



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, August 17, 2014
20th 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, August 18

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Emma Thull
Dr. Norman Soler

Tuesday, August 19

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Robert Fink

Wednesday, August 20

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Stephen Melton, Jr.
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, August 21

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Alma Hildebrand
Charles McGrath

Friday, August 22

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Lynn Remfer

Saturday, August 23

- 8:00 AM** Richard D. Ray
(Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Edith & Leonard Berry

Sunday, Aug. 24–22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Stephen James Vicari, Jr.
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Catholic War Veterans
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intention of Our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Patricia, Annamae, Larry Theise 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,

Religious Freedom. Persecution for one's faith is something promised by Jesus in the Gospel. However, we often forget it is a reality in the world in which we live. Back in February, I wrote about the thousands of Christians that were killed in 2013 simply because they were Christian. Syria led the list. Things have not improved. A radical group known as the Islamic State has gained control in the eastern region of Syria and in the northern and central regions of Iraq. They have established a militant state or "caliphate" and have sent an ultimatum to Christians living in the region. Convert to Islam, pay a huge tax, or be killed. In Mosul, located in Iraq, the Christian community was over 1,700 years old. That predates the founding of Islam. Some estimate the death toll of Christians exceeded 1,500 in July alone. An article on page 20 of last week's **Catholic Times**, mentioned some of the human suffering this has caused. The church cannot intervene with guns or weapons of destruction. Rather it tends to use public pressure, assistance for victims, and prayer that good might win out over evil. Forcing one to profess what they do not believe is not good. Fear may enslave a person's body but it will never win their heart. Please be aware of this serious situation in the middle east and please keep these people in your prayers.

Ghana Project. We will hold a meeting on our project with the St. Theresa Youth Center in Ghana this Tuesday, August 19th at 7 pm. in the rectory basement. We will hear about and discuss the progress and challenges facing the center. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA. The Right of Christian Initiation will begin the fall session on Thursday, September 4th and 7 pm. in the rectory basement. If you know someone who is interested in studying the Catholic faith, invite them to this gathering. Better yet, invite them to come with you to the meeting.

School starts Monday. For 90 years, Blessed Sacrament Parish has spent a great deal of its time and resources on our school, passing the faith on to a new generation. Many owe a deep gratitude for what our parish has given them. Perhaps you are one of these people. Please pray that this mission will continue to be successful. It will not be so unless we have your prayers and support.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our recently departed:

Terry Quandt
Peg Coleman

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Brennan Scott Mitchell, son of Scott & Faye Mitchell
William Michael Klunick, son of Jacob & Mary Klunick

School News:

Monday, August 18th—First day of School for grades 1-8, 1:30 dismissal all week

Tuesday, August 19— Open House for kindergarten, all-day Pre-K and Tu/Th preschool 8:30-10:30am.

Wednesday, August 20— First day for all day Pre-K and Kindergarten. 11:00am dismissal all week
Open House for MWF Pre-K from 8:30-10:30am

Thursday, August 21—First day for Tu/Th preschool with 11:00am dismissal

Friday, August 22— First day for MWF-Pre-K with 11:00am dismissal
8:20am All school Mass

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!

Mass Time Change: Beginning Friday, August 22nd the Daily Mass on **Tuesday & Friday** will be at **8:20am**.

Ghana Meeting: There will be a meeting the Rectory Basement on Tuesday, August 19th, at 7PM for those interested in our Ghana project.

Save the date: Registration for PSR for children attending public schools will be Wednesday, September 3rd, from 6:30-8:00pm at the school.

Matthew Bible Study Part 2 will begin again on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:00pm in the Rectory Basement. Matthew chapters 14-28 will be covered over the next eleven Tuesdays. You are invited even if you did not attend the first half of our study of Matthew. Please contact Bob or Connie Vincent for more information. 523-4335

Get your flu shots here this year!! With Fall's arrival comes a reminder that it is almost time to get your flu shot, to reduce your risk of getting the flu and well as

spreading it to others. A Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Walgreen's Pharmacy will be offered to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament after all the Masses the weekend of September 20th & 21st. This Clinic is for persons 10years of age and older. No charge with Medicare/Medicaid card of \$25.00 with no insurance. So mark your calendars, protect yourself, - get a flu shot. Free coffee and donuts for all-with or without flu shot—come join us.

