



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, January 5, 2014**  
**The Epiphany 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.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### CELEBRATING THE DAYS

#### Monday, January 6

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Chick Delano  
Dan Cusick

#### Tuesday, January 7

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Gary Stremsterfer

#### Wednesday, January 8

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

#### Thursday, January 9

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Clare & Tom Schmidt

#### Friday, January 10

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Ahbee Robinson  
James Lewis

#### Saturday, January 11

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Eleyidath  
Family  
(LATIN MASS)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Janet Kziazek

#### Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

- ✧ **7:00 AM** GeorgeAnn Martin
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Dick Reid
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

#### Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call Jean Quigley at 523-6573.

Please pray for the intention of : Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Jim Hickey, Ellen White, Barbara, Jan Jones, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Melanie, Charles McGrath, Jean Quigley

### Dear Parishioners,

**Parish Statistics for 2013.** Blessed Sacrament Parish has 1,498 registered households with 4,496 members. During the past year, there were 75 children and 2 adults baptized. 10 other adults were received into the church. In March, Bishop Paprocki confirmed 52 youth. 67 children made 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. There were 27 marriages and 43 deaths. Blessed Sacrament School has an enrollment of 497 students in grades pre-school through 8. During the month of October, our average weekend attendance was 1,255. That was an increase of 56 people over the previous October. These figures are given for those who like to keep track of numbers. It also gives one an idea of the spiritual work being done in our parish and also the work that still needs to be done in bringing Christ to others.

**Thank you.** I want to thank all who gave me cards or gifts over the Christmas holidays. Your kindness is greatly appreciated by me. A special thanks to those from the parish who signed up to pray for me on a given day. It is the gift I most need. The power of prayer and knowing that someone is praying for me each day gives me the guidance and energy to serve as your pastor. I am truly grateful for this spiritual bouquet.

**Start the New Year off right.** While I am on the subject of prayer, our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is always in need of volunteers to cover each hour, every day—every week of the year. The blessings that our parish and families have received through this ministry of prayer are remarkable. It is a simple gift to give. You sign up for one hour a week to come to the chapel and pray. You can pray devotions, read scripture, reflect, listen to God, or just sit in God's presence. It is not only a help to our parish, but a gift for yourself since it provides a regular time for you to pray. As we begin the new year, seriously consider giving an hour a week in the Adoration Chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. You will not regret it. For more information, contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281.

Fr. Jeff

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**Please pray for our Recently Departed:  
Jack Duggan**

**School Notes:**

**Monday, Jan. 6–** School resumes

5:00pm-**Mandatory** volleyball meeting for all players Grades 5-8 and at least one parent.

**Wednesday, Jan.8-**1:30pm dismissal for Faculty Meeting. B.A.S. E. provided

**Thursday, Jan. 9–** End of 2nd Quarter

**Friday, Jan. 10–** PSA Spirit Day

8:20am All School Mass

**Sunday, Jan. 12-**Scout Pinewood Derby

**Monday, Jan. 13-**8:15am Leadership Assembly

**Thursday, Jan. 16-**Report Card Day !

**Monday, Jan. 20-**No school-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Save the dates: 7th Annual Unity Run** will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2014, the first day of Catholic Schools Week. The three mile run (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 4th & 5th. Please join us, snow or shine, for some exercise and great fellowship.

**Mardi Gras Party** to benefit the Annual Fund will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 7-10pm. Music will be provided by the local band, Black Magic Johnson, and Cajun food, along with assorted beverages will be served. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event please call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534, ext. 206.

**Nursery Care** for children ages 1-4 years of age is available during Sunday 10:30am Mass in our rectory basement. This is a great place for children to safely play and interact with each other while parents are at Mass. There is no monetary fee for this service. Participating parents are put on a rotating schedule to help with the care of the children (usually once every 6 weeks). Parents need to attend "Protecting God's Children" class. This is a perfect way to obtain service hours for the school year. If you are interested please contact Carrie Sluga 415-1898 or [carrie@sluga.net](mailto:carrie@sluga.net).

**Galatians Bible Study:** This fascinating letter from St. Paul reveals the merciful love that God the Father has for us, his children. It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and it explains

how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love. Galatians: Set Free to Live, a Jeff Cavins program, will be offered on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm beginning January 7th in the rectory basement. To reserve your spot, or for more information, please contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335.

**Right To Life Signature Campaign:** Today, before and after all the Masses, we will be collecting signatures for the Springfield Right to Life advertisement in the State Journal Register, to be published on Monday, January 20th, 2014. This year's advertisement will state: "*I am your creator. Your 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 \$5.00 donation to have your name included in the Right to Life advertisement. Individual, family, or groups names are acceptable for inclusion in the ad. Checks should be made out to Springfield Right to Life. Note: while anonymous donations will be gratefully accepted, given the nature and intent of this public pronouncement, anyone who wishes to withhold their name from publication will be listed as a "Friend of Life." Please participate!!

