



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, May 11, 2014**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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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, May 12**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Mary & Cornelius Donovan

**Tuesday, May 13**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Greg Burton  
Dr. Norman Soler

**Wednesday, May 14**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Harold Guthrie
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, May 15**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** John Kreutzer

**Friday, May 16**

- 8:20 AM** Mike Smith

**Saturday, May 17**

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine  
(Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Agnes Ann Hembreiker

**Sunday, May 18– Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Vincent & Emma Thull
- ✧ **8:30 AM** James Shae
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

**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, 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, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, Nancy Hanlon, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Helen Blalock

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Mothers who are saints.** When I think of saints who are mothers, the first to come to mind is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Then, perhaps I think of St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine who prayed for over 30 years for his conversion. But there are other women recognized as saints whose stories as mothers are not so well known.

For example, St. Olga of Kiev lived in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. When her husband Igor, a Russian ruler, was assassinated, she seized power since her son was still too young to rule. She was extremely brutal in dealing with her husband's assassins. Some she had buried alive and others she had burned. However, she soon converted to Christianity in what was thought to be for political reasons. But the faith began to genuinely take hold of her. She brought in missionaries from Germany to convert the people, yet they were mostly unsuccessful. She also failed to convert her son. However, her grandson, Vladimir, whom she instructed from an early age, did embrace the faith and did much to bring Christianity to his people. She may not be what we think of as an ideal mom, but her openness to change and her witness to this won her the title of a saint.

Another example is St. Clotilda who lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and was married to Clovis, a Frankish king. Clovis was not a Christian and blamed Christian baptism for the death of his young son. Later, after praying to "Clotilda's god" he won an unexpected battle and, along with 3,000 countrymen was converted and baptized. After his death, there was much jealousy and bloodshed in the family. A son, Clodimir, ordered the assassination of his cousin. He later repented and entered the monastery. Later, Clotilda's other sons murdered two of Clodimir's children. A third boy was able to escape and entered the monastery. We know him today as St. Cloud. Clotilda prayed ardently for her family. Twice she intervened and prevented her sons from going to battle against each other. However, it was only on her death that they were reconciled.

A third example is that of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. She was born in Italy in 1922 and studied medicine. She married Peter Molla in 1955 and they soon had three children. She cared for them and continued her medical work with mothers, children and the elderly. In her fourth pregnancy problems developed. The doctors gave her three options with the first two meaning almost certain death for her child. The third was the most risky for her, but that is the one she chose. Her healthy daughter was born in April 1962 but a week later Gianna died of peritonitis.

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### OUR PARISH FAMILY

**Congratulations to our Newly Married:**  
Leighann Brown & Jeremy Manning

#### **School Notes:**

**Wednesday, May 14**-8th Grade Class Trip to Chicago

**Thursday, May 15**- Kindergarten Field Trip to Decatur

9:30am-First Grade Spring Program (Mrs. Carter)

1:30pm-First Grade Spring Program (Miss Vespa)

6:30pm- Mother/Daughter Evening for 5th graders

**Friday, May 16**-First Grade Field Trip to St. Louis Zoo

**Sunday, May 18**-8th Grade Awards Ceremony in

Church followed by class dance in the cafeteria

**Monday, May 19**-6:00pm-8th Grade Graduation Mass

**Parish Council:** There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a member of the Parish Council, please call the Parish Office-528-7521. The only requirement is that you must be a member of the Parish.

**Save the Date:** Mark your calendars. Our Annual Garden Party is Wednesday, June 18th. Be sure to make plans to join us for great food, games and the ever-popular carnival rides. More information coming soon.

**50th ANNIVERSARY INVITATION**-Fr. James O'Shea will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood here at Blessed Sacrament Church. Mass will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, June 1, 2014. Immediately after Mass at approximately 3:15pm to 5:00pm, a reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held in the school gym next to the church. All parishioners and friends are invited to come. *My family and I would be honored and pleased to have you there. RSVP is not necessary. No gifts please. Fr. James O'Shea*

**Hope You Enjoy the M M's!** THANK YOU! Keep us in prayer, and if your' like to help financially for the **J.O.S. H. U. A. M&M's for Money and Missions**, we return next week to collect the M&M tubes.

**The Staab Family** is privileged to once again offer the Kids Good Grief Camp, a one-day grief camp for children who have lost a loved one. Designed for kids 6-12, this year's camp will be Sunday, May 18th from 12noon-4pm, at Southwind Park. For more information or to register call 247-4421.

**Monthly Prayer Vigil** at Granite City Abortion Clinic sponsored by the **Gospel of Life Committee** is Saturday, May 17th. Leave Blessed Sacrament Parking Lot, 7:00am, Two hour prayer vigil. Return to Springfield approximately 12 noon. Please call Eric Portz to attend-718-4030.

**Memorial Day Field Mass** at Calvary Cemetery will be held Monday, May 26th at 9:00am. Mass will be celebrated at the Fr. Howard Altar. Limited seating will be available-Lawn chairs are welcome. Transportation will be available from the main gate. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be the principal celebrant of the Mass.

