



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, April 6, 2014**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



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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.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### CELEBRATING THE DAYS

#### Monday, April 7

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Ginny Valdez

#### Tuesday, April 8

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Mike Smith

#### Wednesday, April 9

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Cour & Dineen Families
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

#### Thursday, April 10

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Bob Baldoni

#### Friday, April 11

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Vic Gorney  
Olive Eck
- 5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, April 12

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine  
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Stase & Algis Manvydas

#### Sunday, April 13-Palm Sunday

- ✧ **7:00 AM** John Davidson & Marilyn Davidson
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Sally Pipkin  
Lynn Remfer

#### Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

Please pray for the intention of : Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Jan Jones, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Bernie Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane, Katie Bronken, Pat Hahn

### Dear Parishioners,

**Incredible Things.** Recently Pope Francis celebrated the first anniversary of his election as pope. It has been an incredible year. He has surprised and inspired not only Catholics but people of many faiths and cultures. He began by renouncing many of the trappings of his office such as the papal apartments. Instead he took up residence in a simple guesthouse where he eats meals with the other priests who live there. On Holy Thursday, just the week after his installation, he visited a local prison. He washed the feet of men and women, as well as believers and non-believers. He wanted to make clear this was not just a re-enactment of something Jesus did, but a lesson about service to all people.

There were other events that spoke of the simplicity and approachability of Pope Francis. You may recall the little boy who climbed up on the pope's chair and then later clung to his leg. The pope's reaction to all this seemed a reminder of the story of Jesus welcoming the children. Even this past week, there was a picture of the pope helping with a penance service in Rome. Before he took his place to hear confessions, he knelt at the station of another priest and confessed his sins. These gestures have had a profound effect on people all over the world.

Yet, the pope is not just about public gestures. He has written an exhortation challenging the faithful to "go out" to the entire people of God—especially the poor and the scorned—with the joy of the Gospel. He has spoken out on the "idolatry of money" and a world that has a long way to go to be just and fair in the use of its resources. He has called a world synod to be held in Rome this fall to discuss the problems facing family life, marriage, and especially divorced Catholics who have remarried outside the church. He has also looked at the Vatican and initiated reforms in offices and institutions the church oversees. Perhaps the Vatican Bank has drawn the most attention. He has reminded his clergy that they are to go out to the people. "I want you to smell like the sheep." Evangelization, in other words, is not just plugging in this program or that. It is about human contact. It is person to person.

This past year we have witnessed a fresh approach by the church and her vicar in ministering to others. There is something very sincere and authentic in Pope Francis' words and examples. It has a force all of its own. Perhaps if that spirit catches on in the church and in our parish, we will continue to see truly incredible things.

Fr. Jeff

**OUR PARISH FAMILY****Pray for our Recently Departed:**

John Pippin  
Harold Guthrie

**Congratulations to our Recently Baptized!**

Connor Paul Leonard, son of Jonathan & Kristy Leonard  
Samuel Pelagio Trinidad Bryant, son of William & Christine Bryant

**School Notes:**

**Monday, April 7** –Leadership Assembly (wear blue shirts)

**Tuesday, April 8**– 4:30pm-Art Showcase 2014 awards ceremony at Benedictine University

**Wednesday, April 9**-5th grade vocations field trip to St. Louis

**Thursday, April 10**-6:30pm-7th & 8th Grade Speech Night

**Congratulations to** Macallan Gibbs, Sophia Cathers, Satchel Coady, Natalie Alsup, Amelia Curtis, Ava Stone, Patrick Rearden, Ella Unal & Hannah Bayer our students whose artwork was chosen to represent our school at the Art Showcase 2014 at Benedictine University. Ava received a second place award for her grade level, Ella received a first place award for her grade level, and Hannah received a first place, best of show for the 8th grade level. The students will be honored at a closing awards ceremony at Angela Hall at 4:30pm on Tuesday, April 8th.

