



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, July 21, 2013
Sixteenth 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 22

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Jamie Johnson
Robert Heckenkamp

Tuesday, July 23

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine

Wednesday, July 24

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Cour & Dineen Families

Thursday, July 25

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Clark Bullard

Friday, July 26

- Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Terry Spencer
Special Intentions to the Blessed Mother

Saturday, July 27

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Faye Fischer (LATIN MASS)
Confessions 3:00--4:00pm
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Zigmas Kuprenas

Sunday, July 28--17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Ed Brancroft
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Dr. Joe Fluckiger
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call Jean Quigley at 523-6573 or Mary Theresa Drake at 726-6649.

Please pray for the intention of : Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Play like a champion today. Last week I attended the School Pastors Institute sponsored by the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) at the University of Notre Dame. One hundred one pastors from all over the nation gathered on the campus to gain skills, insights, and perspectives to help us in our roles as pastors of parishes with schools. The Most Reverend John Barres, Bishop of Allentown PA gave the keynote address and reminded us that "the work of our Catholic schools is a vital and necessary service for the New Evangelization in the 21st century." He pointed out that the school's function is not just to educate children to read and write, but to form them in a way that will allow them to take their proper place in the church and in the family of God.

Catholic education in our nation is a quality product. The academic outcome of students in parochial schools is eleven percentage points higher than those in public schools. Students in faith based schools are seven months ahead of those in both traditional public and charter schools. They also exhibit fewer behavioral problems, fewer fights and suspensions, less drug abuse, less bullying, etc. The real key to Catholic education is the values based on our faith in Christ. Not only do we teach knowledge, but we emphasize the proper use of that knowledge. I believe that is essential in educating our youth for the future.

Much of the seminar focused on the challenges facing our schools. They include:
--a growing financial burden that falls on families, parishes, and dioceses.
--a downward shift in enrollment.
--an outdated model of governance that reflects the bygone days of one parish, one school.
The institute provided a format not only to discuss these issues, but to share ideas and strategies to resolve them.

In the stadium at Notre Dame, there is a sign over the exit as you leave the locker room to go out to the field. It reads, "Play like a champion, today." When it comes to Catholic education, we must do the same thing. We must make sure our program is rooted in the fundamentals—the values we profess. We must hold high standards for academic and moral performance and we must be willing to think in new and creative ways if our schools are to grow. The success of Catholic schools in our nation has come as the result of hard work and sacrifice. That will not change. My goal here at Blessed Sacrament is that we stay on top of things and put in the effort needed for success. We have a great school today and if we continue to work and play like champions it will continue to be a great school tomorrow.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Pray for our Recently Departed:**

Edward "Gene" Cour
Pauline Tolan

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Remy Mitchell Driscoll, son of Justin & Annamarie Driscoll
Lynae Danielle Boyd, daughter of Trevor & Sherry Boyd
Eliza Pearl Peck, daughter of Edward & Megan Peck

News from Development:

Habitat for Humanity: The Habitat Interfaith Build is nearly complete! The entire parish is invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony for homeowner, Debbie Weiner, today, Sunday, July 21, at 2:00pm. The dedication will take place at the home 100 Lakebrook Ct. Parking will be available in the Teacher's Retirement System lot adjacent to the house.

Calling all Parishioners! Please join us the night of **Saturday, October 5th**, for the 44th Annual Auction! Many volunteers and "cheerleaders" are needed as we strive to raise \$100,000 for Blessed Sacrament School. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$350 for a reserved table of 8. The fun begins at 5:30pm. Your presence at this fun & casual event is truly appreciated. Are you able to donate your time or talents and join our Auction Touchdown Team? If so, please contact Jennifer Madiar at jmadiar@yahoo.com or 312-371-8362.

School Scrip (gift cards) will be sold in the parish office during the summer from 8:00a.m.-12:00noon, Monday—Friday. An order form for scrip and information about the program can be found on the school website under "Support BSS".

A Chance to "Evangelize"! Do you know someone who might be interested in the Catholic Church? It never hurts to ask; perhaps offer to bring them to Mass with you. In any respect, please direct them to us. As you may be aware, Blessed Sacrament offers the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** to provide classes and information for those who think the Catholic faith may be what they are seeking. RCIA is a process meant to offer information about the beliefs of the Catholic Church so one may make a decision if they are being called to it. There are no obligations or commitments to the faith until full entry at the Easter Vigil in the spring of 2014. RCIA gatherings will be on Thursday evenings, beginning September 12th. Please call us at Blessed Sacrament (528-7521) to sign-up or to get more information.

But...What Can I Do? In this "Year of Faith" Church Leaders are asking that we reach out to those searching for the Truth—to evangelize. That will be different for each of us, as we have different gifts and strengths. One way to follow the "Spirit" is to assist those who wish to learn about our faith. As you may be aware, it is the responsibility of people of the parish to prepare those seekers for entry to the Church, if they choose. This is accomplished by the RCIA process and those who help to make that happen. There are many ways to help. If you are willing to help please call the Parish Office (528-7521) and let them know. Dcn. Dave will contact you to discuss what might work best.

Choir Notes: Thanks to all involved in our choir camp this year. It was a smashing success. "**The Magical Land of Oz**" was our best musical yet. Each child gave their all to the performance. Special thanks to Katie LoGrasso, our choreographer and co-director, Jenny Triphan, from Sparta, who helped with music, lines & dancing, all parents & grandparents, who helped with costume making, Ruth Ficke and her art students, Emily Thornberry, Caroline Schmidt, Elsie & Maddie Andres for our sets and back stage crew, Linda Thornberry, choir mom, in charge of volunteers and provider of mercy and love, Erin Sullivan, who made T-Shirts for all and helped with baking and spotlights. Also thank you the Eric Thornberry and our custodial team who were always there to help us.

