



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



Sunday
May 16, 2010

Seventh 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 17

- ✕ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Margaret Sheehan

Tuesday, May 18, John I

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:20 AM Helen Kramp

Wednesday, May 19

- ✕ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Kathryn Davis
Truman Flatt

Thursday, May 20, Bernardine of Siena

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:20 AM Patricia Link
Liz Duckworth

Friday, May 21, Christopher Magallanes

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Michael A. and Terrance C. Gaffigan

Saturday, May 22, Rita of Cascia

- ✕ 7:00 AM Toni Weis (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✕ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✕ 4:30 PM Marilyn Meyer

Sunday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday

- ✕ 7:00 AM Frank Campo
- ✕ 8:30 AM Frank and Louise Sommer
- ✕ 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 following people: Thomas Schmidt, Ruth Pohlman, Sammy, Betty and Harold, Kendra, Joe, Michael, Angel, Mary, Rhonda, Ellen, Sue, Linda, Bill, Maureen, Mary Schwartz, Margaret Eskew, and the repose of the soul of Marilyn Harris.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Christ Jesus to heaven. Jesus came to live our life, except for sin, to suffer, die, and rise from the dead for the forgiveness of our sins. In this Feast we celebrate the return of the Son of God to the Father as Jesus ascended into heaven. In the Gospel today Jesus said, "You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you." We are not to be passive receivers of the gift of salvation. We are called to be witnesses to the grace of redemption through Jesus Christ. God sent us the Holy Spirit so that we might have the grace to be witnesses of Jesus Christ to the world. Next weekend we celebrate that gift of the Holy Spirit as it came to us on Pentecost.

Our search committee for a new music director has now developed the job description for the position we are looking to fill as Alice Hill retires. We plan to coordinate with the rectory staff and the school music program in order to provide the best worship experience for all of us at our liturgies. We hope that within the next week we will be publicly and actively searching and available for candidates interested in applying for this position.

Our 8th graders graduate Monday night. They have been a very good and wonderful class. Please keep them in your prayers. Even as they prepare to be good Catholic citizens in the future they are already taking on this role in many ways. Thank you for your support and influence in their lives through our apostolate of Catholic education.

Next weekend I will be in Omaha for my cousins wedding. Fathers Kraft and O'Shea will have the Masses here. I really hate to miss celebrating Pentecost with you but I promised my cousin I would do her wedding. By the grace of the Holy Spirit we will still be worshipping as one Church even though we will be 450 miles apart physically.

I am very grateful that Deacon Brian Alford wanted to take a weekend to spend with us. I know he is very grateful for all of your support. Please continue to pray for him and all our seminarians as they continue their preparation for the priesthood.

Please continue to keep Bishop-elect Paprocki in your prayers. Pray also for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially for our own diocese.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Josephine Vespa

NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

PEPSI REFRESH GRANT – Holding steady at #5! Blessed Sacrament School still has a unique opportunity to secure grant dollars for construction of bleachers in the new gymnasium. **Throughout May**, we are competing for \$25,000 – to be granted to the ten organizations that garner the most on-line votes during the month of May. Please go to the Pepsi Refresh web site and log your vote BSS. Our proposal is entitled “Build Bleachers for Bruins”. We will be listed under Education at the \$25,000 level. **You may vote every day of the month.** Please ask all of your e-mail contacts and family and friends to vote for us.

Bricks – Forty-two more bricks and two beautiful concrete benches were installed this week in the prayer garden. Donor plaques will soon be affixed to the benches; we thank all who have participated in the brick program. Proceeds from brick sales are used for ongoing landscape projects around the church and school. Brick forms are still available; call Kim Hoffmann for more information at 522-7534, ext. 206. When an adequate number of forms are turned in, we will place another order.

Garage Sale – Start boxing up those unneeded treasures from basements and attics for the Blessed Sacrament Parish Rummage Sale that will be held on Saturday, June 5. No clothing is accepted, but other household items, furniture, books, etc., will be collected starting the week prior to the sale. For more information, please contact Neil Malone at 793-4367.