**Good News!** The *Building on Tradition* campaign reached a milestone last week when contributions topped the \$5million mark. The campaign provided for the expansion of Blessed Sacrament School, including the new preschool wing, library, gymnasium and office wing, as well as many improvements to the original part of the school and to the outdoor space at the parish. Thank you to all of our capital campaign donors-we are in the homestretch now with approximately \$395,000 left to complete the campaign. Monthly pledges continue and many generous parishioners have added to their original pledged amounts. If you have not yet made a gift to the campaign, it's not too late! Plans are underway to celebrate the end of *Building on Tradition* and honor our campaign contributors at the Pastor's Annual Party on November 23, 214.

**Lenten Penance Services** are being held today, Sunday, April 6th at St. Cabrini beginning at 3:15 pm and tomorrow, Monday, April 7th at Little Flower, beginning at 7:00pm.

**Ladies Night Out-Save the Date**– Friday, May 2, 2014, 6-10pm, at Blessed Sacrament School. \$20 per person with RSVP, \$25 at the door. Please join us for a fun evening including hors d' oeuvres, cocktails, door prizes and a fashion show. Get registered for a special door prize drawing if you pay by credit card when you RSVP. Please RSVP by April 30th to Tricia Schlosser at 971-9569 or Triciaschlos@yahoo.com

**Lenten Fish Fries:** The Men's Club Final Fish Fry for this Lenten Season will be held on April 11th, from 5:00-7:30pm in the school cafeteria. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a good meal and spend time with your fellow parishioners. Please join us!!

**Baby Bottle Campaign Update: The Ultrasound Machine,** purchased with funds raised through the **Baby Bottle Campaign,** was dedicated by Bishop Paprocki on Tuesday, March 18th at the Lifetime Pregnancy Help Center in Springfield. As soon as the Center identifies a Medical Director, they will begin providing ultrasound services. When the system is fully operational, quarterly reports will be provided to all participating parishes indicating the number of clients served and the number of babies saved from abortion. Watch for more details in the future and thanks again for your support

**Springfield's Got Sisters! - Saturday & Sunday April 12-13.** A point-to-point excursion for single, Catholic women ages 18-36 to visit Catholic Sisters' homes/convents. At each stop, enjoy the Sisters' cooking as you learn first-hand how each Community is making a difference for the people in the Springfield area and beyond. There is no fee for the weekend. The event will begin at 3:30pm on Saturday and conclude at 3:30pm on Sunday. To register, contact Sister Teresa Marron, OP at 708-207-1874 or [srteresa@spdom.org](mailto:srteresa@spdom.org)

**St. Joseph's Home** is hosting the Forget-Me-Not Gala on Saturday, April 12 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Tickets are \$70 each or \$600 for a table of 10. Proceeds benefit the SJH Continuing Care Program to provide financial assistance those the neediest of residents. Gus Gordon will emcee an evening of entertainment, music by the Three Tenors Orchestra, silent and live auctions, Fund-A-Need, raffles, reception, and plated dinner. Cocktail reception begins at 5:00 followed by a plated dinner at 6:00. To make reservations, call 529-5596. More information can be found at [www.saintjosephshome.org](http://www.saintjosephshome.org).

**ADORATION HOURS**

We are approaching the mid-point of Lent 2014. How are you doing? If not using one, the "Little Black Book" of Lenten meditations is great. Get one from the church office! Read and pray a few minutes a day, you can finish Lent strong(er). 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	2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	

**Prayers for the Sanctity of Life**-Each Wednesday during Lent, after the 8:00am Mass, a deacon will lead us in praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet as offerings of compassion, mercy, and healing for those among us suffering from the trauma of abortion, as well as prayers for the protection of all innocent life.

**Please pray for our RCIA:** We have a number of people going through the RCIA process this year. As they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at Easter, we are asking you to choose one and become their prayer sponsor from now until Easter. There is a board in the vestibule with their photos and names. Please choose one and add them to your prayer list by name. This will be a blessing to the person you pray for and to you.

