



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, July 6, 2014
14th 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 7

- ✦ Confessions before Mass
- ✦ **8:00 AM** Warren Foran

Tuesday, July 8

- ✦ Confessions before Mass
- ✦ **8:00 AM** Allen Henderson

Wednesday, July 9

- ✦ Confessions before Mass
- ✦ **8:00 AM** Harold Guthrie
Special Intentions of Maxine Westendorf
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, July 10

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** John R. Hennessy

Friday, July 11

- 8:00AM** Pauline Tolan

Saturday, July 12

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(Latin Mass)
- ✦ **4:30 PM** Cour & Dineen Families

Sunday, July 13– 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✦ **7:00 AM** Janet Ziegler Bliefnick
- ✦ **8:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners
- ✦ **10:30 AM** Lynn Remfer

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,

Religious Freedom. On a 5-4 decision, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled this past week against the Department of Health and Human Services mandate requiring all employers to offer insurance coverage on abortion inducing drugs, contraceptives, and sterilizations. The challenge was argued on the question of religious freedom in the practice of business. Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Specialties scored an important victory regarding religious conscience which will hopefully be applied to religious based and non-profit employers as well. The decision reaffirms the first amendment of the constitution which states that no law can establish a religion or prohibit the free exercise of a religion in our nation. The understanding of the court and the church on this amendment is still the same.

In light of this decision, one thing I think we, as Catholics, must always keep in mind is that our concern for the protection of life is not just a battle of law. Where law is indeed an important piece of the struggle, what is more important is the battle of hearts. Without the support of the people, law can be hollow and hard to enforce. As Catholics, we must be concerned with a change of heart that respects all people and their basic dignity and value. Reverence for God begins with reverence for people. That is the foundation of the church's teaching on life. If the foundation is strong, the law will be fruitful.

Our Ghana Project. Many of you remember Father Gerald Zienaa, who served as a chaplain at St. John's and Memorial Hospitals, as well as helping out here at Blessed Sacrament. About two years ago, he returned to his home in Ghana where he serves as pastor at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Tamale. He is also the youth director for the diocese and helps to oversee the St. Theresa Youth Center with which our parish is associated. We have asked him to meet with us to update us on the progress and activities at the center. It will be held this Thursday, July 10th at 7 pm in the basement of the rectory. I invite you to come and hear the good things going on at the center.

Blessed Sacrament Music. Last week an article appeared in the Catholic Times about the choir and music program here at Blessed Sacrament. It was indeed an insightful piece. The way in which music can make God's presence real in our lives is the reason music has been important in Catholic worship from the beginnings of the church. I hope you took time to read this wonderful article. (It's always nice to get good publicity.)

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Joseph Charles Kink, son of Matthew & Lynn Kink

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Ruth Giachetto

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. You bring the mug and we will supply the muffins. Come and be a part of a new beginning at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

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.

Ghana Project: We will have a meeting for those interested in the Ghana project on **Thursday, July 10th , at 7:00pm in the Rectory Basement.** Fr. Gerald, who many of you remember from when he was in residence here at Blessed Sacrament, is here on a visit from Ghana. Fr. Gerald is the financial overseer in Ghana for the St. Theresa Youth Development Center. Father will give us an update on what is happening at the center and give us some ideas on how we can best communicate and establish our desired relationship with the youth at the center.

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.

K of C All-You-Can-Eat breakfast buffet will be held on 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.

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be available today, July 6th. The Museum, located behind St. Francis Church in Teutopolis, Illinois, is housed on the second floor of the former Franciscan Novitiate building. A chair lift is available for visitors who have difficulty with stairs. A collection of articles used by the early pioneer of the area and the Franciscan Friars can be viewed. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. The Museum is open on the first Sunday of the months April thru November from 12:30 to 4:00pm. For more information go to the parish website: www.stfrancischurch.com or contact Joyce or Ray Vahling 217-857-3586.

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.

ADORATION HOURS

Easter Octave is past. Now is time to review your "everyday" prayer life. A number left our scheduled adorers for variety of reasons. Is this ministry for you to begin? Prayer is a great way to answer that question! Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaiannis at 415-3281, if you want 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
8:00 P.M. TUESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY
5:00 P.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. 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

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

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.

Mark the Date: November 16-17 Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference to be held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. Theme this year is "Growing Communities of Faith". More details later.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JULY 7-11****Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM**

Grace Lambert-Jacob Coady
Thurs.- Friday
Luke Portz-Noah Finch

Saturday, July 12, 4:30PM

Lector: Dan Schuering

Servers: Sophie Reimers, Elise Antonacci, Monica DeLeon

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

Sunday, July 13, 7:00am

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Augie Antonacci, Jayden Snodgrass

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

Sunday, July 13, 8:30 AM

Lector: Daniel Heffernan

Servers: Jonah Parkes, Max Beard, Jack Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary B. Maloney, Bradley Frost, Mark Ushman, Patricia Clarida, Anne Capestrain, Mike Delvo, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer

Sunday, July 13, 10:30 AM

Lector: Suzanne Baase

Servers: Abby Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson, Francie Vespa

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Amon, Jim Mophew, Sally Petrone, Andrea Judd, Lila Dilbaitis, Carol Guthrie, Barney Bruzetti, Mary Ann Gorney

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>\$5,067,216.23</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 332,783.77
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,345.00

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, June 22, 2014	\$15,878.80

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