



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, July 10, 2011

Fifteenth 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 11, Saint Benedict

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Carl Fisherkeller
Vincent and Monica Vespa

Tuesday, July 12

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Elieen Ochman

Wednesday, July 13, Saint Henry

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Marilyn Mason
- ✕ **5:30 PM** Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering

Thursday, July 14, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Richard Schafer

Friday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Special Intentions of Sr. Caroline Okeke

Saturday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 7:00 AM Special Intentions of the Daughters of Divine Love (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ Confessions 3:00—4:00 PM
- ✕ 4:30 PM Herbert E. Taylor

Sunday, July 17, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ 7:00 AM Jack Healy
- ✕ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ 10:30 AM Jack Margaron

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the following people: Roberta, Mary Bernardi, David Neale, Becky Figge, Evelyn Robertson, Midge Ward, Toni, Angie Henderson, Angel, Alyssa, Barbara, Beth, Bonnie, Donna Braun, Danielle Loftus, Bill Forsyth, Elaine Grace, Joe, Mary Schwartz, Marlene, Michael, Sammy, Ruth Pohlman, Tom, Tom Schmidt, Michael Guzzardo, Pat, Don, Parishioners, relatives in service, and those who need our prayers.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

On Thursday, June 30, some parishioners from Decatur carefully (?) loaded my belongings and delivered them, along with me, to Blessed Sacrament in Springfield. Since some items arrived in a horse trailer, there was a rumor going around that Father might have a four-legged friend. However, even though I grew upon a farm, there is no truth to that rumor.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I was born in Charleston, Illinois, in 1954, the fourth of eleven children. I have five brothers and five sisters, all whose names begin with the letter J. I also have 27 nieces and nephews, and at last count, 11 great-nieces and nephews. I grew up on the family farm near the small community of Humboldt. We were members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Charleston where my father was a trustee. I attended grade school in Humboldt and high school in Mattoon and following graduation, enrolled at Eastern Illinois University. In 1975 I graduated with a B.S. in education. I taught in a learning disabilities classroom in Decatur for two years. It was during that time that I seriously explored my vocation and in 1977 began studying for the priesthood.

I attended the Diocesan Seminary in Springfield and Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. I was ordained by Bishop McNicholas in 1982 and assigned to St. Paul in Highland as an assistant pastor and teacher in the parish high school. My pastor was a Blessed Sacrament native, Fr. Martin (Mitz) Mangan. After four years in Highland, I was transferred to St. Aloysius in Springfield. The following year, I was assigned as pastor at Christ the King in Greenup and St. Charles in Casey.

My intention was to go back to Eastern to acquire a masters degree in counseling, but the next year, the pastor at Marshall was transferred, and the bishop asked me to temporarily take on that parish as well until he could find a replacement. That temporary assignment lasted until 2003. I used to say I had the largest parish in the state. Of course I meant in area, not numbers. It was fifty miles across, and at places, twenty miles from north to south. I was in my car a great deal of the time. When Motorola came out with the bag phone, I was the one of the first to purchase one.

In 2003, I was moved to St. Patrick in Decatur, and in 2006, named pastor of St. James as well. We began the process of merging these two downtown parishes
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OUR PARISH FAMILY

NOTE FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Blessed Sacrament Plant Superintendent Mike Hickey thanks the volunteers that showed up this Tuesday for our volunteer work night. Mike is now looking for a couple individuals to help with watering the new plants each night.

If anyone is interested please contact Mike Hickey at 415-5205 during the day. Mike will show you where all the hoses are and the keys to turn on the water faucets. With the hot weather the plants will need a lot of water to get established. The ideal watering time is after 5PM or early in the morning. Thanks again!!



SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

A first time ever summer music camp will be held at Villa Maria Monday, July 18-22 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The day will include:

- Devotions
- Music classes
- Dance class
- Theater class
- Piano class
- Orchestra

The final day will end in a performance for parents and siblings. Unfortunately, the chapel at Villa Maria cannot accommodate church friends as well, but you will have the benefit of their training as they share their gifts at Mass in the upcoming weeks.

There are 39 Blessed Sacrament students enrolled. The students are from the Parish and the school. Several moms have volunteered their time and expertise as teachers and helpers.

The fee for this endeavor is reasonable, only \$100 per student. There are several who have need of financial assistance. If you would like to donate to their music education, please contact Jody at the church office. Any amount to defray the cost is welcome.

SHG WORKS NOMINATIONS

SHG Works is a community service project to help the elderly, disabled and low income maintain their homes by bringing together student volunteers with those in need. It is held once a year. This year it will be held October 8th and 9th. Nominations for those in need have to be received by July 29th in order to make sure supplies and volunteers can be matched to each job. If you would like to receive assistance or know someone who would or you would like to volunteer to help or donate supplies or cash, please contact Nora Yochim at (217)698-9846 or norayochim@comcast.net.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

July 14—Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, has not yet been canonized.

Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and disfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle. Kateri converted to Catholicism as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly because of her faith, she remained firm in it.

Kateri went to the new Christian colonies of Native Americans in Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in the bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door before it opened at 4:00 and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to the Christ crucified. She died in April 1680 at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks."

