



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, October 27, 2013
30th 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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, October 28

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Bob Baldoni
Al Gardner

Tuesday, October 29

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Mary & Charlie Ebel

Wednesday, October 30

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Dr. John L. Hennessy
Tom Walker
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, October 31

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** John Giachetto
- Vigil of All Saints**
- 5:30 PM** Beger & Solomon Family

Friday, November 1

All Saints Day

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Dr. Joe Fluckiger
- 5:30 PM** Special Intention

Saturday, November 2

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Dorothy Corbett
(LATIN MASS)

Confessions 3:00--4:00pm

- ✘ **4:30 PM** Leonard & Edith Berry

Sunday, November 3--31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Mary Jordan
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

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

Dear Parishioners,

Recently I did two things that took a great deal of courage. First of all, I went zip-lining. Secondly, I bought a smart phone. For me, the latter was scarier than the first. The zip-line was a series of nine cables located along the bluffs of the Illinois River at Grafton. The first two or three lines did indeed take courage. One line was nearly 2,000 feet long and 200 feet up in the air. Believe me! You have to be a person of trust before you step off the platform and zip over to the other side. Yet, by the fifth or sixth cable I could even open my eyes. It was almost fun.

Using a smart phone is a different matter. It doesn't get less scary with your eyes open. For me, it's like being caught on an episode of the Jetsons where George is walking Astro, their dog, on a treadmill. The dog jumps off and George is left on the machine. He doesn't know how to shut it off and the treadmill just keeps going faster and faster. It's scary! I remember when PC's first came out and everyone was suffering from carpal tunnel. With smart phones I worry about finger fatigue. Something about my fingers never seems to get the app to move on the first punch. Maybe if i-phones were more user friendly for those of us who grew up BC—that is before computers, I wouldn't be so frustrated. Perhaps they could make one with a rotary dial.

Life is full of scary challenges. I sometimes compare living by faith to standing on the edge of a diving board for the first time. You understand the laws of nature and you have watched as everyone who jumped has come back up out of the water. Yet, when you stand there it is a different matter. It might not work for you....but you will never know unless you jump. Faith is like that. Ultimately, it is about trust, not knowledge. You can have all the knowledge in the world, but it will get you nowhere unless you jump...unless you trust. The only knowledge we have of our faith has come from those who jumped.

I suppose I could make a case for zip-lining and trusting God. It is a remarkable experience once you get over the fear. On the other hand, I am not so sure the smart phone could ever bring me the same thrill. It's still pretty scary. Life is about taking risks, about trusting God. I urge you to make your faith true. As you stand on the platform, you can acknowledge your fear but don't let it paralyze you. When you reach the edge, keep on walking. God will hold you up. (And if by a remote chance the cable should break, then you can use that other scary device to call 911.)

All Saints. This Friday is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Masses are Thursday at 5:30 pm, and Friday at 8:20 am and 5:30 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

All Souls. The Parish Commemoration of those who have died during the past year will take place on All Souls Day, Saturday, November 2nd at the 4:30 pm Mass.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:
John David Shafer, son of Dustin & Jacqueline Shafer

Congratulations to our newly Wed:
John Richardson & Kristina Ginter

Please pray for our Recently Departed:
Vincent Perrero

School Notes:

Sunday, Oct.27– Builders Club Halloween Carnival 6-8pm. Children are welcome to come in costume. Tickets are \$.25 and are available at the door.

Tuesday, Oct. 29– Report Card Day

Thursday, Oct. 31– Happy Halloween!! 1:30p.m. Halloween costume parade for Pre-K-Grade 4 in the gym followed by classroom parties.

Friday, November 1–8:20am–All school Mass for All Saints' Day. PSA Spirit Day

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.

Save Box Tops for Education. The school is having a contest between the homerooms now through the month of November. Classes with the most box tops will receive prizes. Save your box tops and take them to the school. Last year our school received over \$5000 from Box Tops for Education.

