



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 16, 2014
Second Sunday of Lent



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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, March 17

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Jacqueline Toomey

Tuesday, March 18

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Harry Sola
Chick Delano

Wednesday, March 19

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Richard Senger
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, March 20

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Joseph Muller

Friday, March 21

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Esther Kelly
Lucille Gadbois
- 5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Helen Kramp
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✘ **4:30 PM** Mike Smith

Sunday, March 23—Third Sunday of Lent

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Eleydiath Family
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ **10:30 AM** L. Murray Pipkin

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

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, Ellen White, Barbara, Jan Jones, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Bernie Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Joe Cavanagh,

Dear Parishioners,

I often hear complaints about how materialistic our society has become. Some might dismiss this by pointing out that our parents and grandparents had the same complaint. Some might say it goes back to the industrial revolution. The more you can produce, the cheaper the price and the more people can have. Of course the real complaint behind such materialism is the temptation that things can become more important than people and that we spend more time acquiring things than developing relationships. That is indeed a legitimate concern.

Back in the 1950's, David Halberstam, an American journalist, made an effort to document the changes in American society immediately following the Second World War. Prior to the war, our nation had been in a great economic depression and there was little money for people to spend. During the war, there were few things to buy—everything was put to the war effort. But following World War II, the economy boomed. There was tremendous growth in the auto industry. We began to build interstate highways. People started to move to the suburbs, out of the crowded cities. There were shopping malls, discount stores, motels, fast food restaurants, Elvis Presley, rock and roll, air-conditioning, and television. People were eager to buy, and perhaps one thing that pushed this desire was the television. The home was no longer safe from the barrage of commercialism. True, there was radio prior to the fifties, but now we could see in our living rooms all the wonderful things it would be nice to have. The 1950's was the decade that revolutionized Madison Avenue (That is New York, not Springfield). Marketing would never be the same and as a result we have become a nation of consumers. The desire to buy didn't stop. For many, happiness and joy are tied to what one can acquire. The great fear of both the individual and the nation is that our power to consume will diminish. That would have serious impact on our economy.

Where I realize our economy depends on buying and selling, I truly wonder about the damage such consumerism has on society, the family, the community, and healthy relationships. I also worry about the spiritual damage it has done. Greed and envy are definitely two of the seven deadly sins. Such consumerism, if not controlled, can seriously hurt our relationship with God as well as others.

Perhaps this lent is a good time to look at our own wants and desires. What is it I need and what is it I want? How has my desire for "earthly things" interfered in my relationships with family, friends, the community, and God? Are my priorities where they ought to be or do I need to change some of my habits and desires? This reflection is a good step to living a healthier, holier life. It might also lead to a second step; that is, to make a plan and a conscious effort to change some patterns in my life.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Pray for our Recently Departed:

Joshua James Bradley
Charles W. McGrath
Joan Reardon Mahoney

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized!

Julia Marie Powell, daughter of John & Angela Powell
Quinn Margaret Creasey, daughter of Justin and Jennifer Creasey

School Notes:

Monday, March 17-Registration packets due back.

Tuesday, March 18-11:30 Dismissal for faculty in-service NO BASE provided.

Wednesday, March 19-6:30p"Planning on SHG" meeting in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 20– End of 3rd Quarter

Monday, March 24-8:15am-2:30pm-Confirmation retreat for 8th graders at St. Joseph in Chatham

Wednesday, March 26-Report Card Day
7:000pm - Confirmation Mass

Save the date! Friday, March 21, 7:30pm here at Blessed Sacrament Church. Come celebrate Bach's Birthday with—**Go for Baroque** music of Pergolesi, Bach & Marcello. Diane Dietz, soprano, Jody Kienzler, Mezzo-Soprano, Dale Thomas Rogers, Organ, Krista Steller, Oboe. There will be a free will offering. A portion of the proceeds will be given to St. Martin de Porres Center.

Mom & Tot Playgroup-Our playgroup is for Blessed Sacrament Moms with children ages birth to pre-school. Bring your little one(s) for an hour of play on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9-10am in the rectory basement. For more information contact Morgan Ambrose 741-3831 or on Facebook "Blessed Sacrament Mom & Tot Playgroup."

Lenten Fish Fries: The Men's Club Fish Fries for this Lenten Season will be held on March 21, 28 and April 4 & 11, from 5:00-7:3-pm in the school cafeteria. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a good meal and spend time with your fellow parishioners. Please join us!!

Bible Briefings with the Bishop: A briefing is defined as "an act or instance of giving precise instructions or essential information." Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will present briefings on the Bible during the Sundays of Lent in March. These briefings will take place in the Cathedral Atrium from 6:15-7:15pm following the Sunday evening Mass (note exception: Sunday, March 23, the briefings will take

place within context of the Springfield Deanery Revival at Christ the King Parish at 7pm.) We all live in a busy world. We know we should read the Bible more, but often don't make time to do so. A great resolution for Lent would be to spend an hour on Sunday evenings to receive and discuss some essential information on selected passages of the Bible, focusing on the Sunday Lenten Sermons of the great Fathers of the Church, as compiled by St. Thomas Aquinas in the *Catena Aurea* or *Golden Chain*, his great commentary on the Gospels. As Jesus asked, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

On March 23-25, a Catholic Mission sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield, will be held at Christ the King Parish. The services will start at 7:00pm each night. The Mission will be a blessing for the Springfield Deanery. Please join us and be Blessed at "Be Ye Transformed By the Renewal of Your Mind." There is a need for ushers, greeters and serving help. If you can help call the parish office 528-7521.

SHG Spring Open House, Sunday, March 23rd, 11am-1pm. Talk to the faculty and staff, meet our students, tour the classrooms, fine arts facilities and more. See what life is like at SHG and what we have to offer!.

