



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, January 11, 2015
Baptism of the Lord



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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, January 12

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Richard L. Seefeldt

Tuesday, January 13

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Colleen O'Keefe

Wednesday, January 14

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Charles Clark
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, January 15

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** Lynn Rempfer

Friday, January 16

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Edith & Leonard Berry

Saturday, January 17

- 8:00 AM** Special Intentions for All My Children
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Jim Belz

Sunday, Jan. 18-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✧ **8:30 AM** George Egizii
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Deceased Members of Vespa & Westenberger Families

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

“**Baptism** is the basis of our whole Christian life. It is the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through baptism we are free from sin and reborn into the family of God. We become members of Christ, are incorporated into the church and are given a share in her mission.” (Catechism of Catholic Church #1213)

That is what our church teaches about baptism. The word baptism literally means plunge. The plunge into the water symbolizes our death with Christ. Our coming out of the water symbolizes our resurrection by which we become a new being. Baptism is not something we earn or can demand from God. It is a gift. That is one reason we permit and encourage the baptism of infants. There was nothing we did to receive it. It was purely a gift from God. On the other hand, it is not magic. For this new life of grace to work within us, we must cooperate. For all the baptized, adult and children alike, faith must grow after baptism. The sacrament marks only the beginning of our spiritual journey.

For the grace to unfold in our children, the role of parents is primary. They are the ones responsible to see that their child is taught the faith and given example as to how it should be lived. Teaching one's child to pray, to worship God, and to love our neighbor is the most important thing a parent can do. But they are not alone in this task. God-parents likewise should encourage the child by word and example. Also the entire parish should assist. Again in the Catechism we are reminded that the whole community bears responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given in baptism (#1255).

I think we do that in several ways...

We can set a good example by our own lives. If we follow the teachings of Christ and allow them to shape our choices, children are more likely to do the same. Gripping and complaining about others does not help. Rather, setting a cheerful and positive example is what is needed.

We can help by providing quality Catholic education. A great deal of our time, talent, and treasure is spent on this in our parish. To do otherwise would be to neglect our responsibility. Where we cannot force people to take advantage of these programs, we can help by supporting them, volunteering to help with them, and by encouraging our family and friends to use them faithfully.

We can also pray. I suggest that we pray that God will do God's part and that we will be willing to cooperate. (That can be risky since we never know what God will ask of us.)

Baptism is the basis of our whole Christian life. Today as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, perhaps we should reflect on our own baptism and the baptisms of our brothers and sisters in the parish. Are we doing all we can to protect and encourage the grace God gives in this sacrament.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Carol Castor
Robert O'Keefe, Sr.
Lucille Puma

School News:

Wednesday, January 14— Report Card Day

Friday, January 16-Jr. High dance for 7th & 8th graders at St. Agnes

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.

Mardi Gras Party- Blessed Sacrament will again host a Mardi 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 – today, 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.

Right o Life Signature Campaign— Thank you to all who participated in the Springfield Right to Life signature campaign last weekend. For those who missed it, and would like to participate, please call the SRTL office at 523-7000 no later than Tuesday, January 13th to be included in the Advertisement.

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained– The Journey of Faith. 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. Attend all ten sessions or just the ones of most interest to you. The first session will be held on January 20th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. We'll talk about God, the Holy Trinity, and the Journey of Faith. 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.

Annual Recommitment to Life Rally, sponsored by the Right To Life Civic Committee, will be held January 18th at 2:00pm in the State Capitol Rotunda. The rally commemorates the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. The keynote speaker will be Andy Moore of Americans United For Life.

St Joseph's Church, Chatham, will hold its Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 18th, from 8am-1pm. Adults \$5, Children (4 thru 11) \$3, Children under 4-free. All You Can Eat! Proceeds to benefit Local Food Pantries.

Job Opportunity SHG is seeking a full time evening janitor. For more information call or email Tom Fiaush at 787-1595 or fiaush@shg.org

St. Agnes Young at Heart Club will present **Mayhem at the Talent Show**, a **Mystery Dinner Theater**, on **Saturday, January 24 at 6pm** and a **Mystery Matinee Theater on Sunday, January 25 at 2pm** in St. Agnes Parish Hall. Talented cast members will provide a hilarious presentation of a talent show that goes terribly awry. Tickets are \$30 for Saturday show/dinner and \$20 for the Sunday matinee/ appetizers. Prizes for those who predict the guilty party. All profits will go to purchase special equipment for St. Agnes choir. **Deadline for reservations in Sunday, January 18.** To purchase tickets call Sue Hartl 787-5849. For questions concerning the show call Cliff Erwin 787-7017.

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, today, Sunday, January 11, 2015 at the Riverton Knights of Columbus from 8am-Noon. Adults \$6, Children under 10, \$4. For questions, contact Tim 299-4596 or grigtwo@aol.com

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, 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 & shipmates

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF JAN. 12-16****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Kyle Ingram-Monica DeLeon

Thurs.- Friday

Andrew Mauntel-Miles Roland

Saturday, Jan. 17, 4:30PM

Lector: Ken Dobucki

Servers: Charlie Yockey, Louie Yockey, Mary Kate Yockey**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Joseph Stannard, Rose Amon, Larry Newell, Colleen VonDeBur, Patricia Dietrich**Sunday, Jan. 18, 7:00am**

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Ava Giacomini-Kendra McCubbin**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ginny Schofield, Dave Langston, Ann Walker, Pat Sheehan, Michele Hinds-Greenwood**Sunday, Jan. 18, 8:30 AM**

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: AJ Lust, Sophie Reimers, Grace Lambert**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Mike Delvo, Scott Reimers, Mark Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Janine Feller, Kathy Harth, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo**Sunday, Jan. 18, 10:30 AM**

Lector: Sandy Etheridge

Servers: Kevin Heffernan, Danny Heffernan, Noah Finch**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, Jim Mophew, MaryAnn Gorney, James Keys, Rita Keys, Mary Tuttle, Rick Campbell, Joe Stannard,III

Financial Peace University Get control of your finances, and learn God's way of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Cathedral will host 9 weekly sessions beginning Thursday, January 22. Classes run from 6:15-8:15pm in the Cathedral Atrium. Everyone attending the class will need a membership kit, which is \$75 and funded in part by the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. You need to register online at www.daveramsey.com in advance and bring \$75 to your first night of class to get a membership kit, which will allow you to attend FPU classes, anywhere, anytime in the future-FREE. If you have any questions, contact the class coordinator, Angela Vincent at 622-4340.

Chiara Center, Springfield, offers many opportunities for spiritual growth—an Ah Day of quiet which you can schedule to fit your calendar, A Food & Faith evening featuring dinner and an excellent presentation on Thursday, January 29th by Ed Wojcicki, past editor of Catholic Times, a Recovery weekend retreat February 20-22, tours of St. Frances of Assisi Church and Chiara grounds, retreats tailored to your group. For more information call 523-0901 or chiaracenter.org

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>\$5,218,806.09</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 181,193.91
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 15,030.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, December 28, 2014	\$25,589.25
Total Christmas Collection	\$28,003.35

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