



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, September 7, 2014
23rd 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 8

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Claire Forsyth

Tuesday, September 9

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Ellen F. White

Wednesday, September 10

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Charles Brady
Mary Martin
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, September 11

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Albert Lust

Friday, September 12

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Chick Delano
Ernest R. Hildebrand, Sr.

Saturday, September 13

- 8:00 AM** Ed Bancroft
(Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** C. Joseph Cavanagh

Sunday, Sept. 14 –24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Fr. Martin Mangan
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Intention of Our Parishioners
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Dr. Norman Soler

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Brigid Gallagher, Patricia, Annamae, Larry These Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, , Mary Ann, Peg, 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,

“Do you want to honor Christ’s body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honor him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. For he who said: *This is my body*, and made it so by his words, also said: *You saw me hungry and did not feed me*. What we do here in the church requires a pure heart, not special garments; what we do outside requires great dedication.

Let us learn, therefore to be men of wisdom and to honor Christ as he desires. For a person being honored finds greatest pleasure in the honor he desires, not in the honor we think best. Peter thought he was honoring Christ when he refused to let him wash his feet; but what Peter wanted was not truly an honor, quite the opposite! Give him the honor prescribed in his law by giving your riches to the poor. For God does not want golden vessels but golden hearts.

Now in saying this I am not forbidding you to make such gifts; I am only demanding that along with such gifts and before them you give alms. He accepts the former, but he is much more pleased with the latter. In the former, only the giver profits; in the latter, the recipient does too. A gift to the church may be taken as a form of ostentation, but an alms is pure kindness.

Of what use is it to weigh down Christ’s table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table...What if you were to see him clad in worn-out rags and stiff from the cold, and were to forget about clothing him and instead were to set up golden columns for him, saying that you were doing it in his honor? Would he not think he was being mocked and greatly insulted?

Apply this also to Christ when he comes along the road as a pilgrim, looking for shelter. You do not take him in as your guest, but you decorate floor and walls and capitals of pillars...Once again, I am not forbidding you to supply these adornments; I am urging you to provide these other things as well, and indeed to provide them first. No one can ever be accused for not providing ornaments, but for those who neglect their neighbor a hell awaits with an inextinguishable fire and torment in the company of demons. Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.”

(Our column this week was written by St. John Chrysostom (349-407). He was archbishop of Constantinople and considered one of the great doctors of the church. His feast day is this Saturday, September 13th.)

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:**

Samatha Juno Dunham, daughter of Robert & Christine Dunham

Abram James Noel, son of Harlin & Erin Noel

Noah James Beveridge, son of Noah & Amanda Beveridge

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Kristen Kate Bown & John Richard Senger

School News:

Wednesday, September 10-11:30pm dismissal for faculty meeting. **6:30pm** Back to School Night

Sunday, September 14-5KRun/Walk for Danielle Loftus

September 15-19-Iowa Assessments for grades 2-8

Wednesday, September 17-Mid quarter reports

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!!

Silent Auction Baskets needed for BSS Auction October 4th. Please drop off baskets at the school office or contact Colleen Kane (cakane@hotmail.com or 725-2539) for basket pick-up. Baskets may be new or used, large or medium sized. Thank you to everyone who has donated silent auction items. We are still accepting those, too!

Get ready for 2014 Blessed Sacrament Auction on Saturday, October 4.! Here's another exciting package you can bid on at this year's Blessed Sacrament Auction-**Groceries for a Year**-From New Year's Breakfast to Christmas Dinner, Hy-Vee has you covered throughout the year with 52-\$50 gift cards to the delightful new store in Blessed Sacrament's own neighborhood. 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.

Coffee, Donuts and Flu Shot—Come join us on 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 on 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.

Special Collection for the Crisis in the Middle East will be taken up next weekend September 13-14. The Catholic Bishops have asked us to take up this special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brother and sisters in the Middle East. Our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of the violence in the Middle East urgently need our assistance. Please be generous.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal for 2014-2015 will begin on Saturday & Sunday, September 20th & 21st. The theme for this year's Appeal is "**Growing Communities of Faith**". Christ calls us to consider our gifts and to return a portion of them to him through our parish and the larger Church, our diocese. Joining with the other parishes in our diocese, we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing God's gifts through the Annual Catholic Services Appeal.

Christ the King is hosting a fall Bible Study –*Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*. This is an 8 week study, beginning September 18th in the Christ the King Parish Center. Sessions are from 9:15-10:45am. Childcare available for a small donation. For more information or to register contact, Kristin Luker at 546-4959 or KLuker@LukerDentalCare.com.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 11th, 12pm-1pm, 2014 Annual Prayer in the Public Square. To be held at the Illinois State Capitol Building in front of the Lincoln Statue at 2nd and Capitol Street. Bishop Paprocki will lead us in praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are invited. If you would like to help us in prayer or song contact Donna 622-8576 or d.berte@comcast.net.