County Market Max Dollars for Education Pepsi and County Market are sponsoring a Max Dollars for Education contest from August 1 to December 31. Sign up at MyCountyMarket.com for Max Dollars for Education; scan your Max Card every time you shop at County Market; purchase Pepsi products to help our school for a chance to earn a \$5,000 bonus from Pepsi. The more folks designating BSS as their school of choice on their Max Cards, the greater our chances of winning a donation from County Market. Please sign up today

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

Save the Date: Saturday, November 9th after the 4:30pm Mass (wine & cheese, soda & chips party) and Sunday 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!

Blest Art will be visiting our parish after all the Masses on the weekend of November 9th & 10th, to display hand-carved olive wood religious art made by Catholics in the Holy Land. Your purchase of these beautiful items will help support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. This will help them continue to earn a living in the land of Christ's birth. Visit Blest Art's Web site at www.BlestArt.org to preview the art that will be available.

Bakers & Snack Makers!! Help!! The RCIA is looking for people to help just a little bit. We need volunteers to help with the snack at break-time. This is one small way that we (the community they may join) can show them that we care about them and are praying for them in their journey. We ask that you provide something for their break. You choose it, cookies, cakes, cheese, fruit...whatever. We break at **8:00pm** during our **Thursday** meetings. This is just one concrete way that we are able to show the candidates a warm welcome from our parish. If you will help, please contact MaryBeth Maloney at memsymary@aol.com or 793-6588. She will give you all the information that you will need.

Christmas Wreaths: BSS Boy Scout Troop 31 will be taking orders after all the Masses next 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.

REMEMBER TO BUY SCHOOL SCRIPT FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PURCHASES!!!

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	

SHG Mega-Raffle Tickets on Sale Now-Tickets are now on sale for the 19th annual Mega-Raffle. SHG's Raffle will include 50 total cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$100,000 cash, a second prize of \$10,000 cash, and a third prize of \$3,000 cash. Only 4,200 tickets are available at \$100 each. The Final Drawing is October 29. All proceeds from the Raffle benefit the school's operating budget. In addition, each of the Springfield area Catholic grade schools will receive \$1,000. Tickets can be purchased online at www.shg.org or call 787-9732.

Counselor Training-November 3: Counselor training is being offered for adults who want to be certified by the Catholic Committee on Scouting to help Scouts with the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Mary the First Disciple, or the Spirit Alive religious programs. The training is from 6-8pm on Sunday, November 3rd, at St. John the Baptist parish in Arcola. Please register by contacting Kyle Holtgrave at 698-8500. Details about these and all religious programs for Boy and Girls Scouts can be found at <http://scouts.dio.org>.

Information please— The week-end of 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**.

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.

Just a reminder: This Friday, November 1st is All Saints Day. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are at 5:30pm Thursday and 8:20am & 5:30pm Friday.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF OCT. 28– NOV. 1**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM –8:20AM

Louie Yockey-Charles Yockey

Thurs.- Friday

Reid Taylor - John Michael Stauffer

Saturday, Nov. 2, 4:30PM

Lector: Steven Scheufele

Servers: Louis Criscione, Alex White, Francie Vespa

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Newell, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Noreen Luhr, Cordelia Moore, Lori Criscione, Ed Schofield, Rosemary DiNello

Sunday, Nov. 3, 7:00am

Lector: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Nick Broeker, Elise Antonacci

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, Colleen VonDeBur, Kathryn Gietl, Jacqueline Shafer, Kathy Grubb

Sunday, Nov. 3, 8:30 AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: Gabrielle Wood, Laurelynn Weihmeir, Jayden Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Capestrain, Scott Reimers, James Keys, Rita Keys, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer, Andrew Adams, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo

Sunday, Nov. 3, 10:30 AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Rick Rotherham, Kendra McCubbin, Joey Kolis

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Schuering, James Dodge, Andrea Judd, Barbara Erdmann, Mary B. Maloney, Pat Graham, Don Graham, Joe Stannard, III.

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.

Thank you for putting faith and action together by responding generously to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Your generosity will help Sister Clara and her Sisters serve children at risk in India, and reach also the many priests, religious and lay leaders around the world who offer practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children and families in desperate need.

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.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,791,905.16</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 608,094.84
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,467.50

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, October 13, 2013	\$17,060.00