



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, August 24, 2014
21st 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, August 25

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Angela & Louie Gietl

Tuesday, August 26

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:20 AM** For a Successful School Year

Wednesday, August 27

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Tim Davlin
Joey VonDeBur
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, August 28

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Dr. Joe Fluckiger
Leonard Metz

Friday, August 29

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Ralph Hickey

Saturday, August 30

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(Latin Mass)
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Dr. Fenton Drake

Sunday, Aug. 31–22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ **7:00 AM** William Y. Reid
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Toni Weis
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Intention of Our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Patricia, Annamae, Larry These Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, , Mary Ann, Peg, 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, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, Nancy Hanlon, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & shipmates

Dear Parishioners,

Beyond You. They word beyond means far away or out of reach. When an idea or concept is beyond me, it means I am unable to comprehend it. It is out of my reach. This year at Blessed Sacrament our theme is **Beyond You.** We are challenging our students, faculty, staff, and families to reach for those things that seem “beyond you.” What may have been out of reach last year may not be this year. You will not know unless you aim, stretch, and reach for it. Growth is about going beyond oneself.

The challenge we give our students is to grow intellectually. We don't want our students to settle for simply being OK or good enough. We want them to set goals and then strive to do better. We want them to strive to be exceptional.

Secondly, we challenge them to grow socially. We encourage them to reach beyond the circle of their immediate friends. There are several new students in our school this year and it is important that all of us make the effort to welcome them and include them in activities. Also, we challenge them to be patient, understanding and forgiving, for these are the tools that will create a happier and healthier learning environment.

Finally, and most importantly, we challenge our school to grow spiritually. Again, we say it is not enough just to be OK. Religion is not an academic subject where we learn the precepts or teachings of the faith. That is important but it will not guarantee a healthy spiritual life unless one makes an effort to live it. True, we may never be perfect in living our faith, but we will never get better unless we practice. We must take the time, set goals, apply the teachings, and pray for grace to go beyond ourselves.

What we are teaching in our school is not just for the children. Hopefully, all of us are still growing. Complacency has no place in our lives. Like the children, we must stretch and reach for those things that seem beyond our grasp. Whether it is learning new things, interacting with others in friendly and positive ways, or applying the beliefs and values we hold to daily life, we must never settle for simply being OK or good enough. We must strive to be exceptional. We must reach beyond ourselves; for if we don't stretch and we don't reach, we don't grow.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our recently departed:

Christian Thill
Mary Martin

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Margot Lucy Wright, daughter of Daniel & Emily Wright

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Samuel Meteer & Cara Workman

School News:

Monday, August 25- 3:00pm dismissals begin for all-day Pre-K through 8th grade

Tuesday, August 26- 8:20am Mass for grades 2-5 begins

Friday, August 29- 8:20am Mass for grades 6-8 begins.

Monday, September 1- Labor Day- No School

Silent Auction Baskets needed for BSS Auction October 4th. Please drop off baskets at the school office or contact Colleen Kane (cakane@hotmail.com or 725-2539) for basket pick-up. Baskets may be new or used, large or medium sized. Thank you to everyone who has donated silent auction items. We are still accepting those, too!

Save the date: Registration for PSR for children attending public schools will be Wednesday, September 3rd, from 6:30-8:00pm at the school.

Matthew Bible Study Part 2 will begin again on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:00pm in the Rectory Basement. Matthew chapters 14-28 will be covered over the next eleven Tuesdays. You are invited even if you did not attend the first half of our study of Matthew. Please contact Bob or Connie Vincent for more information. 523-4335

Flu Shot Clinic: We are having a flu shot clinic, sponsored by Walgreen's Pharmacy in the school cafeteria on **Saturday, September 20th from 5:30-6:30pm and Sunday, September 21st from 8:00am-Noon**. This year's flu shot is recommended for anyone at least 10 years old and especially for the elderly and those with medical conditions. This year's flu shot offers protection against both the seasonal flu and H1N1 (swine flu). No reservations necessary. Shot is free for those with Medicare or Medicaid and for those with no insurance the cost is \$25.99. IF you have private insurance Walgreen's will bill your insurance but you will be responsible for any co-pay.

Musical Notes & Happenings: We had a great choir camp this summer ending with the musical production of *"Through the Looking Glass"* Many thanks to the talented students, great parents and teachers, Erin Foley, Katie LoGrasso & Jenny Triphan. Ruth Ficke's set was fantastic. The mom and student helpers made for a successful week. Special thanks to Sydney Compton & Isabel Garcia for the lovely props.

Sign-ups for the coming choir season will be the weekend of August 30-31.

Choristers-grades 3-5. Rehearse Wednesdays 3-4:15PM in Choir Room. Sing 3rd Saturday, 4:30pm
High School Choir-grades 9-12. Sing 2nd Saturday, 4:30pm, rehearse at 3:30on that day.

Chorale-adults, high school and up, rehearse Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm. Sing 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays at 10:30am and 1st Saturday, 4:30pm.

Festival Choir- Rehearse once a month, Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday. Sing the 2nd Sunday, 10:30am.

