

# BRUINS

## 45th Annual Auction & Tailgate Party



October 4, 2014

Blessed Sacramento Fieldhouse

Doors Open @ 5:30

SCORE A TOUCHDOWN WITH THE BRUINS!

**CELEBRATING THE DAYS**

**Monday, September 29**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Roberta Antonacci

**Tuesday, September 30**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine

**Wednesday, October 1**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Keith Fagan
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, October 2**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Willa Senger

**Friday, October 3**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Gerald F. Sheehy

**Saturday, October 4**

- 8:00 AM** Special Intention (Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Intentions of our Parishioners

**Sunday, Oct. 5 –27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Emma Thull
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Mary T. Gosse
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Vic Gorney

**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line**

**Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :** 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, 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,**

During the month of October, our diocese counts the number of people who attend weekend Mass. This allows us to evaluate and plan for the needs of our people. One thing we know is that the number of people attending Mass here in the diocese continues to decline. In our diocese, and across the U.S. about 25% of those calling themselves Catholic attend. Blessed Sacrament is an average parish. We come in right at the national average. Recently our diocese conducted a survey to look at the reasons for this decline. The survey is called **Joy and Grievance in an American Diocese**. It questioned both those who were no longer going to Mass and those who were. The reasons varied on both sides, but one thing is clear. People go where they are fed. Running the risk of sounding cliché, before we can bring people back to Mass, we must be ready to feed them and we must feed them with good and healthy food.

Most parents will tell you that getting children to eat is about a whole lot more than preparing healthy meals. "It's good for you," may be true, but it won't get your children to eat as they should. The food must also be attractive. It must be something they want as well as something they need. Spiritual food is much the same. If we approach the Eucharist simply as something we need, I am convinced we will have very little success in bringing people to the table. If the choice is between attending Mass or a ballgame, most will choose the one they find more enjoyable. Education isn't enough to change that. It is one thing to know what is good. It is another to choose. A better approach is to help others "experience" Christ in the Eucharist. Eucharist can never simply be a brain thing. It must be rooted in one's heart...and deep in the heart of every person is a hunger for happiness, meaning, and fulfillment in life. Connecting this hunger with what happens at Mass will hold the people and keep them yearning for more. Some questions we might ask are:

- What do we do to invite people to join us at Mass?
- Have I ever personally invited anyone?
- Do we make people feel welcome when they come?
- Is the music helping me to pray?
- Is the scripture and homily drawing me closer to Christ?
- When I come to communion, do I truly yearn for the real presence of Jesus to enter my heart?

If you experience that, then you are being fed and you can invite others, letting them know what you experience. That is what I hope and pray will happen for all who come here to worship.

Each year as we approach the October count, I wonder what the results will be. Are our numbers up or down? Are we feeding more or fewer people? I know the food we have here is good and healthy, but are we connecting? Do people want what is on the menu?

**Fr. JEFF**



### OUR PARISH FAMILY

#### **Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:**

Zachary Brent & Benjamin Hudson Wilson, sons of Bradley & Gail Wilson

#### **Congratulations to our Newly Wed:**

Ryan Caldwell & Danielle Sprout

#### **Please Pray for our Recently Departed:**

Patricia Brady

#### **School News:**

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 1**-Diocesan Mission Mass (4th graders in attendance)

**Thursday, Oct. 2**- 7th Grade joint retreat at Knights of Columbus

**Friday, Oct. 3**-Regular PSA Spirit Day  
Tailgate Lunch

**Saturday, Oct. 4**- **BSS Annual Auction** (adults only)

**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

**45th ANNUAL AUCTION NEXT SATURDAY**- Please see the bulletin insert this weekend for important information about our 45th Annual Auction and Tailgate Party next Saturday, October 4. We still need volunteers and appreciate your help. Earn school service hours by helping at the auction. Contact Megan DeFrain, 971-8726 or meganj2126@gmail.com or sign up online at <http://vols.pt/UGwQM2>. We also appreciate donations of bottles of wine for the Wall of Wine. Please bring your donations to the school office before Thursday, October 2. At least \$10 value, please, and no local wines.) Thank you!