Devotion to Kateri is responsible for establishing Native American ministries in Catholic churches all over the United States and Canada. Kateri was declared venerable by the Catholic Church in 1943 and was beatified in 1980. Work is underway to canonize Kateri Tekakwitha as a saint. Hundreds of thousands have visited shrines to Kateri erected at St. Frances Xavier and Caughnawaga and at her birth place in Auriesville, New York. Pilgrimages at these sites continue today.

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be declared a Blessed. She is the patroness of the environment and ecology, as is St. Francis of Assisi.

ADORATION HOURS

"There is something very powerful about spending time in a quiet church. ...Experience has taught me time and time again that all answers are in the tabernacle. I can go to many people in my life and ask them what they think I should do in a given situation, but nothing compares to sitting before Jesus in the tabernacle and placing my questions before Him." Page 196, Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly.

Prayerfully consider a scheduled hour in our adoration chapel. Contact Merle King (528-6088) or Tom Karaianis (415-3281) if you have any questions.

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| 1:00 A.M. MONDAY | 1:00 AM SUNDAY |
| 2:00 AM SATURDAY | 1:00 A.M. FRIDAY |
| 12:00 A.M. SATURDAY | 9:00 PM FRIDAY |

K OF C BREAKFAST BENEFIT

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, July 10 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at K of C Council 364, located at 2200 South Meadowbrook, north of Iles and west of Veterans Parkway. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids age 6-12, and free for kids age five and under. All proceeds benefit **Springfield Right to Life**, to use in their pro-life programs. For questions or to assist, contact the Right to Life office at 523-2700.

RIGHT TO LIFE BOOTH AT STATE FAIR

It's State Fair time again, and the Springfield Right to Life needs volunteers for the Right to Life Booth from August 12 through 21. Over two thousand men, women, and children of all ages visit our booth to pick up literature, sign a pro-life petition, and show their support for life. The scheduling is for three-hour shifts from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. We need four volunteers per shift. Being a volunteer is an opportunity for being a witness for the unborn. Please help us. Older children and teens are welcome to volunteer, too. Call Andrea Judd at 544-1300 or Retta at the **Right to Life Office at 523-2700 for more information.**

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGILS IN GRANITE CITY

Please consider joining a prayer vigil at the Abortion Clinic in Granite City on Saturday, July 16. We leave Lakeside Christian Church at 7:00 AM and return to Springfield around 1:00 PM. Our elected officials continue to allow more than 1 million surgical abortions each year, many occurring in Granite City. Please call Eric Portz for information or if you plan to attend. 718-4030.

CATHEDRAL FEST

All are welcome to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception's annual Cathedral Fest on August 6 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. The event includes live 80s music by The ReJuvenilz. Cost is \$40 per person including all you can eat food and drink (beer, wine, soda), and 30 chances to win up to \$5000 in cash. Reservations and payment required. Visit www.cathedral.dio.org or call the office at 522-3342.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JULY 11-17****Monday—Wednesday****8:00 AM**

Elise Antonacci, Braeden Frey

Thursday-Friday**8:00 AM**

Kaitlyn Johnson, Josh Moore

Saturday, July 16, 4:30 PM**Lectors:** Ken Dobucki**Servers:** Cole Taylor, Jack Broeker, Matthew Keane**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Sheehan, Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, Marge O'Keefe, Donna Hagler, Michelle Bretz, Ed Schofield, Mary Rita Dineen**Sunday, July 17, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** Carolyn Graham**Servers:** Tyree Redpath, Albert Perlman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Ann Walker, Dave Langston, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear**Sunday, July 17, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** Tom Karaianis**Servers:** Brady Malone, Alex DeLeon, Alex Mauntel**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joseph Stannard, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman, Clara Ushman, Jude Kennedy, Thomas Schmidt, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer**Sunday, July 17, 10:30 AM****Lectors:** Suzanne Miller**Servers:** Grace McDonald, Nicole Gerber, Sam Bonansinga**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cindy Ledbetter, Patricia Clarida, Sally Petrone, Jim Mophew, Barbara Erdmann, Barney Bruzetti, James Keys, Rita Keys

FATHER JEFF'S LETTER CONTINUED...

of roughly 1,300 families. They were located only six blocks apart. In 2007, they became the new parish of Ss. James and Patrick. I served as their pastor until a week ago last Friday.

Those are the facts. As to my interests, hobbies, favorite foods, etc., you need only to ask, and I will tell you. As to my strengths and weaknesses, I'm sure you will see them soon. Each pastor has definite and different gifts. This much I can tell you. I believe the role of the pastor is to lead by serving. I have no agenda other than to help us bring Christ to others. I have heard many good things about the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament. I am looking forward to working with you in order to do just that.

Father Jeff

PAPAL INTENTIONS –JULY

General Prayer Intention—That Christ may ease the physical and spiritual sufferings of those who are sick with AIDS, especially in the poorest countries.

Mission Prayer Intention—That religious women in mission territories may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and the living signs of the love of Christ.

Building on Tradition

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| Goal | \$5,400,000.00 |
| Total Commitments | \$5,167,787.68 |
| Total Cash Received | \$3,372,837.09 |



STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent / Treasure)

Parish Collection

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| June 26, 2011 | \$20,577.00 |
| Target Amount | \$23,500.00 |

Annual Catholic Services Appeal (as of 5/16/11)

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| Assessment | \$101,365.00 |
| Pledges by Parish Families | \$ 56,942.00 |
| ASCA Envelopes | \$ 3,526.00 |
| Remaining | \$ 40,897.00 |