



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, August 11, 2013
Eighteenth 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, August 12

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Albert O. Eck
Rose Brazitis

Tuesday, August 13

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Charles Perrin

Wednesday, August 14

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** The Sick & Dying of the Parish
- Vigil of the Assumption**
- 5:30PM** Cour & Dineen Families

Thursday, August 15

- Feast of the Assumption**
- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Lloyd Mosley
- 5:30pm** Hank Malkus

Friday, August 16

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Patrick Stapleton
Richard Seefeldt

Saturday, August 17

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Virginia Soy (LATIN MASS)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Leonard Fleckenstein

Sunday, August 18--20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Bev Geiser
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Catholic War Veterans
- ✧ **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

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

RCIA. During his recent address at World Youth Day, Pope Francis urged our young people to “spread the faith to the fringes of society.” During this Year of Faith, all of us should be reminded that it is our responsibility as believers to share the Gospel and bring others to the faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the way for those who are thinking about their faith and relationship with God to explore the Catholic Church and understand what the church teaches and how it can help us on the way. Some of these people who are interested may not be baptized in any faith. Others may be baptized but still are searching and may want to see what the Catholic Church is about. Still others may have been baptized Catholic but received little or no education in the faith and perhaps have not made communion or been confirmed. These are the people who would certainly benefit from the RCIA.

The process begins with very informal sessions to answer some of those nagging questions people have about Catholics. Why do Catholics do this or believe that, etc.? It is called the Inquiry Period. In the RCIA process no commitment is asked for at this time. There is no pressure to become Catholic. In fact, a full commitment comes only when the person is ready.

As parishioners and committed Catholics, our role is to invite people we know who may be interested in becoming Catholic or learning what our faith is about. Maybe it is a family member or friend who has expressed interest. The best way to encourage them is to invite them to join you for these meetings. Going with a friend relieves one of the biggest fears about taking this step.

The next RCIA group will hold their first session on Thursday, September 5th at 7 pm in the meeting room of the rectory basement. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, call the office at 528-7521 and let them know. Someone will then contact you.

Each of us plays a role in spreading the faith. By word, example, and prayer we encourage and support others as they move closer to the Lord. Jesus sent his disciples out to others with the “good news.” It is our duty to share it. As Pope Francis encouraged the youth, all are called to this same mission. Who do you know that is searching for a deeper meaning or greater purpose in life? Now would be a good time to invite them to join you for the RCIA to see if the Catholic faith is what they seek.

Feast of the Assumption. This Thursday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is a holy day that celebrates Mary being taken up body and soul into heavenly glory. It is also a reminder and hope that as Christians we too will someday share God’s heavenly kingdom when our bodies will be raised from the dead. Mass times are 5:30 pm on Wednesday and, 8 am and 5:30 pm on Thursday.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:**

Finnegan Charles Whitelock, son of Andrew & Chelsie Whitelock

Fulton Michael-Peralez Frey, son of Nathan & Amity Frey

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Rita Bianco

Georgiann Kutilek

Gary Stremsterfer

School Notes:

August 5-August 15-School office open from 9:00am-12noon, Monday through Thursday

August 14 Wednesday- 5:30pm—Orientation for new families in the gym.

6:30—8:00pm—**Fee night** in the cafeteria according to the following schedule: N-Z -- 6:30-7:00pm,
A-F—7:00-7:30pm,
G-M—7:30-8:00pm.

Used uniform sale in conjunction with Fee Night

Monday, August 19—First day of school for grades 1-8. 10:00am Prayer Service, 1:30pm dismissal: B.A.S. E. available

Tuesday, August 20-Friday, August 23—1:30 dismissal all week for grades 1-8

Tuesday, August 20-8:30-10:00am –Open House for kindergarten, all-day PreK, and Tu/Th preschool.

Wednesday, August 21-First day of school for kindergarten & all-day PreK

8:30-10:00am-Open House for half-day MWF Pre K

Wednesday, August 21-Friday August 23—11:00am dismissal for kindergarten and all-day Pre K; no B.A.S.E. available for these grades

School Office Hours: Beginning Monday, August 5, the office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9am to Noon. The office will be closed on Fridays until August 23. If anyone is unable to pick up a registration packet over the weekend of August 3 & 4, the packets will be available in the school office from August 5-15. **ALL** forms must be turned in **BEFORE** the first day of school, Monday, August 19.

Springfield Area Catholic Schools Are Now

Enrolling The Community of the Springfield Area Catholic Schools invites you to join us! Each of our schools offers a safe and nurturing learning environment of academic excellence, faith, and service, rich in the Catholic tradition. Visit our website: www.springfieldcatholicschools.net NOW ENROLLING. TUITION ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

Continuing Education Reimbursement Blessed Sacrament School recently received \$1,410.00 from the Diocese for reimbursement for professional development for faculty members. The funds were received from the Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope Endowment. Thank you to the Diocese and to all who contributed to the Diocesan capital campaign for this endowment.

Used Uniform Sale will be held in conjunction with Fee Night, Wednesday, August 14, from 6:30-8:00pm. Please drop off gently used uniforms at the school office after the Masses this weekend, August 3 & 4 on Mondays through Thursdays, August 5-12 from 9am-Noon. August 13th is the deadline for dropping off used uniforms. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale.

