



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, September 21, 2014
25th 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.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, September 22

- ✦ Confessions before Mass
- ✦ **8:00 AM** Ralph Hickey

Tuesday, September 23

- ✦ Confessions before Mass
- ✦ **8:20 AM** Warren Foran

Wednesday, September 24

- ✦ Confessions before Mass
- ✦ **8:00 AM** Ed & Eileen Kniery
Joe Cavanagh
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, September 25

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** James Shea

Friday, September 26

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Terry Spencer

Saturday, September 27

- 8:00 AM** For the Caretakers of our Parish
(Latin Mass)
- ✦ **4:30 PM** Teresa & George Egizii

Sunday, Sept. 28 –26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✦ **7:00 AM** Deceased Member of Eleydiath Fam.
- ✦ **8:30 AM** Charles McGrath
- ✦ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Pam Smith, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brigid Gallagher, Patricia, Annamae, Larry These 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, Sharon Olsson, 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 Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & shipmates

Dear Parishioners,

Catholic Services Appeal. Every year our diocese contacts all registered families asking **them to support their parish in the Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA).** This appeal raises the monies needed to operate the infra-structure of our diocese. Included are over 20 offices and 90 ministries sponsored by the diocese. For example, there is the marriage tribunal which assists couples looking to have their marriages reconciled to the church. There is the education office which provides consultation and professional training, catechist formation, lay ministry preparation as well as overseeing the campus ministry programs at the colleges and universities in the diocese. Formation of seminarians and deacons is also funded by this appeal as well as assistance to our retired priests. The diocese provides pre-Cana and NFP training for couples preparing for marriage. It manages the low interest loan program for parish projects, such as the Building On Tradition project here at Blessed Sacrament, and allows us to purchase insurance collectively and thus, at a lower rate. Many other needed services are paid for through this appeal.

Here is how ACSA works. Since the diocese cannot take up collections like a parish, they assess each parish 11.5% of their regular income. This consists of the Sunday envelope, interest income, gifts, etc. It does not include school tuition, the annual school fund, or special collections. Deductions are given for monies invested with the diocese and for loans that are paid off. Our assessment this year is \$105,827. If we are able to collect more than this amount in our drive, the excess money comes back to us. However, what is not collected must be paid from our parish funds. Last year we raised 62.9% of our goal. The rest (\$45,793) came out of parish funds. 22.7% of our parish families contributed something to the appeal. This is less than one fourth of our registered households and fewer than in previous years. Since it is a parish assessment, it seems unfair to leave that burden for others to pay. Perhaps if we take the time to see how the money is spent, we can begin to understand the importance of this appeal.

The letters will be mailed this week. Be watching for them since they are not mailed first class. Take time to reflect on how you have been blessed by your faith and by the church. Realize the importance of these administrative services provided by the diocese to Blessed Sacrament Parish and the other parishes throughout the diocese. Then contribute what you can afford. Your contribution will certainly be appreciated.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Joshua John Richard Langer, son of Josh & Kristen Langer

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

David Richter & Katherine Thompson

Please pray for our Recently Departed

Brian Brinker

Joe Grant

Betty Galle

Sharon Olsson

School News:

Monday, September 22– PSA fundraiser sales and vouchers and payments due.

Tuesday, September 23– 8:20am—All School Mass

Thursday, September 25–Children's Raffle begins

Tuesday, September 30–11:30am dismissal-faculty in-service; **NO BASE!**

Wall of Wine Contest for the Auction! You pay \$10- get a bottle of wine! Plus, one lucky winner will choose a bottle of wine wrapped in a \$100 bill. But we need your help in donating wine. We need 100 bottles of wine, valued at \$10 or more, and no local wines, please. Bring you donated wine to the school office or call Grainne Mahoney at 544-7944 or email grainnekmaoney@comcast.net to drop off with her. Thank you!!

Get ready for 2014 Blessed Sacrament Auction on Saturday, October 4! Featured Auction Item of the Week: **All Wired Up**-Don't just watch the game, experience it. The pros from Sundown One will come into your home and install a 51 inch Samsung TV and couple it with a complete Onkyo surround sound system. Lots more information on this year's auction plans can be found in the School Newsletter section at BSSBruins.org

IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER for the AUCTION.

Signing up has never been easier! Check out the various ways to **volunteer** and **earn service hours** while helping with this fantastic annual fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 4. Contact Megan DeFrain at 971-8726 or meganj2126@gmail.com for more information.

Pre-register for the Auction and pay just \$20, instead of \$25 at the door. Plus, check out the new awesome "online" auction items! All available at bssbruins.org

PSR News– Our PSR is starting a class for those who have children in Kindergarten. For more information or to register contact Staci DePooter at 220-9300 or depooterfamily@hotmail.com

Coffee, Donuts and Flu Shot—Come join us today, Sunday, September 21 for any one, two or all three of these. Have some coffee, donuts, friendly conversation and an opportunity to have a flu shot. **A Flu Shot Clinic**, sponsored by Walgreen's Pharmacy (no charge with Medicare/Medicaid card or \$25.99 with no insurance) will be offered to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament after all Masses, this weekend Saturday, September 20 and Sunday September 21. This Flu Clinic is for persons 10 years of age and older. Mark your calendars-protect yourself-get a flu shot.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal The programs, services and ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The theme this year is "**Growing Communities of Faith.**" This weekend, a letter will be sent to each Catholic household in the diocese asking for your support. The diocese serves each of us, and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in the diocese.

