



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, July 20, 2014
16th 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 21

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Gerald F. Sheehy

Tuesday, July 22

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Mike Smith

Wednesday, July 23

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** James Tamblin
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, July 24

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Mary Ciccone

Friday, July 25

- 8:00AM** Dr. Joe Fluckiger

Saturday, July 26

- 8:00 AM** Deceased Members of Eleyidath Family (Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Zigmas Kuprenas

Sunday, July 27– 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Stephen James Vicari, Sr.
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

Please pray for the intention of : 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,

A Serious Problem. The question of immigration reform is indeed a hot political topic that many politicians would rather ignore. Yet, near our southern border there is a serious humanitarian disaster that decent people simply cannot ignore. Until a few years ago, there were about 4,000 unaccompanied children from central American countries apprehended each year at the border. Beginning in October of 2011, however, the number began to increase dramatically. In 2012, there were 10,443 minors apprehended—an increase of 6,384 from the previous year. It then rose to 21,537 in 2013. This year it is estimated that the number could hit 60,000 and next year upwards to 130,000. These children, some as young as five and six, come not just from Mexico, but other countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Though poverty is one of the causes for these dangerous journeys, 60% of the children that show up at the borders told U.N. investigators that they left to escape relentless gang and drug violence. Separated from their families (some from the time they were infants or toddlers), many are coming north in order to be united with parents and families they do not remember. Many of these parents and family members had come here in earlier migrations and many are illegal. If they leave to retrieve their children, they will expose themselves to a costly and cruel human trafficking industry.

This is a humanitarian crisis. Regardless of how one thinks the immigration problems of our nation should be resolved, this is something we cannot pretend to ignore. How do we provide health and safety for these children until a solution is found? Do we send them back? Do we put them in detention or foster care? Do we find their parents? Archbishop Joseph Kurz, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says the time to act is now. “We see the human consequences of this broken system each day in our parishes and social service programs, as families are separated, migrant workers are exploited, and our fellow human beings risk everything to find a better life for themselves and the ones they love.”

As Catholics who are called to cherish each and every human life and who promote the family as an essential institution for healthy growth and development, we may wonder what we can do to help? My hope is that we first make ourselves aware of the problem and its causes. That is my purpose for writing this column. We can also examine and explore the options and solutions proposed. My suggestion is that we examine them in the light of the Gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ. I agree with the Archbishop. It is time to act. Someone must help. Are we willing to be among those someones?

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Diane Hoppe & Scott Reeser

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Augustine Gregory John Frey, son of Nathan & Amity Frey

Ethan Joseph Lau, son of Joseph & Nicole Lau

Benedetto Anthony Cicci, son of John & Jennifer Cicci

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Tracey Sidles

Genevieve Morgan

Stephen Melton, Jr.

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.

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

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 will pick up donations at Blessed Sacrament tomorrow, July 21st. You can bring last minute donations to the Parish Office Monday morning before 10am. Please be generous.

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.

Mission Co-Op: Next weekend Fr. Gaston Giacinti, a priest from the Institute of the Incarnate Word will be here at Blessed Sacrament to make a missionary appeal. The Institute of the Incarnate Word was founded in Argentina in 1984. Their mission is to evangelize all cultures in order to bring Christ to all of mankind. They brought their mission to the United States in 1989, Please welcome Fr. Giacinti to Blessed Sacrament. The second collection next weekend is for the Institute of the Incarnate Word, Please be generous!

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!

K of C Bar-B-Cue: The 93rd annual Knight of Columbus Cooperative Bar-B-Cue will be held on Sunday, July 27th from Noon -7:00pm at Springfield Council 364, 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. Free admission, music by Bob Remack Band and DJ Brad Schroeder. Family fun for everyone. Door prizes and raffle drawings for \$25,000 cash prizes including \$10,000 grand prize. For questions call 787-2360

Women's Day of Recollection will be this Thursday, July 24th at Christ the King Parish from 12:45—2:45pm. The afternoon will include a talk, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, two meditations given by a priest and closing Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. The Mother's room will be available for mothers with infants and young children. The spiritual guidance is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

HEADS UP! Time to make a note on your calendar. The *Respect Life Benefit Dinner* by Springfield Right to Life will be on Friday, September 26, 2014. More information to follow.

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	

Could RCIA help a friend, family or co-worker? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a way for people who are thinking about building or strengthening a relationship with God or listening to the call of the Holy Spirit, to find their way-perhaps through the Catholic Faith. It is also for those who may have been baptized as Catholics but did not have Communion or Confirmation, and therefore little or no education in the Faith. This is truly a chance to "evangelize". RCIA is an information gathering opportunity with no commitment until, or if, one becomes ready to take the next step. It is for anyone who is searching, or feels a call or draw, or is just curious about the Catholic Faith. It begins with informal sessions to any of those nagging questions about the Catholic Faith. In the RCIA process, a full commitment does not come until Easter, if one opts to come into the Church, or move to full communion with the Church. The next group for RCIA is forming and will meet for the first time on Thursday, September 4th at 7pm in the Rectory Basement. In order to join the group, simply call the Parish Office at 528-7521 and let them know you are interested. Someone will contact you.

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.

Cathedral Ice Cream Social– Sunday, August 3, 11am-3:30pm in the Atrium. Food, drinks, games, Silent Auction, plus Ice Cream and Cake. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JULY 21-25**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Nathaniel Bell-Kendra McCubbin

Thurs.- Friday

Jack Allen-Maggie Allen

Saturday, July 26, 4:30PM

Lector: Ed Hart

Servers: Dominic LoGrasso,
Maya Dye, Calyn Rearden

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Colleen VonDeBur, Larry Newell, Kathryn Gietl, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Janine Feller, Noreen Luhr

Sunday, July 27, 7:00am

Lector: Val Simhauser

Servers: Brandon Gatewood,
Christian Gatewood

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

Sunday, July 27, 8:30 AM

Lector: Laurie Mann

Servers: Elise Huffstedtler,
Rachael Loftus, Taylor Loftus

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Harth, Bradley Frost, Mark Ushman, Patricia Clarida, Lynn Frasco, Rick Campbell, Mike Delvo, Anne Capestrain

Sunday, July 27, 10:30 AM

Lector: Samdu Etheridge

Servers: Pat Kolis, JoeyKolis,
Don Kren

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Mophew, Sally Petrone, Andrea Judd, Lisa Belz, MaryAnn Gorney, Barney Bruzetti, Carol Guthrie, Barbara Erdmann

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

Garage Sale: Cathedral is having a Garage Sale, Friday, August 1, 7am-7pm and Saturday, August 2, 8am-1pm, in their Air Conditioned, Handicapped Accessible School Hall. Special Offer on Friday to the first 50 customers (21 and over)-receive a \$5 off coupon on a \$25 or more purchase.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,077,741.39</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 322,258.61
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 8,630.66

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, July 6, 2014	\$18,407.25

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