



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, August 3, 2014
18th 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 4

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Mary Stenger

Tuesday, August 5

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Paul Killion
Mary Broeker

Wednesday, August 6

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Richard Senger
Willa Senger
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, August 7

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Allen Henderson

Friday, August 8

- 8:00AM** GeorgeAnn Martin

Saturday, August 9

- 8:00 AM** Robert Beall
(Latin Mass)
- ✘ **4:30 PM** Audrey, Emeraude, & Cyriaque
Nougbohohoue

Sunday, August 10–19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ **7:00 AM** John Lawler
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Paul Hughes
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Intention of Our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

Please pray for the intention of : John M, Susan Baatz, 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,

Something to think about: The following is a true story forwarded to me by a friend some time back. In a Washington D.C. Metro Station, one cold January morning back in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most on their way to work. After 3 minutes a middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried off. 4 minutes later the violinist received his first dollar—a woman threw the money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk. At 6 minutes a young man stopped to listen, then looked at his watch and hurried on his way. At 10 minutes a three year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head to look back. The action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly. The musician played continuously for 45 minutes. Only six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk on. The man collected a total of \$32. When he finished playing, silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no sign of recognition.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days prior to his subway performance, Joshua Bell sold out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged more than \$100 each. This performance in the metro station was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste, and people's priorities. Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context? If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made...how many other things are we missing?

After reading this article, I began to think about Mass. I have often heard that one of the major reasons people miss Mass on the weekends is because they are busy. It is easy to fill our lives with many things that demand our time and attention. Sad to say, but this busyness often leaves us no time to ponder and appreciate the beauty around us. Slowing down doesn't mean we are going to miss something in life. More likely, just the opposite...we will discover something truly valuable.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our recently departed:
George Egizii

School News:

School Packets for the upcoming school year may be picked up this weekend, August 2 & 3 after all the Masses in the entrance to the school.

Tuesday, August 12th– Fee Night– Families with last names beginning G-M 6:30-7:00pm.

N-Z 7:00-7:30pm

A-F 7:30-8:00pm

Monday, August 18th–First day of School

A Pilgrimage Of Peace To the Holy Land: You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime “Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land,” 12 days, December 1-12, 2014. Includes visits to Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and more. Just \$2,599 from Chicago, plus airport taxes and tips. Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. John Burnette. For more information, please contact Vicki Compton at 698-8500 or email to vcompton@dio.org. Space is limited. Register today!

Springfield Right To Life is looking for volunteers for their State Fair booth from Friday, August 8th through Sunday, August 17th. Shifts are for 3 hours beginning at 9:00am, ending at 9pm. Teens are welcome to volunteer. Your presence can make a difference. For more information or to volunteer, call Andrea Judd at 553-4550 or Springfield Right To Life at 523-2700.

2014 Diocesan Women’s Conference is Saturday, September 13th, from 8:30am-3:30pm at the Chiara Center in Springfield. A day for diocesan women in their 20s to 40s to learn about their dignity as daughters of God, the 4 gifts in the heart of every woman, and the mission of each woman in the family, the Church, and the world. Lunch, Mass, goody bags, vendors. Find us on Facebook at : In Her Cherished Heart or email cherishedheartteam@gmail.com

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.

We have your ticket! St. Patrick Catholic School has tickets to the Cardinal vs. Cub baseball game on Saturday, August 30th. Lower right field box, sections 127, 128, 129. Cost is \$85 (\$105 value) By ordering your ticket from St. Pat’s you will get a great seat for a great Price and also help support the educational and spiritual efforts of St. Patrick Catholic School. Buy your tickets online at www.st-patrick.org.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is having their next Theology on Tap on Thursday, August 21st at Brickhouse on Iles. The topic will be “The Pope Francis Effect” featuring Fr. Jeff Grant. Social hour starts at 6:00pm with presentation at 7:00pm. For more information contact Justin Sinner at jdsinner@gmail.com.

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.

Elizabeth Ann Seton (EAS) program will hold its 3rd annual “Moms Go Back To School” luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, August 26th, Noon, at the Hilton Springfield. Featured speaker is Letrice Ware, CEO of Rock It Science Empowerment (RISE). Ware will speak about her journey from homelessness to college graduate and businesswoman. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling EAS 757-6025.

