



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, November 2, 2014
Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed**



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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, November 3

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Mary Sandra Martin

Tuesday, November 4

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** Helen Ciccone
Don Dobucki

Wednesday, November 5

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Tracey Sidles
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, November 6

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Catherine Adsit

Friday, November 7

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Kathryn Riassetto
Patricia Brady
- 9:30AM** Grandparents Day Mass

Saturday, November 8

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(**Latin Mass**)
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Janet Zeigler Bliefnick

Sunday, Nov.9-Dedication of Lateran Basilica

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Vincent Thull
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Al Gardner
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, Pam Smith, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brigid Gallagher, Annamae, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Liz, Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, 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, Laura Black, Don

Dear Parishioners,

During October, every parish in the diocese is asked to count the people who come to the weekend Masses. This year, the average attendance at Blessed Sacrament was 1239 per weekend. This is down 16 people or 1.2% from last year. However, in 2010 the count was 1237, so our attendance over the past five years has remained pretty much the same.

The diocese has been doing this count since 1996. When it started, Blessed Sacrament had an average weekend attendance of 1701. A big drop came in 2001 and 2002. In those two years, the attendance dropped over 400 people from 1680 to 1272. It never seemed to recover after that. On a diocesan level, attendance has dropped from 84,408 to 58,026 over the same time. This means that 31% fewer people now attend Mass than nineteen years ago. The big drop in the diocese came in between 2001 and 2002. That was the same year the sex abuse scandal broke. I'm sure that was a major factor—but not the only one. The diocese has spent a good deal of time and effort studying the causes of this decline. They asked Benedictine College to conduct a survey striving to pinpoint the various reasons. The results will be officially released soon. My hope is that we will look at those reasons honestly rather than defensively and develop plans to reach out to those who have given up the regular practice of the faith. If we do not make an effort to understand and address the causes, the problem will only get worse.

One step Blessed Sacrament has taken is to form an evangelization committee. We want more people here at church and the committee is looking at ways to make that happen. Their first goal was to develop ideas that make people feel welcomed when they join us at Mass. Perhaps you have noticed the sign in the vestibule, the welcome from the cantor at the beginning of Mass, and the prayer cards in the pews. These are little reminders to all of us that there are visitors among us and we need to make them feel at home. They are also concerned with good adult religious studies and opportunities for our parishioners to serve others. These are all important steps to counter-act the decline. But faith is not simply feeling good at Mass, or knowing more about God, or doing more for God and others. St. Augustine once put it that "faith is not simply the assent of the will but the desire of the heart." If we want more to come to Christ we must show them how to love God and love other people. (Something tells me that is what Jesus said.) When Jesus built his church, he sent his disciples out to bring others in. It was their job to reach others. Two thousand years later, I don't think the plan has changed. I encourage you to do your part. Start by making sure that you are loving God and loving your neighbor. Both are important. You can't leave out either of the two. Then let others see how you do it.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Brendan James Tamblin, son of Brain & Shannon Tamblin

Please pray for our recently departed:

Jonques McNaughton

School News:

Wednesday-Nov.5-Lifetouch Photo Retake Day

Thursday-Nov. 6– 8:30-10:30am-Jubilate Choir field trip/performance

1:30pm Dismissal; **NO B.A.S.E.**

3:00-8:00pm-Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday-Nov. 7-Grandparents Day– Dismissal immediately following 9:30am Mass; **NO B.A.S.E.**

1:00-5:00pm-Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sunday, Nov. 9– Joint School Band Concert at SHG

Save the Date-Women's Club will host our First Advent by Candlelight, an evening of fellowship and reflection on Monday, December 8. This beautiful event will feature a desert buffet with special place settings in the school cafeteria, along with music and a guest speaker, as we celebrate Advent and prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Look for more information soon.

Christmas Wreaths BSS Boy Scout Troop 31 will be taking orders after all Masses this weekend November 1 & 2 for Christmas wreaths. All items ordered will be delivered the week after Thanksgiving (Nov.28-Dec. 6) to your home by the Troop. Boy Scouts will be selling the following items: 25" Wreath-\$25, 36" Wreath-\$35, 48" Wreath-\$55, 25' Garland-\$35, Centerpiece-\$30, Cross-\$35, and Door Swag-\$20. Larger diameter wreaths are available per request. Payment should be made at the time of the order. For questions or to place an order with the Troop, please contact Doug Or Debbie Mauntel at 241-9337. All orders need to be placed by November 7, 2014..Thank you for supporting our troop.

Board of Directors of Calvary Cemetery wishes to extend their sincere appreciation for the continued support generated from your Calvary Cemetery envelope contributions. We have several major projects in the works, the most critical is a roof for the cemetery chapel. We have removed most of the gumball trees and repaired several of the oldest grave markers. It is our hope to revitalize the entrances and replace the fence along First Street. Your generosity can make this possible. Thank you so very much.

