

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements are to be secured with the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance of the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Saturdays after 4:30 p.m. Mass and Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are to attend the Baptism Class before their child is born, if possible. Arrange to attend by calling the Parish Office.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER LINE:

If you need prayer for a special intention, call the Prayer Line by contacting Jean Quigley at 523-6573 or Mary Theresa Drake at 726-6649.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Daily Mass will now be at 7:30 AM every weekday with confessions heard 15 minutes before Mass.

Monday, July 9, Augustine Zhao Rong

- ✘ Confessions before 7:30 Mass
- ✘ 7:30 AM George Ann Martin
Madge Howe Cooper

Tuesday, July 10

- ✘ Confessions before 7:30 Mass
- ✘ 7:30 AM John Hennessy
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Steinkuehler, Sr.

Wednesday, July 11, Benedict

- ✘ Confessions before 7:30 Mass
- ✘ 7:30 AM Nancy Gillituk
Bill Butcher

Thursday, July 12

- ✘ Confessions before 7:30 Mass
- ✘ 7:30 AM Judy Canfield
Colette Manning
- ✘ 4:30-5:15 PM Confessions

Friday, July 13, Henry

- ✘ Confessions before 7:30 Mass
- ✘ 7:30 AM Richard Gillespie
Families of Pierce & Sommer

Saturday, July 14, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

- ✘ 7:00 AM Christian & Leona Fichtel
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Doris Wavering

Sunday, July 15, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ 7:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 8:30 AM Donna Lederle
- ✘ 10:30 AM Carl Leutenmayer

DEAR PARISHIONERS

It would be easy to pay little attention to the Responsorial Psalm in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. It is actually another one of our readings. This is why, whenever possible, the cantor sings the psalm from the ambo. I don't too often incorporate the psalm into the homily but it often relates to the theme.

This week the Responsorial Psalm is Psalm 66. This psalm is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. We can see in the last stanza that it is a prayer thanking and praising God for answered prayer. This psalm starts out in a way that I can relate to as I write this article early on Monday morning. The sun is just coming up through the trees, my window is open (now that I can get it open – thanks to our donor), I can hear the birds singing and the world waking up and everything just seems right in the world for the moment.

As I watch creation waking up I can relate to the first stanza of this Psalm; "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, 'How tremendous are your deeds!'" The psalm goes on to urge us to "see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam."

How often do we stop to appreciate this beautiful creation that God has given us to live in? How often do we look back over our lives and our heritage to see how God's love has been involved in our lives? We do have so many things for which to be incredibly thankful.

Thank you to all of those involved with Vacation Bible School a week ago! The children seemed to enjoy it immensely while they were learning. Thank you to all of the volunteers and those of you who sent your children to learn more about God.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler

GOSPEL OF LIFE**Respect for the Dignity of the Dying**

She (the Church) has kept in constant contact with specialists and experts. She upholds the human principles and values that are shared by most of humanity in the light of reason enlightened by faith. She writes documents which have been appreciated by professionals and, for the most part, by public opinion.

We would like to recall the Declaration on *Euthanasia* (1980), published 20 years ago by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the document of the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum": *Ethical Questions concerning the seriously ill and the dying* (1981), the Encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (1995) of John Paul II (especially nn. 64-67), the *Charter for Health Care Workers*, published by the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers (1994).

In their documents, the Magisterium did not just define euthanasia as morally unacceptable, "as *the deliberate killing of an [innocent] human person*" (cf. *Evangelium vitae*, n. 65. The Encyclical's reasoning is explained in n. 57, thus enabling a correct interpretation of the passage of n. 65 cited above), or as a "*criminal*" offense (cf. Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*, n. 27). The Magisterium also called for a programme of assistance that would be inspired by the dignity of the person, respect for life and the values of brotherhood and solidarity. It should involve the medical-ethical, spiritual and pastoral areas. It would call people to respond with a concrete witness to the current challenges of a widespread culture of death.

Vatican City, Dec 9, 2000
Pontifical Academy of Life

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Members of St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet on Monday, July 9th at 7:00 pm in the north conference room in the basement of the parish office.

SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Wednesdays, June 13, 20, 27 & July 11, 18, 25: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
July 30-August 3 - closed
August 6-16 - Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
August 17 & 20 – closed
August 21 – School year begins with regular office hours

CATHEDRAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Ice Cream Social will be held Tuesday, July 10 from 4:00 –8:00 PM in the School Hall. Proceeds benefit the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Program. This year, scholarships totaling \$6000 were awarded to further the Catholic education of Cathedral Parish students.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Holy Family Food Pantry will pick up food and household donations from the back of the church on Monday, July 16.

ACH DEBIT PROGRAM

You can still sign up for Blessed Sacrament's automatic contribution program. Forms are available in the parish office. A cancelled check is needed when submitting your information. Having your weekly contribution automatically deducted from your bank account is easy and convenient.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, July 8 from 8 am until noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364, 2200 Meadowbrook Road. The cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$4.50 for kids ages 6 - 12, and free for kids ages five and under. Proceeds from the event will benefit Helping Hands of Springfield, a shelter for the homeless. For questions, contact the Council Office at 787-2360.

ST. KATHERINE DREXEL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The parishioners of St. Katherine Drexel Parish invite you to join them for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 8, from 1-4PM on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church at 12th and Cook. Ice Cream, Cake or Pie and Drink for \$3, and weather permitting, there will be games and prizes for children.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Sean Kerwin & Emily Dettro plan to wed July 14, 2007.

Steven Nordyke & Amy Whisnant plan to wed July 21, 2007.

