



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, November 17, 2013
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, November 18

✧ Confessions before Mass

✧ **8:00 AM** Bob Barber
Jack & Kenneth Leahy

Tuesday, November 19

✧ Confessions before Mass

✧ **8:20 AM** Mike Smith

Wednesday, November 20

✧ Confessions before Mass

✧ **8:00 AM** Mary Bernardi
5:30PM Prayer Service

Thursday, November 21

Confessions before Mass

✧ **8:00 AM** Robert T. Parker
Sam Janusweski

Friday, November 22

Confessions before Mass

✧ **8:20 AM** Gary Stremsterfer

Saturday, November 23

✧ Confessions before Mass

✧ **8:00 AM** Toni Weis
(LATIN MASS)

Confessions 3:00--4:00pm

✧ **4:30 PM** Mary & Louis Schmitt

Sunday, November 24—Feast of Christ the King

✧ **7:00 AM** Faye Fisher

✧ **8:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

✧ **10:30 AM** Andrew & Mary G. Goldstein

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, Emma, Sandy

Dear Parishioners,

This Friday marks the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Even as a boy of nine I remember the day clearly. For many, like my father who was the grandson of Irish immigrants, the election of John Kennedy represented a victory over the bigotry and suspicion of an American culture that was often unfair and harsh with those who were different. For my father, the assassination was a painful and personal experience. For me, it was one of my first memories of violence and the damage it can do. How could anyone be so filled with hatred or anger as to kill another? On the Monday of President Kennedy's funeral, I remember going to a special Mass at our parish. Dad said we all needed to go to pray for the president, his family, and our country. God will see us through.

Much has changed since 1963. That was the year our world was introduced to touchtone telephones, cassette tape recorders, and instamatic cameras. Technology was advancing rapidly. The post office introduced zip codes that year to speed up the process of sorting mail. By the way, it cost only a nickel to mail a letter in 1963. The average new house cost \$12,650; a new car--\$3,200. Gasoline sold for 25 cents a gallon, bread--22 cents a loaf, and bacon--29 cents a pound. Minimum wage was \$1.25 per hour and it bought much more than minimum wage does today. The average salary in 1963 was \$5,600. Famous athletes might make more. Willie Mays signed with the San Francisco Giants for a whopping \$100,000. The Dodgers swept the World Series that year beating the Yankees. In one game, Sandy Koufax struck out 15 Yankee players. In the entertainment field, Sidney Poitier won the academy award for best actor for his role in "Lilies of the Field." New television series included The Fugitive, Petticoat Junction, and Let's Make a Deal. The top pop hits on the radio were Bobby Vinton's Blue Velvet and Dominique by the Singing Nun.

The big issue facing our nation in 1963 was civil rights for Black Americans. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I've Got a Dream" speech in May and in August a march and rally in Washington D.C. drew over 300,000 participants. "The times are a-changin'" sang Bob Dylan. Our nation had to come to grips with its own attitude and sins toward race. At the same time the cold war also continued. Nikita Krushchev was premier in the Soviet Union and the fear of nuclear war fueled a great arms race between the two nations. That year the Supreme Court ruled that Bible verses could not be read in public schools, touching off a controversy that continues to this day.

Much has changed in fifty years. Communists have been replaced with radical Muslims as the great threat to our western ways. Civil rights are still an issue although they are often manipulated and in some cases (such as abortion) one group's civil rights are pitted against another's. Public schools no longer teach children to pray; for that matter, neither do many parents. In our materialistic society we seem to move away from spiritual values and are at a loss to find strength and wisdom in responding to the problems of today. Yet, fifty years later I still remember Dad telling me we need to pray. God will see us through. I wonder...could my little prayer really make a difference?

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

**Congratulations to our Newly Wed:
Alysse Aiello & Stephen Hewell**

**Please pray for our Departed:
Emma "Jean" Peterman
James Miller**

School Notes:

Monday, Nov. 18-8:15 am Leadership assembly wear blue t-shirts.

Thursday, Nov. 21-Mid-quarter reports

Monday, Nov. 25-8:15am Leadership assembly (wear blue t-shirts)

Monday, Nov. 25– Barnes & Noble Book Fair at Veterans Parkway Store.

