



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, December 28, 2014**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**



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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, December 29**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Aurelia Stenger  
Gene Costa

**Tuesday, December 30**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Liz Duckworth  
Roberta Beall

**Wednesday, December 31**

**New Year's Eve Eve**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Peace on Earth
- 5:30PM** Sandy Berry

**Thursday, January 1**

**New Year's Day**

- 9:00AM** Joe Cavanagh

**Friday, January 2**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Robert Bramlet

**Saturday, January 3**

- 8:00 AM** Sally Marcin  
(Latin Mass )
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Cour & Dineen Families

**Sunday, Jan. 4-Feast of the Epiphany**

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Helen Kramp
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Ahbee Robinson
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

**1915** was a year dominated by “the great war.” Casualties were high as new weapons and strategies for war were introduced. 1915 saw the introduction of poisonous gas first used by the Germans on the eastern front and then by the British in the west. Airplanes and aerial bombs were also new to this war. In May, a German u-boat sunk the British cruise-liner, the Lusitania, as it traveled from New York to Liverpool. 1198 people were killed including 114 American passengers. The US would stay out of the war until 1917, but support for the war would grow and by the end of the year, President Wilson would order an increase in both active and reserve troops. One horrific note is that 1915 saw the beginning of the Armenian genocide. Armenia was part of the Ottoman Empire and her people were Christian in a Moslem world. Many were dragged from their homes and slaughtered. Others were forced to march to concentration camps in Mesopotamia and Syria. By the end of the war, 1 million out of 2.5 million Armenians had been killed.

Apart from the war, other events in 1915 included the first transcontinental telephone call from New York to San Francisco. Within two months there was commercial phone service from New York to San Francisco, but a 3 minute call cost \$20.70. That year, the U.S. population topped 100 million and the gross national product was \$40 billion. The House of Representatives rejected a bill that would give women the right to vote. On February 12<sup>th</sup> of that year, the first stone of the Lincoln Memorial was set in place.

New inventions that year included pyrex baking ware and Bayer aspirin tablets. The first stop sign appeared on a street in Detroit. Einstein also developed his theory of relativity. Babe Ruth hit his first career homerun for the Boston Red Sox. He would go on to lead them to win the World Series 4 games to 1 over Philadelphia. Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Arthur Miller, Orson Welles, and Thomas Merton were all born in 1915. Booker T. Washington died that year. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, Birth of A Nation premiered. It would gross over 10 million dollars. It was controversial even in 1915 as it glorified a vigilante group known as the Ku Klux Klan. In the fall of that year, the Klan would be revived in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Other notable films included Douglas Fairbanks debut in The Lamb and Charlie Chaplain's film, The Tramp. Edgar Lee Masters would publish his book, Spoon River Anthology, a collection of poems that told the stories of people from a small central Illinois community who now lay buried in the town cemetery. For many of that day, the book was too honest. (cont. pg.5)

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

#### Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Charles Clark

#### Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Charlotte Marie Pope, daughter of David & Amy Pope

#### School News:

**Monday Dec. 22 thru Friday Jan. 2-Christmas Vacation**

**Monday, January 5- School resumes**

**New Year's Day Masses**— Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day is a Holyday of Obligation. We have the same obligation to attend Mass as on Sunday. Masses here at Blessed Sacrament are: **5:30pm** on Wednesday, December 31st, **New Year's Eve** and **9:00am** on Thursday, **New Year's Day**.

**Year-End Giving**—We are so grateful for the generosity of our parishioners throughout the entire year. During December, many people review their giving and determine that a year end charitable gift will benefit their tax status for the calendar year. If you wish to make a donation to Blessed Sacrament by making a general parish contribution to the church, or a gift to the School's Annual Fund or the Building on Tradition Fund, you may drop it into the collection basket during Mass or mail it to the school or parish office. All charitable contributions must be postmarked or received by December 31, 2014 to be included in the year-end statement for tax year 2014.

**IRA Charitable Rollover**— On December 16th, Congress passed legislation that includes the IRA Charitable Rollover. Donors age 70 1/2 and older may transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity. The transfer is free of federal income tax and the gift qualifies as the 2014 required minimum distribution. The law is for this tax year only at this point, and will expire on December 31, 2014. Please contact your IRA administrator if you would like to make a gift.

**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.





**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

**Congratulations!** To the SHG Football Team for winning the 2014 IHSA Class 5A State Championship in Football. Blessed Sacrament Grade School congratulates its graduates who played on the varsity team: Seniors- Jack Broeker, Gabe Green, Nick Farris, Anthony DiNello, Brendan Stannard, Juniors-Sam Bonansinga & George Jennings, Sophomores-Jack Boll, Sharky Martin, Alex Mauntel & Connor Rutherford.

**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 DEC. 29-JAN.2****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM**

Jonah Parkes-Luke Portz

**Thurs.- Friday**

Augie Antonacci-Braeden Frey

**Saturday, Jan. 3, 4:30PM**

Lector: Steven Scheufele

**Servers:** Ben Scheufele, Mary Pohlman, Abby Pohlman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrea Judd, Lisa Belz, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susal Gallagher, Jim Morphew, Lynn Frasco, Patricia Dietrich**Sunday, Jan. 4, 7:00am****Lector:** Ginny Schofield**Servers:** Maggie Haugh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Riley Hinds, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Pat Sheehan, Ann Walker, Dave Langston**Sunday, Jan. 4, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Michael Lawless**Servers:** Taylor Loftus, Rachael Loftus, Mary Clare Mizeur**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Delvo, Kathy Harth, Colleen VonDeBur, Larry Newell, Janine Feller, Tom Karaianis, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman**Sunday, Jan. 4, ,10:30 AM****Lector:** Joseph Stannard**Servers:** Jack Lamar, Jenna Pohlman, Daniel Gardner**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, Rick Campbell, Mary Tuttle, Rita Keys, James Keys, Barbara Erdmann, Rose Amon, MaryAnn Gorney

Fr. Jeff (cont.)

As we prepare for 2015, it seems to me that some things have not changed. Despite our advancements in knowledge and technology; war, violence, and injustice continue. There is no doubt when one sees such evil one knows the existence of sin. But there is a story from 1915 that gives a glimmer of hope in a rather bleak year. On Christmas day, along the western front, a truce had been called (A similar truce also happened in 1914). Some soldiers came out of their trenches and offered Christmas greetings to those on the other side. Somehow, a spontaneous game of football began in the no man's land between the two sides. It lasted only a short time before artillery fire brought the truce to an end. The story was revived a few years ago when the last player died. It seemed to say that even in the midst of war and evil, there are glimpses of hope—hope that our world can be re-deemed. As we begin 2015, my prayer is that this year will be one of hope.

Fr. Jeff

**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**

<b>Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b><u>\$5,169,221.09</u></b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 230,778.91</b>
<b>Amount Received Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 7,250.00</b>

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>
<b>Sunday, December 14 2014</b>	<b>\$28,144.25</b>

**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