Garden Party – Mark your calendars for the 86th Annual Garden Party to be held on June 16. If you're willing to help make this year's event a big success, please call Steve DePooter (220-9200) or Sean Noonan (691-0910) to volunteer your talents. Tickets will be available for the Albert Cusick 50/50 Raffle (\$1 each, \$5 for six) after Masses in June or by calling the Development Office.

SCHOOL BOARD OPENINGS

The Blessed Sacrament School Advisory Board is seeking interested school parents and parishioners for 4 positions available on the School Advisory Board. Three positions are for parents of BSS enrolled students and one position is available for a parishioner with no students enrolled at BSS. Each position's term is for 3 years and meets 1 evening monthly, 9 months a year. If interested or for more information, please contact Anne Capestrain by May 21 at 793-0471.

TEACHER OPENING

Sacred Heart-Griffin has an opening for a full-time English teacher starting in August 2010. Call 217-787-1595 ext 105 as soon as possible to inquire.

NOTES FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Illinois State Science Fair-Congratulations to our seventh graders who competed in the State Science Fair held in Champaign on May 8. Ethan Bluhm earned a silver award, and Ben Eck, Eric Ketchum, and Luke Reiser received gold awards. Our students were competing with 1300 students from across the state, and only 32 gold awards were distributed for both the junior and senior high projects. Congratulations to our students on their success at the fair, and thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Cornelius and Mrs. Healy, for their guidance of all the seventh graders as they completed their science fair projects.

Illinois State History Fair-Congratulations to our eighth graders who competed in the State History Fair held in Springfield on May 6. In the research paper category Sam Casson, Kaysay Johnson, Nate Lewis, Abigail Perrero, Kerby Ingram, and Keeley Kolis received excellent awards, and Sean Wesp, Kate Healy, Hayley Reed, Jon Bluhm, and Lydia Nelson received superior awards. In the exhibit category Joel Henderson, Allyson Padget, and Lydia Nelson received excellent awards, and Emma Farley, Nate Lewis, Sarah Wheeler, Hayley Reed, Grant Wallace, and Kerby Ingram received superior awards. Congratulations to the eighth graders on their excellent representation of our school, and thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Alan and Mrs. Gregory, for their support of the students during the history fair preparations.

SCHOOL NOTES

Sunday, May 16 –6:00 p.m. – 8th grade awards ceremony & dance in the gym

Monday, May 17 – No school for 8th grade only; 6:00 p.m. – Graduation Mass

Tuesday, May 18 – 6:30 p.m. - 1st grade spring program (Mrs. Carter's room)

Wednesday, May 19 – Fun Day for kindergarten only; lunch with parents and dismissal following end-of-the-year program; MWF preschool last day of school & dismissal following end-of-the-year program; M-F preschool last day of school & dismissal following end-of-the-year program

Thursday, May 20 –Tu/Th preschool last day of school; Fun Day for grades 1 - 7; 1:30 p.m. dismissal; B.A.S.E. provided

Friday, May 21 – Last day of school for grades 1 – 7; 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass; 9:30 a.m. dismissal of students from the classrooms for summer break

TOTUS TUUS

You are invited to participate in TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a summer catechetical youth program, being held at Blessed Sacrament Parish the week of June 6th-11th. The program runs Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM for school children going into grades 1-6. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. For junior and senior high school youth, the program runs Sunday-Thursday 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM. TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN!!! The youthfulness and energy of the teachers - trained college-aged students - is contagious, come out and join us!!! Registration and additional information is available through both the Blessed Sacrament Parish website (www.bsps.org) and the School website (www.bssbruins.org). Please download and complete the Registration form. Mail form and payment of \$20.00 per participant/\$40.00 max per family, checks payable to Blessed Sacrament, to Angie Hyde, 1925 S. Walnut St. Springfield, IL 62704 or send with your child to Blessed Sacrament School in an envelope marked "Totus Tuus" or drop in the parish collection basket. If you have questions, please email Angie at 3hydeboys13@gmail.com or call 891-4619. If you'd like to help out (hugely appreciated and greatly needed), please see the link for volunteers. **Blessed Sacrament families need to register their elementary or high school students early as we will be opening up this program to the Diocese shortly and we are limited to 90 participants total.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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| Vacation | Bible | School | June | 21-25 |
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Set sail for a great adventure this summer at Vacation Bible School. We are having a High Seas Expedition and all students entering First Grade through 6th are invited to attend. June 21-25 from 9am to Noon. At High Seas Expedition, kids explore the mighty love of God on a journey that will change them forever! High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, teambuilding games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the High Seas Expedition activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot! Register online, there is a link on the school website at www.bssbruins.org if you are unable to register online you can send in the registration form (also available online or in the vestibule). Don't forget there are also many Volunteer Opportunities for both teens and adults to earn your service hours. We need help before and during the event. For registration information contact Karen Frost 698-1849 or ktfrost3@comcast.net For volunteer info visit the link on the school website or contact Linda Thornberry 523-7202 or Erin Sullivan 789-1256 or email bssvbs@live.com.