Women's Club Potluck– The new Women's Club of Blessed Sacrament will have a kickoff potluck dinner on Tuesday, September 30, at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Please bring a dish to share. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVPS are appreciated. Call Mary Margaret Giesing at 528-0880 or email mmmgies@sbcglobal.net

Blessed Sacrament/St. Theresa Youth Center, Ghana, Partnership is moving forward! Each Sunday in October we will be collecting school supplies for St. Theresa's (Pre-K-Grade 6). Please find Gift Tags taped to the barrel in the vestibule of the Church and return your items by October 26th. If you prefer giving a monetary donation for shipping costs, place your gift in an envelope in the Sunday collection marked for *Ghana*. For questions, call Kate Rossi-652-5345 or Mary Ann Burns 793-0328.

Women's Day of Recollection, Thursday, Sept. 25th at Christ the King from 12:45-2:45pm. The day will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, two meditations given by a priest and closing Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. The Mother's Room will be available for women with infants and/or young children. The spiritual guidance is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei.

ADORATION HOURS

Another mile-marker holiday has passed and the school year has begun. Time to settle into the fall routine, or is your prayer life ready for a change in routine? If you are not already a scheduled adorer, is it time to again give it consideration? The blessings are guaranteed! 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	8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 P.M. THURSDAY (4th)
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	9:00 P.M. THURSDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY

Bakers & Snack Makers!! Can you help show our love and support to those beginning their journey through RCIA? During our weekly meetings we have a 10-15 minute break. If you are willing, it is a wonderful way to let them know “the church family” is aware and praying for them-and even offering something to brighten their break! It is just one way to “evangelize” without saying a word. If you can help, please call Kathy at 899-7403, many hands make light work. May God bless you.

Tips for Welcoming Visitors at Mass: Give Visitors Information about the Parish. Ensure that a visitor has a bulletin or visitor’s packet before they leave. If there is a social gathering after Mass, such as doughnut Sunday, invite them. This series of tips is brought to you by the Blessed Sacrament Evangelization Committee. More tips to come.

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.

Building an Archive-Blessed Sacrament has a lot of memorabilia from its early years. In building this archive, we are requesting that your search for such items. This may include pictures, correspondence, interesting items, etc. We are especially interested in early photos, items including Msgr. M.A. Tarrant, Fr. High P. Cassidy and other clergy and religious who have served at Blessed Sacrament. Please do not overlook items from our School. Please consider donating these items to the parish collection. Should you wish to do so, wrap them carefully, include your name and address and drop them by the Rectory. Mark them to the attention of Margaret Antenan.

National Life Chain- Please join us October 5th, 2:00-3:30pm on Sangamon Avenue, 11th Street Planned Parenthood and in Chatham. Come out and pray for an end to abortion. For more information call 529-7669.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF SEPT. 22-26**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Ben Kroner-Reilly Mohn

Thurs.- Friday

Jacob Coady-Grace Lambert

Saturday, Sept. 27, 4:30PM

Lector: Ken Dobucki

Servers: Luke Portz, Ben Portz,
Julia Delano

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Larry Newell,
Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley,
Janine Feller, Colleen VonDeBur, Carol Gvazdinskas

Sunday, Sept. 28, 7:00am

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Jackie Romer,
Gabrielle Wood

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Phil Graham, Riley Hinds, Kathryn Gietl, Dave Langston

Sunday, Sept. 28, 8:30 AM

Lector: Laurie Mann

Servers: Daniel Gardner,
Maggie O’Brien, Caleb Rutherford

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Clarida, Mark Ushman, Kathy Harth, Rick Campbell, Bradley Frost, Mike Delvo, Anne Capestrain

Sunday, Sept. 28, 10:30 AM

Lector: Cynthia Lamar

Servers: Jack LaMar, Danny Heffernan, Kevin Heffernan

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Belz, Sally Petrone, Barbara Erdmann, Jim Morphew, Lynn Frasco, Rose Amon, Andrea Judd, MaryAnn Gorney

SHG Mega Raffle Tickets are now available for the 20th annual Mega-Raffle. SHG's Raffle will include 50 total cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$100,000. Only 4,200 tickets are available at \$100 each. Final drawing in October 28th. Early Bird drawing is Oct. 3. All proceeds benefit the school's operating budget.

Butler Funeral Home is presenting "Guidelines for Catholic Funerals" an Open Door session on Funerals, Cremation, and Advance Planning on Thursday, September 25th from 11:30am-1:30pm at Butler Funeral Home, 900 South Sixth Street. Free-No cost or obligation. A complimentary lunch is included. For more information or to reserve your seat please call 544-4646. Reservations no later than Monday, September 22.

Art & Craft Show St. Joseph Church, Chatham will hold an Art & Craft Show on Saturday, September 27 8:30am-3:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 700 E. Spruce, Chatham. For more information please call Geoff or Rita Davis 585-8079

St. Louise de Marillac Ladies of Charity will host a bunco party on Sunday, October 5 from 1-4pm at St. Agnes Parish Hall. Admission is \$10 which will include lunch. For reservations please call Sharon 529-7088.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,119,188.73</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 280,811.27
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 7,159.52

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent /Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, September 7, 2014	\$19,283.25

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