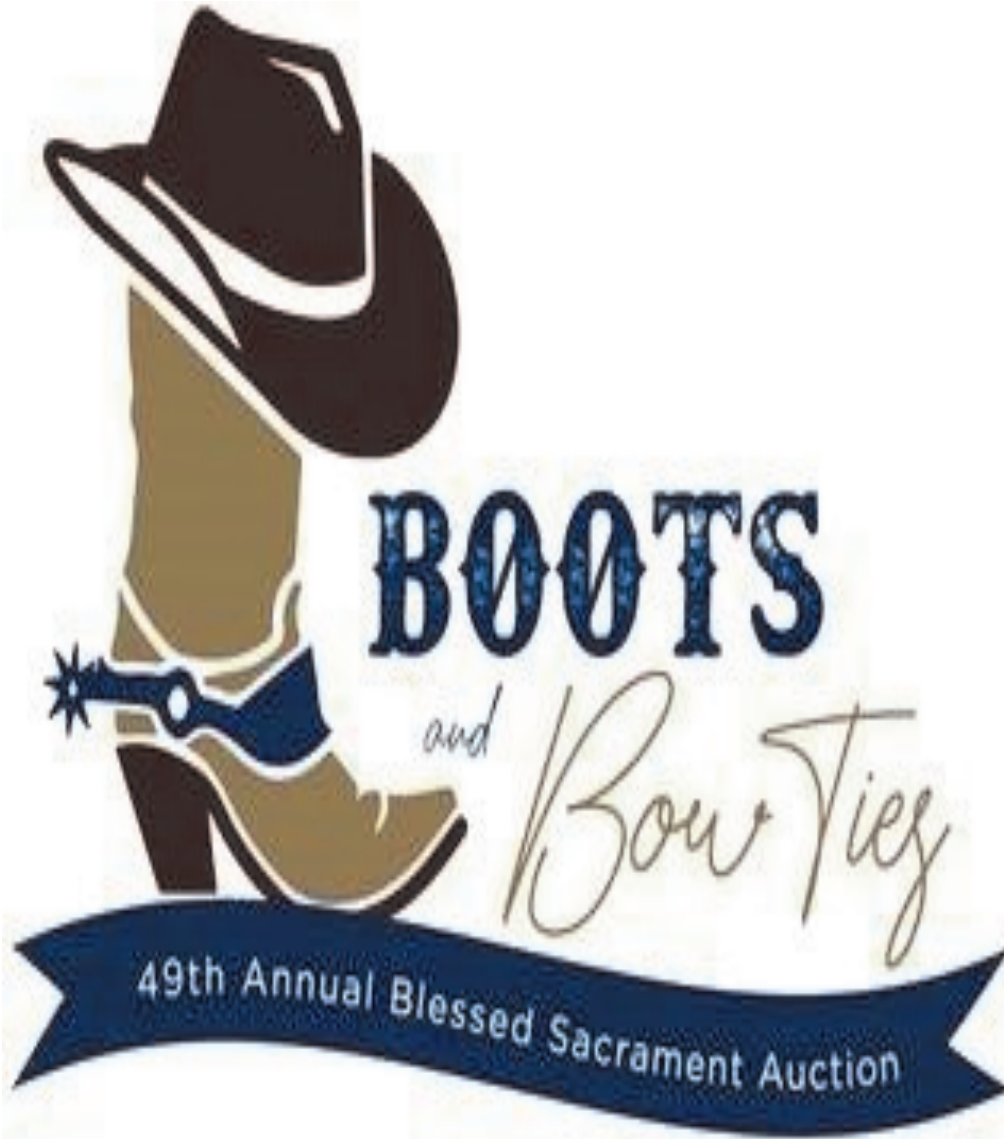


**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018**



October 20, 2018

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.

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Call the Parish Office to register

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, October 15

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Fred Weissing
Sue Ascroft

Tuesday, October 16

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM Bud Becker
Carole Besjak

Wednesday, October 17

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Thomas L "Mick" O'Connor
Leonard & Edith Berry

5:30PM Prayer Service

Thursday, October 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Vincent Perrero
Sanctity of Life

Friday, October 19

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM Sue Senger
John Rapps, Jr.

