



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, May 18, 2014
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Liz Duckworth
Esther Kelly

Wednesday, May 21

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Sally Pipkin
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, May 22

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Betty Thorp Berning

Friday, May 23

- 8:20 AM** Mary A. Lewis

Saturday, May 24

- 8:00 AM** A.J. Stenger
(Latin Mass)
- ✧ **4:30 PM** Edith & Leonard Berry

Sunday, May 25– Sixth Sunday of Easter

- ✧ **7:00 AM** Truman Flatt
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Tom Schmidt
- ✧ **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, Bernie Quigley, 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**

Dear Parishioners,

Signs of Hope. Recently a young man from our parish spoke about a pilgrimage he hoped to make to Santiago de Compostela. The city, located in northwestern Spain, claims to be the burial place for St. James. For over a thousand years, this city has been the destination of many pilgrims throughout Europe. Pope Callixtus II, in the 12th century, promoted the shrine and strived to make sure there would be hostels to provide food and shelter and that these travelers would be safe along the way. Pilgrimages during the middle ages were common. Often they were penance for sin. By setting aside the time to pray and examine one's life, people often changed. However, the Black Death, the Protestant reformation, the Catholic counter-reformation, and the political unrest of the 16th century led to a major decline in these journeys. But during the early years of this century the number is on the rise. In 1998, 30,000 pilgrims made the trip to Santiago de Compostela. Last year, almost 216,000 made the same trip. Perhaps promoted by such films as "The Way", not all of course do it for spiritual reasons. Yet, those who do often discover their lives are changed. As they walk the way that many pilgrims and penitents have walked before, they discover a new and deeper relationship with God.

Another group of students from Sacred Heart-Griffin High School were also here last week to raise funds and promote their trip to Appalachia. They will spend several days there repairing and painting homes. On the trip they will also gather to pray, to celebrate Mass, and to reflect on what they experience. It's not just about doing something good for others, it is about changing one's life and values. Such trips have also grown in popularity over the past several years.

I believe there are many young people out there who want more from life than what our modern culture seems to offer. Material wealth and success isn't enough. The human heart yearns for something more. Pilgrimages and mission trips are a valuable way to find this deeper meaning and a way that will lead us to Christ. I am encouraged when I hear of youth (especially from our parish) who are open to this alternative view. As followers of Christ, we must encourage these pilgrims. By listening and sharing our own experience, by our genuine concern, and by prayer, we can help another generation of believers discover the heart of our faith in Christ. When I hear complaints about how bad things are in our world, I think about these young people searching for a deeper meaning to life. I see their willingness to make a pilgrimage and I remember my own journey looking for something worthy of my belief. It is then I realize I don't have to give in to these naysayers. There are many signs of hope.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Harper Riley Westrich, daughter of Joshua & Lauren Westrich

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Helen Blalock

School Notes:

Sunday, May 18-8th Grade Awards Ceremony in Church followed by class dance in the cafeteria

Monday, May 19-6:00pm-8th Grade Graduation Mass

Wednesday, May 21-7th grade field trip to Camp Cilca
All-day PreK field trip to Riverside Stables

Thursday, May 22-7:00pm Father/Son Evening for 5th Graders

Monday, May 26-No school—Memorial Day

Feast of Corpus Christi is June 22nd. This is Our Parish Feast Day. We ask our second graders to participate in the procession for this Feast Day. Second graders should wear their First Communion clothing and be in church after the 10:30am Mass to form the procession. Please contact the school or rectory office if your child plans to participate so Father Jeff will know how many second graders to expect.

Parish Council: There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a member of the Parish Council, please call the Parish Office-528-7521. The only requirement is that you must be a member of the Parish.

School Advisory Board has vacancies for the 2014-2015 School Year. There are vacancies for 2 non-parent and 1 parent positions. Positions are 3-year terms. If you are interested, please contact Father Grant or call the Parish Office 528-7521.

Save the Date: Mark your calendars. Our Annual Garden Party is Wednesday, June 18th. Be sure to make plans to join us for great food, games and the ever-popular carnival rides. More information coming soon.

Save the date: Our Annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, June 7th, from 7AM-Noon. You may drop off your items Monday, June 2 thru Friday, June 6th from 6-9pm. Large items will be picked up on Wednesday from 6-9pm. Please call Neil (414-2299) if you need items picked up. NO CLOTHES will be accepted this year.

Save the date! Mark your calendars for the biggest BSS fundraising event of the year. The 45th Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2014. Volunteer opportunities are now available. Please contact Kim Hoffmann in the development office for more information.