Planning on SHG?? Find out how affordable SHG can be for all!. Parents of students in all grade levels, in our school or PSR programs are invited to an informational meeting on **Wednesday, March 19th in the school cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm with representatives from SHG as guest speakers.** Topics include, prepaid tuition, grants, scholarships, scrip program, and internships. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. Plan to join us!

Driving Down Hunger Raffle sponsored by Springfield Catholic Charities. Enter to win a 2014 Toyota Camry or \$20,000 cash. Tickets are \$25 each and will be sold after all the Masses next weekend in the vestibule. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold. All funds raised will help Catholic Charities purchase a Mobile Food Pantry which will feed hungry people in our community. Drawing is Friday, April 25th.

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will join the 40 Days for Life on Tuesday, March 25th at 12 Noon and lead the prayer outside Planned Parenthood, 1000 East Washington. Parking available at Catholic Charities parking lot at the southeast corner of 11th & Washington.

Stations of the Cross-Fridays at 5:30pm during Lent.

ADORATION HOURS

Time now for a PACT with Jesus: **P**etition for the blessings you want. **A**doration for Who He Is. **C**ontrition for your sins, and **T**hanksgiving for the blessings you are experiencing now. The Adoration Chapel is a great place for this prayer. A scheduled time is better! Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaiianis 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. TUESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
7:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	4:00 P.M. FRIDAY
	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

Prayers for the Sanctity of Life-Each Wednesday during Lent, after the 8:00am Mass, a deacon will lead us in praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet as offerings of compassion, mercy, and healing for those among us suffering from the trauma of abortion, as well as prayers for the protection of all innocent life.

Save the date: Tuesday, April 1st, 7:00pm, Lenten Penance Service for Blessed Sacrament, Christ the King and St. Agnes held at St. Agnes

Calvary Spring Cleanup: Please remove any decorations that you would like to save by March 18th. ALL decorations will be removed during the period of March 19th-31st. The crew will begin collecting decorations early morning on March 19th and then, weather-permitting, clean remaining leaves, tree debris, etc., as well as mow these areas before decorations are replaced beginning April 1st. Spring/Summer decorations may be placed beginning April 1st. The clean-up notice signs on the gates will be removed as soon as the clean-up is complete. Please do not leave decorations prior to the signage being removed as it will only take more time for the crew to remove it to access the area. If you have any questions or concerns please call 523-3726.

Join Fr. Robert Barron for a Lenten discussion of Sin & Virtue. *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues* is a DVD program from Fr. Barron's Word on Fire ministries. Father shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the Seven Lively Virtues. The Seven Lively Virtues offer antidotes to each sin and helps set us on the right path to healing & happiness. Join us for this special two hour video presentation at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 2nd in the Rectory basement. There is no cost to attend and light refreshments will be provided. Reservations are not necessary. For more information contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335

Please pray for our RCIA: We have a number of people going through the RCIA process this year. As they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at Easter, we are asking you to choose one and become their prayer sponsor from now until Easter. There is a board in the vestibule with their photos and names. Please choose one and add them to your prayer list by name. This will be a blessing to the person you pray for and to you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MARCH 17-21**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM –8:20AM

Ben Kroner-Kendra McCubbin

Thurs.- Friday

Kyle Ingram-Rachael Loftus

Saturday, March 22, 4:30PM

Lector: Dan Schuering

Servers: Nick DePooter, Jacob Coady, Maya Dye

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Amon, Colleen VonDeBur, Susan Gallagher, Mat Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Rick Campbell, Larry Newell

Sunday, March 23, 7:00am

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Brandon Gatewood, Christian Gatewood

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, Dave Langston, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Phil Graham, Ann Walker

Sunday, March 23, 8:30 AM

Lector: Laurie Mann

Servers: Abby Pohlman, Mary Pohlman, Taylor Pohlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Clarida, Kathy Harth, Mike Delvo, Bradley Frost, George Rudis, Jr., Scott Reimers, Janine Feller, Jim Morphew

Sunday, March 23, 10:30 AM

Lector: Donna Moore

Servers: Nathan Shafer, Taylor Reid, Cole Taylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Tuttle, Lynn Frasco, Sally Petrone, MaryAnn Gorney, James Dodge, Lisa Belz, Andrea Judd, Barbara Erdmann

Boy Scouts annual council-wide Pancake & Sausage All You Can Eat Breakfast, today, Sunday, March 16th, 7am-2pm at the KofC Hall, West Iles and Meadowbrook. \$6 per person, children under 5 eat free.

SHG & Springfield Catholic Elementary Schools Bands are kicking off their 44th Annual Pease's Candy Sale! Please support the band program by sweetening your Easter with some delicious Pease's' candy. For an order form, see any band member or check shg.org, Facebook, or stop at the main office at SHG. Deadline to order is April 9th.

Prayer Vigil at the Granite City Abortion Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 29th. Leave Blessed Sacrament Parking Lot at 7:30am, return to Springfield shortly after 12 Noon. Please call Kevin Miller for more information 618-792-9500.

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield will hold its 32nd Annual Spring Luncheon on Monday, April 7th, at the Northfield Center. Event includes lunch, silent auction, bake sale, jewelry raffle and entertainment by Chatham Glenwood's Nationally Ranked Show Choir: "Titan Fever". Tickets are \$30 and doors open at 10:30am. To reserve a seat you can call the Center at 525-5630.

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,992,800.75</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 407,199.25
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 7,034.33

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, March 2, 2014	\$22,693.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,095.00

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 2/18/2014)	\$66,094.54
Amount Remaining	\$56,529.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	