Saturday, October 20

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Margaret DeVentura & Alice Wilson
3:00-4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Leonard & Edith Berry

Sunday, Oct. 21, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30AM Ossie Langfelder

10:30AM Carole Besjack

Rosary beginning at 10:05 is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays. Rosary is now being prayed for the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line-two intentions per week! Please join us in praying for our parish family. Hope to see you there!!

Dear Parishioners,

It has been two years ago since I took my sabbatical and went to volunteer with the **Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)** in Kenya. During that time I kept a journal and recorded many of my experiences and thoughts. It was about this time in October that I had gone to one of our centers in the camp where we ran a daycare. I was invited to sit in on the screening of a six year old boy named Simon. He was brought to the daycare by a foster mother who had taken him into her home. Simon was from the Dinke tribe which came from South Sudan. He was HIV positive. His sibling had died and his family had abandoned him to the same fate. (Why should one waste time and resources on what is probably hopeless and perhaps even dangerous to the survival of the group?) It was simply survival of the fittest. The woman who had taken him in was Congolese and it would be a great help to her if he were accepted into the daycare. Simon was a loving and friendly child. He knew his ABC's and could count to ten. He had many things going for him. The counselor testing Simon was also very perceptive and knew Simon would need special help if he were to survive. He began the enrollment process immediately.

For all practical purposes, Simon might as well be Congolese. Chances are his own family or people will never accept him. As I reflected on that I discovered some things about myself and my own world. At first I was horrified to think others could be so cold to a little child. His people were Christian, were they not? But then I realized how often our own civilization can be so indifferent and do the same. There are those who advocate abortion as simply an unfortunate necessity. Beyond that, there are those who are indifferent to people who lack proper nutrition or medical care or educational resources. These are not their personal responsibility or the responsibility of the community. After all, resources may be limited and should we waste them on what is probably a hopeless cause? I wonder....who do we turn away from our community, or our church, or our families without offering them the dignity that human life demands?

But then, I think of the Congolese woman, who had limited resources; I think of the counselor trying to meet the needs of so many people; and I think of that six year old boy whose loving and friendly way could bring a little humanity to a harsh and cruel world. Why were they willing to take the risk? It is true, even with all your generosity and kindness, you cannot change the world. Only God can! Yet, if we are willing to open our hearts, God may indeed change the world through us.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized

Amellia Everleith & Beau Patrick Barry, daughter and son of John & Amy Barry.

Parker John Egan, son of Benjamin & Amanda Egan
Zelie Theresa Parquette, daughter of Brent & Devin Parquette

Let us Pray for Our Recently Departed:

Dr. John Dietrich

Yee Haw! The countdown for the Boots & Bow Ties Auction has officially begun! It's going to be the best shin-dig in town and we can't wait to see you there! Tickets for the 49th Annual Auction are \$30 until Friday, October 19th and are now available for purchase at the school and parish offices or on our website www.bssbruins.org. Tickets may be purchased at the auction for \$35. Purchasing your ticket early, saves you money and helps avoid long lines at the door. Hurry and get your tickets now!

Volunteer opportunities-Volunteering for the Auction is a wonderful way to rack up service hours. We have many fun opportunities available that can easily fit into your busy schedule. Please visit <http://signup.com/go/DWvgKmn> or contact Megan Defrain 971-8726 for more information.

Bottles of Wine-Red? White? Rose? They are all OK. We are accepting bottles of wine for the Wall of Wine. Please drop off your donations at the school or parish offices during regular business hour. Wine should be valued at a minimum of \$10. No local wines, please!

Live Auction Preview-What could be better than listening to Fr. Jeff deliver a heartfelt homily during Mass? How about watching him soar like an eagle, hundreds of feet above the scenic hills and hollows of Grafton, Illinois? Thank you to Aerie's Resort in Grafton, for providing a guided canopy tour for Fr. Jeff and 5 people to zip line through the treetops and get a bird's eye view of the spectacular, natural beauty of Illinois. Also included in the experience is \$50 VISA gift card to spend in any of Grafton's delicious restaurants.

