

HAPPY *Easter!*



## Easter Sunday.

### CELEBRATING THE DAYS

#### Monday, April 21

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Pauline Tolan  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, Sr.

#### Tuesday, April 22

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Paul Killion

#### Wednesday, April 23

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

#### Thursday, April 24

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Cinda Gebben

#### Friday, April 25

- 8:20 AM** Vivia Kirby

#### Saturday, April 26

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

#### Sunday, April 27- - Second Sunday of Easter

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Bettye Thorp Berning
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Ginny Valdez
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Special Intention for Ray & Margaret Serati

#### Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

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, Ellen White, Barbara, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Bernie Quigley, 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

#### Dear Parishioners,

**The Easter Egg.** The custom of decorating Easter eggs is an ancient practice among Christians. Eggs were a sign of new life. Just as a chick hatches from the shell, Jesus rose to new life breaking through the shell of the tomb. The egg became a reminder of what we celebrate. Yet, history shows that the custom of decorating eggs even pre-dates Christian times. Ostrich eggs were commonly decorated and placed in the graves of the Sumerians and Egyptians as early as 5,000 years ago. Probably the custom was borrowed and adapted by early Christians.

There were legends told of saints who experienced miracles attached to eggs. One is of Mary Magdalene who came to the tomb of Jesus on Easter. She brought with her a basket of eggs to serve as repast. When she uncovered the eggs the white shells had turned to many colors. Another legend tells of a peddler named Simon who was stopped to help Jesus carry his cross. He left his wares by the side of the road. When he returned, the eggs he had to sell had all turned into intricately decorated pysanky.

Pysanky are perhaps the most admired and beautiful of the decorated eggs used to celebrate Easter. They are usually associated with the Ukraine and some of the neighboring countries. Actually the word "pysanka" comes from the verb "pysaty" meaning to write. A pysanka is not simply dyed or painted like many Easter eggs. Rather it is written on with beeswax. The designs and colors used on these eggs are full of symbolism. For example, a line without an end is said to represent immortality. A circle inside a triangle denotes the eye of God. A fish is the symbol for Christ. Churches and crosses are also common when decorating pysanky. Colors too have significance. Red represents the blood of Christ, black is for the "other world" (but not in a negative way). White represents purity and rejoicing and green is the color of new life.

After many weeks of preparing these eggs, they were taken to church on Easter Sunday to be blessed. They were then given away. Some were given to children and Godchildren. Some were placed on the graves of family and loved ones. Others were exchanged between young unmarried women and men. There were even traditions of putting them under setting hens to get them to lay eggs and hatch a new brood of chicks.

The custom of using eggs to celebrate Easter still continues today. Perhaps for us the egg is now chocolate or some other candy. But its root is still in a tradition that tells a story of our belief. Jesus is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Death has no power for those who put their faith in Christ! Perhaps today as you eat your Easter eggs you might remember this wonderful way of telling the story of Jesus' resurrection. May you have a happy and blessed Easter.

Fr. Jeff

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**Please pray for our Recently Departed:**  
Allen Henderson

**School Notes:**

**Sunday, April 27**-First Communion-Mrs.Kroner's class

**Monday, April 28**-School Resumes

**Tuesday, April 29**-Mid Quarter reports

**Wednesday, April 30**- 5:15pm Protecting God's Children Class in cafeteria

**Thursday, May 1**- 7:30am -Alumni Breakfast for the Class of 2010 & 2014 in the cafeteria

**Saturday, May 3**- State Science Fair in DeKalb

**Sunday, May 4**- First Communion-Mrs. Townsend's Class

**Protecting God's Children Class** will be held on Wednesday, April 30th, at 5:15pm in the School Cafeteria. If you volunteer in any capacity for the parish you are required by the diocese to take this class. To register, please call the Parish Office 528-7521.

**Parish Council:** There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a member of the Parish Council, please call the Parish Office-528-7521. The only requirement is that you must be a member of the Parish.

**Ladies Night Out**- Friday, May 2, 2014, 6-10pm, at Blessed Sacrament School. \$20 per person with RSVP, \$25 at the door. Please join us for a fun evening including hors d' oeuvres, cocktails, door prizes and a fashion show. Get registered for a special door prize drawing if you pay by credit card when you RSVP. Please RSVP by April 30th to Tricia Schlosser at 971-9569 or Triciaschlos@yahoo.com

**Save the Date:** Mark you calendars. Our Annual Garden Party is Wednesday, June 18th. Be sure to make plans to join us for great food, games and the ever-popular carnival rides. More information coming soon.

**Save the Date:** On Sunday, June 1st, at 2:00pm Fr. James O'Shea will offer Mass, here at Blessed Sacrament, to celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Details in future bulletins

**Ghana Project Meeting,** Tuesday, April 22, 7:00pm in the Rectory Basement. Anyone interested in participating in the Ghana Project is invited to attend.

**Diving Mercy Novena here at Blessed Sacrament:**

The Novena to the Divine Mercy continues this week. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet 15 minutes before Morning Mass this week. We will begin 20 minutes before the 4:30pm Mass, Saturday, and the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses on Sunday. If you cannot join us, please say the Novena at home.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated Sunday, April 27th, 2pm at the Cathedral. Fr. Zachary Edgar will preside over a Prayer Service that will include: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Readings, Recitation of the Chaplet & Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available. All are welcome.