Wednesday, Nov. 27-Friday Nov. 29-No School
HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

November Service Project: Blessed Sacrament School in cooperation with Benedictine University students, is sponsoring a shoe drive throughout the month of November to benefit the Shoeman Water Projects. Used pairs of shoes (in decent condition, no holes, please!) should be tied together and brought to the collection boxes located in the school. Shoes will be collected until Monday, November 25th.

44th Annual Auction Sets a Record! This year's Annual Auction and Tailgate Party became the first to net in excess of **\$100,000** for Blessed Sacrament! Due to software glitches on the evening of, and in the days after the Auction, it took a few extra weeks to sort out the financial situation. With some advertising revenue not yet submitted, the profit for this year's event already totals just over **\$108,000**. Thank you again to Auction Chairs, Joe & Jenny Bright, and Jen & Eric Madiar for an outstanding effort. Of course, this huge event could not achieve this level of success without the parishioners, school families and local businesses that made amazing donations of auction items, purchased raffle tickets, acted as sponsors, and donated many, many hours of their time and talents. We especially thank Lake Pointe Grill, Sebastian's, Fritz's and Café Moxo, for the awesome tailgate good that was donated on the evening of the Auction. Thank you sponsors and volunteers for this fantastic team effort!!

Special Second Collection for St. Martin De Poores Center will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend **November 16-17**. Please be generous!

Fr. Robert Barron's New Video Catholicism: The New Evangelization will be shown on Tuesday,

December 3rd at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. Come and see how the New Evangelization is being implemented around the world, in this 90 minute video. There will be short discussion following the video. Light snacks and beverages will be served. For information contact Bob Vincent 523-4335 or Tim Moore 416-0937.

28th Annual "Breadline Sunday" is next weekend **November 23-24**. Loaves of bread will be available after all the Masses next weekend. With your generous donation of **\$4**, the Breadline can meet the ever-increasing need to feed the hungry in our community. Please help us continue to provide hot, nutritious meals to the homeless, socially disabled, elderly, unemployed and many families including single parent families with children. The Breadline is currently serving an average of 600 meals a day! **All** proceeds go directly to St. John's Breadline.

Save the Date: Our Advent Concert this year will be at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 1st. It will include the Chorister, Jubilate and Cantus Children's Choirs and our Chorale. Several of our orchestra members will be playing as well. We will be bringing in the Christmas Season with The Vivaldi "Magnificat" as well as many lovely selections. Again, there will be a donation of \$10 and tickets are available after Masses this week end in the vestibule and during the week at the Parish Office. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the Concert.

Blessed Sacrament Parish will host the Living Holy Rosary on Tuesday, November 19th. The Living Rosary will be recited in church beginning at 6:00pm followed by a Fellowship Potluck Dinner in the school cafeteria. Chilli, Italian Beef and Cole Slaw will be provided. All parishioners and friends are asked to bring their favorite dish. For those who cannot bring a dish, a voluntary contribution to the Parish Mission Project in Africa is suggested. For reservations or more information please call Rose at 787-8826 or 725-0510.

Second Collection for the people of the Philippines and Viet Nam will be taken up next week-end, November 23-24. The USCCB is asking all parishes to take a special collection for the victims of the devastating typhoon that recently struck the Philippines and Vietnam, causing extensive damage and loss of life. Catholic Relief Services is already responding to the overwhelming needs of the people left to rebuild their lives. Your generous donation will assist Catholic Relief Services in their efforts. Please remember these people in your prayers.

ADORATION HOURS

It is good to “have friends in high places.” To maintain a friendship you must spend some time with your friend, or the relationship withers like a leaf off a branch. [Hint-Hint]. Where do you go for counsel for the *real* problems in your life? 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.

2:00 A.M. SUNDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY

1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

Mark your Calendars: The Pastor’s Annual Party is next Sunday, November 24th from 5:30-8:00pm in the school cafeteria. Please make plans to attend.

