

Ascension OF THE Lord



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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, June 6

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Leon Martin

Tuesday, June 7

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Joe Corrigan
Enos Tolan

Wednesday, June 8

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

Thursday, June 9

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Mary & Charlie Ebel

Friday, June 10

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Bill Lehman
Mary Tuerk

Saturday, June 11, Saint Barnabas

- 7:00 AM Fr. Varghese Thail (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ Confessions 3:00—4:00 PM
- ✕ 4:30 PM Pete Maggio

Sunday, June 12, Pentecost Sunday

- ✕ 7:00 AM John David Heimlich
- ✕ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ 10:30 AM Ann Pohlman

NOTE: DAILY MASS AT 8:00 AM EACH DAY DURING SUMMER BREAK.

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the following people: Angie Henderson, Angel, Alyssa, Barbara, Beth, Bonnie, Donna Braun, James Bridgewater, Danielle Loftus, Bill Forsyth, Emme Quigley, Joe, Mary Schwartz, Sammy, Ruth Pohlman, Tom, Tom Schmidt, Michael Guzzardo, Pat, Don, Elaine, Grace, and those who need our prayers.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The readings today tell us that just before He ascended, our Lord Jesus told us two things; wait for the Holy Spirit, and “you will be my witnesses” or “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them.” This is good advice to us. Wait for the promptings of the Holy Spirit, not passively but actively, as we witness to Jesus Christ in the world. It is our call as disciples and it is already the work of the Holy Spirit in us to be an image of Jesus Christ in everything we do and say. Even while doing this we should always be alert to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, watching and waiting for His lead along the way.

All of our Blessed Sacrament School students are now on summer break. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe, healthy, and happy summer break. I also pray that they will continue to grow in their faith and the practice of it during the summer.

A week ago Thursday Fr. Jeff Grant came to visit our parish. He met most of the parish staff and some of the teachers and students. It seemed like a comfortable, warm, and friendly meeting. Fr. Jeff was very impressed with the parish and school and seemed to be happier and more excited about coming here as we talked. He had many questions about how we do things here and said that he thought this would be a very good fit for him. I think so too. I invited Fr. Jeff to the Garden Party so that he could get a chance to meet many of you and begin to feel at home here. He was also very gracious in telling me that I would always be welcome to visit at any time. He knows this is a very difficult change and is being very understanding and gracious about it.

The new addition is nearing completion. Most of what remains to be done is the site work. We are now working on a punch list on the building itself. We have blocked off the area between the addition and the rectory so we can continue the site work that needs to be done there. Please note that there will not be access to this area while it is under construction. The work to convert the old gym (gymacafetorium) to a cafeteria/auditorium has now begun. All work is scheduled to be complete for a dedication ceremony August 14th.

In order to get to the church from the south parking lot we will have to use the sidewalk on the Walnut street side of the church until the site work is complete. Anyone using the adoration chapel will probably want to park on Laurel.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Dave Hoefler**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

WEDDING BANNIS

Christopher Vala and Jeni DeHeve plan to wed June 11, 2011.

Michael Mattox and Kasey Carver plan to wed June 25, 2011.

IT'S PARTY TIME!

Who: Fr. Hoefler (50!)

What: Birthday Party (adults only)

Where: KC Hall (off of Isles)

When: This Sunday, June 12th 4-7

Cost: \$10 per adult



Come celebrate with us! If you haven't made your reservation yet, **it is not too late**. Please call one of us today. Leave your name and the number of adults attending. You will pay for and pick up your tickets at the door. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Karen Senger(741-2818), Kim Hoffmann (698-0184), Fritz Belz (544-7338), or Willa Senger (529-1542).

VOUNTEER HELP NEEDED!

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for help with work associated with moving into the new addition on the following dates. Any volunteer hours would count towards the family service hours requirement for the 2011-2012 school year.

