



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, November 3, 2013
31st 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 First Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, November 4

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Pauline Tolan
John Giachetto

Tuesday, November 5

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Ben Bodewes

Wednesday, November 6

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Catherine Adsit
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, November 7

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Georgiann Kutilek
Willa Jean Senger

Friday, November 8

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Janet Zeigler Bliefnick

Saturday, November 9

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Ronald M. Muha
(LATIN MASS)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Al Gardner

Sunday, November 10—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Sevet Madonia
- ✧ **10:30 AM** John & Wilma Myszak

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

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Dear Parishioners,

The capital of Ghana is Accra, a city of nearly four million people on the southern coast of the country. It was here that we embarked on our visit. However, our destination was Wa, a town nine hours to the north and west of the capital. Under normal circumstances, nine hours was enough time to cover the distance, but our journey was not so lucky. The road to Wa was a hard surface road and the traffic was moderate. The only rules that seemed to be enforced on the highway were the speed limits. At both ends of every town we drove through there were speed bumps large enough to launch a car. In reality, they were logs placed across the road with a little black top poured over them. After one major jolt a driver would learn to respect the law. However, one major jolt could also do considerable damage to the shocks, tires, and frame of the vehicle. About thirty minutes out from Wa, as the sun was going down, so did our tire. We were forced to get off the bus and wait for the tire to be changed.

A few days later on the return trip we had a similar experience, only this time the tire did not go flat—it blew out. With our luggage stacked on top, it was all the driver could do to keep the bus on the road. Luckily, it remained upright and once again we disembarked while the tire was changed. Later that evening we stopped in Kumasi to get a new tire and while parked alongside the road, a speeding car took off our mirror. When we finally arrived in Accra, we had been on the bus over sixteen hours.

Traveling in some lands can still be challenging and unpredictable. While sitting on the bus, I began to recall some of the journeys mentioned in the Bible. There was the trip Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, then to Egypt, and then back home. It must have been risky. There was also the trip Jesus made to the temple when he was twelve. It too was unpredictable. In his day, Jesus probably never traveled more than fifty miles from his home. It was just too difficult. Even the short trips took courage. Yet, despite the danger and close calls, I'm glad I made the trip. What I saw of this land and people I will never forget. Christ was with our group on that bus trip to and from Wa. He is with us whenever we travel and wherever we go.

If you want to see or hear more about our trip to Ghana, make plans to join us after the Masses next weekend. We will gather in the cafeteria to share our pictures, discuss our trip and talk about the purpose of the St. Theresa Youth Center near Wa. If you need more of an incentive to come, refreshments will be available. I hope you will join us.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

**Congratulations to our newly Wed:
Daniel O'Keefe and Adriene Kutzler**

**Please pray for our Recently Departed:
Clare Schmidt
David Martin**

School Notes:

Thursday, November 7– 1:30pm dismissal; no B.A.S.E. available

3-8pm– Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 8-11:30AM Dismissal; no B.A.S.E.

1-6pm - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 11– Grandparents Day—

10:00am Mass with Veterans' Day observance;
dismissal immediately following Mass: no B.A.S.E.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair: Mark your calendars now for our annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair which will be held on Monday, November 25th in the evening at the store located on Veterans Parkway. You will also be able to make online purchases throughout the following week, which will count towards our school total. This is a great opportunity to start (or finish) your holiday shopping and support BSS at the same time. Don't forget there is also Script available to use for your purchases.

Special Second Collection for the Archdiocese of the Military Services will be taken up next week-end **November 9-10.** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved this special collection to be taken up every three years. This collection will show our support for men and women in the armed forces and for those chaplains who serve them so generously.

Queen of Peace The Story of Medjugorje: Since 1981, in a small village named Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, people claim the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world. *Queen of Peace*, tells the story. To check out this DVD, or any of the DVDs in the library, contact the office at 528-7521, or come by. For more information about the lending library, or to donate a DVD, please contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335

Please Join Us!! Next Week-end, Saturday, November 9th after the 4:30pm Mass (wine & cheese, soda & chips party) and Sunday, November 10th after the 8:30 & 10:30am Masses (donuts, juice & Coffee)! We will gather in the school cafeteria for refreshments, news, pictures & videos

regarding Fr. Jeff's and Deacon Tom's trip to the **St. Theresa Youth Development Center (STYDEC)** in Ghana, Africa! Everyone welcome!