83rd ANNUAL STEAK FRY/GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendars and get some friends together for the Golf Outing and/or Steak Dinner held on August 4 at Longbridge Golf Course. Tickets and information are available by calling Amy Jennings at 787-1887 or 741-5071.

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL AT GRANITE CITY ABORTION CLINIC

Please join us on the third Saturday of each month to save babies' lives. Numerous women testify the presence of people praying outside the abortion clinic helped them decide to save their baby. Your presence and prayers will help. Our next trip is Saturday, July 21. We will leave Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00 AM mass, have a three-hour vigil, and return to Springfield around 2:00 PM. Please call Eric Portz at 697-4470 for more information.

ST. JUAN DIEGO

Juan Diego was born in 1474 in the calpulli or ward of Tlayacac in Cuauhtitlan, which was established in 1168 by Nahua tribesmen and conquered by the Aztec lord Axayacatl in 1467; and was located 14 miles north of Tenochtitlan (Mexico City).

On December 9, 1531, a native Mexican named Juan Diego rose before dawn to walk fifteen miles to daily Mass in what is now Mexico City. Juan lived a simple life as a weaver, farmer, and laborer. That morning, as Juan passed Tepeyac Hill, he heard music and saw a glowing cloud encircled by a rainbow. A woman's voice called him to the top of the hill. There he saw a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess. She said she was the Virgin Mary and asked Juan to tell the bishop to build a church on that site. She said, "I vividly desire that a church be built on this site, so that in it I can be present and give my love, compassion, help, and defense, for I am your most devoted mother . . . to hear your laments and to remedy all your miseries, pains, and sufferings."

The bishop was kind but skeptical. He asked Juan to bring proof of the Lady's identity. Before Juan could go back to the Lady, he found out his uncle was dying. Hurrying to get a priest, Juan missed his meeting with the Lady. The Lady, however, met him on his path and told him that his uncle had been cured.

She then told Juan to climb to the top of the hill where they first met. Juan was shocked to find flowers growing in the frozen soil. He gathered them in his cloak and took them at once to the bishop.

Juan told the bishop what had happened and opened his cloak. The flowers that fell to the ground were Castilian roses (which were not grown in Mexico). But the bishop's eyes were on the glowing image of the Lady imprinted inside Juan's cloak.

Soon after, a church was built on the site where our Lady appeared, and thousands converted to Christianity. Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared the patroness of the Americas. He died on May 30, 1548, at the age of 74.

Juan Diego deeply loved the Holy Eucharist, and by special permission of the Bishop he received Holy Communion three times a week, a highly unusual occurrence in those times.

Pope John Paul II praised Juan Diego for his simple faith nourished by catechesis and pictured him (who said to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JULY 9-15**

Mon, Tues, Wed 7:30 AM
Kyle French & Sam Casson

Thu/Fri at 7:30 AM/Sat 7:00 AM
Ben Kethcum & Scout Coady

Saturday, July 14, 4:30 PM

Lectors Isabel Long

Servers: Denver Patten, Matthew Yochim, John Perks

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, Jim Morphew, Barney Bruzetti, Colleen VonDeBur, Isabel Figueroa, Ed Schofield, Marty Mosley, Johanna Toomey

Gospel of Life Icon: Vicki & Sydney Compton Family

Vocation Chalice: Gregg & Tracie Lewis Family

Sunday, July 15, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Chris Perrin

Servers: Joe Miller, Sarah Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Wear, Kathy Wear, Mary Rita Dineen, Dave Langston, Nancy Smith

Sunday, July 15, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Kevin Lust

Servers: Emily Delvo, Eric Delvo, Brigid Gallagher

Eucharistic Ministers: Janine Feller, Susan Gallagher, James Heffernan, Jude Kennedy, Kathy Harth, Mike Delvo, Pat Metz, Noreen Luhr

Sunday, July 15, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Mike Goza

Servers: Taylor Little, Patrick Rolens, Ben Kethcum

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Tuttle, Rick Campbell, Cindy Ledbetter, MaryAnn Burns, Tom Burns, Eileen Bullard, Kevin Dallavis, Mary F. Conwill

"I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf") as a model of humility for all of us.

In His Footsteps:

Juan walked fifteen miles to attend Mass every day. Participate in Mass one day this week that is not a Sunday Mass. If this is impossible, take a long walk outside and notice the miracles of God's love during that walk. You may not see roses in the snow or hear music, but there is plenty to praise God for.

Blessed Juan, you faced the skepticism and rejection of a bishop and the crowds to bring Mary's message to Mexico. Pray for us that when we are faced with obstacles to our faith we may show that same courage and commitment. Amen

JUBILEE YEAR DEDICATED TO ST. PAUL

Pope Benedict XVI announced a special jubilee year dedicated to St. Paul, saying the church needs modern Christians who will imitate the apostle's missionary energy and spirit of sacrifice.

The pope said the Pauline year will run from June 28, 2008, to June 29, 2009, to mark the approximately 2,000th anniversary of the saint's birth. He made the announcement while presiding over a vespers service at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome on June 28, the eve of

the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, patron saints of Rome.

"Dear brothers and sisters, as in the (church's) beginning, today, too, Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St. Paul," the pope said.

The Pauline year will feature numerous special liturgies and events in Rome, the pope said, but should also be celebrated in local churches and in the sanctuaries, religious orders and other institutions that have a special link to St. Paul.

STEWARDSHIP
(Time | Talent | Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Parish Collection:	\$ 23,500.00
Sunday, June 24, 2007	\$ 21,661.00
Shortfall	\$ (1,839.00)

Capital Fund Campaign Update

Total Pledge Packets Distributed:	1350
Total Pledges Received to Date:	774
Total Dollars Pledged to Date:	\$ 2,300,030.44
Total Cash Received to Date:	\$1,978,126.00