Get Your Raffle Tickets-before they are gone! You need not be a parishioner to buy nor be present to win. The Big Raffle (\$5 per ticket), The Creasey Construction Playhouse Raffle (\$10 per ticket) and the Golden Ticket (\$100 per ticket) are all available for purchase at the school and parish offices or at www.bssbruins.org

We appreciate the support of the Blessed Sacrament Community to make our biggest fundraiser of the year a rootin' tootin' success! Thank you and God Bless.

Get your flu shots here this year!! A Flu Shot Clinic for anyone age 10 and over, with Hi Dose Vaccine for those age 65 and over sponsored by Hy-Vee's Pharmacy (no charge with Medicare/Medicaid card and most insurance companies or \$21.99 with no insurance) will be offered to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament after all Masses, this weekend, Saturday, October 13, and Sunday, October 14. So mark your calendars- protect yourself- get a flu shot.

It's Not Too Late! RCIA and PSR are still accepting new persons. The PSR Coordinator, Ms. Lin Williamson (217/341-8492; bublin2@hotmail.com) will help you register your children who attend public school. For RCIA, simply come to a meeting and "sign-up". We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. in the Rectory basement – just come to the rectory (1725 Walnut St.) and follow the signs. For more info contact: Deacon Dave Erdmann at 528-7521, or derdmann@bsps.org

St. Teresa of Ávila a True Reformer With the feast day of St. Teresa of Ávila on Monday October 15th it's a great time to learn the life story of one of the best known saints. This new audio talk tells the story of this nun who had a radical transformation twenty years into her vocation. Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and true reformer. This, and many other audio talks, movies, live discussions, videos, and books are available at no charge to you via our parish subscription to Formed. If you aren't already signed up for your free access to Formed go to www.bspformed.org. If you need assistance please call Bob Vincent at 523-4335.

Happier Haunting with Scrip! Before you buy your Halloween candy, stop in the school office and pick up scrip gift cards! We've got **CVS, Target, Walgreens** and **Walmart** - they all come in \$25 denominations (or \$100 if you've got a SPOOKY neighborhood

Visions of sugarplums are coming early to Blessed Sacrament! The Women's Club invites women of the parish to come assemble, decorate and take home your own gingerbread house on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Space is limited to the first 50 ladies who register and pay the \$10 fee in the school or parish office.

Womens Club Events-Advent by Candlelight Evening- Tuesday, December 4th. We need you! Sign up now to decorate a table or bring a dessert. Contact Mary Cumming @ 217. 306.6953 (Table decorators) and Sheri Dhabalt 217.414.1472 (desserts).



ADORATION HOURS: Following are the hours that are open and available for Adoration. Is it possible that you may have “One Hour to Watch with Him”. We need 28 people to commit to one hour a week. Are you one of these people??

Sunday 1am	Tuesday 2am	Friday 5pm
Sunday 2am	Tuesday 3am	Saturday 2am
Sunday 3am	Wednesday 3am	Saturday 1pm
Monday 1am	Thursday 10am	
Monday 2am	Thursday 2am	
Monday 3am	Thursday 6pm	
Monday 1pm	Friday 1am	
Monday 11pm	Friday 2am	
Tuesday 12am	Friday 3am	
Tuesday 1am	Friday 4am	

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.

SHG Mega-Raffle Tickets on Sale Now Tickets are now on sale for the 24th 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. The Final Drawing is Nov. 2. 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.

St. Agnes School Parents' Club is holding a Black Friday Windfall of Cash Raffle. The raffle has 20 cash prizes!!! From November 1st thru November 19th a \$100 Winner will be drawn each day. The final prize, a \$1000 winner will be drawn on November 20th. The raffle tickets are \$20 each and only 1200 tickets are sold. Tickets can be bought at the St Agnes School office, by emailing the Parents' Club at Parentsclub@stagnescatholicsschool.org, or by calling/ texting Kate Watson at 217-303-1650. The last day to buy tickets is October 31st. Thank you in advance for supporting Catholic education