Baby Bottle Campaign: Knights of Columbus Council #364 is sponsoring a Baby Bottle campaign and volunteers will be passing out baby bottles after each Mass this weekend. The purpose of this campaign is to fill the bottles with change during the week and return them the next two weekends to help raise money for an ultrasound machine. The ultrasound will be located at the Lifetime Pregnancy help Center initially and ultimately, in a Mobile Medical Center. Ultrasounds will be provided at no cost to needy pregnant women who may be considering abortion or could otherwise not afford to see a picture of their unborn baby. When the bottles are full, please place them in the container in the vestibule. Your contribution is appreciated.

Christmas Wreaths: BSS Boy Scout Troop 31 will be taking orders after all the Masses this weekend, November 2 & 3. All items ordered will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 25-30). Scouts will be selling the following: 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 11th. Thank you for supporting our Troop.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society will meet Tuesday, November 5th, at 6:00pm in the Rectory Basement.

Save the Date! The Pastor's Annual Party (PAP) will be held on Sunday, November 24th from 5:30-8:30pm.

Just a reminder: The Annual Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage will be held this year from January 19-23, 2014.

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.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	3:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	

Information please— This week-end, November 2 & 3, **SHG** will have a information table set up in the vestibule of the church. Parents with children in 7th & 8th grades are welcome to stop by with any questions they may have concerning SHG. **SHG** will have its **Open House** for 7th & 8th Graders on **November 14th**.

SHG Annual Preview Night, an Open House for seventh and eighth grade students and their parents or guardians will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 14 in the East Campus Gymnasium, 1200 West Washington. Call 78-9732 for questions and more information.

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. More details will be posted in the vestibule in the near future.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Holy Family Food Pantry has sent 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.

Next Weekend our parish will welcome Blest Art after all the Masses. They will be offering hand-carved olive-wood religious art from the Holy Land. Plan to stop after the Mass and look at the beautiful nativity sets, crucifixes, statues, and rosaries which will be available for purchase. Each of these items is handmade by a master carver in the Holy Land. The proceeds of our purchase will go back to support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. For your convenience, Blest Art accepts checks, cash, and credit cards.

Save the Date: Our Advent Concert this year will be at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 1st. It will include the Chorister, Julilate 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 will go on sale in mid-November. Please plan to join us in celebrating this beautiful moment.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4-8****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Jack Allen-Gabe Bonansinga

Thurs.- Friday

Max Beard-Elizabeth DeSalle

Saturday, Nov.9, 4:30PM**Lector:** Calvin Bell**Servers:** Charles Yockey, Louis Yockey, Mary Kate Yockey**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marty Mosley, Larry Newell, Sally Petrone, Jim Morphew, Lynn Frasco, Rick Campbell, Janine Feller, Isabel Figueroa**Sunday, Nov.10, 7:00am****Lector:** Ginny Schofield**Servers:** Brandon Gatewood, Christian Gatewood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Sheehan, Ann Walker, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Phil Graham, Dave Langston**Sunday, Nov. 10, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Michael Lawless**Servers:** Katie Eck, A.J. Lust, Haley Londrigan**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Reimers, Anne Capestrain, Colleen VonDeBur, Mike Delvo, Mark Usham, Paricia Clarida, Kathy Harth, Bradley Frost**Sunday, Nov. 10, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Shawn Rotherham**Servers:** Ben Portz, Ethan O'Connor, Grace McDonald**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, Rita Keys, James Keys, MaryAnn Gorney, Barney Bruzetti, Rose Amon, Lisa, Lisa Belz, Mary Tuttle

Little Flower's Annual Craft Bazaar is November 9th from 9am-4pm and November 10th from 10am-2pm. All items are handmade and there are over 60 booths. There will be concessions and a bake sale. In lieu of an entrance fee, we ask that you bring a canned good for the Holy Family Food Pantry.

Volunteer Assistant: 20hrs/week evenings and Saturdays. Assist with volunteer activities at **Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach**. Requires some heavy physical effort, computer skills, and good driving record. Must have strong sense of mission and excellent interpersonal skills. Call 522-2287 x 686 or 684.

Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner, Sunday, November 10th, St. Joseph Church, Chatham. Serving from 11:30am-5:00pm, Adults \$8, Children (4-11) \$4, Children under 4 free.

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 364 will be held on Sunday, November 10th from 8am-Noon at 2200 Meadowbrook Lane. Adults \$8 and \$5 for children 6-12. All proceeds will benefit Land-of Lincoln Honor Flight Program. For questions call 787-2360

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,795,975.16</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 604,024.84
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4,070.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, October 20, 2013	\$16,142.89