



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, February 1, 2015
Fourth 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, February 2

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Mary & Charlie Ebel, Katie Sullivan

Tuesday, February 3

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Mike Healy
Carol Castor

Wednesday, February 4

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Marilyn Mason
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, February 5

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** Maria King Peters
Joshua Bradley

Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

- 8:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Eleydiath Family
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Madaline Hughes

Sunday, Feb. 8--5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Stephen Melton, Jr.
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Tom, Hazel, & Mary O'Keefe
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday at the 8:30 am Mass, several eighth grade students from our parish will be publicly enrolled for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. They will sign their names into a book and make a public promise to complete the studies required, fulfill their service requirements, worship and pray as they prepare for the reception of this sacrament. Confirmation is an important sacrament since it is part of one's full initiation into the church. Where baptism is indeed valid and effective on its own, it is not complete without eucharist and confirmation. The sacrament imparts a special strength to help us spread and defend our faith by word and action. It unites us more firmly to Christ and deepens our bond with the church. It increases the gift of the Holy Spirit in all who receive it. In short, it perfects Baptismal grace.

Originally, this sacrament was conferred in the same ritual as baptism. In the eastern church this is still the practice. Following the Second Vatican Council, it also became the practice in the western or Latin rite when baptizing adults or receiving adults baptized in other Christian denominations. However, the custom to postpone confirmation for those baptized as infants remained. The sacrament is normally to be conferred sometime at or near the "age of discretion." The bishop is the usual minister of the sacrament, although in some cases he may appoint a priest to serve as his delegate.

Preparation for the sacrament is important. It should help the individual develop a more personal relationship with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit and the gifts and actions of this Spirit. It is by these gifts that we live our faith and share it with others. Thus, the goal of our program is to help our youth understand what it means to be a member of the church—the universal church as well as the local parish community. Because the sacrament is so closely tied to Baptism, they are asked to study the creed and understand and accept these beliefs. During the Rite of Confirmation, they will be expected to renew or "confirm" the promises made for them at baptism. They are also asked to study and explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit—understanding how they help us live our faith. Each student must show evidence they are willing to live a Christian life by their choices, their prayer and worship, and their service to others.

If these candidates for Confirmation are found ready, they will then be confirmed by Bishop Paprocki on Wednesday, March 11th here at Blessed Sacrament. In the mean time you can help these students by your prayers and examples. If they can see how faith underlies the way you live, they are more likely to understand how it can be of value for them.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Margot Abigail Buoy, daughter of Carl & Abigail Buoy

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Grant Mueller

Loraine Weitekamp Flanagan

School News:

Sunday, Feb. 1-8:30am Mass– Enrollment Sunday for 8th grade for Confirmation

Friday, Feb. 6- PSA Spirit Day,

2:00pm– First Friday Benedicton

Saturday, Feb. 7-7:00-10:00pm– BSS Mardi Gras Party (adults only) in the school cafeteria.

Tuesday, Feb. 10-Mid quarter reports

Wednesday, Feb.11-1:30pm Dismissal for faculty meeting; B.A.S.E. available

Mardi Gras Party- Blessed Sacrament will again host a Mardi Gras Party to benefit the Annual Fund this 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. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Snowflake Shuffle: Thanks to all who participated in this year's Snowflake Shuffle. It was a great way to begin Catholic Schools Week and to have some fun on a January afternoon! A special note of gratitude to this year's sponsors of the event: Cummings Carpet One, Edward Jones/Tim Healy, R.W. Troxell, Mike Hoffmann & Associates, Cory Jobe, Ward 6 alderman, Associated Pathologists, Ltd, and Starcrest Cleaners.

Blessed Sacrament Women's Club will hold a planning meeting, along with a service project, this Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30pm in the Rectory Basement. All ladies of the parish are invited and encourage to attend. Our service project will be to write Valentine's Day cards to send to the homebound of the Parish. Please join us!

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast– Buffet will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 8am-Noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children five and under. Proceeds to benefit Special Olympics TORCH RUN. For questions call 787-2360.

Save the Date– The Women's Club is hosting a **Prayer & Paint Night on Monday evening, February 23rd, at 6:30pm**, to help us along our Lenten Journey. Not an artist? No worries! Our own fabulous art teachers, Mrs. Ficke & Mrs. Mauntel will guide us through the whole painting process and you'll go home with a beautiful picture. We will provide all the supplies; you bring a beverage of your choice and a maybe a snack to share. Pre-registration is required along with \$20 to offset the costs of the painting supplies. Please submit your name and payment to the school or parish office by Tuesday, February 17th. Non painters are welcome to join us for free in the school cafeteria to watch, pray, and socialize.

