

LENT

Cover design ©Liturgical Publications Inc. Image from BigStockPhoto.com © Woo Bing Siew.

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, February 15, 2015 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR:

Father Jeff Grant
Deacon David Erdmann
Deacon Tom Burns

PARISH OFFICE:

Phone: (217) 528-7521
Fax: (217) 528-3137
Website: www.bsps.org

SCHOOL OFFICE:

748 West Laurel
Phone: (217) 522-7534
Fax: (217) 522-7542
www.bssbruins.org

Office Manager:

Margaret Antenan

Accounts Manager:

Sharon Schraeder

Principal:

Kathy Wear

School Administrative Asst:

Nancy Evans

School Secretary:

Michele Hinds-Greenwood

Music Director:

Jody Kienzler

Parish School of Religion:

Call the Parish Office to register

Development Director:

Kim Hoffmann

Maintenance Manager:

Ron Sommer

Bulletin Submissions:

Margaret Antenan
Email: mantenan@bsps.org

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 16

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine

Tuesday, February 17

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Cinda Gebben

Wednesday, February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

Confessions before Mass

- ✕ **8:20 AM** Walter Simhauser
- 5:30PM** Carol Castor

Thursday, February 19

Confessions before Mass

- 8:00AM** Helen Huelsman

Friday, February 20

Confessions before Mass

- 8:20AM** Joseph Platia
- 5:30PM Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, February 21

8:00 AM Donald Lawler

(Latin Mass)

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

4:30 PM Pauline & Bill Calnan

Sunday, Feb. 22--First Sunday of Lent

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Stephen Melton, Jr.
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Chris Moore

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Lent 2015. This Wednesday begins the season of Lent. It is the time the church sets aside annually for the faithful to prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. The traditional preparation involves prayer, fasting, and penance.

--By prayer, we deepen our relationship with God. Prayer is more than just talking to God. It can also be contemplation, reflection, or simply quiet time set aside in God's presence. Prayer keeps us connected to God and focused on living our life for Christ. During Lent we are encouraged to spend more time in prayer as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery. A daily rosary, meditation on the scripture, Friday Stations of the Cross, an hour in the Adoration Chapel, or a daily reflection from the "Little Black Book" are just some ways we could spend this season in prayer.

--By fasting, we turn our attention to the spiritual need found in each of us. Sometimes when our stomachs are full and our lives are full we forget and don't pay enough attention to God. Where we think we have all the things we need, there is an emptiness that remains inside. Fasting from food or earthly things reminds us that there is a spiritual hunger that only God can fill. During Lent, the church asks us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This is for all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 who are healthy enough to do so. Fasting means we may eat one full meatless meal and two smaller meatless meals as needed to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids such milk, juice or coffee, are allowed. (One must not abuse fasting, that is to overdo it to the point of putting one's health at risk. It is an effort to make us more aware of God, not to prove how much we love God. My advice is to always follow the guidelines of the church.)

--By penance, we develop a spiritual discipline and remind ourselves of God's ever-present love in our lives. Penance should always be part of our daily lives but during Lent its focus becomes a remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Giving up something we might normally do or have during our daily life is one way to remind ourselves. Again, it is not a contest or a proof of how much we love God, but the effort on our part to remember, and allow our faith to shape the choices we make in life. The church asks all Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. By this common penance we demonstrate our unity of faith. Other penances of a personal choice are also encouraged. During Lent, the sacrament of reconciliation is also available at the usual times. In addition, a special Penance Service will be held here at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, March 24th at 7 pm.

I encourage you to use this time of Lent in order be ready for the Easter Triduum. The time and effort you take now will deepen your faith and appreciation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. May you use it well and may you have a holy Lent.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

School News:

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 14-15-Science and History Fair open after all Masses

Monday, Feb. 16— No School for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, Feb. 17— Mardi Gras Carnival for students during the day

Wednesday, Feb. 18— 8:20am All School Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Friday, Feb. 20-Men's Club Fish Fry

Registration for 2015-2016-Registration for Blessed Sacrament School begins on Monday, March 2 with registration packets being sent home with current students. Call-in registration for pre-school parents is Monday, March 2, beginning at 9am. Call-in registration for kindergarten parents calling in Tuesday, March 3 beginning at 9am.

Mardi Gras Party—Thanks to all who attended last weekend's party—it was great! We are especially grateful to Mid America Advertising and Scott & Lori Reimers for being the Mardi Gras sponsors, and to the Men's Club for their beverage sponsorship. A special thanks to our chefs, David & Karen Senger, who provided and prepared the wonderful Cajun food.

Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:20am and 5:30pm
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

Little Black Books of Lenten Devotion are available in the back of church. Please take one home. These are a good source of Lenten meditation.

Rice Bowls are available in the back of church. Please take one home. These are good aids to assist with Lenten almsgiving. They should be returned Holy Week.

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.

Priest, Prophet, & King— Jesus is the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. In Fr. Robert Baron's new DVD series, "Priest, Prophet, & King", we will explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet, and king and see how Jesus is the fulfillment of each one. Throughout this experience you will better understand who Jesus really is and also realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. This program will be presented and discussed in the rectory basement at 6:30pm, Tuesdays, February 24 (priest), March 3 (prophet) and March 10 (king). For more information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335. This program is made possible by a Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope grant and the people of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

40 Days for Life-from February 18 through March 29, you are invited to join other Christians for --40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life has a proven track record of success! The heart of this effort is peaceful prayer vigils to be held on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 1000 E. Washington. You can also help by spreading the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information-or if you would like to volunteer for a prayer vigil time, please visit the website www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield/ or call Springfield Right to Life at 523-2700 or srtl@sbcglobal.net

Men's Club Fish Fries will begin this Friday, February 20th from 5-7:30pm in the School Cafeteria. Come join us for good food and good company.

St. Martin De Porres Center, is in great need of new or gently used household items: sheets, blankets, towels, pots, pans, small electrical appliances, dishes and silverware. The center is open from 8:30 to 11:00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Items may be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament School and a volunteer will take them to the center. Thank you!

K of C Springfield Council 364 will be holding a membership drive after all the Masses the weekend of February 28-March 1. If you are a man interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Representatives of Council 364 will be available to answer questions and sign up those interested in joining.

St. Joseph's Home is looking for an organist for 10:00am Sunday Mass. Contact 529-5596 Sr. Lenore.

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
 1:00 A.M. MONDAY
 12:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY
 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY

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.

All are invited to the celebration and farewell for Bishop-elect Cheri, OFM, to be ordained Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans on Sunday, February 15th at the 5PM Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Paprocki as the main celebrant with Bishop-elect Cheri concelebrating. A reception with Jazz Music and New Orleans style food will follow the liturgy in the Cathedral Atrium, Please join us to congratulate Bishop-elect Ferd Cheri, OFM.

Congratulations! To Sara Rotherham-Backs for being chosen Student of the Month for February. Sara is a SHG sophomore and a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School.

56th SHG Mostaccioli Dinner-will be held, Sunday, March 1 at SHG's West Campus from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to dinner will feature a cash raffle with a top prize of \$10,000.

Springfield's Got Sisters— Women ages 18-35 explore the lives of Sisters in 4 communities during the weekend of February 21-22. At each stop, enjoy the Sisters' hospitality and witness their lives of faith. We will visit 4 communities: the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, the Dominican (Cloistered) Nuns, the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis and the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. There is NO FEE for this weekend. For details and to register, contact Sr. Teresa Marron, OP at 708-207-1874 or srteresa@spdom.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF FEB. 16-20****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Kendra McCubbin-Jackie Romer

Thurs.- Friday

Jack Lamar-Laurelynn Weimheir

Saturday, Feb. 21, 4:30PM

Lector: Steven Scheufele

Servers: Jacky Hyde, Andrew Mauntel, Alex Mauntel**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathryn Gietl, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Colleen VonDeBur, Sally Petrone, Lynn Frasco, Rose Amon**Sunday, Feb. 22, 7:00am****Lector:** Val Simhauser**Servers:** Christian Gatewood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Jackie Shafer, Phil Graham, Carol Gvazdinskas**Sunday, Feb.22, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Michael Lawless**Servers:** Sophie Reimers, Emma Smith, Lauren Smith**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne Capestrain, Larry Newell, Mike Delvo, Scott Reimers, Janine Feller, Megan Greco, Patricia Clarida, Bradley Frost**Sunday, Feb.22, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Tim Moore**Servers:** Elise Huffstedtler, Connor Klopfer, Caleb Klopfer**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Erdmann, Andrea Judd, Dan Schuering, Lisa Belz, Mary Tuttle, Carol Guthrie, Barney Bruzetti, Mary B Maloney

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Steve, Hannah Clark, 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, 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 & shipma

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

Lenten Devotion— Pray the Rosary before the 10:30am Mass, beginning at 10:05am.

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,231,022.83</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 168,977.17
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4066.67

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, February 1, 2015	\$20,997.75

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