



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, August 4, 2013
Eighteenth 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 5

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Mary Ellen Picco
Helen Huelsman

Tuesday, August 6

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Richard Senger

Wednesday, August 7

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Tom Schmidt
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, August 8

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

Friday, August 9

- Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Roberta Beall

Saturday, August 10

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(LATIN MASS)
- Confessions 3:00--4:00pm**
- ✘ **4:30 PM** Paul Hughes

Sunday, August 11--19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Ed Bancroft
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Beger & Solomon Families

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

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

Please pray for the intention of : Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox

Dear Parishioners,

In 1979, I was studying for the priesthood at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. In October of that year, Pope John Paul II made his first visit as pope to our country. I, along with some classmates, got permission to go to Chicago where we attended an outdoor Mass with over 200,000 people in Grant Park. It was the largest Mass I ever attended and one could feel the excitement of the crowd. The energy with which John Paul spoke to us and celebrated Eucharist, is an experience that is hard to describe. You have to be there.

Last Sunday, another pope, Francis I, celebrated the closing Mass for World Youth Day on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro. The crowd was estimated at three million. Can you imagine how large that is? It is more than ten times the number of people I witnessed in Chicago. In fact, if everyone in the city of Chicago showed up (2.7 million) it still would not be as large as that crowd in Rio. There were people from all over the world—including our diocese. Bishop Paprocki was there. So was a group from Marshall, one of my former parishes. They were from all over the world and they came to worship Christ and to hear our pope speak to them. Francis urged young Catholics to spread the faith to the fringes of society... even those who seem most indifferent. He let them know that the church needs them. It needs their enthusiasm, their creativity, and their joy. Pope Francis sees our youth as a great blessing.

That is indeed good news. We live in a world where many people are negative about the church and faith in general. Their criticism is not meant to correct mistakes, but rather to embarrass and destroy. Even many who claim to be faithful are pessimistic when they talk about the future of our world and the church. Yet, if you stood in a crowd of 3 million people, mostly youth, alive with enthusiasm, filled with faith and hope, you might see things differently. The church is very much alive.

However, the pope is wise. If our faith and our church is to remain vibrant, it is the youth who will make it so. Yes, they must take it to all—especially the fringes. Isn't that what Jesus did? Two thousand years later that message of hope still appeals to the heart of those beaten by the hardness and injustices of our world. We need the young with their energy and enthusiasm to take the Gospel to the world.

I will never forget the electricity in the crowd that day in Chicago nearly 34 years ago when John Paul II spoke to us of our role in bringing Christ and being Christ for others. It did much to kindle the faith in the hearts of a whole generation of Catholics, young and old alike. I hope and pray Francis's words will do the same.

Missionary Coop. This weekend, Fr. Tom Carroll, a Piarist Father, will give the annual Missionary Co-op Appeal. Among the vows they take is a vow to educate youth. The Piarists have about 200 schools in 32 countries around the world, including one in Appalachia in eastern Kentucky. Fr. Carroll will ask your support for their educational work and their many outreach programs designed to fight poverty in these regions.

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:**

Henry Edward Barry, son of John (Shawn) and Paula Barry

School Notes: Saturday August 3 & Sunday

August 4—Pick up back-to-school packets & drop off used uniform items in the school's main hallway after all the Masses.

August 5-August 15—School office open from 9:00am-12noon, Monday through Thursday

August 14 Wednesday— 5:30pm—Orientation for new families in the gym.

6:30—8:00pm—**Fee night** in the cafeteria according to the following schedule: N-Z -- 6:30-7:00pm,
A-F—7:00-7:30pm,
G-M—7:30-8:00pm.

Used uniform sale in conjunction with Fee Night

Monday, August 19—First day of school for grades 1-8. 10:00am Prayer Service, 1:30pm dismissal:

B.A.S. E. available

Tuesday, August 20-Friday, August 23—1:30 dismissal all week for grades 1-8

School Office Hours: Beginning Monday, August 5, the office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9am to Noon. The office will be closed on Fridays until August 23. If anyone is unable to pick up a registration packet over the weekend of August 3 & 4, the packets will be available in the school office from August 5-15. **ALL** forms must be turned in **BEFORE** the first day of school, Monday, August 19.

Springfield Area Catholic Schools Are Now

Enrolling The Community of the Springfield Area Catholic Schools invites your to join us! Each of our schools offers a safe and nurturing learning environment of academic excellence, faith, and service, rich in the Catholic tradition. Visit our website: www.springfieldcatholicschools.net NOW ENROLLING. TUITION ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

Back-to School Packets After Masses this weekend, August 3 & 4, class lists and back-to-school packets will be available and should be picked up in the main hallway of the school. The packets will include all the necessary forms for the start of the school year.

Blessed Sacrament School Openings: We still have two openings in our Tu/Th morning preschool class for three year-olds and two openings in our MWF morning pre-kindergarten for four year-olds. We also have openings in kindergarten-eighth grade, with the exception of no openings in seventh grade. Contact the school office at 522-7534 if you are interested in enrolling your child in one of these classes.

Used Uniform Sale will be held in conjunction with Fee Night, Wednesday, August 14, from 6:30-8:00pm. Please drop off gently used uniforms at the school office after the Masses this weekend, August 3 & 4 on Mondays through Thursdays, August 5-12 from 9am-Noon. August 13th is the deadline for dropping off used uniforms. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale.

Calling all Parishioners! Please join us the night of **Saturday, October 5th**, for the 44th Annual Auction! Many volunteers and "cheerleaders" are needed as we strive to raise \$100,000 for Blessed Sacrament School. Tickets are \$25per person or \$350 for a reserved table of 8. The fun begins at 5:30pm. Your presence at this fun & casual event is truly appreciated. Are you able to donate your time or talents and join our Auction Touchdown Team? If so, please contact Jennifer Madiar at jmadiar@yahoo.com or 312-371-8362.