Knights of Columbus Council 364 is hosting an *all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast* today, Sunday, October 14. Serving is from 8:00 am until Noon. Adults eat for \$10; Kids (6 to 12 yrs.) for \$5; Kids (5 and under) are free. All proceeds for this fundraiser benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter

Please join us at St. Katharine Drexel's "Fall FEAST-ival" on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church 12th & Lawrence this weekend, Saturday, October 13th from 4-8pm, and Sunday, October 14th from noon-4pm. Games, Food, and drinks

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
WEEK OF OCT. 15-19
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY**

8:00AM

Caroline Lambert-Sophia Njapa
Thursday- Friday
Leo Havey-Makayla Micklus

Saturday, Oct. 20, 4:30PM

Lector: Joseph Stannard
Servers: Augustine Hyde, Jacks Hyde, Ethan Keller
Eucharistic Ministers: Gregg Sams, Rick Campbell, Colleen VonDeBur, Noreen Luhr, Lisa Belz, Lori Criscione, Ed Schofield, Rosemary DeNello

Sunday, Oct. 21, 7:00AM

Lector: George Rudis, Jr.
Servers: Andrew Reimers
Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Walker, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Pat Sheehan, Christy Geving, Kathryn Gietl

Sunday, Oct. 21, 8:30 AM

Lector: Patrick Fltzgerald
Servers: Grand Sarnowski, Liam Egizii, Luke Harvey
Eucharistic Ministers: Bradley Frost, Dave Sarnowski, Lisa Sarnowski, Patricia Clarida, Kathy Harth, Mark Ushman, Becky Leonard, Anne Capestrain

Sunday, Oct 21, 10:30AM

Lector: Clare Manning
Servers: Jocelyn Nation, Jayanne Roate, Nathan Shafer
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Frasco, Patti Naylor, Barbara Erdmann, Jacqueline Shafer, Jim Morphew, Andrea Judd, Cynthia Lamar, Jack Lamar

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Lucy Wallner, Carol Ann & Jerry Walton, Jimmie Hill, Robert Farris, Amber, Dorothy Tracy, Vernon Spiedger, Terri Burwitz, Rita, Ron, Owen Doak, Kayte, Denise S, Christopher Morgan, Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Peter Schofield, Ginny Schofield, Amy Gate-wood family, Monica Larch, Austin Fields, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Ray Roland, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Kitty, Susan, Cindy, Barbara Schuh, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Eric, Lois & Jim Bur-ton, Tom VonBerg, Donna Fitts, Ellen White, Barbara, Rose, Archer Senft, Suzie Culters, Tom J., Judy, Anna Gietl, Doug, Beth, Camden Spinner, Cindi, Andy Kates, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Jen, Family of Gretchen Hornickle Harri-son, Joyln Jensen, Jack Rhinehart, Dorothy Willenborg, Tom, Barry McCollom Tyra Redpath, Steve Kinsella, Destiny Renfro James, Clarita DeLargy, Steve, Karen, Steve, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Bill, Mary Coffey, Craig DeLargy, Brian Meredith, Destiny Jane, Katie Bronken, Cheryl, Fonda, Kristen, Tia, Clem McDermott, Jeff K., Laura M, Helen, Sue, Bob Wise, Jean & Bernie Quigley, Dave, Leo, Betty, Eliza-beth Handrich, Melissa, Mary Jane Harshbarger, Troy, Joan Casper, Sharon S, Laura Black, James G., Anna Chougry March, Charlotte, Don Egan, Shandi Chrysler, Ellen Rach-kus, Donald Cole, Dave, Leo, Emily Amy, Gloria, Mark Skube, Susan McCain, Ray Shaw, Jeanette, Kevin Henry, Gary, Laurie, Mary Alice Owens, Gary Bartels, Don John, Wyatt Hanlon, Dale, Peggy Cadigan, Sarah & baby O'Connor, Mary, Rocky Tom Acker, Barry Becker, Caleb Cross, Callie, Marlene Keldermans, Jeannie Marie Gorman, Dcn. Ben Hoefler

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent /Treasure)
In the Spirit of Giving

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, September 30	\$18,396.02

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 698-4456

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
321-1155