2014 Diocesan Women's Conference is Saturday, September 13th, from 8:30am-3:30pm at the Chiara Center in Springfield. A day for diocesan women in their 20s to 40s to learn about their dignity as daughters of God, the 4 gifts in the heart of every woman, and the mission of each woman in the family, the Church, and the world. Lunch, Mass, goody bags, vendors. Find us on Facebook at : In Her Cherished Heart or email cherishedheartteam@gmail.com

Annual Respect Life Benefit Dinner will be on Friday, September 27th at the Northfield Conference Center, located in Springfield. Mrs. Sue Thayer, a former Planned Parenthood manager in Storm Lake Iowa, is our featured speaker. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students with a special rate—a table for 8 for \$350. Register now to assure desired seating with friends. Call the Springfield Right To Life office at 523-2700 to make a reservation and state your seating preferences. Deadline for reservations is September 19th.

Elizabeth Ann Seton (EAS) program will hold its 3rd annual "Moms Go Back To School" luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, August 26th, Noon, at the Hilton Springfield. Featured speaker is Letrice Ware, CEO of Rock It Science Empowerment (RISE). Ware will speak about her journey from homelessness to college graduate and businesswoman. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling EAS 757-6025.

Catholic Camp-O-Ree, September 5-7 at Camp Illinek Springfield. This camp is for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing crews. Activities include campfires, games, and group activities. Opportunity to work on Religious Awards. For more information: <http://scouts.dio.org>. Registration deadline in August 25th. \$25 per family.

Members of the Catholic War Veterans will be in the back of church after the 8:30am Mass on August 24th. They would be glad to answer questions regarding membership in their organization or for their Mass Program. Any Catholic veteran in good standing is eligible to join, regardless of when or where they served.

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	

Are They Looking for What you Have!? Perhaps you know someone who seems to be in search of something of true meaning in his or her life. You can inform them about RCIA, offer them an opportunity. Let them know that there is a program starting at 7:00pm on September 4th in the Rectory Basement that offers to address their questions about the Catholic Faith and our relationship with God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be explained so they can determine if this may be where they are being drawn. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. If they or you would like more information please contact the Parish Office 528-7521. Perhaps offer to go with them to the first meeting or two. This is being part of the "New Evangelization" that Pope Francis and others are calling us to.. Remember: No obligations. No Strings. No cost. No one will knock on their door.

Tips for Welcoming Visitors at Mass: Welcome Everyone. No only do visitors need your warm welcome, regular Mass attendees also need a friendly greeting. Develop a good handshake and be enthusiastic about our parish. You are greeting others in the name of Christ. More tips to follow in upcoming weeks. 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.

St. Louise de Marillac Guild Style Show, will be held on Saturday, September 13th at Christ the King Parish Center at 11:15am. Cost is \$15. Food by Turasky catering. Tickets may be purchased by contacting: Mary Willcockson 546-6590, Pat Bolt 546-5672, or Rebecca Wagner 753-1015.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF AUGUST 18-22**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Pat Kolis-Adrianna Thiele

Thurs.- Friday

Sophie Reimers-Caleb Rutherford

Saturday, August 23, 4:30PM

Lector: Mike Goza

Servers: Ben Portz, Luke Portz, Nick Broeker

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen VonDeBur, Kathryn Gietl, Calvin Bell, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Noreen Luhr, Jim Morphey, Rose Amon

Sunday, August 24, 7:00am

Lector: Mary B. Maloney

Servers: Jack Murphy, Ethan O'Connor

Eucharistic Ministers: Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Pat Sheehan, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Ann Walker

Sunday, August 24, 8:30 AM

Lector: Daniel Heffernan

Servers: Jenna Pohlman, Jacks Hyde, Blake Mizer

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Harth, Anne Capestrain, Mike Delvo, Larry Newell, Scott Reimers, Bradley Frost, Mark Ushman, Patricia Clarida

Sunday, August 24, 10:30 AM

Lector: Lila Dilbaitis

Servers: Miles Roland, Frank Hollahan, Jim Hollahan

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Campbell, Barbara Erdmann, MaryAnn Gorney, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Mary Tuttle, Barney Bruzetti, Carol Guthrie

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is having their next Theology on Tap on Thursday, August 21st at Brickhouse on Iles. The topic will be "The Pope Francis Effect" featuring Fr. Jeff Grant. Social hour starts at 6:00pm with presentation at 7:00pm. For more information contact Justin Sinner at jdsinner@gmail.com.

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.

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

Butler Funeral Home will have an open door session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery & Advance Planning on Thursday, August 28th, 11:30am-1:30pm at Bella Milano. No cost or obligation, complimentary lunch. Please call for reservations by Monday, August 25th, 544-4646.

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

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,086,734.05</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 313,265.95
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 5,013.66

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, August 3, 2014	\$19,176.50