Kathy Harth, Sally  
Petroni, Rita Keys, James  
Keys, Laurie Mann, Colleen  
VonDeBur, Scott Reimers

**Sunday, April 19, 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Lila Dilbaitis

**Servers:** Mikayla Hady, Frank  
Hollahan, Jim Hollahan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
MaryAnn Gorney, James  
Dodge, Lisa Belz, Ben Portz,  
Mary Tuttle, Barney Bruzetti,  
Carol Guthrie, Mary B.  
Maloney

**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line**

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Bernie Coady, Michael VonBehren, Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Steve, Peter Schofield, Phyllis Hawn, Amy Gatewood family, Kari Elliott, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, 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 Galli, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & shipmates

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

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,254,994.50</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 145,005.50
Amount Received March 2015	\$ 2,830.00

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

**Parish Collection**

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, March 30, 2015	\$20,375.00

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 3/9)	\$64,293.73
Amount Remaining	\$41,531.27

17% of our parishioners(232 families) have contributed to date