**Springfield Diocese is hiring** a Pro-Life Associate Director-Part-Time Position. Position has flexible hours of 2 full days a week or 3 part-time days a week. The position is responsible for training parish pro-life chairs, identifying and dispensing pro-life resources to parishes, representing the diocese by attending national meetings and meetings addressing pro-life issues. A 4 year college degree preferred but will consider candidates with commensurate work experience. Candidates must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church and possess a good understanding of the theology of Catholic moral and social teachings. Skills required include excellent organizational abilities, proficiency with Microsoft Office, and the ability to effectively speak publicly to groups to provide knowledge and training on pro-life issues. Send resume, salary requirement, and references to HR@dio.org. Applications received until April 16, 2014.

**Good Friday Way of the Cross** *For Peace and Justice*, Friday, April 18th, Noon, Supreme Court Building, Second & Capitol. Two hour prayerful ecumenical walk recalling Jesus' passion and its connection with the injustices experienced by God's people in our world today: For information, call 652-3567. Alternate location if raining, Little Flower Church, 800 Stevenson Drive.

**Bishop-elect Carl Kemme** will be on the air-live, Wednesday, April 9th from 9:15-9:45am on Catholic Radio Am 1410, 88.9FM, 95.9FM or 96.9FM discussing his appointment as Bishop of Wichita and his memories as a priest in our diocese for the past twenty-seven years.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF APRIL 7-11**

**Monday-Wednesday**  
**8:00AM –8:20AM**

Nick DePooter-Charles Yockey

**Thurs.- Friday**

Max Beard-Joey Kolis

**Saturday, April 12, 4:30PM**

**Lector:** Ken Dobucki

**Servers:** Louis Criscionne, Mary Helen Healy, Kyle Ingram, Brady Malone, Kendra McCubbin

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Ken Dobucki, Rosemary DiNello, Isabel Figueroa, Ed Schofield, Cordelia Moore, Joe Stannard II

**Sunday, April 13, 7:00am**

**Lector:** Val Simhauser

**Servers:** Brandon Gatewood, Christian Gatewood

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Hinds Greenwood, Phil Graham, Kathy Grubb, Riley Hinds, Dave Langston

**Sunday, April 13, 8:30 AM**

**Lector:** Kevin Lust

**Servers:** AJ Lust, Noah Bright, Elise Antonacci, Brandon Graham

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, Larry Newell, George Rudis, Jr., Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer, Anne Capestrain, Patricia Clarida, Kathy Harth

**Sunday, April 13, 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Joseph Stannard

**Servers:** Rick Rotherham, Jacob Coady, Mikayla Hady, Maggie Haugh, Andrew Mauntel, Alex Mauntel, Jack Murphy, Calyn Reardon, Cole Taylor, Reid Taylor

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Joseph Stannard, Andrea Judd, Lisa Belz, Cynthia Lamar, Don Graham, Pat Graham, Rose Amon

**Project Rachel** can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion.

**Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation** and the Knights of Columbus #4175 will host the 41st Annual Chicken Dinner on May 4th. Any business or alumni that would like to participate in the Advertisers Spotlight may do so by downloading the form on our website at [www.KofC4175.org](http://www.KofC4175.org)

**K or C Breakfast**– An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, April 13 from 8am-noon at the Knight of Columbus, Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12. All proceeds will benefit the Elizabeth Ann Seton program which supports pregnant and parenting women. For questions, please call 787-2360.

**SHG Volleyball:** Parent/Player meeting, Wednesday, April 9th, 6:00-6:45pm for incoming freshman Meeting held in West Campus cafeteria. For questions contact Sandy Hamilton at [sandyhamilton@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhamilton@gmail.com)

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

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,999,633.25</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 400,366.75
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 2,110.00

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, March 23, 2014	\$22,481.00

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 3/19/14	\$66,219.54
Amount Remaining	\$56,404.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	