



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, April 26, 2015
Fourth 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.

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, April 27

Confessions before Mass

8:00 AM Richard L. Seefeldt
Ginny Valdez

Tuesday, April 28

Confessions before Mass

8:20 AM Elaine Ebbeson

Wednesday, April 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00 AM Norm Billington
5:30PM Prayer Service

Thursday, April 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Rita Bianco

Friday, May 1

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM Midge Ward
Bob O'Keefe

Saturday, May 2

8:00AM Special Intention of Maxine Westendorf
(Latin Mass)

3:00-4:00PM - Confessions

4:30 PM Robert & Mary Louise VonBehren

Sunday, May 3-Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30 AM Eugene O'Keefe

10:30 AM Mary Broeker

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Someone sent me the following e-mail. I thought I might share it with you.

Hands!

A basketball in my hands is worth about nineteen dollars.

A basketball in LeBron James' hands is worth about 33 million dollars.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about six dollars

A baseball in Felix Hernandez's hands is worth 275 million dollars.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Andy Murray's hands is worth millions.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away an angry dog.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A slingshot in David's hands is a mighty weapon.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in Jesus' hands will feed thousands.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams,

your families and your relationships in God's hands because...

It depends whose hands it's in.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Drew Cripe & Katharine Flemming

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Isabella Kathleen Resendez and Aryana Resendez,
daughters of Juan & Jodi Resendez

Please Pray for our Recently Departed:

Zoe Bartolo

School News:

Sunday, April 26– 1:00pm—First Communion for Mrs. Kroner's class.

Thursday, April 30– 5th Grade Vocations Trip to St. Louis

Friday, May 1– 8:20 am-All School Mass & May Crowning

4th Grade Field Trip to St. Louis

Tuesday, May 5– 7:00pm Kindergarten Mothers' Tea

Annual Ladies Night Out will be **Thursday, May 7,**

In the school cafeteria. Cocktails, Dinner, & Music, \$15 per person. Reservations with payment must be received in the office before May 1st. Reservation slips & payments will be accepted in the school office, parish office, in the collection basket or by mail. Please join us for an evening of fun and camaraderie.

All-Class Reunion– Blessed Sacrament School will host an All-Class reunion for its adult alumni on May 23, 2015. Activities will begin during the afternoon and include school tours. After 4:30pm Mass, there will be a happy hour followed by dinner and a disc jockey. Please contact Kim at hoffmannn@bssbruins.org with questions or to provide updated addresses so that as many alumni as possible are included

Class of 2015-High School Graduates–We would like to know the college you will be attending. The Newman Connection's High School Outreach Program would like to connect with Catholic students attending college and invite them to events on campus. You can call the Parish Office (528-7521) and leave your name and the college you will be attending or email your information to mantenan@bsps.org.

Parish Council–There are two openings on the Parish Council. These are 3 year terms. Only requirement is you must be a registered Parishioner to serve on the Parish Council. If you are interested please contact Fr. Grant or call the Parish Office 528-7521.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-The Paschal Mystery– Whether you would like a refresher on the basic beliefs of our Faith or there are topics you missed in Catechism class, SYMBOLON is for you. Our next session we will discuss the Holy Spirit and the upcoming Pentecost. This session will be held on May 12th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. For more information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335. This program made possible in part by a *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* grant from the Diocese of Springfield.

In Unison-Next Sunday, May 3– at 4pm, young musicians and artists from Blessed Sacrament Parish will present *In Unison*, a concert under the direction of Blessed Sacrament's Music Director, Jody Kienzler and art teacher Ruth Ficke. All proceeds will fund the completion of an outdoor prayer grotto in the parish of SS Peter & Paul in the Tamale Archdiocese of Ghana, Africa. Fr. Gerald Zienna is the pastor of this parish. You will remember Fr. Gerald as the priest who was in residence here at Blessed Sacrament from 2010-2012 while he was chaplain at St. John's and Memorial Hospitals. The event will be held here at Blessed Sacrament Church with a reception following. Handmade items such as rosaries, quality prints, and original art and photos will be available for purchase. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

Calvary Cemetery gates to be closed May 2nd & 3rd– due to the Civil War Encampment and Re-Enactment at Lincoln Park and the 150th Anniversary Lincoln funeral at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The walk-in gates will be open normal hours but no vehicles will be permitted inside the cemetery on Saturday & Sunday. Our main goal is to keep event visitors from parking on our grounds and damaging graves, turf, & monuments.