Catholic Camp-O-Ree, September 5-7 at Camp Illinek Springfield. This camp is for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing crews. Activities include campfires, games, and group activities. Opportunity to work on Religious Awards. For more information: <http://scouts.dio.org>. Registration deadline in August 25th. \$25 per family.

All-You-Can-Eat breakfast buffet will be held Sunday, August 10th from 8am-Noon at the Knights of Columbus Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, kids 6-12 \$5, five and under are free. Proceeds benefit Council 364’s Vocations Program. For questions call 787-2360

Fr. Mario DaSilva thanks you for your generosity in support of the missionary work of the Institute of the Divine Word. If you have not done so, you may still make a donation to this important missionary work. May God bless you for your generosity and goodness.

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 Karaianis at 415-3281, if your want more information about scheduled adoration, or if your 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	

Yep, You Own It! Each time a new RCIA group forms you are reminded that the RCIA process is the responsibility of our whole parish. The "RICA TEAM" comes from the parish and is **your** representative. In these times of "the New Evangelization" the RCIA is good way to be part of it. We can use your help in a number of ways, some are: Care Team (support); sponsor; catechist; hospitality, sharing your faith story, etc. We should all be praying for those the Spirit is calling; pray that they will open heir hearts and ears to "hear". If you know of someone interested in the Catholic Faith, reach out to them. Ask them to come to church with you. If you can give a hand when the new RCIA group begins (9/4/14) or would like to talk to someone about the RCIA, please call the Parish Office 528-7521.

Tips for Welcoming Visitors at Mass: Go in Peace and Greet Someone! Seek out someone you have not met before. Shake their hand, introduce yourself, and take a few moments to welcome them to your parish home, God's house. More tips to follow in upcoming weeks. This series of tips is brought to you by the Blessed Sacrament Evangelization Committee.

Scrip is available in the Parish Office Monday thru Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm. Scrip is an easy fundraiser. You can buy scrip cards to use in your everyday shopping. They also make great gifts.

Cathedral Ice Cream Social— Today, Sunday, August 3, 11am-3:30pm in the Atrium. Food, drinks, games, Silent Auction, plus Ice Cream and Cake. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

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

First Communion Pictures for both the school and PSR can be picked up in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday from 9am - 3pm.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF AUGUST 4-8****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM**

Maggie Haugh-Jackie Romer

Thurs.- Friday

Monica DeLeon-Maya Dye

Saturday, August 9, 4:30PM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Will Moran, Gabrielle Njapa, Gabrielle Wood**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathryn Gietl, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Janine Feller, Lis Belz, Andrea Judd, Sally Petrone, Noreen Luhr**Sunday, August 10, 7:00am**

Lector: Chris Perrin

Servers: Maddie O'Connor, Kendra McCubbin**Eucharistic Ministers:** Riley Hinds, Ann Walker, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Pat Sheehan, Dave Langston**Sunday, August 10, 8:30 AM**

Lector: Patrick Fitzgerald

Servers: Lily Klaves, Grace Lambert, Laurelynn Weihmeir**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Harth, Colleen VonDeBur, Laurie Mann, Anne Capestrain, Mike Delvo, Patricia Clarida, Mark Ushman, Bradley Frost**Sunday, August 10, 10:30 AM**

Lector: Michael Lawless

Servers: Garrett Mohn, Reilly Mohn, Tyree Redpath**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Rick Campbell, Barbara Erdmann, Carol Guthrie, Barney Bruzetti, MaryAnn Gorney, Jim Mophew, Mary Tuttle

Ursuline Academy Class of 1989 25th Reunion will be held Friday & Saturday, August 8th & 9th. Friday, August 8th, Wine & Cheese Reception from 6-8pm at Brinkerhoff Home on the Benedictine Campus. No Cost for this event. Saturday, August 9th, dinner from 6-9pm in the Angela Hall Gym. Cost \$30 per person. Please RSVP for both events as soon as possible to Mary Beth (Squires) Bormann at ebormann@ben.edu

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>\$5,080,616.89</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 319,383.11
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,068.00

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time / Talent /Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, July 20, 2014	\$19,307.25