



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 30, 2014
Fourth 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.

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, March 31

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Leonard Dobucki

Tuesday, April 1

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Sophie & Charles Welch

Wednesday, April 2

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Lynn Remfer
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, April 3

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Anna Ascari

Friday, April 4

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Betty Ball
- 5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- 8:00AM** Fr. Thayil Varghese
(Latin Mass)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, April 6—Fifth Sunday of Lent

- ✕ **7:00 AM** George Ann Martin
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Heather Gonet
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Thomas L. "Mick" O'Connor

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, Diane**

Dear Parishioners,

Penance Service. This Tuesday, April 1, our parish will co-host a Lenten Penance Service along with St. Agnes and Christ the King. It will be held at St. Agnes Church beginning at 7:00 PM.

Receiving the sacrament of penance is perhaps the best way to prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. After all, Jesus died for the forgiveness of sins. We should take advantage of it. Some may feel they can go directly to God and bypass the church for forgiveness. Where it is true that formal sacrament is not needed for venial sins, the sacrament plays a major role in reconciling all sinners to God and the church. You may recall that after Jesus' resurrection, he appeared to the disciples, breathed on them and gave them the power to forgive in his name. (John 20:19-23) The church was entrusted with this mission of reconciliation.

The sacrament helps us recognize we are sinners. Some admit they are sinners but never acknowledge what sin is. By naming our sins, however, one cannot simply be a generic sinner. Instead it causes us to look honestly at what is going on in our lives. What actions, attitudes, or behaviors are separating us from God? Thus, the sacrament of penance not only offers forgiveness but helps us confront our weaknesses.

The sacrament also helps us remember the mercy of God. As we draw near to the celebration of the Easter Triduum, we hear of Jesus' suffering and death. It was a death for you and me—not just someone else. Receiving the sacrament says we understand this and are thankful for all Christ has done.

Several penance services are being held in other parishes, as well as the one at St. Agnes.
Cathedral—Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 PM
St. Joseph—Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 PM
St. Cabrini—Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 PM
Little Flower—Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM

Besides these services, confessions are heard each weekday morning about 20 minutes before Mass and on Saturday afternoon from 3:00—4:00 PM. This will continue until Holy Thursday evening. From Holy Thursday until Easter Sunday, no confessions will be scheduled. Keep in mind there is only one of me and about 4,500 parishioners. Please don't wait until the last minute to receive the sacrament.

A special thanks to the Evangelization Committee for the bookmarks reminding us we all play a role in inviting and welcoming people to our parish. I hope you take time to read them and even take one home. I also hope you never prove us wrong about the hospitality of the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament.

Father Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Pray for our Recently Departed:

Louis Kutzler

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized!

Peyton Jo Sidles, daughter of Philip & Lindsey Sidles

William Patrick Flynn, son of Sean & Lauren Flynn

School Notes:

March 28-April 4-Scholastic Book Fair

Science Fair: Congratulations to our seventh graders who participated in our annual BSS Science Fair, February 14th. Several students' projects will advance to the IJAS Regional Science Fair at LLCC. Those students who advanced to the regionals are: Izzy Anderson, Andrew Barno, Lizzy Benoit, Nick Broeker, Logan Evans, Kiki Frost, Isabel Gardner, Brandon Graham, Will Hanken, Tess Kelley, Will Reiser, Sam Schlosser, Adam Skowronski, and Charlie Yockey. Congratulations to our Seventh Graders !!

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 April 4 & 11, from 5:00-7:30pm 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.

The Springfield Area Young Adult Ministry invites Catholic couples to a monthly study program with Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism DVD series. Meetings will be every 3rd Sunday of the month starting in March. Each session is about an hour and there will be time for discussion afterwards. The session will start at 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Brett & Elizabeth Long at blong292@gmail.com.

33rd Annual Chesterton Conference will be held July 31st-August 2nd at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. Speakers include, Dale Ahlquist, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Scot Richert, & Joseph Pearce. Information at www.chesterton.org.