Save the Date! The choirs of Blessed Sacrament will present their annual Advent concert on Sunday, November 30th at 4pm here at Blessed Sacrament. The Adult Choir and The Chorale will be joined by two of the children's choirs, Jubilate and Choristers, along with orchestra members from the Illinois Symphony, Blessed Sacrament youth orchestra and community musicians in a performance of Schubert's **Magnificat** and other beautiful Advent selections. Tickets are \$10 for adults & \$25 for families (siblings & parents), and may be purchased from choir members or the church office (528-7521). A limited amount of tickets will also be available at the door, based on capacity. This is a beautiful way to begin the Advent Season!

Mark your Calendars: The Pastor's Annual Party for adults of the parish will be on Sunday, November 23rd from 5:30-8:00pm in the school cafeteria.

Holy Family Food Pantry is gearing up for the busy holiday season. They are grateful for our past love and support & hope they can count on us again to "adopt" families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by providing holiday food baskets. They anticipate serving 800 families this year and really need our help. The menus for the Thanksgiving Food baskets are in the vestibule of the Church. Thanks and God bless you for all your efforts.

Ebola Crisis Response-Will you stand with our brothers and sisters to assist them in their fight against the spread of the Ebola virus in West Africa? Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach needs your financial support to send personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies to West Africa. You may make a donation online at: mission-outreach.org or by mailing it to Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, Ebola Crisis, PO Box 3531, Springfield, Il. 62708. To learn more about how you can help with the Ebola crisis, please contact Jennifer Wolf at 303-2833.

SHG will host its annual **Preview Night** on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm. The event will be held at the East Campus complex at 1200 W. Washington. Preview Night 2014 is open to students and parents in grades 5-8. Take a look inside and start your journey with SHG Preview Night 2014.

Special Collection: On the weekend of November 15th-16th we will take a second collection to aid St. Martin De Porres Center in its mission to help those less fortunate.

ADORATION HOURS

Silence-Tranquility-Peace. How many of your waking hours are filled with sounds and demands for your attention? The Adoration Chapel is a place to retreat from the noisy world, and experience solitude. A place to talk to, and listen to, your Lord. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 P.M. THURSDAY (4th)
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	9:00 P.M. THURSDAY
7:00 P.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
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2:00 A.M. TUESDAY	

Are you a Visitor to Blessed Sacrament? If you're visiting us today we're glad you're here. If you are considering Blessed Sacrament as your new spiritual home, or if you just want to know more about us, we have a packet of information we would like you to take home with you. Just ask any usher for a visitor's packet. You don't have to give us any information about yourself. Just ask an usher. No strings attached. Thank you for visiting Blessed Sacrament.

Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference will be held on November 15 thru November 17 at the Decatur Hotel & Conference Center in Decatur, Illinois. This Conference "**Growing Communities of Faith**" is a wonderful opportunity for all adult Catholics. For more information contact Christine Malmevik at 698-8500.

Holiday Craft Bazaar-Little Flower School's 32nd Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 9th -9:00am-4:00pm and Sunday, November 10th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Admission is your generous donation of canned food to feed the less fortunate. On Sunday bring your camera and get pictures with Santa and kids crafts. For the safety of our little ones, NO strollers on Saturday.

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, November 9th from 8am-Noon at Springfield Knights of Columbus Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, kids 5 and under eat free. All proceeds will benefit Land of Lincoln Honor Flight program. For questions, call 787-2360.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3-7****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM**

Jacob Coady-Kyle Ingram

Thurs.- Friday

Elizabeth DeSalle-Ben Kroner

Saturday, November 8, 4:30PM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Augie Antonacci,
Kendra McCubbin, Mary Clare Mizeur

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Gietl, Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Colleen VonDeBur, Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, Carol Gvazdinkas

Sunday, November 9, 7:00am

Lector: Ginny Schofield

Servers: Riley Hinds, Nick DePooter

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, Phil Graham, Dave Langston, Jackie Shafer, Michele Hinds-Greenwood

Sunday, November 9, 8:30 AM

Lector: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Jonah Parkes, Sophie Reimers, Grace Lambert

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Clarida, Scott Reimers, Larry Newell, Bradley Frost, Janine Feller, Megan Greco, Mark Ushman, Anne Capestrain

Sunday, November 9, 10:30 AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Cole Taylor, Reid Taylor, Tyree Redpath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Tuttle, MaryAnn Gorney, Dan Schuering, Jim Mophew, Rose Amon, Barbara Erdmann, James Keys, Rita Keys

St. Agnes Parish Annual Chili Supper and Bake Sale will be held, Sunday, November 9th from 12noon–6:30pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, Pre school-No charge. Carry outs available.

St. Joseph the Worker Church, Chatham, will hold its 38th annual Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner on Sunday, November 9th from 11:30am-5:00pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, Children \$4. Children uder 4 free. Carry outs will be available.

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance please call 698-4456

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,134,677.56</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 265,322.44
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,395.00

of Springfield in Illinois. 698-8500

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, October 19, 2014	\$17,477.75

Pat Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the