Just a reminder: The Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference is November 15-17 at the Decatur Convention Center, west 36 in Decatur. Registration is available by contacting Christine Malmevik at 698-8500 ext. 178.

ADORATION HOURS

Independence Day is past; many of us sang "God Bless America!" with our friends and neighbors. Elections are coming and if we sincerely want God to bless our country, PRAYER is needed! Pray that "We the people" elect moral leaders at local, state, and national levels. Thank god for the recent Pro-Life ruling by the Supreme Court. 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	11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY
4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	

RCIA Has First Gathering—A small RCIA group met this past Thursday evening to begin their journey to seek the Truth. There is still time to join us. We will meet from 7-9pm on Thursday evenings in the Rectory basement. If you are not sure whether the Catholic Faith is where you are being called; come join us to see if the message rings true. There is no commitment to join. Come and see. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 528-7521.

Tips for Welcoming Visitors at Mass: Say Goodbye with Genuine Warmth. After Mass, bid farewell to visitors, inviting them to return next week. Introduce them to Fr. Jeff, Deacon Dave or Deacon Tom if the opportunity arises. This series of tips is brought to you by the Blessed Sacrament Evangelization Committee.

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.

That Man is You! To resume at 3 Parishes— Cathedral —weekly session Monday evenings 6PM beginning September 15. Light evening meal will be provided. To register contact Mike Christie, mchristie1766@yahoo.com or 546-5716. **St. Agnes** - weekly sessions Tuesday, 6am beginning September 16th. Hot breakfast, coffee & juice available. To register contact Doug McDonald doug-mcdonald255@sbcglobal.net or 622-9918. **St. John Vianney, Sherman**-weekly sessions, Saturday, 6am, beginning September 13. A light breakfast will be available. To register contact Keith Spaniol kpsaniol@1791.com or 496-2146. If is not necessary to have attended **year** one in order to attend year two. No registration fee.

Calvary Cemetery Fall Clean-up-Please remove any decorations that you would like to save by September 14. ALL decorations will be removed during the period of September 15th-30th.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8-12**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Elizabeth DeSalle-Emmy Doll
Thurs.- Friday
Nathaniel Bell-Kendra McCubbin

Saturday, Sept. 13, 4:30PM

Lector: Ed Hart

Servers: Ava Giacomini, Maggie Haugh, Ben Scheufele

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Rose Amon, Jim Morphew, Lynn Frasco, Janine Feller, Colleen VonDeBur

Sunday, Sept. 14, 7:00am

Lector: Chris Perrin

Servers: Siobhan Wilhite, Mary Clare Mizeur

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Gietl, Phil Graham, Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Carol Gvazdinkas

Sunday, Sept. 14, 8:30 AM

Lector: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Augie Antonacci, Rithis Kinion, Emma Kinion

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Larry Newell, Kathy Harth, Anne Capestrain, Mike Delvo, Bradley Frost, George Rudis, Jr., Andrew Adams

Sunday, Sept. 14, 10:30 AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Joey Kolis, Pat Kolis, Noah Kren

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Belz, Sally Petrone, Rick Campbell, Dan Schuering, Barbara Erdmann, MaryAnn Gorney, Andrea Judd, Joe Stannard, III

St. Joseph's Home will be hosting its 3rd annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 20th, from 11am-4pm. The event will include food, music, free bounce house, petting zoo and local vendors. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Lauren Acton at lacton@saintjosephshome.org. or call 529-5596 to request an information packet.

Home Instead Senior Care is sponsoring a 40/70 Rule Workshop on Wednesday, September 10th from 5-7pm at the Illini Country Club. This workshop is designed to help families start the conversation about difficult aging issues. To reserve a spot, call Home Instead Senior Care at 547-1300.

All current & Future Cub or Boy Scouts-Blessed Sacrament School Pack 31 will hold registration, Thursday, September 11th, from 6-7pm in the back parking lot. If you are a returning Scout or are interested in becoming a Scout, please join us for a fun activity.

All-You-Can-Eat breakfast buffet will be held, Sunday, September 14 from 8am-Noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364. \$8 for adults, \$5 children 6-12. Proceeds Benefit St. Martin DePorres Center. For questions, call 787-2360.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,103,470.55</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 296,529.45
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 12,947.00

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, August 24, 2014	\$21,094.75

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