**Scout Religious Emblems**- for members of Boys Scouts of America who are interested in earning their religious emblem, there is an information meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 6PM at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The goal of this meeting is to organize groups for work on the Ad Altare Dei and the Pope Pius XII emblems. Information about all the religious programs for Scouts can be found on the Catholic Committee for Scouting website at <http://scouts.dio.org> or call Kyle Holtgrave at 698-8500 ext. 154.

**Fatima Rosary Rally**-will take place May 18th, at 3:00pm at St. Aloysius Parish.

**Court Madonna #148 Catholic Daughters of America** invites Catholic women to its monthly meeting, Thursday, May 15th, at St. Agnes Church, at 6:30pm.

**Butler Funeral Home** is sponsoring their 2014 Summer Bus Trip-"Baseball in St. Louis and more!" -on Friday, June 27th. The cost is \$65 per person. There is a flyer in the vestibule with the full itinerary listed. Call 544-4646 for reservations.

**The Dominican Sisters of Springfield** would like to invite female students entering 6th grade to entering high school to attend Dominican Faith Camp July 27-29 at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. The weekend adventure includes crafts, games and food in a Catholic-filled environment where girls can meet and pray with the Sisters. The registration fee of \$50 includes room and board and all activities. Register online at [springfieldop.org](http://springfieldop.org). For more information, contact Sr. Teresa Maron, OP at [srteresa@spdom.org](mailto:srteresa@spdom.org) or 708-207-1874.

**ADORATION HOURS**

Easter Octave is past. Now is time to review your "everyday" prayer life. A number left our scheduled adorers for variety of reasons. Is this ministry for you to begin? Prayer is a great way to answer that question! Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaiannis at 415-3281, if you want more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	5:00 P.M. THURSDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
8:00 P.M. TUESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY
5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY	

**K of C Mother's Day Breakfast**-An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held today, Mother's Day, May 11, from 8am-Noon at Knights of Columbus Springfield Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12. All mothers will receive a complimentary rose. Proceeds will benefit Council 364's scholarships to SHG. For questions call 787-2360.

**St. Agnes Parish** seeks a Music Director/Liturgist. Candidate must be proficient in organ, piano, voice and conducting. Candidate must be able to plan and coordinate Roman Catholic liturgical music and be professional. Responsibilities include providing music for weekend Sunday Masses, wedding and funeral Masses, Christmas and Holy Week liturgies, Confirmation and Holy Days. Candidate would also be responsible for an adult choir and ensemble as well as cantors. Prior experience in a similar role preferred but not required. Salary/benefits commensurate with experience. E-mail resume/cover letter- to sac245@comcast.net or contact Fr. Bob Jallas 271-793-1330 for further inquiry.

**Are you interested in learning more about your faith?** Would you like to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Tune in to Catholic Radio on **AM 1410 & 88.9 FM WIHM**. Programming includes daily Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD call 314-72-7000 or toll-free 877-305-1234

**Mid-life Singles** (mid 30's to 50s) register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, on May 30-June 1, 2014. Cost is just \$175 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Call 312-532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetrea.com for details.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MAY 12-16****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM -8:20AM**

Emmy Doll-Maya Dye

**Thurs.- Friday**

Brandon Graham-Maggie Haugh

**Saturday, May 17, 4:30PM****Lector:** Calvin Bell**Servers:** Dominic LoGrasso, Brady Malone, Grace McDonald**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally Petrone, Rose Amon, Janine Feller, Colleen VonDeBur, Marty Mosley, Lisa Belz, Susan Gallagher**Sunday, May 18, 7:00am****Lector:** George Rudis, Jr.**Servers:** Max Beard, Kyle Ingram**Eucharistic Ministers:** Riley Hinds, Ann Walker, Kathryn Gietl, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Pat Sheehan**Sunday, May 18, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Kevin Lust**Servers:** A.J.Lust, Noah Bright, Augie Antonacci**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Harth, Patricia Clarida, Mark Ushman, Larry Newell, Scott Riemers, Lynn Frasco, Carol Guthrie, Bradley Frost**Sunday, May 18, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Donna Moore**Servers:** Jayden Snodgrass, Nathan Shafer, Daniel Gardner**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, James Keys, Rita Keys, Barney Bruzetti, Mary Tuttle, MaryAnn Gorney, Jim Mophew, Rick Campbell

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I share these stories because sometimes I think we idealize motherhood and forget the heartache, danger, and mess that most mothers have to deal with. Yet, here are three who became saints. Why? It is because they opened their hearts to God. One changed her life and then witnessed to her family. Another intervened in the messiness of her world, advocating for peace and healing. The third sacrificed her life for her child. Being a saint isn't about being perfect. It isn't always "happily ever after." Instead it is about embracing life as we find it and bringing Christ to that life. It is about loving God's children. That is what saints are called to do and likewise, that is what moms are called to do. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who strive to love their children in just that way. Happy Mothers' Day!

Fr. Jeff

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

Pat Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. 698-8500

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,017,020.41</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 382,979.59
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,442.50

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, April 27, 2014(	\$22,690.75

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 3/19/14)	\$66,219.54
Amount Remaining	\$56,404.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	