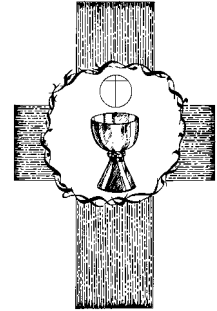


Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



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April 12, 2009
Easter Sunday:
The Resurrection
of the Lord

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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

MORNING MASSES WILL ALL BE AT 8:00 AM THIS WEEK DURING THE SCHOOL BREAK.

Monday, April 13, Easter Monday

✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass

✘ 8:00 AM Doris Maggio

Tuesday, April 14, Easter Tuesday

✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass

✘ 8:00 AM Dr. John L. Hennessy
Janet Kane

Wednesday, April 15, Easter Wednesday

✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass

✘ 8:00 AM Elizabeth Seitz

Thursday, April 16, Easter Thursday

✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass

✘ 8:00 AM Darlene Tasset
Marion C. Lindsey

Friday, April 17, Easter Friday

✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass

✘ 8:00 AM Barbara Rutherford
Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine

Saturday, April 18, Easter Saturday

✘ 7:00 AM Lloyd Mosley

✘ 4:30 PM Louis and Angela Gietl

Sunday, April 19, Second Sunday of Easter

✘ 7:00 AM James A. Wiessing

✘ 8:30 AM Doris Wavering

✘ 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 sick, including Mary E. Jordan, John Atterberry, and Sister Eleanor Dougherty, OP.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Happy Easter! This is the great day of our salvation! On the morning of that first Easter, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb of Jesus and found that it was empty. The emptiness of that tomb is what fills the emptiness in the life of anyone who chooses to believe in Jesus Christ crucified and risen.

When the world seems empty and without meaning, Jesus is the answer. When our lives seem hopeless and lost, Jesus is the answer. To every human malady and heartbreak, Jesus is the answer. We begin to find the answer Jesus provides us when we contemplate his empty tomb. No more does the sentence of death end with a period. Rather it is the beginning of eternal life for those who are tied to Christ in His suffering, life, and death. Whenever life overwhelms us, remember that Christ Jesus has experienced our suffering and has overcome it in His resurrection. This is what hope is all about. That through a life in Christ we can also overcome any suffering and one day enter into His eternal life. May we all be conformed more and more to the crucified and risen Christ every day of our life.

Next Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Since the Cathedral is closed for restoration, we will have the celebration for the Feast of Divine Mercy here. It will be celebrated from 2:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon on Sunday April 19th. Bishop Lucas will begin adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction. Confessions will be available throughout the hour.

It was good to have Brian Alford here last weekend. He will return classes finish up this spring at seminary. Brian will be spending the summer with us this year. Please keep him and all of our seminarians in your prayers.

Please pray for our school children and faculty and staff while they are on a much-deserved break this week. Please also pray for the success of our school and parish expansion project while we continue the planning process.

**Sincerely,
Father Hoefler**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

"By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (*Words of Our Lord as recorded in the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, entry 796.*)

Blessed Sacrament will conduct a 9-day Novena before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena began on Good Friday. We will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy fifteen (15) minutes before the 8:00 AM daily Mass. If you are unable to attend these services, please recite the Chaplet on your own each day.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

The Church Seeks to put Mercy into Practice

Society can become "ever more human" only when we introduce into all the mutual relationships which form its moral aspect the moment of forgiveness, which is so much of the essence of the Gospel. Forgiveness demonstrates the presence in the world of the love which is more powerful than sin. Forgiveness is also the fundamental condition for reconciliation, not only in the relationship of God with man, but also in relationships between people. A world from which forgiveness was eliminated would be nothing but a world of cold and unfeeling justice, in the name of which each person would claim his or her own rights vis-a- vis others; the various kinds of selfishness latent in man would transform life and human society into a system of oppression of the weak by the strong, or into an arena of permanent strife between one group and another.

For this reason, the Church must consider it one of her principal duties-at every stage of history and especially in our modern age-to proclaim and to introduce into life the mystery of mercy, supremely revealed in Jesus Christ. Not only for the Church herself as the community of believers but also in a certain sense for all humanity, this mystery is the source of a life different from the life which can be built by man, who is exposed to the oppressive forces of the threefold concupiscence active within him. It is precisely in the name of this mystery that Christ teaches us to forgive always.

