



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2015**  
**Second 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, January 19**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** John & Mary Tweryon  
Leonard Giuffre

**Tuesday, January 20**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Willa & Richard Senger

**Wednesday, January 21**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Paul Beveridge
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, January 22**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Vivian Kirby

**Friday, January 23**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Carol Castor

**Saturday, January 24**

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine  
(Latin Mass )
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Richard Ray

**Sunday, Jan. 25-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Mary Sandra Martin
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Peg Coleman
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

Kiley was in college when she found out she was pregnant. She was also addicted to crystal meth. Her friends, however, didn't scorn her and tell her she was an unfit mother and her baby's life would horrible. But, neither did they tell her all you need to do is carry the baby to term and give some stable couple a wonderful gift. What they told Kiley is that she screwed up—big time. But we still love you and are still your friends. They threw her a baby shower, bought her maternity clothes and then babysat while she finished the semester. It wasn't easy being pregnant and addicted. Many would have advised against it. But Kiley said the baby gave her something to live for—rather someone to live for. It became the big difference in her life.

My initial reaction to her story was a concern for her child's future. Something like 40% of the children born in our country are born to mothers who are not married. Less than 2% of these mothers will choose for their child to be adopted. The consequences are often poverty, neglect, and abuse. Where this may not be so in all cases, raising a child as a single mother takes a strong support system, one that is often hard to find.

Some think being pro-life is all about politics. Often the title "anti-abortion" is used to describe pro-life advocates. It is true that pro-life does oppose abortion, but that is because we stand for something else. We stand for human life as something that is good and deserving of respect. Every human being has the same worth and dignity and every human being has a right to live. Yet, many of those who call themselves pro-life have much to learn about what it truly entails. I have seen people willing to march for life and then turn around and complain about those who have children out of wedlock. They don't see that such talk doesn't help someone make that choice for life. Little things we do to support people in these circumstances are important. Here are some things to consider.

--Embrace new life in your own family and in others. Each year we baptized over 80 children here at Blessed Sacrament. With each we celebrate the fact that they are a gift from God. They are a gift not only to their family, but to the parish community and thus, they must be valued and cherished.

--Be pro-life and pro-child. Don't stop supporting parents once their perfect baby turns into a screaming toddler. An understanding smile, rather than a glare, or a word of encouragement goes a long way for a parent who is dealing with a youngster's meltdown. Be thankful the parents bring their children to Mass. In fact, tell them you are thankful

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### OUR PARISH FAMILY

#### **Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:**

Caleb Michael Shaffer, son of Bradley & Kaitilin Shaffer

#### **School News:**

**Monday, Jan. 19-**No School in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday, Jan. 20-**1:30pm 6th grade joint activity at Cathedral

**Wednesday, Jan. 21-**8th grade participants depart for March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C.

**Thursday, Jan 22-** 8:20am All-School Mass  
5:30pm PGC Training in Cafeteria

**Friday, Jan 23-**3rd grade T.G. I. F joint activity at BSS

**Sunday, Jan. 25-Friday Jan. 20** Catholic Schools Week

#### **News from the Development Office—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. 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.

**Protecting God's Children Training Class** will be offered here at Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 22nd at 5:30pm in the School Cafeteria. Anyone volunteering in any capacity for the school or parish is required to attend this class. Please call the parish office to register for this class-528-7521.

**Please Note:** Mass on Thursday, January 22nd will be at 8:20am. This will be an All School Mass.

**Please pray for** members of our 8th grade class and their chaperones as they travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the March for Life.

**Blessed Sacrament Women's Club** will hold a planning meeting, along with a service project, on 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! The Snowflake Shuffle on Sunday, January 25 will be a kickoff for the Women's Club fitness program. Sign up sheet will be available at the Shuffle asking ladies if they would like to join a weekly exercise program, either walking around the school gym or at the park when the weather improves.

**Save the Date-** The Women's Club is having a special event on Monday evening, February 23rd, to help us along our Lenten Journey. Details soon!!

**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 today, 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.

**Oremus: Let us Pray** -an 8 week study from Ascension Press is being offered by Christ the King Parish in the library in the parish social hall on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am, January 21-March 11. If you would like to join the group, please contact Mary Kay Hinkle, mbhinkle75@comcast.net or 787-9750 to enroll. Cost is \$18. The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. You will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters.

**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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2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY  
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 8:00 A.M. THURSDAY  
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 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. Our next playdates are: Tuesday, January 20h, 9:30-Ergadoozy, Monday, January 26, 9-10am Cher Zone (open gym \$5 each child)

**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line**

**Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :** 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 & 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. 19-23****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Ben Kroner-Caleb Rutherford

**Thurs.- Friday**

Lauren Smith-Maddie O'Connor

**Saturday, Jan. 24, 4:30PM**

Lector: Calvin Bell

**Servers:** Elizabeth DeSalle, Nathaniel Bell, Jonah Parkes**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janine Feller, Scott Reimers, Ken Dobucki, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosely, Noreen Luhr, Lisa Belz, Mary B. Maloney**Sunday, Jan. 25, 7:00am****Lector:** Judy Kjellander**Servers:** Christian Gatewood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Jackie Shafer, Phil Graham, Riley Hinds, Carol Gvazkinskas**Sunday, Jan. 25 8:30 AM****Lector:** Melaney Arnold**Servers:** Maggie O'Brien, Ben Portz, Luke Portz**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Ushman, Mike Delvo, Colleen VonDeBur, Larry Newell, Carol Guthrie, Megan Greco, Patricia Clarida, Bradley Frost**Sunday, Jan. 25, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Suzanne Baase**Servers:** Michael Dailey, Jackie Romer, Gabrielle Wood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Mophew, James Dodge, Lynn Frasco, Rose Amon, Barney Bruzetti, Sally Petrone, Andrea-Judd, Barbare Erdmann

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--Give love and support, not judgment. Instead of arguing or lecturing someone about the evils of abortion, a positive way is to offer your love and prayers. Kindness will go much further in changing the mind of one considering an abortion than will statistics, bloody pictures, and judgment. In fact, fear, embarrassment, and a sense of failure are often reasons cited by those women who have had abortions. Your encouragement and/or friendship may help them discover the good things God has given them.

In other words, being pro-life is more than just who you vote for. One's attitude and effort to reach out and help is important. If you want things to change, you must first be willing to change yourself. This week as we mark the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Roe v Wade, perhaps our reflection is not just how to change the law, but rather how to change our hearts that we might truly be people who support life.

**Fr. Jeff**

**St. Joseph's Home Open House** will be held on January 24th from 2-4pm to allow the community to view the three newly-renovated dining rooms. Tours will be given from 2-3:15pm with a reception following in the new Shelter Care Dining Room. From 3:15-3:45pm staff and volunteers will be available to answer your questions, For questions contact Lauren Action 529-5596 or funddev@saintjosephshome.org.

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,245,185.76</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 154,814.24
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 6,194.67

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, January 4, 2015	\$21,918.00
Solemnity	\$ 3,034.00
First Offering	\$ 2,287.00

**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