SHG One Year Pilot Program for Prepaid Tuition:

As a response to the request that SHG offer a pre-paid tuition option to make secondary Catholic education more affordable, a pilot program has been put into place for a one-year trial beginning on July 1, 2013. The idea behind pre-paid tuition is that parents, grandparents, and supporters can purchase up to four years of tuition vouchers for any child who will attend SHG in the future, at the current rate. To receive information, contact Tom Fiaush, SHG Business Manager at fiaush@shg.org or 787-1595 ext. 147

It's State Fair Time! We need volunteers for the Right To Life State Fair Booth, August 9th-18th. We estimate that between 1700-2000 people visit our booth every year. Volunteers are asked to work a three hour shift. We need three volunteers per shift. An orientation meeting is scheduled for August 5th for new volunteers. A ticket entry to the fair will be provided. For more information call Andrea Judd at 544-1300.

ADORATION HOURS Did you watch the fascinating event Nik Wallenda waking a 2" cable across the Grand Canyon? If you did, as I did, one memorable factor was the consistent prayer to Jesus as he walked the wire. As the apostles in the boat, he prayed that Jesus calm the wind. Our Adoration Chapel is a great place to pray to Jesus. Contact Merle King at 528-6088, or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want some more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 P.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	8:00 P.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A. M. SATURDAY

Mark your calendars: Humanae Vitae Mass & Dinner, August 17th. Mass at 4PM at the Cathedral followed by dinner inside the Atrium at the Cathedral. Bishop Paprocki will be the celebrant of the Mass. A free will offering will be accepted. RSVP to cteveda@dio.org or 321-1132.

Building & Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers on Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm to help paint the classrooms of the school. Please contact Mike Hickey for more information. 415-5205 or mhickey@bsps.org.

Kiononia of Springfield will be having a retreat weekend August 16-18, at Villa Maria on Lake Springfield. The retreat begins at dinner on Friday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. Cost is \$100, which includes lodging, all meals, and retreat materials. For registration or more information contact Mikki Buhl 527-1912 or koinonia.information@gmail.com.

92nd Annual Knights of Columbus Cooperative Bar-B-Cue will be held on Sunday, July 28th, from Noon-7:00pm at Council 364, Meadowbrook Road & West Iles. Free admission with music by Bob Remack Band & DJ Brad Schroeder. Food, Clown, swimming & family fun. Door prizes & raffle drawings for \$25,000 cash prizes including \$10,000 grand prize. For questions call 787-2360.

Cathedral Garage Sale will be held in the air conditioned, handicap accessible Cathedral School Hall, Friday, August 2, 7am-7pm, Saturday, August 3, 8am-Noon, and Sunday August 4, 8am-3pm. Enter thru the Cass St. or Atrium doors.

Cathedral Council of Catholic Women would like to invite you to their Annual Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 4, 11am-4pm in the Cathedral Atrium. There will be food, cake & ice cream, games, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

Mark your calendars: The annual *Respect Life Dinner* benefitting Springfield Right to Life will be on Friday, September 27th. More information to come!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF JULY 22-26

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Tim Delano—Sofia Dietrich

Thurs.- Friday

Michael Dailey—Elizabeth
DeSalle

Saturday, July 27, 4:30PM

Lector: Steven Scheufele

Servers: Sam Faivre, Alex
Mauntel, Andrew Mauntel

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Belz,
Noreen Luhr, Isabel Fgueroa,
Susan Gallagher, Marty
Mosley, Larry Newell, Rick
Campbell, Sally Petrone

Sunday, July 28, 7:00am

Lector: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Katie Rearden, Patrick
Rearden

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat
Sheehan, Ann Walker, Dave
Langston, Phil Graham,
Kathryn Gietl

Sunday, July 28, 8:30 AM

Lector: Patrick Fitzgerald

Servers: Jacob Coady, Will
Hanken, Ethan O'Connor

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark
Ushman, Colleen VonDeBur,
Janine Feller, Anne
Capestrain, Bradley Frost,
Kathy Harth, Paricia Clarida,
Mike Delvo

Sunday, July 28, 10:30 AM

Lector: Shawn Rotherham

Servers: Abby Pohlman, Talor
Pohlman, Mary Pohlman

Eucharistic Ministers: James
Dodge, Barbara Erdmann,
Andrea Judd, MaryAnn
Gorney, Rita Keys, James
Keys, Lynn Frasco, Barney
Bruzetti

TEC of Springfield Trivia Night on Saturday, July 27th, from 7pm-9pm at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit in Mt. Zion. Gather a table of 6-8 participants for \$100. All are welcome to attend. Please send your RSVP on or before July 23rd to TECofSpringfield@gmail.com One RSVP per table.

July 26th "The Butler Difference" A consumer guide to Funerals, Cremation & Advance Planning. Please join us for a complimentary breakfast at 8:30am at the MCL Cafeteria. We will discuss: The Value of Ceremony, Green Funerals and Natural Burial, Facts about Cremation, Veterans Tributes and much more. Please reserve your seat by July 22nd. All events are free: no cost or obligation. Call 544-4646 for reservations.

St. Patrick Catholic School Fundraiser: St. Patrick Catholic School has several tickets for the Cubs vs Cardinals baseball game in St. Louis on Saturday, August 10th. Seats are located in Section 130 & 132. Tickets are valued at \$100—buy them from St. Patrick's for \$78. Plenty of seats are available. Purchase tickets online at www.st-patrick.org. Transportation is not provided.

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,716,126.35</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 683,873.65
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 9,280.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, July 8,2013	\$18, 047.00