Dives in Misericordia (14)
The Mercy of God
Pope John Paul II

WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Who doesn't want to be part of a parish that is as much like an extended family as it can be? As a part of a long range effort to bring our parish family closer together, Blessed Sacrament intends to visit all of our parishioners (no small task). We want to determine the needs and desires of our parishioners, update info, and reach out and "shake hands". Father Hoefler would like to do this personally, but with his schedule it could take the next 100 years. Therefore, we are asking for anyone who could assist in making some of these visits to please call the office (528-7521) with your name(s) and contact info, perhaps get a buddy and make-up your own 2 person-team. We hope to get 50 or more people willing to help, since many hands make for light work. We will have a short training and then your team can set up its own schedule. The Lord knows we are all busy, but when have we given Him anything that has not returned us much more than we gave? We really need your help.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Young Authors Classroom Winners

Congratulations to our students whose manuscripts were chosen as the classroom winners for the Young Authors Program. The classroom winners include kindergarten students Sophie Reimers, Sophia Bonansinga, Nathaniel Bell, Jaydon Davis, Nick DePooter, Sofia Lowis, and Abby Meitrodt; first graders Ruthie Kinion, Patrick Rearden, Maya Dye, Laurelynn Weihmeir, and Elizabeth DeSalle; and second graders, Will Hanken, Isabel Gardner, Sofia Dietrich, Nick Broeker, and Will Reiser.

Other classroom winners were third graders Catie Eck, Emily Eades, Abbie Antonacci, Evan Huffstedtler, Sophia Meier, Ben Scheufele, and Hannah Bayer; fourth graders John Stegeman, Isabella Giacomini, Elsie Andres, Annie Wheeler, Clara Munyer, Ryley Roesch, Nolan Reid, and Preston Njapa Njeuha; and fifth graders Paige Ulrich, Mallory Lemme, Erin Monroe, Vinny Vespa, Elaine Reyne, Mary Delano, Daniel Gardner, and Sydney Compton.

The junior high classroom winners included sixth graders Derek Miller, Ryleigh Taylor, Ethan Bluhm, Tessie McDermott, Albert Perlman, Madeline Smith, Taylor Pohlman, and Ethan O'Connor; seventh graders Lydia Nelson, Jon Bluhm, Kate Healy, Sarah Wheeler, Nate Lowis, Emily Malone, and Kerby Ingram; and eighth graders Morgan Dunbar, Joseph Mocharnuk, Luke Criscione, David Smith, Gabrielle McDermott, Anthony Nestler, Kim Orlando, and Riann Ketchum. Congratulations to these students and all of the students who created such wonderful books, and thanks to all their teachers for their guidance. We hope you had a chance to view all of them at the CultureFest!

IESA Music Contest

Congratulations to our students who participated in the IESA Solo and Ensemble Contest held in Virden on March 28. After months of practice at home and at school, each student played a solo with piano accompaniment before a judge and received a rating. All of our students were rated with a first place score and received a medal. Congratulations to Curry Buscher (alto sax), Mitchell Hardeman (alto sax), Emily Scheufele (flute), and Erin Monroe (clarinet). Special thanks to their band instructor, Mrs. Linda McLane.

SCHOOL NOTES:

Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17 – Easter break

Friday, April 24 – Grandparents/Special Persons Day – Mass at 9:30 a.m. with dismissal of students after Mass

Sunday, April 26 – First Communion at 1:00 p.m. for Mrs. Townsend's homeroom and PSR students

Friday, May 1 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass with May crowning

Sunday, May 3 – First Communion at 12:30 p.m. for Mrs. Kroner's homeroom

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Hiring a Fundraising Consultant—Father Hoefler announced two weeks ago that the decision had been made to hire the Steier Group as our fundraising consultant for our building project. The question has subsequently been raised about the necessity of hiring an outside firm to manage our upcoming campaign to renovate and create new space for Blessed Sacrament Parish, especially the school. I would like to take the opportunity to address this issue, in general terms, of what the firm will provide.

The firm will first conduct a feasibility study that will consist of one-on-one interviews with a sampling of parishioners and other potential donors for this project. All parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in this process via on-line or mailed surveys. The interview setting and survey opportunity provide a neutral, confidential, objective method for determining the scope of our project. The Steier Group will be able to provide an unbiased assessment of our potential to raise funds, both within and outside our parish. This is an extremely important step in the process.