Catholic Schools Appeal Kick Off will be next weekend, May 2nd & 3rd. A mailing will be sent to all parishioners following this weekend. Proceeds of the Appeal will be distributed fairly among the schools represented at year end. Please be generous in your response to this appeal.

J.O.S.H.U.A. and SHG students will be here next weekend to kick-off this year's **M&M's for Money and Missions**. Thank you for your tremendous support over the years.

St. Vincent De Paul Meeting, this Tuesday, April 28th in the Rectory Basement.

ADORATION HOURS

ULTIMATE BULLYING: Bullying occurs when the strong attack the weak. Abortion occurs when adults attack and kill a defenseless, pre-born child. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. THURSDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	9:00 P.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	6:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY

Are you a visitor to Blessed Sacrament? If you're visiting us today we're glad you're here. If you are considering Blessed Sacrament as your new spiritual home, or if you just want to know more about us, we have a packet of information we would like you to take home with you. Just ask any usher for a visitor's packet. You don't have to give us any information about yourself. Just ask an usher. No strings attached. Thank you for visiting Blessed Sacrament..

Advertise on the Bulletin-During the week of May 18th our representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc., will be working on our Bulletin and contacting advertisers for the back page. Please consider advertising in the Bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes the Bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. It's a great way to get your name in front of the families in the church. Please do give this idea some thought. We need and appreciate your help in reaching the Parish goal. More details and contact information to follow.

Chicken Dinner Time-Knights of Columbus #4175 North Council and Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation will have their 42nd Annual Chicken Dinner, Sunday, May 3rd, from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Eat in, take out and drive-through are available. Tickets are available from members of both the K of C and Ursuline Foundation members. For more information call Martin- 622-6296

All you can eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast-, Sunday, May 3rd from 7:30am-1:30pm at Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook. Cost \$6 per person, children under 5 eat free. Proceeds benefit the Boy Scouts program in the Abraham Lincoln Council.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26. More information to follow.

Pro-Life Baby Shower-Knights of Columbus 364 will be conducting a Pro Life Baby Shower during the month of May at Blessed Sacrament. There will be a baby bed set up in the vestibule where people can donate items such as diapers, wipes, "almost new" clothes, toys, blankets, etc. All items will then be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center in Springfield. For questions, call 787-2360.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF APR. 27-MAY 1****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Jack Lamar-Reilly Mohn

Thurs.- Friday

Andrew Mauntel-Maggie O'Brien

Saturday, May 2, 4:30PM**Lector:** Ken Dobucki**Servers:** Sophie Reimers,
Andrew Reimers, Maggie Haugh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noah Kren, Lisa Belz, Scott Reimers, Colleen VonDeBur, Carol Gvazdinkas, Josh Moore, Ed Schofield, Rosemary DiNello**Sunday, May 3, 7:00am****Lector:** Val Simhauser**Servers:** Augie Antonacci**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Kathryn Gietl, Riley Hinds, Dave Langston, Kathy Grubb**Sunday, May 3, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Jim McDermott**Servers:** Luke Portz, Brandon Graham, Lauren Smith**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose Amon, Mary B.Maloney, Carol Guthrie, Ben Portz, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo, Ken Sommer, Mary K.Sommer, Andrew Adams**Sunday, May 3, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Joseph Stannard**Servers:** Teddy Thornberry, Maddie O'Connor, Kevin Heffernan**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lila Dilbaitis, Barney Bruzetti, Mary Tuttle, James Dodge, MaryAnn Gorney, Joe Stannard III, Pat Graham, Don Graham

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Denise S, Bernie Coady, Michael VonBehren, Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Steve, Peter Schofield, Amy Gatewood family, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brigid Gallagher, Annamae, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Liz, Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Judy, Doug, Tammie, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane Galli, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & shipmates

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance please call 698-4456

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,254,994.50</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 145,005.50
Amount Received March 2015	\$ 2,830.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, April 12, 2015	\$18,422.25

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 3/9)	\$64,545.73
Amount Remaining	\$41,281.27

17% of our parishioners(234 families) have contributed to date