



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, July 13, 2014 15th 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, July 14

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Pat Howard Scott

Tuesday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 16

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Gene Costa
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, July 17

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Harold Guthrie

Friday, July 18

- 8:00AM** Paul Wernsing

Saturday, July 19

- 8:00 AM** Toni Weis
(Latin Mass)
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Edith & Leonard Berry

Sunday, July 20– 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Vincent Thull
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Margaron & Galli Families

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, 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,

Synod on the Family. The Vatican recently released a document containing the results of a survey on marriage and family issues, conducted last year. 114 bishop conferences from around the world participated in the survey which included input from the clergy and laity as well as bishops. (You may recall last December when our bishop invited all who were interested to attend a meeting at the Cathedral or fill out an online questionnaire.) The survey affirmed what most of us already suspect; namely, that many Catholics “have difficulty” accepting church teachings on such issues as birth control, remarriage after divorce, homosexuality, and cohabitation. For example, in nations that are largely secular, couples do not generally consider contraception a sin. However, the majority do consider abortion a very serious sin. All the bishops’ conferences opposed same sex marriage but at the same time said children of gay couples have the right to be baptized and should be given the same care in our church as other children. Other issues of concern in the survey included the rise of violence, abuse, and alcohol and drug dependencies.

So what will become of this document? It is hoped to serve as a blue-print for the Bishops’ Synod on the Family to be held in Rome this October. This synod, called by Pope Francis, is not intended to change doctrine, but rather to seek strategies that will help the church minister to those facing such challenges. My guess is that it will stick to this plan and not be a legal conference that tends to define or set laws. Rather, it will be a pastoral synod looking for ways to bring hope to a struggling world. It may include changes to how we handle marriage annulments or minister to couples who are unable to get an annulment. It may look for ways to reach out to those who are marginalized by society or those who feel judged by the church. It is hard to say what the Spirit will do.

The church must never be aloof or indifferent to people facing difficult challenges. I believe that is why Pope Francis called the synod and specifically asked the bishops for input from ordinary Catholics. In our journey to find the truth, the church must be willing to help others as well. That will never happen if we are not willing to rub shoulders with all people.

The survey may provide a picture of a rapidly changing society, one that may panic or upset some. But the survey is indeed necessary and can be seen as a sign of hope as well. That is because the church has chosen not to ignore the issues. The survey (especially the inclusion of the laity) is a way to clarify and focus the challenge. The synod is a way to seek answers to these problems. Pray this synod will bear fruit.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Wed:

John Fluckiger & Trisha Maurer

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Ralph Hickey
David Lewis

BSS Auction/Tailgating Party this year is scheduled for **Saturday, October 4th**, with food provided by Lake Pointe Grill and Sebastians. Don't Miss it!! To get our Blessed Sacrament School kids involved in the 2014 Annual Auction, we will, once again be having the **Children's Raffle** for our students. If you would like to be a part of this adventure by contributing your time, talent, or donation we would love to hear from you! Please contact Junior Varsity Coach Carrie Sluga at carrie@sluga.net or 415-1898 or Head Coach Kim Hoffman at hoffmann@bssbruins.org, or General Manager Colleen Kane at cakane@hotmail.com or 725-2539. Thank you.

Charisms are special gifts bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit at Baptism. Charism allows us to extend God's love to others. Hospitality is the charism that empowers a Christian to be a generous channel of God's love by warmly welcoming and caring for others. Do you enjoy meeting new people? Feel comfortable talking to people you don't know? Love Blessed Sacrament Parish and want to invite others to feel at home here too? If you can say YES to any of these questions, you might possess a charism for hospitality and we need you! The Evangelization Committee is organizing a Greeter Ministry and is looking for families and individuals who would enjoy standing at the doors of the Church occasionally to greet people when they come to Mass. Contact Vicki Compton to volunteer or request more information vcompton61@gmail.com

Women's Group at Blessed Sacrament- The surveys have been reviewed and steps are being taken to begin a women's group at Blessed Sacrament. The group is so anxious to get started that they are going to have an event in July, before the big kickoff in the fall. We hope all the women in the parish will come to "Mugs & Muffins" on Saturday, July 19th from 9:00-10:30am in the school cafeteria. You bring the mug and we will supply the muffins. Come and be a part of a new beginning at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

First Communion Pictures for both the school and PSR can be picked up in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday from 9am - 3pm

Help Wanted- Blessed Sacrament Parish is seeking an experienced individual for the position of Maintenance Manager. This position requires a person who is "hands-on". Resumes for this position should be submitted to the Parish Office.

