

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, January 3, 2016

Feast of the Epiphany



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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”
~Mt 2:1b-2

Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
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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 4

Confessions before Mass

8:00 AM Helen Kramp
Winnie Costello

Tuesday, January 5

Confessions before Mass

8:20 AM Kevin Dallavis

Wednesday, January 6

Confessions before Mass

8:00 AM Chick Delano
5:30PM Prayer Service

Thursday, January 7

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Jim Coady

Friday, January 8

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM George Schmidt
Sam Benanti

Saturday, January 9

8:00AM John Kirchgerner
(Latin Mass)

3:00-4:00PM - Confessions
4:30 PM George Ann Martin

Sunday, January 10-Baptism of the Lord

7:00 AM Henry Midden

8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

10:30 AM Deceased Members of Mawer &
Eichinger Family

Rosary beginning at 10:05 is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

1916 was once again, a year dominated by war. Now in its third year, the "Great War" had become the bloodiest ever. The Battle of Verdun began in February and would continue without interruption for over six months. A second offensive along the Somme River began in June. The first day of battle was the deadliest in the war. By the end of 1916 over 4.75 million people had been killed...and the stalemate continued.

Violence raged in other parts of the world as well. In April, a small group of Irish republicans seized the post office in Dublin declaring Ireland an independent nation. Within the week, the rebellion was quashed and the instigators arrested and executed. Where the rebellion had little support from the Irish people, the brutality with which the British responded, drew many sympathizers to the cause and would eventually lead to independence. William Butler Yeats would write in his famous poem "Easter 1916", "a terrible beauty is born."

The U.S. still did not enter the war. In fact, Woodrow Wilson won re-election as president on a slogan, "He kept us out of war." But many things were changing. A German submarine, U-53, sank 9 British merchant ships off the coast of Rhode Island and the British government blacklisted over 30 American companies for doing business with the enemy. We also had our own problems with Mexico. In January, Pancho Villa captured and executed 16 U.S. mining engineers in retaliation for U.S. recognition of the Carranza government. He would later make a raid on U. S. soil and General Pershing would be sent into Mexico to try and hunt him down.

Labor was also a big concern that year. There were over 2,000 strikes in the U.S. The Adamson Act established an 8-hour day for railroad workers, preventing a strike, and the Keating-Owens Act banned the use of child labor from interstate commerce. The Gross National Product that year was 48.3 billion. The first modern supermarket (Piggly-Wiggly) opened in Memphis and Daylight Savings Time was first introduced in Britain. New products included windshield wipers for automobiles, Lucky Strike cigarettes, and Lincoln Logs.

Wrigley Field opened in April with the Cubs beating Cincinnati 7-6. The Red Sox would win the World Series that year with a 4 game sweep over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Another sporting note is that women were first allowed to attend boxing matches.

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized: Gatsby Michael Kent, son of Austin & Michelle Kent.

Fr. Jeff-cont.

1916 saw Margaret Sanger open the first birth control clinic, the forerunner to Planned Parenthood. Jeanette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress, even though women did not yet have the right to vote. Times were changing. Jack London, James Whitcomb Riley, Eduard Strauss, and the Russian mystic Rasputin, all died that year. Jackie Gleason, Dinah Shore, Gregory Peck, Walter Cronkite, and Betty Grable were born. The first Norman Rockwell painting appeared on the Saturday Evening Post. He would soon become famous for his American art.

Quoheleth says that there is nothing new under the sun. Sometimes when you look at history, you might be tempted to agree. Yet, we can hope that we will learn from past events and use that knowledge to make better choices in the future. My prayer is that 2016 may be a year in which we make better choices.

Fr. Jeff

School Notes:

Friday, Dec. 18– Sunday, Jan. 3—No School
Christmas Vacation

Monday, Jan. 4—Classes resume

Does the Book of Revelation have a message for Today? Fr. Bill Burton debunks popular myths and explains this book's power to transform and challenge our contemporary Christian Life. Join us for *Demystifying the Book of Revelation*, a video lecture/study in three parts beginning Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30pm in the Rectory Basement. To register, or for more information, please contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335.

Fr. Jeff: I want to thank all who helped to make the Christmas liturgies the beautiful and prayerful celebrations that they were. Parishioners volunteer to sing in our choir, decorate the church, serve as ushers, servers, sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, etc. We had people that helped with the extra chairs and hymnals needed for the Mass and those who water the plants during the Christmas season. It takes many people. Some spend hours in practice and preparation for the Masses. It is truly a parish effort and on behalf of the parish, I am deeply grateful.

From Fr. Jeff: I want to thank everyone who are offering prayers for me during the coming year. To know that someone is praying for me each day, is indeed a wonderful gift. I also want to thank all those who sent me cards and greetings, gave me gifts, or brought "goodies" by the rectory over the holidays. I deeply appreciate your kindness. Please know I will keep all of you in my prayers during the coming year.