Monday, June 6:

Help is needed from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, to move music room items off the stage to the old library area. Mike Hickey, maintenance supervisor, will be present to help and direct the move of furniture.

Saturday, June 18:

Help is needed from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, to help with major moving projects. Many volunteers will be needed for this day. Both storage pods will be emptied, including all racks, and items will be moved for storage in the school. Racks will be moved out of the pods to new locations in the building addition. Old chairs will be moved to a pod for storage, and usable furniture from the garage on Laurel will be moved to the new building. Mike Hickey will be present to direct all moves. The committee is asking volunteers to bring dollies and moving pads if they have any available for use that day.

Please call the school office at 522-7534 or the rectory office at 528-7521 if you are available to help on any of these days! Thank you!!

K OF C BREAKFAST BENEFIT

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, June 12 from 8 am until noon at K C Council 364. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, and free for kids ages five and under. All proceeds benefit the Elizabeth Ann Seton Program, which mentors young mothers to be good parents. For questions contact the Council office at 787-2360.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHANGES!

ONE-DAY SESSION for kids entering 1st-6th grades. Due to space issues with our ongoing construction, changes have been made to our VBS program. This year we are offering a **mini-VBS**, a one-day program filled with all of the fun and excitement of our week-long program. Two sessions will be offered, Thursday, June 23 OR Friday June 24 from 9-12. Space is very limited so register soon for the one day you desire.

At PandaMania, kids explore the mighty love of God on a journey that will change them forever! PandaMania is filled with incredible Bible-learning kids see, hear, touch, and even taste. **Please register**

online; at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/bss> If you can't register online, fill out the form found in the back of church for a smooth check-in on the first day! Send the \$5 registration fee to the rectory office. Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish-VBS and note your child's name in the memo field. Feel free to contact me by e-mail, phone, or in person if you have any questions, or simply return the registration form or visit the website to register. **There is a registration link on the school web page at www.bssbruins.org.** Don't forget we also have plenty of volunteer opportunities available for Service Hours for both teens and adults.

Call or email Erin Sullivan bssvbs@live.com 789-1256.

EXHIBIT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Vatican International Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World is coming to Blessed Sacrament Parish on Corpus Christi Weekend, Saturday, June 25, 12PM – 7PM and Sunday, June 26, 7:30 AM – 3:30PM. This photographic exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of the panels, one can "virtually visit" the places where the Miracles took place. The exhibition has already visited more than one thousand parishes in other countries. All are welcome. Free Admission. No reservations required. For additional information or to volunteer an hour of your time, call 622-8576. Qualifies for Service Hours. Children and Teens are encouraged to volunteer. Make it a family event.

ADORATION HOURS

Schools are graduating students, summer is near, and vacation planning is getting serious. Travel is being planned; reservations are being made; hundreds of dollars are budgeted for the vacation. Why? For a few days free of stress and your onerous activities? To experience recreation as a form of *re-creation*?

Without travel time or expense, you can experience many of the same benefits by spending an hour of fellowship with our Lord in adoration. You will feel the peace and freedom from stress; you will leave feeling refreshed.

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

1:00 A.M. MONDAY

12:00 P.M. MONDAY (Noon)

3:00 P.M. TUESDAY

11:00 P.M. THURSDAY

1:00 A.M. FRIDAY

12:00 A.M. SATURDAY

2:00 A.M. SATURDAY

COURT MADONNA CELEBRATION

Court Madonna, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will celebrate 100 years on Saturday, June 11, 6 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate C o n c e p t i o n .

The original charter, dated June 11, 1911, will be on display as the members and their national, state, and local guests will participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a dinner in the Cathedral Atrium.

We are grateful that Bishop Paprocki will not only celebrate the Mass for us, but will be our guest speaker at our Celebration Dinner. We have a wonderful menu planned with Hamilton caterers. Everyone is welcome to join us for the 6 p.m. Mass. Those who would like to attend the dinner may order a \$10. ticket, in advance, by contacting Lois Jirgal, 523-2908, or Della Santos, 528-4582. Former members are especially welcome to return and share this historic 100 year celebration. Questions? Call Regent Lois Jirgal, 523-2908.