**Interest in an Active Women's group** at Blessed Sacrament Parish. We are conducting a survey to see if there is an interest in a women's group. This survey can be completed online, following the link from the home page of our parish website, [www.bsps.org](http://www.bsps.org) This survey was also emailed to women in the parish who have an email on their parish roster information. Ladies, please complete this survey online, before Monday, April 21. After the 21st the survey will be mailed to all women in the parish who did not complete it online. We will publish the results of the survey by the end of May. Thank you for taking time to complete this survey.

**Let us offer prayers of Thanksgiving** for our new Catholics who have opened themselves to God's grace and have entered fully into the Church. Please welcome the following persons whenever the opportunity arises.

Jessica Hitt

Heather Downs

Kenyatta Matheny

Kristin Bown

Erica Kimball

Owen Meredith

Susan Bown

Gregg Sams



**ADORATION HOURS**

Easter ! During Lent we often pray the 14 Stations of the Cross. The Holy Father added a 15th station: Jesus rises from the dead. This feast day, we focus on that fact of our faith. Jesus, as we observe in the blessed sacrament is alive! 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	8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	5:00 P.M. THURSDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY	

**The Springfield Area Young Adult Ministry** invites Catholic couples to a monthly study program with Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism DVD series. Meetings will be every 3rd Sunday of the month starting in March. Each session is about an hour and there will be time for discussion afterwards. The session will start at 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Brett & Elizabeth Long at [blong292@gmail.com](mailto:blong292@gmail.com).

**Butler Funeral Homes** invites you to *An Open Door Session on Preparing for Long Term Care*. This session will specifically address information about options to preserve the funds set aside for funeral or memorial services, requirements before medical expenses, including the cost of long term care, and depleting assets. Join them for a complimentary lunch and a brief interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. Session is Wednesday, April 23rd, 11:30am, at Bella Milano. The event is free, no cost, no obligation. Call 544-4646 by April 21st to reserve your place.

**Court Madonna #148**, Catholic Daughter of America, invites Catholic women to its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 24th, at St. Agnes, at 6:30pm. For more information please contact Della Santos 528-4582.

**St. Louise de Marillac Ladies of Charity** will have a Mass for their living and deceased members at 9:30am, Sunday, April 27th at St. Agnes Church. A brunch with installation of new members will follow at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. For questions, please call Paul Trello 546-0767.

**Liturgical Publications** publishes our bulletin each week at no charge to our parish. They seek advertisers for our bulletin and these business ultimately pay the publication costs. In addition, we receive a semi-annual payment for a portion of the advertising proceeds. As an added service to our parish and our business sponsors a website, [www.SeekAndFind.com](http://www.SeekAndFind.com) has a listing of all our bulletin advertisers. It is an extra advertising tool for them and a great resource for our parish members when looking for a service or business. The website also has a link to our parish bulletin through which you may "Subscribe" to the bulletin and it will be automatically emailed to you whenever a new issue becomes available. Thank you to all of the businesses who advertise in our bulletin. Please support them when you can and mention that you saw their listing in our bulletin.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF APRIL 21-25****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

On separate schedule

**Thurs.- Friday**

On separate schedule

**Saturday, April 26, 4:30PM****Lector:** Ed Hart**Servers:** Gabrielle Njapa, Preston Njapa-Njehua, Alex White**Eucharistic Ministers:** Isabel Figueroa, Cordelia Moore, Lisa Belz, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Janine Feller, Susan Gallagher, Rick Campbell**Sunday, April 27, 7:00am****Lector:** Ginny Schofield**Servers:** Siobhan Wilhite, Ben Kroner**Eucharistic Ministers:** Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Colleen VonDeBur, Kathryn Gietl, Phil Graham**Sunday, April 27, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Mary B. Maloney**Servers:** Ben Eck, Catie Eck, Francie Vespa**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Ushman, Patricia Clarida, Kathy Harth, Tom Karaianis, Scott Reimers, Anne Capestrain, Larry Newell, Mike Delvo**Sunday, April 27, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Sandy Etheridge**Servers:** Jim Hollahan, Frank Hollahan, Gabrielle Wood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, Rose Amon, Sally Petrone, James Dodge, Barbara Erdmann, Jim Mophew, MaryAnn Gorney

**Project Rachel** can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. Call 698-4456

**Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation** and the Knights of Columbus #4175 will host the 41st Annual Chicken Dinner on May 4th. Any business or alumni that would like to participate in the Advertisers Spotlight may do so by downloading the form on our website at [www.KofC4175.org](http://www.KofC4175.org)

**Piano Planer Needed:** Springfield Area Young Adult Mass (YAM) is in need of a piano player for their 6:30pm Sunday Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 West Washington. The candidate must be able to select and prepare songs each Sunday, practice them with a small choir one hour before Mass and then play the songs during the 6:30pm Mass. A stipend is included. For more information please contact Andrew Hansen at [andrewhansen1@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewhansen1@yahoo.com)

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

**Building on Tradition**

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,012,062 .41</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 387,937.59
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 3,885.00

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, April 6, 2014	\$24,141.25

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 3/19/14)	\$66,219.54
Amount Remaining	\$56,404.46
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	