Praying For Those Wounded by Abortion: If your heart goes out to those who suffer the grief of loss and the personal devastation that results from abortion, please come and pray with us for them to find healing. Some of those we love have been suffering silently and very much alone for years and sometimes for decades. We want them to know they are not alone, that we are here praying for them, to help them find the healing Jesus so deeply desires for all of us. Come join us in prayer each Friday from 2:30-3:30pm by the Pieta.

Save the date! The Novena to the Immaculate Conception will be held at Christ the King Parish beginning November 30 thru December 8. The Novena will begin each evening at 7:00pm.

St. Agnes Parents’ Club will hold its annual Adult Trivia Night, Saturday, November 23rd beginning at 7:00pm in the school gym. Doors open at 6pm. Beverages are available for purchase—bring your own snacks. Cash prizes to top three teams. \$10 per person, teams of 8-10 please. To reserve a table, or for more information call Michelle at 299-0374 or email StAgnesParentsClub@gmail.com.

Christmas Wreaths—Our Boy Scouts will be selling 25 inch Christmas Wreaths after all the Masses the week-end of December 7-8. They have ordered an additional 40 wreaths for this sale. Don’t miss your opportunity to purchase one of these wreaths and help our Boy Scout Program at the same time.

K of C Baby Bottle Project mentioned earlier in the bulletin has been delayed until January. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Holy Family Food Pantry has sent a list of items that are needed to fill Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. These lists are available in the vestibule of the church for anyone that is interested.

Court Madonna #148, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, invites Catholic women to its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 21st, 6:30pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church. All members/guests are always welcome. For more information please contact Della Santos at 528-4582.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18-22****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Brandon Graham-Will Hanken

Thurs.- FridayDanny Heffernan-Kevin
Heffernan**Saturday, Nov.23, 4:30PM****Lector:** Val Simhauser**Servers:** Calyn Reardon,
Preston Njapa Njehua,
Gabrielle Njapa**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose
Amon, Larry Newell, Scott
Reimers, Susan Gallagher,
Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley,
Colleen VonDeBur, Isabel
Figueroa**Sunday, Nov.24, 7:00am****Lector:** George Rudis, Jr.**Servers:** RileyHinds, Ben Kroner
EucharisticMinisters: Michele
Hinds,-Greenwood, Dave
Langston, Phil Graham,
Kathryn Gietl, Ginny Schofield**Sunday, Nov. 24, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Daniel Heffernan**Servers:** Jack O’Connor, Maggie
O’Brien, Jack Murphy**Eucharistic Ministers:** James
Dodge, Janine Feller, Anne
Capestrain, Mike Delvo,
Bradley Frost, Kathy Harth,
Paricia Clarida, Mark Ushman**Sunday, Nov. 24, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Lila Dilbaitis**Servers:** Raychelle Roesch,
Augie Antonacci, Michael
Dailey**EucharisticMinisters:** Mary
Tuttle, Andrea Judd, Lynn
Frasco, Rick Campbell,
Joseph Stannard,II Lisa Belz,
James Keys, Rita Keys

St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church, 1600 South Glenwood will have its **ANNUAL HOLLY FAIR** on Saturday, December 7, from 10am-4pm. Lunch includes gyros, spinach pie, poor boys and vegetable soup. Greek pastries and assortment baskets available. TAKE OUT or DINE IN. For more information, call 522-7010.

Butler Funeral Homes –December 5–An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning. People have many questions pertaining to the these matters, as funeral and cremation specialists, Butler Funeral Homes are providing answers in a FREE program which includes an optional tour of their Cremation Tribute Center. Join them for a complimentary breakfast and a brief open discussion, December 5th, 8:30-10:30am. Please reserve your seat by December 2. For reservations or questions please call 544-4646.

Queen of Peace a new documentary film on the extraordinary events taking place in the village of Medjugorje in Bosnia, Herzegovina, will be shown Monday, November 25th at 6:30pm at St. Agnes Church. Everyone is invited. No charge.

St. Louise de Marillac Ladies of Charity will meet at 6:00pm, Monday, November 18th, 6:00pm, at St. Agnes Parish Hall.

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,803,717.32</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 596,282.68
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 5,341.33

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, November 3, 2013	\$24,396.50

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 10/17/2013)	\$34,900.00
Amount Remaining	\$87,724.00
8% of our parishioners have contributed to date	