



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, June 29, 2014
Feast of St. Peter & Paul



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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, June 30

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Julie Donovan
Dora Ann Hayes

Tuesday, July 1

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Willa Senger

Wednesday, July 2

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Thomas P. O'Connor
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, July 3

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Stephen R. Adsit

Friday, July 4

- 8:00AM** Greg Burton
Kevin Dallavis

Saturday, July 5

- 8:00 AM** Special Intention of Maxine Westendorf
(Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Susan Senger

Sunday, July 6– 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Ahbee Robinson
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Brian Joseph Madonia
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

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,

For our nation... This Friday we celebrate the 238th anniversary of our nation's independence. Perhaps we will gather with family or friends for cookouts, fireworks, ballgames, etc. Yet, as we do so, do not forget to pray for our nation. One of the great testimonies of American culture is its tradition of prayer. James P. Moore in his book, **A Treasury of American Prayer**, published a collection of prayers from various people throughout our nation's history. I share a few of these with you for your consideration. Perhaps if you do not know the person praying, look them up. It might help you understand what was in their heart.

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you, and the state over which you preside, in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation." George Washington.

"I'm going to hold steady on you, and you've got to see me through." Harriett Tubman

"Dear God...please help me repay the debt I owe America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. And make me able to help those who need help." Eddie Cantor

'Show me the suffering of the most miserable; so I will know my people's plight. Free me to pray for others; for you are present in every person. Help me take responsibility for my own life, so that I can feel free at last. Grant me courage to serve others for in service there is true life. Give me honesty and patience so that I can work with other workers. Bring forth song and celebration so that the Spirit will be alive among us. Let the Spirit flourish and grow so that we will never tire of the struggle. Let us remember those who have died for justice for they have given us life. Help us to love even those who hate us so we can change the world." Cesar Chavez

"Let us pray for the invaded countries, in the grief and havoc of oppression; for the upholding of their courage; and the hope for the speedy restoration of their freedom. O Lord God, whose compassions fail not, support we entreat Thee, the peoples on whom the terrors of invasion have fallen; and if their liberty be lost to the oppressor, let not this spirit and hope be broken, but stayed upon Thy strength till the day of deliverance...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Franklin D. Roosevelt

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Eleanor Louise Gasperin, daughter of Christopher & Nina Gasperin
Olivia Grace Severino, daughter of Michael & Jennifer Severino

Congratulations to our Recently Married:

Timothy Fanning & Sarah Mauntel
Ryan Spearie & Whitney Beck

Garden Party- Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made the 90th Annual Garden Party a great success, especially our chairpersons, Jennifer Furkin and Katie McCarthy. We also are grateful to the following business sponsors: Cavanagh & O'Hara LLP, Tim Healy-Edward Jones Investments, Gietl Brothers Auto Body, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., M. J. Kellner Foodservice, and W. Scott Hanken, Attorney at Law. A special thank you to first grade teacher Ms. Abby Vespa, for all of her time spent in the dunk tank!!

Winner! Mary Staudt was the winner of the Garden Party's Albert Cusick 50/50 Raffle.

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

Choir Camp will be held at the Villa Maria on Aug. 4-8. All incoming Choristers (3-5 grade) are welcome to register. All current members of Choristers and Jubilate are encouraged to continue their music formation in this fun filled week. Each day consists of devotions, classes in dance, music theory, acting and voice. There will be a performance in the school cafeteria on Friday, August 8, with dinner to follow. Price of the camp is \$125. Deadline to register is July 1.

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.

Michael Hickey our Plant Superintendent has resigned effective July 1, to take a new position. We thank Mike for the six years of service he has given us and wish him well in his new endeavor.

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.

Fortnight for Freedom Prayer Rally-Tuesday, July 1st at Noon, Lincoln Statue at the State Capitol, Second & Capitol Avenue, Bishop Paprocki will lead a Freedom Prayer Rally for Religious Liberty. Focusing on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching.

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.

Annual Mass of Remembrance-The Staab family invites you to the Annual Mass of Remembrance in Honor of Veterans. It will be held Friday, July 4th at 10am, south of Lincoln's Tomb a Oak Ridge Cemetery. Rev. Peter Harman will be officiating. Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort. In case of rain, Mass will be held at the Oak Ridge Cemetery Chapel. Call 528-6461 for more information.

Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting next meeting is Saturday, July 5th at 1PM at Villa Maria in Springfield. This meeting is open to all leaders of Scout units who are interested in furthering the Duty to God aspect of the Scout programs for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing Crews, Girl Scouts. For more information contact Kyle Holtgrave at 698-8500 ext.154.

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 Karaianis 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

Save the Date! In Her Cherished Heart 2014 diocesan women’s conference is Saturday, September 13th from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Chiara Center in Springfield. More details later

Please pray –Several of our students and their families are traveling with our music director, Jody Kienzler, to Austria & Germany to participate in an international music festival. They will be singing in Salzburg, Vienna and other venues. Please pray for them as they make this journey. They will be singing at the 4:30pm Mass on July 12th after they return home.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JUNE 30-JULY 4****Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM**

Jayden Snodgrass-Adrianna Thiele

Thurs.- Friday

Jack Lamar– Will Hanken

Saturday, July 5, 4:30PM

Lector: Chris Perrin

Servers: Louis Criscione, Kyle Ingram, Ethan O’Connor

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen VonDeBur, Calvin Bell, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Andrea Judd, Ed Schofield, Rosemary DiNello, Carol Gvazdinskas

Sunday, July 6, 7:00am

Lector: George Rudiis, Jr.

Servers: Julia Delano, Grace McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Gietl, Riley Hinds, Phis Graham, Kathy Grubb, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo

Sunday, July 6, 8:30 AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: Gabby Antonacci, Maggie Haugh, Maggie O’Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Sally Petrone, Jim Morphew, Scott Reimers, Kathy Harth, Rose Amon, Lynn Frasco, Joe Stannard, III, Andrew Adams

Sunday, July 6, 10:30 AM

Lector: Michael Lawless

Servers: Ava Giacomini, Daniel Gardner, Rick Rotherham

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Campbell, Lisa Belz, Rita Keys, James Keys, Barbara Erdmann, Lori Criscione, Pat Graham, Don Graham

Fr. Jeff –cont.

Sometimes, in this day and age, I believe we get so caught up in the politics and troubles of our nation that we forget what it means to be an American—to be part of a great nation such as ours. Here is my prayer for our nation as we prepare to celebrate this birthday:

“Lord, in all that divides us, may we never forget the blessing of our homeland and the God who has made it possible. Unite us in love for one another with a heart like yours. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Fr. Jeff

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; combining 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>\$5,065,871.23</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 334,128.77
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,370.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, June 15, 2014	\$16,300.70

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Total Amount Pledged to Diocese	\$68,179.54
Total Amount Received parish env.	\$8,531.42
Amount paid as Parish Expense	\$45,913.04

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