Mission Co-op: This weekend we welcome Fr. Thomas Carroll of the Piarist Fathers. The Piarist Fathers take a 4th vow to educate youth. They do this in 32 countries around the world, including Eastern Kentucky. The second collection today is for the Piarist Missions. Please be generous!

Thank you to all the generous donors who made the Vacation Bible School a very successful week. Due to your generosity we were able to sponsor 12 children from St. Patrick 's to attend our Vacation Bible School.

Do Someone a Favor!! If you know someone who may have some interest in our faith, tell them about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation). 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 5th (note date change), and each Thursday thereafter from 7–9PM. To join or receive more information please call the Parish Office 528-7521.

How Can I Help Spread the Faith? Just call the Parish Office (528-7521) and see if there is a way you can help with the RCIA Team. There are several different ways to help—one just might have your name on it.

St. John's Breadline— Blessed Sacrament Parish provides food and service to St. John's Breadline on the 2nd Saturday of each month. If you would like to help serve on Saturday, August 10th, from 10:15am-12:45pm, please contact Donna at 622-8576 No experience necessary. This is a good opportunity to earn service hours for the upcoming school year.

ADORATION HOURS

Unbelievable! State Fair plans are being made and Back-to-School sales are on! Are you praying for your children (of all ages) as the coming academic year approaches? We all need prayer, but our young people do especially in today's secular culture. Our Adoration Chapel is a great place to thank and pray. Contact Merle King at 528-6088, or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want some more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

1:00 A.M. SUNDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
1:00 A.M. MONDAY	2:00 P.M. FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. MONDAY	11:00 P.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY

Mark your calendars: Humanae Vitae Mass & Dinner, August 17th. Mass at 4PM at the Cathedral followed by dinner inside the Atrium at the Cathedral. Bishop Paprocki will be the celebrant of the Mass. A free will offering will be accepted. RSVP to ctejeda@dio.org or 321-1132.

Kiononia of Springfield will be having a retreat weekend August 16-18, at Villa Maria on Lake Springfield. The retreat begins at dinner on Friday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. Cost is \$100, which includes lodging, all meals, and retreat materials. For registration or more information contact Mikki Buhl 527-1912 or koinonia.information@gmail.com.

It's State Fair Time! We need volunteers for the Right To Life State Fair Booth, August 9th-18th. We estimate that between 1700-2000 people visit our booth every year. Volunteers are asked to work a three hour shift. We need three volunteers per shift. An orientation meeting is scheduled for August 5th for new volunteers. A ticket entry to the fair will be provided. For more information call Andrea Judd at 544-1300

Each Wednesday @ 5:30pm there is a 30 minute prayer service for the sick and suffering or our parish. We cordially invite you to join the small but mighty group that gathers each week. Whatever your needs might be, they can be addressed at this service. We encourage you to take 30 minutes out of your week to join in prayer for the needs of others.

Just a reminder: Beginning with the All School Mass on Friday, August 23rd, our daily Mass schedule will return to 8:20am on Tuesdays & Fridays.

Celebration on 100 Years of Catholic Scouting: Come join us for a one day celebration of 100 Years of Catholic Scouting on Saturday, August 10th, 9am-5pm at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville. Cost \$15 per person which includes Lunch, Patch, & Activities. For more information contact diobellescouts.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF AUGUST 5-9**

Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM

Blake Mizer—Brady Malone

Thurs.- Friday

Noah Bright—Andrew Mauntel

Saturday, August 10, 4:30PM

Lector: Melaney Arnold

Servers: Sofia Dietrich, Tynan Madonia, Ben Portz

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Noreen Luhr, Isabel Figueroa, Susan Gallagher, Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, Kathryn Gietl, Marty Mosley

Sunday, August 11, 7:00am

Lector: Ginny Schofield

Servers: Jack Allen, Tim Delano

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Pat Sheehan, Phil Graham, Dave Langston, Ann Walker

Sunday, August 11, 8:30 AM

Lector: Tom Karaianis

Servers: Lilly Coady, Nick DePooter, Kendra McCubbin

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Delvo, Patricia Clarida, Kathy Harth, Bradley Frost, Anne Capestrain, Janine Feller, Colleen VonDeBur, Mark Ushman

Sunday, August 11, 10:30 AM

Lector: Suzanne Baase

Servers: Michael Dailey, Mikayla Hady, John Stegeman

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Belz, Sally Petrone, Rick Campbell, Barney Bruzetti, MaryAnn Gorney, Barbara Erdmann, James Dodge, Joe Stannard, III.

Looking in Love is a weekend marriage retreat for couples to reconnect with their own personal love history and gain a renewed sense of purpose, hope, and direction for the future. Retreat will be held at the Chiara Center, Springfield. Cost \$150. Retreat begins Saturday, August 24 at 9:00am and concludes Sunday, August 25 at 3:00pm For more information or to register, call the Office for Marriage & Family Life at 321-1132 or email ctejeda@dio.org

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is having their annual Cathedral Fest, Saturday, August 10th, from 6-10PM in the Atrium. Tickets are \$20 per person. Make your reservation by calling 522-3342 or email cathedraldevelopment@gmail.com

K of C Breakfast Benefit for Seminarians on Sunday, August 11, from 8am-Noon at Council 364 at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds benefit Council 364's Vocations Support Program. For questions call 787-2360.

Save the date: Saturday, October 12th– Rosary Rally at the Capitol Building. We will gather in front of the Lincoln Statue from 12-1pm to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and sing. If you would like to lead in prayer or song contact Donna 622-8576.

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$4,733,267.51</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 666,732.49
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 4,741.33

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent /Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, July 22,2013	\$18, 962.50