After we have reviewed the results of the feasibility study, an organized, overall plan is implemented based on tried and true campaign strategies. The firm will provide services such as helping us prepare the campaign budget, training volunteers and campaign leaders, providing printed pieces, writing grants for outside funding sources, creating progress reports, making schedule adjustments as necessary, and making sure the parish is equipped to handle pledge recording, reminders, and gift acknowledgements.

We look forward to the Steier Group's professionalism and experience to move our building project forward. If you would like more information about the Steier Group, please call Kim Hoffman at 522-7534, ext 206.

MacArthur Boulevard Business Association (MBBA) - In an effort to keep our parish neighborhood vibrant, Blessed Sacrament Parish is a member of the MacArthur Boulevard Business Association. Interested parishioners are invited to attend a neighborhood mixer sponsored by MBBA on Thursday, April 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at South Side Christian Church. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, get information, and meet government leaders, police, neighborhood association, and business association representatives. Dessert will be provided.

Up and Coming:

- Friday, April 24—Grandparents Day at BSS
- Thursday, May 7—Ladies Night Out
- Saturday, May 9—Unity Run
- Saturday, June 6—Parish Rummage Sale
- Wednesday, June 17—Garden Party

FREE PROSTATE SCREENING

Knights of Columbus Council # 364 is offering a free PSA test and prostate exam for all interested men in their Columbian Hall at 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road on Tuesday, April 21 from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m. There will be no charge to participants. This community service event is open to all area men. Participants do not have to be members of a specific church nor a member of the Knights of Columbus to participate. Registrations are required to ensure there is enough staff to serve all the participants. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 15. Please call Cliff Erwin at 787-7017 to register.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF APR 13-19****Mon, Tues, Wed 8:00 AM**

Jeremy French, Tessie McDermott

Thurs, Fri 8:00 AM

Sarah Miller, Joey Moore

Saturday, April 18, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Calvin Bell

Servers: Ethan O'Connor, Stephen Long, Zach Lael

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Thornberry, Lori Criscione, James Keys, Rita Keys, Pat Sheehan, Christina Warren, Doug Warren, Ed Schofield

Sunday, April 19, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy

Servers: Brian Gatewood, Charlie Delano

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Langston, Ann Walker, Kathy Grubb, Phil Graham, Theodore Siedle

Sunday, April 19, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Tom Karaianis

Servers: Ethan Bluhm, Sam Casson, Duncan Kirby

Eucharistic Ministers: Johanna Toomey, Susan Gallagher, Grace Stannard, Thomas Schmidt, Patricia Clarida, Marge O'Keefe, Colleen VonDeBur, Mary F. Conwill

Sunday, April 19, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Jim Clancy

Servers: Marina Rosenblock, Jack Broecker, Denver Patten

Eucharistic Ministers: Gene Mitchell, Andrea Judd, Lisa Belz, Cara Workman, Mary Tuttle, Daniella Ketchum, Rick Campbell, Cindy Ledbetter

WEDDING BANNS

John Arthur Rinehart & Jamie Joann Webster plan to wed May 2, 2009.

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

- Jameson Wyatt Giacomini, son of Matthew and Ellen Giacomini
- Ian Theodor Arthur Delcomyn, son of Michael and Amy Delcomyn
- Cady Elizabeth Eck, daughter of Albert Eck, III and Kimberly Eck

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Fred "Fritz" Rechner, Jr.
Albert Bianco

ADORATION HOURS

DAYTIME

3:00 PM Saturday
1:00 PM Sunday
5:00 PM Wednesday
7:00 PM Wednesday
2:00 PM Thursday
11:00 AM Friday

NIGHT TIME

12:00 AM Sunday
1:00 AM Sunday
2:00 AM Friday
1:00 AM Saturday

cmheimlich@att.net

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

CALVARY CEMETARY PROGRAM

Calvary Cemetary is considering making available the placement of flowers or plants on loved ones' resting places. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call the cemetary office. They would like to gauge interest in the program.

STEWARDSHIP
(Time | Talent | Treasure)

Parish Collection

March 29, 2009	\$18,795.10
Target Amount	\$23,500.00

Savings for School Building Project

March 29, 2009	\$ 839.00
Total	\$405,458.70

Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA) - 3/19/09

Total Assessment	\$ 123,749.00
Total Pledged (60%)	\$ 74,239.97
Total Received (56%)	\$ 72,672.97
Remaining	\$ 51,076.03

Catholic Times Assessment

Total Assessment	\$21,080.00
Amount Paid by Parishioners	\$ 4,760.00