LAY MARIANISTS MEETING

The Lay Marianists Affiliates of Springfield, Illinois will have their monthly gathering and prayer on June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Alma and Bob Mandeville, 1941 S. Glenwood Avenue. To learn more about the Lay Marianists, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, you can contact Alma or Bob at 522-2787.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ALUMNI

St. Patrick Catholic School is putting together an alumni database to help communicate with former students and alumni. If you know any former alumni or student of St. Pats, please send the information to Michelle Marley, Development Director, St. Patrick School, 1800 South Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois 62703, or by email to marley2557@gmail.com. If possible, please include first and last name, maiden name if applicable, middle initial, year of graduation (or years attended if not a graduate), address, telephone number, and email address. Any information would be appreciated. Alumni information can also be input on the St. Patrick website at www.st-patrick.org or on the St. Patrick Catholic School Facebook page.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF JUNE 6-12

Monday—Wednesday

8:00 AM

Jack Murphy, Erin Monroe

Thursday-Friday

8:00 AM

Will Moran, Clara Munyer

Saturday, June 11, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Steven Schuefele

Servers: Ben Schuefele, Brendan Stannard, Erin Monroe

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Newell, Pat Sheehan, Susan Gallagher, Isabel Figueroa, Marty Mosley, Marge O'Keefe, Ed Schofield, Mary Rita Dineen

Sunday, June 12, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Virginia Moore

Servers: Daniel Gardner, Max Levi

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Smith, Phil Graham, Kathy Grubb, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear

Sunday, June 12, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Michael Lawless

Servers: Kevin Heffernan, Danny Heffernan, Emma Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: MaryAnn Gorney, Barbara Erdmann, Sr. Josephine Okeke, DDL, Sr. Francesca Okwars, DDL, Mary F. Conwill, Hannah Perrin, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer

Sunday, June 12, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Lila Dilbaitis

Servers: Taylor Pohlman, Abby Pohlman, Andrew Hoffmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Campbell, Rose Amon, James Dodge, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Jim Mophew, Pat Graham, Don Graham

GARDEN PARTY HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the 2011 Blessed Sacrament Garden Party! All shifts are available. We are in need of the following: Pull games out of the basement into the gym on Sunday, June 12th immediately following 10:30 mass (this shouldn't take long) Set-up on Tuesday, June 14th from 5 :00 - whenever we finish. Set-up during the day on Wednesday, June 15th starting at 1pm . Game shifts from 5:00-7:30, 7:30-9:00, and cleanup. We need people to help with the different game booths and the face painting/tattoo booth. Volunteers to help serving food at the BSS Grill anytime from 5:00 - 9:00 . All hours worked will count towards your service hours! If you can help, please return the attached form to: Stephen Depooter s.depooter@gmail.com 220-9200 or Sean Noonan snoonan@skkr.com 691-0910 Thank you!!!

PARISH FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL—JUNE 26

Come and eat free ice cream treats with your fellow parish family members after the Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, June 26, 2011. Enjoy your ice cream outside while you meet other Blessed Sacrament parishioners of all ages. Before or after eating, you can visit the Eucharistic miracles exhibit in the school. *ALL* parishioners are welcome. You will not be disappointed if you join us!

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Total Commitments	\$5,1666,122.68
Total Cash Received	\$3,301,945.91

VOLUNTEERS FOR BREADLINE

Blessed Sacrament provides food and service to St. John's Breadline on the second Saturday of each month. On June 11, we need help to serve from 10:15 AM to 12:45 PM. Call Donna at 622-8576 or just arrive at the Breadline, 430 N. Fifth Street. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP*(Time / Talent / Treasure)***Parish Collection**

May 24, 2011	\$20,059.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00

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

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