Now Hiring-Administrative Assistant-Calvary Cemetery-Springfield. The position exists to provide compassionate assistance to families during one of the most difficult times of their lives by providing for the burial of their loved one in the traditions of our Catholic Faith. The position is responsible for producing detailed documents and maintaining burial records. The candidate must be able to compose business letters and correspondence, proficient using Microsoft Word. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. Qualified applicants apply at Calvary Cemetery, 2001 N. 1st Street or request an application by calling 523-3726.

St. Joseph's Home is hosting the Forget-Me-Not Gala on Saturday, April 12 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Tickets are \$70 each or \$600 for a table of 10. Proceeds benefit the SJH Continuing Care Program to provide financial assistance those the neediest of residents. Gus Gordon will emcee an evening of entertainment, music by the Three Tenors Orchestra, silent and live auctions, Fund-A-Need, raffles, reception, and plated dinner. Cocktail reception begins at 5:00 followed by a plated dinner at 6:00. To make reservations, call 529-5596. More information can be found at www.saintjosephshome.org.



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 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. 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.

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.

Springfield Diocese is hiring a Pro-Life Associate Director-Part-Time Position. Position has flexible hours of 2 full days a week or 3 part-time days a week. The position is responsible for training parish pro-life chairs, identifying and dispensing pro-life resources to parishes, representing the diocese by attending national meetings and meetings addressing pro-life issues. A 4 year college degree preferred but will consider candidates with commensurate work experience. Candidates must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church and possess a good understanding of the theology of Catholic moral and social teachings. Skills required include excellent organizational abilities, proficiency with Microsoft Office, and the ability to effectively speak publicly to groups to provide knowledge and training on pro-life issues. Send resume, salary requirement, and references to HR@dio.org. Applications received until April 16, 2014.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MAR. 31-APR. 4****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Abby Johnson-Abby Pohlman

Thurs.- Friday

Jack Allen Jacob Coady

Saturday, April 5, 4:30PM**Lector:** Joseph Stannard**Servers:** Nick Broeker, Monica

DeLeon, Maya Dye

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea

Judd, Rick Campbell, Larry

Newell, Lisa Belz, Susan

Gallagher, Marty Mosley,

Noreen Luhr, Lori Criscione

Sunday, April 6, 7:00am**Lector:** Ann Walker**Servers:** Riley Hinds, Braeden

Frey

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn

Gietl, Pat Sheehan, Sr.

Francesca Ezeokonkwo,

Michele Hinds-Greenwood,

Phil Graham

Sunday, April 6, 8:30 AM**Lector:** Laurie Mann**Servers:** Gabe Bonansings,

Emmy Doll, Will Hanken

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark

Ushman, Rita Keys, James

Keys, Scott Reimers, Mike

Delvo, Janine Feller, Colleen

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Sunday, April 6, 10:30 AM**Lector:** Lila Dilbaitis**Servers:** Michael Dailey,

Elizabeth DeSalle, Noah Finch

Eucharistic Ministers: James

Dodge, Barbara Erdmann,

Sally Petrone, Barney

Bruzetti, Carol Guthrie, Jim

Morphew, MaryAnn Gorney,

Mary Tuttle

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion.

Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation and the Knights of Columbus #4175 will host the 41st Annual Chicken Dinner on May 4th. Any business or alumni that would like to participate in the Advertisers Spotlight may do so by downloading the form on our website at www.KofC4175.org

For inspiration during the Lenten season listen to Am 1410 & 88.9 FM WIHM, Catholic Radio. Programming includes daily Holy Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Stations of the cross. For a schedule and a free CD please call 1-877-305-1234

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>\$4,997,523.25</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 402,476.75
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 3,238.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, March 16, 2014	\$22,181.00

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 2/18/2014)	\$66,219.54
Amount Remaining	\$56,404.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	