**KC #364 Fall Baby Bottle Campaign** to purchase an Ultrasound Machine for the Lifetime Pregnancy Help Center was very successful. Blessed Sacrament will now work to raise money to assist with the various costs to operate and maintain the machine, to include an RV which will make it mobile. We will distribute the bottles after the Masses this week-end, January 4-5. Please place any donations you may collect in the bottles and drop them into the baskets at the church doors at all the Masses the week-ends of January 18-19 and January 25-26. For detailed information please see the KC Council #364 website <http://kofc364.com>. For further information contact Dcn. Dave or Barbara Erdmann at 522-4683.

**St. Louis Marian Conference** will be held at the Millennium Hotel, 200 South 4th Street, St. Louis on January 10-11-12. Guests speakers are: Dale Ahlquist, Mark Brumley, Annie Karto, Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, Msgr. Eugene Morris, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Fr. Tom Sullivan, Fr. Mark Wheelan, Fr. Charles Becker, and Msgr. John J. Hickel. To register call 314-423-1075 or [WWW.stlmarianconference.net](http://WWW.stlmarianconference.net). Registration fee is \$35. Enclose a copy of this bulletin notice for a \$5 discount.



**ADORATION HOURS**

Christmas 2013 is past; now, time for those New Year's Resolutions! Make one to ACT to grow your faith! Time spent in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is one, effective way to do this. Even better is to have a scheduled time-it assures it is a priority. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want some more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	4:00 P.M. FRIDAY
12:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

**Adult Enrichment/ Catechist Formation Classes** are being offered by the Diocese. Three classes are being offered at 3 locations beginning in February 2014. For information on the classes, their dates and locations please see the flyers on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**Living in Love** a Retreat Weekend for married couples designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of Being in Love will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 18 & 19, at the Chiara Center, 3875 LaVerna Road, Springfield. Cost is \$150 per couple and this includes all retreat materials, meals and overnight accommodations. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. To RSVP, contact Bernadine Smith, at BSmith@dio.org or 321-1139.

**Save the dates:** January, marks the fifth anniversary of the Latin Mass at Blessed Sacrament. To commemorate this anniversary, the 8:00am Latin Mass on Saturday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, will be a Missa Cantata, with Gregorian chant. Please join us for both of these beautiful and spirit-filled liturgies. Call Sean Dailey with any questions. 725-6006

**K of C Breakfast** –An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 12th from 8am-Noon at K of C Springfield Council 364. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, five and under are free. The proceeds will benefit United Cerebral Palsy of Land of Lincoln. For questions please call 787-2360.

**March for Life 2014** last registrations are open as long as space is available. The trip is from January 19-23, 2014 to Washington, DC with buses departing from a variety of points in the diocese. Comprehensive registrations information is available on the diocesan website at <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl>. Questions? Please call Kyle Holtgrave at 698-8500, ext. 154.

**Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** is hosting their next retreat January 18-20 at Villa Maria Catholic Life Conference & Retreat Center on Lake Springfield for high school teens and older. For details please go to [Http://tecofspringfield.homestead.com/techome.html](http://tecofspringfield.homestead.com/techome.html).

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF JANUARY 6-10****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Gabe Bonansinga-Nick Broeker

**Thurs.- Friday**

Noah Bright-Monica DeLeon

**Saturday, Jan. 11, 4:30PM****Lector:** Sandy Etheridge**Servers:** Alex White, Will Moran, Jacob Coady**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Belz, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Rita Keys, James Keys, Rosemary DiNello, Ed Schofield**Sunday, Jan. 12, 7:00am****Lector:** Carolyn Graham**Servers:** Jack Allen, Braeden Frey**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Phil Graham, Ann Walker, Kathy Grubb, Mary B. Maloney**Sunday, Jan. 12, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Daniel Heffernan**Servers:** Danny Heffernan, Kevin Heffernan, Laurelynn Weihmeir**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, Colleen VonDeBur, Scott Reimers, Larry Newell, Andrew Adams, Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo**Sunday, Jan. 12, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Mike Goza**Servers:** Francie Vespa, Tyree Redpath, Ruthie Kinion**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Morphew, James Dodge, Joseph Stannard, Mary Tuttle, Rose Amon, Joe Stannard III, Don Graham, Pat Graham

**Christ the King Over 50 Club** invites you to **JOURNEY THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI, June 21-23, 2014.** Journey back in time to the days when steamboats were the fastest, safest and most luxurious transportation in the country. Relax on the promenade deck and enjoy the wildlife, towering bluffs and historic river towns-experience Life on the River. Spend Saturday night in the charming river town of Le Claire, Iowa and then cruise to the quaint town of Port Dubuque, Iowa. After exploring the many sites of Dubuque, return to Le Claire Monday Evening. Round trip motor coach transportation to Le Claire is included. Please call 793-3733 for more information and to register.

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,855,938.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 544,062.00
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 10,275.00

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, December 22, 2013	\$19,688.50
Christmas Collection	\$28,601.00

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 12/10/2013)	\$51,000.00
Amount Remaining	\$71,624.00
15% of our parishioners have contributed to date	