Memorial Day Field Mass at Calvary Cemetery will be held Monday, May 26th at 9:00am. Mass will be celebrated at the Fr. Howard Altar. Limited seating will be available-Lawn chairs are welcome. Transportation will be available from the main gate. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be the principal celebrant of the Mass

50th ANNIVERSARY INVITATION-Fr. James O'Shea will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood here at Blessed Sacrament Church. Mass will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, June 1, 2014. Immediately after Mass at approximately 3:15pm to 5:00pm, a reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held in the school gym next to the church. All parishioners and friends are invited to come. *My family and I would be honored and pleased to have you there. RSVP is not necessary. No gifts please. Fr. James O'Shea*

A huge THANK-YOU for your generous support of **M&M's for Money and Missions**. You may still contribute by returning any tubes to the parish office or to SHG.

Fatima Rosary Rally-will take place today, May 18th, at 3:00pm at St. Aloysius Parish.

Butler Funeral Home is sponsoring their 2014 Summer Bus Trip-"Baseball in St. Louis and more!" -on Friday, June 27th. The cost is \$65 per person. There is a flyer in the vestibule with the full itinerary listed. Call 544-4646 for reservations.

Catholic Times would like the names of Catholic young people who are graduating from public high schools. They need the name of the graduate, the high school and the town where the high school is located. They do not want to leave anyone out. Please send names to :
Graduates' Names/Tammy Wolters, c/o of Catholic Times, 1615 West Washington, Springfield, Illinois 62702-4757.

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	

Women's Day of Recollection, Thursday, May 22nd, at Christ the King from 12:45-2:45pm. The afternoon begins with a talk, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, two meditations given by a priest and closing benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. The Mothers' Room will also be available for the afternoon for mothers with infants or small children. The spiritual guidance is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Would you like to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Tune in to Catholic Radio on **AM 1410 & 88.9 FM WIHM**. Programming includes daily Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD call 314-72-7000 or toll-free 877-305-1234

Mid-life Singles (mid 30's to 50s) register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, on May 30-June 1, 2014. Cost is just \$175 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Call 312-532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetrea.com for details.

St. Louise de Marillac will meet Monday, May 19th, at 6pm, in St. Agnes Parish Hall. For more information please call Nancy King 546-5020

The Dominican Sisters of Springfield would like to invite female students entering 6th grade to entering high school to attend Dominican Faith Camp July 27-29 at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. The weekend adventure includes crafts, games and food in a Catholic-filled environment where girls can meet and pray with the Sisters. The registration fee of \$50 includes room and board and all activities. Register online at springfieldop.org. For more information, contact Sr. Teresa Maron, OP at stteresa@spdom.org or 708-207-1874.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MAY 19-23****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Kyle Ingram-Andrew Mauntel

Thurs.- Friday

Jacks Hyde-Abby Johnson

Saturday, May 24, 4:30PM**Lector:** Ken Dobucki**Servers:** Charlie Yockey, Louis Yockey, Mary Kate Yockey**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathryn Gietl, Calvin Bell, Susan Gallagher, Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Rose Amon, Cordelia Moore, Isabel Figueroa**Sunday, May 25, 7:00am****Lector:** Dan Schuering**Servers:** Brandon Gatewood, Christian Gatewood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Ann Walker, Riley Hinds, Phil Graham, Dave Langston**Sunday, May 25, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Daniel Heffernan**Servers:** Danny Heffernan, Kevin Heffernan, Jack Allen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Ushman, Patricia Clarida, Kathy Harth, George Rudis, Jr. Colleen VonDeBur, Janine Feller, Mike Delvo, Anne Capestrain**Sunday, May 25, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Suzanne Baase**Servers:** Gabe Bonansinga, Mikayla Hady, Jacob Coady**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Keys, James Keys, James Dodge, Lynn Frasco, Lisa Belz, Sally Petrone, Barbara Erdmann, Andrea Judd

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion.

Guidelines for Catholic Funerals-An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, and Advance Planning, Wednesday, May 28, 11:30am-2:00pm, Butler Funeral Homes and Cremation Tribute Center. Answers to your questions about these topics as well as those surrounding the religious teachings, beliefs and concerns of the Catholic Church will be provided. Optional tour of our on-site Cremation Tribute Center. Complimentary lunch. Reservations by May 23rd. Call 544-4646 to reserve you seat.

St Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville will hold it annual Strawberry Social, Sunday, June 1 from 3-6:30pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrisonville. Italian Beef, Pressed Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw. Cake, Strawberries & homemade ice cream. Adults \$8- Children under 10 \$4.

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

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,035,408.07</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 364,591.93
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 18,387.66

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, May 4, 2014	\$19,707.75

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 3/19/14)	\$66,219.54
Amount Received from parish env.	\$5,866.42
Amount Remaining	\$50,538.04
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	