Right o Life Signature Campaign— Today, before and after all the Masses, and next weekend, January 9 & 10, we will be collecting signatures for the Springfield Right To Life advertisement in the State Journal-Register, to be published on Monday, January 18th, 2016. This year's advertisement will state: **"I am your creator. You were in my care even before you were born"** You may participate in making a statement in defense of Life by completing the sign-up sheet and making a \$5 donation to have your name included in the Right to Life Signature Ad. Checks should be made out to Springfield Right to Life. While anonymous donations will be gratefully accepted, anyone who wishes to withhold their name from publication will be listed as a "Friend of Life". Please participate!!

Butler Funeral Home—January 7— An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning. When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions. We are happy to provide answers during our FREE program. Join us at 11:30am, January 7, for a complimentary lunch at Bella Milano and brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. All events are free: no cost or obligation. Call 544-4646 to reserve your seat by January 4.

SHG Placement Test Makeup— The 8th grade Placement Test will be offered again on Saturday, January 9 at SHG's, main campus. Doors open at 8am, with the test beginning at 8:30am. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Stephanie Phillips at 787-1595, ext. 126 or e-mail phillips@shg.org. The Placement Test is the next step for all 8th graders interested in attending SHG in the fall of 2016.

ADORATION HOURS

Pope Francis spoke to our national leaders. When we pray, usually it is for those we care about, if not for ourselves. For the next month, let's include our national leaders in our prayers, that they include our Christian values in their actions and decisions. 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.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	4:00 A.M. TUESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 P.M. TUESDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
3:00 A.M. MONDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
3:00 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.

Winter Bus Trip Saturday, January 9, 2016, sponsored by Butler Funeral Homes. Leave at 10:30am, journey to Bloomington, start with an enjoying lunch at CJ's Restaurant followed by "Bible Bingo" an interactive Play from Vicki Quade, the creator of the popular comedy 'Late Night Catechism, playing at the Bloomington Center for the performing arts. Cost is \$56 per person. For reservations or more information please call 544-4646, no later than Monday, January 4.

Free Throw Championship-Knights of Columbus, Council 16126, welcomes all boys and girls, ages 9-14, to their 1st Annual Free Throw Championship, at St. Aloysius Gym, on Saturday January 9, 2016, at 9am. The Free Throw Challenge has a Council, District, Regional, State and International component to the tournament. All participants receive a Participation Certificate and Winners move on to the next stage in each gender and age bracket. For more information or to register, please contact Patrick Kelleher, kelleherbp@gmail.com, 704-724-1303.

Barber needed-St. Joseph' Home of Springfield is in need of a barber to work one day every six weeks. If interested, please contact the home's administrator, Sr. Lenore Highland at 529-5596

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JAN. 4-8****Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM-8:20AM**

Elise Huffsedtler-Nathaniel Bell

**Thursday Friday
8:00AM-8:20AM**

Emmy Doll-Seth Faivre

Saturday, Jan. 9, 4:30PM**Lector:** Melaney Arnold**Servers:** Aidan Mauntel, Alex Maunter, Ava Giacomini**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noah Kren, Vincent Toolen, Lori Criscione, Rick Campbell, Scott Reimers, Colleen VonDeBur, Christy Geving, Jinu John**Sunday, Jan. 10, 7:00am****Lector:** Judy Kjellander**Servers:** Charlie Pittman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Sheehan, Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Jim Morpew, Michele Hinds-Greenwood**Sunday, Jan. 10, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Joseph Stannard**Servers:** Ruthie Kinion, Emma Kinion, Maggie O'Brien**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrew Adams, George Rudis, Jr., Bradley Frost, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman, Kathy Harth, Mike Delvo, Janine Feller**Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Daniel Heffernan**Servers:** Kevin Heffernan, Pat Kolis, Jack Ozyurt**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Keys, James Keys, MaryAnn Gorney, Josh Moore, Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, Dan Schuering, Joe Stannard, III

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Robert Farris, Amber, Marge O'Keefe, Dorothy Tracy, Presley, Rita, Ron, Owen Doak, Kayte, Denise S, Bronwyn Eves, Michael VonBehren, Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Peter Schofield, Amy Gatewood family, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, Coleen Mays, Brighid Gallagher, Annamae, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Liz, Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Kitty, Susan, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Eric, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Donna Fitts, Ellen White, Barbara, Rose, Archer Senft, Suzie Culters, Judy, Doug, Tammie, Beth, Cindi, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, John Hanlon, Jen, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Clarita DeLargy Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Michael Lanphere, Bill & Margaret Becker, Mary Coffey, Craig DeLargy, Brian Meredith, Diane Galli, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, Fonda, Tia, Clem McDermott, MaryAnn, Elizabeth Handrich, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner, Anastacia & shipmates

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

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,296,696.76</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 103,303.24

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015	\$27,241.00

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
321-1155