THANKS TO BSS EIGHTH GRADERS

"Learning To Make a Difference" is the motto of Blessed Sacrament School. This year members of the school's eighth class lived this motto by volunteering once a week at the St. Martin De Porres Center. These students filled food boxes, sorted clothing, and arranged donations. Their work made a difference in the lives of many people. The volunteers at St. Martin De Porres are very grateful for their efforts.

CATHOLIC TIMES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Catholic Times would like the names, high schools, and towns of those students graduating from public high schools by June 8 for their June 27 issue. Email twolters@dio.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF MAY 17-23

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00/8:20 AM**

Connor Rutherford, Mary Delano

Thursday, Friday**8:20/8:00 AM**

Emily Thornberry, Alex DeLeon

Saturday, May 22, 4:30 PM**Lectors:** Sarah Stannard**Servers:** Denver Patten, Marissa Patten, Albert Perlman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Senger, Thomas Schmidt, Pat Sheehan, Scott Reimers, Marty Mosley, Michelle Bretz, Joseph Stannard, Grace Stannard**Sunday, May 23, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** George Rudis, Jr.**Servers:** Noah Kren, Megan McCarthy**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrea Judd, Jim Morphey, Nancy Smith, Phil Graham, Dave Langston**Sunday, May 23, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** Don Tracy**Servers:** Emma Smith, Austin Beger, Meredith Beger**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, Jude Kennedy, Tom Karaiannis, Hannah Perrin, Clara Ushman, Janine Feller, Barbara Erdmann, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL**Sunday, May 23, 10:30 AM****Lectors:** Laurie Tappenbec**Servers:** Patrick Belz, Emily Thornberry, Jack O'Connor**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Tuttle, Gene Mitchell, Patricia Clarida, Lisa Belz, Linda Thornberry, Sean Fitzgerald, James Keys, Rita Keys

ADORATION HOURS

The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits. We can give our personal thanksgiving to God in the Real Presence anytime we desire in our Adoration Chapel.

*Can you respond to Him who longs for you this Easter season?
Even if you cannot take a permanent hour, please consider signing up as a substitute for the scheduled adorers.*

OPEN HOURS

DAYTIME

NIGHT TIME

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| 2:00 PM Sunday | 1:00 AM Monday |
| 3:00 PM Saturday | 9:00 PM Friday |
| 1:00 PM Sunday | 1:00 AM Sunday |
| 5:00 AM Wednesday | 12:00 AM Saturday |
| | 12:00 AM Sunday |
| | 1:00 AM Saturday |

cmheimlich@att.net
CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

SILVER CROSS RECITAL

Sacred Heart-Griffin senior Elizabeth Farris will present her Silver Cross Recital in Voice on Friday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Dominican Hall Auditorium. She is the

Building on Tradition

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| Goal | \$5,400,000.00 |
| Total Commitments | \$4,617,208.68 |
| Total Cash Received | \$ 1,958,198.51 |

daughter of Blanca and Steve Farris. The recital is free and open to the public. Farris has been involved in SHG musicals, served as a member of O.P. Teens and Springfield's Diocesan Choir. She is a member and officer of the *Encore* choir, received consecutive superiors at IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest and was chosen for the 2009 and 2010 IMEA District Honors Choirs. Her recital will include Handel's "Come Unto Him", Caccini's "Ave Maria" and Copland's "At the River".

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection

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| May 2, 2010 | \$18,630.00 |
| Target Amount | \$23,500.00 |