Holy Family Food Pantry is greatly in need of your assistance. During the summer, food donations are reduced but the need increases. Please help by bringing food to church to donate to the pantry. All food items are needed at this time. The Food Pantry picks up donations at Blessed Sacrament on the Monday after the third Sunday. Please be generous.

Monthly Prayer Vigil at the Granite City Abortion Clinic sponsored by the **Gospel of Life Committee** is Saturday, July 19th. Leave Blessed Sacrament parking Lot at 7:00am, two hour prayer vigil, return to Springfield at approximately 12 noon. Please call Eric Portz (718-4030) to attend

K of C All-You-Can-Eat breakfast buffet will be held today, Sunday, July 13th from 8am-Noon at Knights of Columbus Springfield Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds will benefit YMCA's Strong Kids Program. For questions call 787-2360.

Lending Library News: We have had a number of generous donations of materials recently including audio CDs by a variety of authors as well as traditional books by Scott Hahn. Be sure to check out the list of materials at the church web site at <http://bsps.org>. If you have questions or comments about the library, or would like to make a donation, contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335.

A Pilgrimage Of Peace To the Holy Land: You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime "Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land," 12 days, December 1-12, 2014. Includes visits to Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and more. Just \$2,599 from Chicago, plus airport taxes and tips. Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. John Burnette. For more information, please contact Vicki Compton at 698-8500 or email to vcompton@dio.org. Space is limited. Register today!

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	

Attention All Teens! The Journey Retreat by Note the Way. The Journey Retreat allows students, with the power of music, to plug into their own spirituality. Working side by side with local professionals and college interns, students will develop a network of people who share a common passion for liturgy and celebration of the spoken word. Cost is \$35 which includes food, fun, and faith. The retreat is being held at Christ the King on Saturday, July 19th from 8am-6pm. Registration deadline in July 11th. For questions and registration contact jlewnard@viatorians.com

Inaugural Gathering of EnCourage, a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attraction. Standing by the true teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer and fellowship. Come join others from around our Diocese as we begin to build a community of faithful dedicated to fostering the virtue of chastity in our own lives as well as the lives of those whom we love. Today, Sunday, July 13th, 1:30-3:30pm at Villa Maria Catholic Life Center. For more information or to register please contact Bernadine Smith at bsmith@dio.org or 321-1139.

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

Scrip is available in the Parish Office Monday thru Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm. Scrip is an easy fundraiser. You can buy scrip cards to use in your everyday shopping. They also make great gifts.

Thursday, July 17th from 6:30-8:00pm, Sacred Heart Church, Virden will be hosting the Russian Icon "Our Lady of Healer". There will be a prayer service followed by time for private prayer. All are invited to join us. This event will be one of many events planned in celebration of the centennial year at Sacred Heart.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JULY 14-18****Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM**

Maddie O'Connor-Nick DePooter

Thurs.- Friday

Jenna Pohlman-Elizabeth
DeSalle

Saturday, July 19, 4:30PM

Lector: Mike Goza

Servers: Brady Malone, Jackie Romer, Siobhan Wilhite

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Janine Feller, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Lisa Belz, Rick Campbell, Lynn Frasco

Sunday, July 20, 7:00am

Lector: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Ben Kroner, Alex White

Eucharistic Ministers: Riley Hinds, Ann Walker, Kathryn Gietl, Phil Graham, Carol Gvazdinskas

Sunday, July 20, 8:30 AM

Lector: Melaney Arnold

Servers: Mary Claire Mizeur, A.J.Lust, Haley Londrigan

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Clarida, Mark Ushman, Bradley Frost, Larry Newell, Colleen VonDeBur, Scott Reimers, Kathy Harth, George Rudis, Jr.

Sunday, July 20, 10:30 AM

Lector: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Kevin Heffernan, Danny Heffernan, Tyree Redpath

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Jim Mophew, Rose Amon, Dan Schuering, James Keys, Rita Keys, Mary Tuttle

Ichiban Volleyball Camp— Experienced camp director Sandy Hamilton, along with Kellee Mahaffay, recently graduated and volleyball player from UIS, offer a fresh alternative of camp instruction; combing traditional skills with an examination of current issues in amateur volleyball today. Volleyball camp will be at Christ the King gym, July 28th-31st for 4th thru 8th grade. Price: Grades 4, 5, 6—\$50, Grades 7-8—\$65. For more information or to register please contact Sandy Hamilton at sandyhamilton@gmail.com or 778-1010

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,069,110.73</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 330,889.27
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,894.50

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, June 29, 2014	\$20,365.00

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