Calling all Parishioners! Please join us the night of **Saturday, October 5th**, for the 44th Annual Auction! Many volunteers and “cheerleaders” are needed as we strive to raise \$100,000 for Blessed Sacrament School. Tickets are \$25per person or \$350 for a reserved table of 8. The fun begins at 5:30pm. Your presence at this fun & casual event is truly appreciated. Are you able to donate your time or talents and join our Auction Touchdown Team? If so, please contact Jennifer Madiar at jmadiar@yahoo.com or 312-371-8362.

Feast of the Assumption is this Thursday, August 15th. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are at 5:30pm Wednesday and 8:00am & 5:30pm Thursday.

That Man is You a new weekly men’s group will be begin in September at three different times and locations: Mondays-6PM at Cathedral, Tuesdays-6AM at St. Agnes, and Saturdays-6AM at St. John Vianney in Sherman. This program focuses on the four leadership roles entrusted to men, the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles, the main obstacles to these goals, and the means for overcoming them. This program has been successful in over 400 parishes across 42 states with 15,000 members. Invest an hour a week and join this successful men’s group. To register or for more information, contact Mike Christie at 546-5716 or mchristie1766@yahoo.com.

Monthly Prayer Vigils at Granite City Abortion Clinic sponsored by the **Gospel of Life Committee** are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The next date is Saturday, August 17th. Leave Blessed Sacrament Parking Lot, 7:00am. There is a two hour prayer vigil. Return to Springfield approximately 12 noon. Please call Kevin Miller at 618-792-9500 for more information.

ADORATION HOURS

Unbelievable! State Fair plans are being made and Back-to-School sales are on! Are you praying for your children (of all ages) as the coming academic year approaches? We all need prayer, but our young people do especially in today's secular culture. Our Adoration Chapel is a great place to thank and pray. Contact Merle King at 528-6088, or Tom Karanianis at 415-3281, if you want some more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 P.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	11:00 P.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY	12:00 P.M. FRIDAY

Mark your calendars: Humanae Vitae Mass & Dinner, August 17th. Mass at 4PM at the Cathedral followed by dinner inside the Atrium at the Cathedral. Bishop Paprocki will be the celebrant of the Mass. A free will offering will be accepted. RSVP to ctejeda@dio.org or 321-1132.

Members of the Catholic War Veterans will be in the back of church after the 8:30am Mass on August 18 to answer questions regarding membership in their organization. Any Catholic veteran in good standing is eligible to join.

Butler Funeral Homes is sponsoring an Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, and Advance Planning for Long-Term Care & Asset Protection on Thursday, August 29th, 11:30am-1:30pm, at Bella Milano. This session is free and lunch is complimentary. For more information or to reserve your seat call 544-4646 before August 26th.

Court Madonna #148, Catholic Daughters of Americas, invites Catholic women to its monthly meeting at St. Joseph Church, St. Joseph Hall (formerly the cafeteria) 1345 N. 6th, Thursday, August 15th at 6:30pm. For more information please contact Della Santos at 528-4582.

Just a reminder: Beginning with the All School Mass on Friday, August 23rd, our daily Mass schedule will return to 8:20am on Tuesdays & Fridays.

K of C Breakfast Benefit for Seminarians today, Sunday, August 11, from 8am-Noon at Council 364 at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. \$8 adults, \$5 for children 6-12. Proceeds benefit Council 364's Vocations Support Program. For questions 787-2360

Mark you calendars The annual *Respect Life Dinner* benefitting Springfield Right To Life will be on Friday, September 27th. More information to come.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF AUGUST 12-16**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Billy Wilhite—Sam Faivre

Thurs.- Friday

Maggie O'Brien—Ben Scheufele

Saturday, August 17, 4:30PM

Lector: Ed Hart

Servers: Alex DeLeon, Monica DeLeon, Garrett Mohn

Eucharistic Ministers: Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Isabel Figueroa, Noreen Luhr, Scott Reimers, Larry Newell, Calvin Bell, Cordelia Moore

Sunday, August 18, 7:00am

Lector: George Rudis, Jr.

Servers: Max Beard, Maggie Haugh

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Graham, Pat Sheehan, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Kathryn Gietl, Jacqueline Shafer

Sunday, August 18, 8:30 AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: Elizabeth DeSalle, A.J. Lust, Brandon Graham

Eucharistic Ministers: Bradley Frost, Kathy Harth, Patricia Clarida, Mike Delvo, Andrea Judd, Clara Ushman, James Keys, Rita Keys

Sunday, August 18, 10:30 AM

Lector: Donna Moore

Servers: Braeden Frey, Daniel Gardner, Abby Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers: MaryAnn Gorney, Rick Campbell, Sally Petrone, Lisa Belz, Lynn Frasco, Mary Tuttle, Rose Amon, Jim Morphew

Looking in Love is a weekend marriage retreat for couples to reconnect with their own personal love history and gain a renewed sense of purpose, hope, and direction for the future. Retreat will be held at the Chiara Center, Springfield. Cost \$150. Retreat begins Saturday, August 24 at 9:00am and concludes Sunday, August 25 at 3:00pm For more information or to register, call the Office for Marriage & Family Life at 321-1132 or email ctejeda@dio.org

Save the date: 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. If you would like to lead in prayer or song contact Donna 622-8576.

Patricia Kornfield, Victims Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Contact 698-8500.

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,737,734.51</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 662,265.49
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4,467.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, July 29,2013	\$18,303.50