**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](http://bssbruins.org). Everyone who pre-registers can also stop by the school and pick up their bid number and auction program on Friday, October 3, from 11:00am-2:00pm or 5:30-6:30pm. Save time and avoid lines at the Auction.

**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](mailto:depooterfamily@hotmail.com)

**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 [mmgies@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmgies@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.

**Prayer in the Public Square** Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 12-1pm, at the Illinois State Capitol in front of the Lincoln statue on Capitol & Second Street. Bishop Paprocki will lead us. Please bring your family, prayer group, and flag. If you would like to help us in prayer or song, contact Donna 622-8576 or email [d.berte@comcast.net](mailto:d.berte@comcast.net).

**Mom & Tot Playgroup** which is for any Blessed Sacrament mom with little ones (ages birth to pre-school). Our Playgroup is just starting out, and we are hoping to create a great group of wonderful, supportive and FUN moms and kiddos throughout our parish and school. During the fall, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 9:30-10:30am and the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 11:30am-12:45pm at different parks around town. We would love for you to join us. As the seasons change, we will adjust our meet-up locations. For the schedule of parks, or for more information contact Morgan Sullivan Ambrose at [morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com](mailto:morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com) or text/call 741-3831.

**Family S'mores Night at Villa Maria**- Please join us on Sunday, October 5, at 5:30pm for a bonfire and s'mores! No cost, and no need to bring your own supplies. Please do bring chairs if you'd like. In case of rain, we can be inside Shively Hall down near the lake and although no bonfire we can still have sugary fun together. Sponsored by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. RSVP to Carlos Tejeda at 321-1132 or 685-6264. Please pass the word along to others.

**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: Be Part of the Parish Greeting Ministry Team.** We need your smiling face to help greet others. If you have the “hospitality gene” volunteer to help by contacting Vicki Compton at [Vcompton61@gmail.com](mailto:Vcompton61@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 528-7521. 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 it's 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. 29-OCT. 3****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM**

Gabrielle Njapa– Maddie O'Connor

**Thurs.- Friday**

Luke Portz-Miles Roland

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 4:30PM**

Lector: Calvin Bell

**Servers:** Nathaniel Bell, Elizabeth DeSalle, Abby Pohlman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Gallagher, Scott Reimers, Larry Newell, Ken Dobucki, Noreen Luhr, Colleen VonDeBur, James Keys, Rita Keys**Sunday, Oct. 5, 7:00am****Lector:** Mike Goza**Servers:** Brandon Gatewood, Christian Gatewood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Langston, Riley Hinds, Ginny Schofield, Pat Sheehan, Ann Walker**Sunday, Oct. 5, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Patrick Fitzgerald**Servers:** Nick DePoote, Katie Eck, Grace Lambert**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Ushman, Patricia Clarida, Kathy Harth, Mike Delvo, Bradley Frost, Janine Feller, Carol Guthrie, Megan Greco**Sunday, Oct. 5, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Shawn Rotherham**Servers:** Rick Rotherham, Gabe Bonansinga, Sophie Bonansinga**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Barbara Erdmann, Jim Morphey, Rose Amon, Andrea Judd, Rick Campbell, Barney Bruzetti, James Dodge

**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.

**SHG ShopAPalooza** is the shopping event of the season. Don't miss out on all the amazing items vendors from across the state will be selling, in addition to the fabulous food and delicious bake sale items. Admission is \$1.00. Hours are 11:00am-4:00pm, October 19 At SHG's West Campus.

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.

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

<b>Building on Tradition</b>	
<b>Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b><u>\$5,120,855.23</u></b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 279,144.77</b>
<b>Amount Received Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,666.50</b>

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b> <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<b><u>Parish Collection</u></b>	
<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>
<b>Sunday, September 14, 2014</b>	<b>\$18,017.25</b>