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained– Who is Jesus? 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, in SYMBLON: The Catholic Faith Explained. Attend all ten sessions or just the ones of most interest to you. The session, *Who is Jesus* will be held on February 10th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. We will discuss who Jesus is, and who he isn't. 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.

Bakers & Snack Makers!! Help!! The RCIA Team is looking for a few people to help, just a little bit. We need volunteers to help with the snack at break time. You choose it, cookies, cakes, cheese, fruit...whatever. This is just one concrete way we are able to show the Candidates a warm welcome from our community. Our sessions are on Thursday night and we break at 8pm. One person, a family, a couple, or several can do this. If you are able to help please contact Kathy at 899-7403. She will answers any questions you may have. Thank you and God bless you!

Sunday, February 8th is Boy Scout Sunday. Please join the Boy Scouts as they attend the 8:30am Mass and receive their Religious Awards. In conjunction with Boy Scout Sunday, the Scouts will have a **food drive for St. Martin De Poores**. There will be boxes in back of church for you to place your can goods and non perishable food items.

ADORATION HOURS

Christmas as a season has past, and already some of our New Year's resolutions are a bit worn. January 22nd is the 42nd anniversary of Roe v Wade decision by the U. S. Supreme Court which legalized abortion in our country. Now is the time to pray for all affected: the babies killed, the mothers and fathers with guilt and sad memories and those who committed these deeds who often have a horrifying awakening of what they have done. 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
 1:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 2:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 3:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY
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 12:00 A.M. TUESDAY
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2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
 8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
 1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
 2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 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.

Mom & Tot Playgroup— This playgroup is for all moms and their children ages birth to preschool and meets once a week at different local kid friendly places. Please contact Morgan Ambrose for more information 741-3831 or morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com or check out our 'Blessed Sacrament Mom and Tot Playgroup' on Facebook to become a member. February Schedule: Monday, Feb.2 (9-10am)-Cheer Zone-Open Gym (\$5per child). Thursday, Feb. 5 (11:30-1:00pm)-McDonald's-Parkway Point. Monday, Feb.9 (9:30-10:30am)-Mall Play area. Thursday, Feb.19 (9:00-10:30am)-Sprouts Playgroup @Southside Christian Church (free). Tuesday, Feb. 24 (11:30-1:30)- Ergadoozy-(\$5per child). Thursday, Feb. 26 (9-10:30) Sprouts Playgroup @ Southside Christian church (free).

Butler Funeral Home is sponsoring and **Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning** on February 12th. Join them at 8:30am for a complimentary breakfast at MCL Cafeteria and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these topics. All is free, no cost or obligation. Call 544-4646 to reserve your seat by February 9.

The Plain Purple Envelope in your February envelope packet is for the Church in Eastern Europe. This collection is taken up on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF FEB. 2-6****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Elizabeth DeSalle-Maya Dye

Thurs.- Friday

Nathan Shafer-Adrianna Thiele

Saturday, Feb. 7, 4:30PM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Jade Anderson, Lily Klaves, Gabrielle Njapa**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Andrea Judd, Larry Newell, Carol Gvazdinskas, Ed Schofield, Rosemary DiNello, Kathryn Gietl**Sunday, Feb. 8, 7:00am****Lector:** George Rudis, Jr.**Servers:** Jonah Parkes**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Riley Hinds, Phil Graham, Jackie Shafer, Dave Langston**Sunday, Feb.8, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Daniel Heffernan**Servers:** Augie Antonacci, Nick Broeker, Brandon Graham**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Delvo, Rick Campbell, Janine Feller, Bradley Frost, Patricia Clarida, Megan Greco, Colleen VonDeBur, Mary B. Maloney**Sunday, Feb.8, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Donna Moore**Servers:** Gabby Antonacci, Michael Dailey, Monica DeLeon**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, Barbara Erdmann, Sally Petrone, Barney Bruzetti, Rose Amon, Lynn Frasco, Carol Guthrie, Mary Tuttle

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Ashley & Jackson Copple, Steve, 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, Brigid 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 & shipma

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>\$5,225,716.16</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 174,283.84
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 300.40

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, January 18, 2015	\$18,485.25

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 1/6)	\$57,255.73
Amount Remaining	\$48,571.27

16% of our parishioners (221 families) have contributed to date