Resurrection Choir-to begin this fall..anyone who is able to sing for funerals during the day.

Jubilate Choir (Grades 4-8) is an auditioned choir. They rehearse Thursdays 3-4:30pm and sing 1st Sunday, 10:30 and 4th Sunday 8:30.

Cantus- is a junior high choir who sings at all sacraments. Audition is required.

Any instrumentalist who would like to participate in the Mass, please call for an appointment. 528-7521.

Annual Respect Life Benefit Dinner will be on Friday, September 27th at the Northfield Conference Center, located in Springfield. Mrs. Sue Thayer, a former Planned Parenthood manager in Storm Lake Iowa, is our featured speaker. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students with a special rate—a table for 8 for \$350. Register now to assure desired seating with friends. Call the Springfield Right To Life office at 523-2700 to make a reservation and state your seating preferences. Deadline for reservations is September 19th.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 11th, 12pm-1pm, 2014 Annual Prayer in the Public Square. To be held at the Illinois State Capitol Building in front of the Lincoln Statue at 2nd and Capitol Street. Bishop Paprocki will lead us in praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are invited. If you would like to help us in prayer or song contact Donna 622-8576 or d.berte@comcast.net.

Congratulations!! To Dalton Anglum who received his First Communion at Blessed Sacrament on August 17th.

ADORATION HOURS

Independence Day is past; many of us sang "God Bless America!" with our friends and neighbors. Elections are coming and if we sincerely want God to bless our country, PRAYER is needed! Pray that "We the people" elect moral leaders at local, state, and national levels. Thank god for the recent Pro-Life ruling by the Supreme Court. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaiannis at 415-3281, if you want more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
3:00 P.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
12:00 A.M. TUESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY
4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	

To Evangelize can be different for each of us. One is that we need to reach out to friends or relatives that might be interested in our faith. Simply invite them to Mass with you, talk about it, and let them know what faith means in your life. If they show some interest, tell them about RCIA. It is a chance to learn about the Catholic Faith with an opportunity to join at Easter, if they choose. There are no gimmicks, commitments, or costs—other than time. We will start meeting September 4th, each Thursday from 7-9pm. Help them feel comfortable, offer to come with them to the meetings. To join or get more information, or if they would like to talk to someone about it in more depth, simply call the Office 528-7521. We will be happy to help them. This is what Jesus is asking of us.

Tips for Welcoming Visitors at Mass: Welcome Everyone. No only do visitors need your warm welcome, regular Mass attendees also need a friendly greeting. Develop a good handshake and be enthusiastic about our parish. You are greeting others in the name of Christ. More tips to follow in upcoming weeks. This series of tips is brought to you by the Blessed Sacrament Evangelization Committee.

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.

Mass Time Change: Daily Mass on **Tuesday & Friday** is now at **8:20am**.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF AUGUST 25-29**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Gabby Antonacci-Mary Clare
Mizeur

Thurs.- Friday

Julia Delano– Elise Huffstedtler

Saturday, August 30, 4:30PM

Lector: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Abby Pohlman, Taylor
Pohlman, Mary Pohlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick
Campbell, Scott Reimers,
Larry Newell, Noreen Luhr,
Susan Gallagher, Marty
Mosley, Lisa Belz, Carol
Gvazdinskas

Sunday, August 31, 7:00am

Lector: George Rudis, Jr.

Servers: Christian Gatewood,
Brandon Gatewood

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat
Sheehan, Dave Langston,
Riley Hinds, Kathryn Gietl,
Phis Graham

Sunday, August 31, 8:30 AM

Lector: Melaney Arnold

Servers: Lauren Smith, Emma
Smith, Brandon Graham

Eucharistic Ministers: Bradley
Frost, Mike Delvo, Anne
Capestrain, Kathy Harth, Rose
Amon, Jim Morphew, Colleen
VonDeBur, Janine Feller

Sunday, August 31, 10:30 AM

Lector: Suzanne Baase

Servers: Noah Finch, Braeden
Frey, Mikayla Hady

Eucharistic Ministers: Lila
Dilbaitis, Sally Petrone,
Andrea Judd, MaryAnn
Gorney, Barbara Erdmann,
Rita Keys, James Keys, Lynn
Frasco

St. Joseph's Home will be hosting its 3rd annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 20th, from 11am-4pm. The event will include food, music, free bounce house, petting zoo and local vendors. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Lauren Acton at lacton@saintjosephshome.org. or call 529-5596 to request an information packet.

Butler Funeral Home will have an open door session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery & Advance Planning on Thursday, August 28th, 11:30am-1:30pm at Bella Milano. No cost or obligation, complimentary lunch. Please call for reservations by Monday, August 25th, 544-4646.

Home Instead Senior Care is sponsoring a 40/70 Rule Workshop on Wednesday, September 10th from 5-7pm at the Illini Country Club. This workshop is designed to help families start the conversation about difficult aging issues. To reserve a spot, call Home Instead Senior Care at 547-1300.

Pat Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the of Springfield in Illinois. 698-8500

Building on Tradition

Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,087,409.05</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 312,590.95
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 675.00

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, August 10, 2014	\$16,403.50