



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, June 1, 2014
Ascension of Our Lord



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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, June 2

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Terry Spencer
Allen Henderson

Tuesday, June 3

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Bill Grant III

Wednesday, June 4

- ✕ Confessions before Mass
- ✕ **8:00 AM** Cour & Dineen Families
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, June 5

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Paul Wernsing

Friday, June 6

- 8:200 AM** Loretta Constantino

Saturday, June 7

- 8:00 AM** For our Newly Ordained Priests
(Latin Mass)
- ✕ **4:30 PM** Milburn Marr

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

- ✕ **7:00 AM** Vincent & Emma Thull
- ✕ **8:30 AM** Angie Henderson
- ✕ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

Please pray for the intention of : 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

Dear Parishioners,

Priestly Vocations. This weekend, Fr. Jim O'Shea will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination with a special Mass of Thanksgiving here at Blessed Sacrament. Fr. O'Shea grew up in Blessed Sacrament Parish and attended grade school here. He was ordained May 23, 1964 at the Cathedral by Bishop William A. O'Connor. He has served in a number of parishes in our diocese including St. Frances Cabrini, Christ the King, and St. Aloysius, here in Springfield. Even in his retirement, Father continues to remain active by filling in for other priests, helping with Mass, penance services and other pastoral ministry. Until January, he regularly said Monday morning Mass here at Blessed Sacrament. When he talks of the parishes where he has served, he claims all have been beautiful parishes with many holy people.

A priest's role is to lead people to a deeper friendship with God. This ministry involves sacraments, prayer, and study. It also involves listening to parishioners and paying close attention to their needs. A good pastor has a deep love and respect not only for God but also for his people. Fr. Jim O'Shea is an excellent example of how one can do so with generosity and humility. We congratulate him and pray for him on the celebration of this anniversary.

We also congratulate Fathers Steve Arisman and Seth Brown who were recently ordained for our diocese. The ceremony last Saturday at the Cathedral was indeed beautiful. Whenever I attend an ordination, I cannot help but think of my own. I remember the enthusiasm and desire to serve God through his people. The invitation I sent out for my ordination opened with the scriptural verse, "I come to do your will." Now, many years later, I am not as naïve as I was then. Things have changed. The demands and expectations of the priesthood have evolved and will continue to do so. But I realize the desire to serve is still there. My prayer for these new priests is that their desire to do God's will, might remain just as fervent in the future as it is now. May they be wise, faithful, and kind as they care for the church's greatest treasure—God's people.

Please pray for these vocations and for all who have a calling to priesthood or religious life. May that call be welcomed with selfless and generous hearts.

Fr. Jeff

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

Brian Fitzgerald & Mary Elizabeth Hall

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Cole Nicholas Nauta & Grant Charles Nauta sons of
Clint & Michelle Nauta

Michael Louis Boston, son of Anthony & Mellissa
Boston

August Marie Wavering, daughter of Nicole Wavering

Blessed Sacrament-Class of 2014-graduated Monday, May 19th. We are so proud of the 48 young men and women in this class and are grateful for all they contributed to BSS during their years at our school. Many of the students are continuing on to SHG. They received an impressive total of \$26,750 in scholarships. We know these students will continue their successes in high school, and we look forward to following their future accomplishments and having them return to visit us!

Feast of Corpus Christi is June 22nd. This is Our Parish Feast Day. We ask our second graders to participate in the procession for this Feast Day. Second graders should wear their First Communion clothing and be in church after the 10:30am Mass to form the procession. Please contact the school or rectory office if your child plans to participate so Father Jeff will know how many second graders to expect.

School Advisory Board has vacancies for the 2014-2015 School Year. There are vacancies for 2 non-parent and 1 parent positions. Positions are 3-year terms. If you are interested, please contact Father Grant or call the Parish Office 528-7521.

The 90th Annual Garden Party is just around the corner! Many volunteers are needed for both set-up, (Tuesday, June 17 from 6:00-9:00pm), and the evening of the party, (Wednesday, June 18 in shifts from 5:00-10:0pm). If you are able to volunteer, please contact: Jennifer Furkin at jen@spipipe.com or 652-4238 or Kate McCarthy at 691-9675 or kate.mccarthy83@gmail.com Volunteer forms are also available in the back of church. We will also need many goodies for the bake sale which can be dropped off starting at 3:00pm, June 18th, at the school.

Save the date! Mark your calendars for the biggest BSS fundraising event of the year. The 45th Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2014. Volunteer opportunities are now available. Please contact Kim Hoffmann in the development office for more information.

Rummage Sale– Don't forget the parish's Annual Rummage Sale as you are doing your spring cleaning! The event will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 7am-Noon. Items may be dropped off beginning on Monday, June 2 at 6:00pm in the school. Pick up of larger items can be provided by calling Neal Malone at 414-2299. Volunteers are needed throughout the week. Please call Neal!

50th ANNIVERSARY INVITATION-Fr. James O'Shea will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood here at Blessed Sacrament Church. Mass will be at 2:00pm, today, June 1, 2014. Immediately after Mass at approximately 3:15pm to 5:00pm, a reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held in the school gym next to the church. All parishioners and friends are invited to come. *My family and I would be honored and pleased to have you there. RSVP is not necessary. No gifts please.* Fr. James O'Shea

Vacation Bible School-Take a walk on the wild side this summer at Weird Animals Vacation Bible School! Children entering 1st thru 6th grade are invited to attend this week-long VBS from 9:00am to 12 Noon each day, June 23-27. Cost is \$25 per child and includes a t-shirt, CD, snacks and activities. Register online at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/bss>. After registering online, send the \$25 per child payment to Sharon Schraeder in the school office. Please note your child's name and VBS in the memo of the check. For more information, please contact Erin Sullivan at erinsull@live.com or 789-1256. Service opportunities are available for 7th graders through adults, and family service hours can be earned by adults. Mark your calendars for your children to attend.

Virginia Valdes Memorial Walk-The family of Mrs. Ginny Valdez, a longtime BSS teacher and parishioner, invites you to join them for a memorial walk to raise funds for her BSS Scholarship Fund. The two-mile walk begins at Washington Park tennis court parking lot at 9:00am on Sunday, June 22. \$10 donations are accepted, and refreshments will be available at the finish. Come and remember Ginny while assisting with the scholarship fund that is given to one BSS graduate each year.

Please Note: Beginning tomorrow, Monday, June 2, all daily Masses, Monday-Friday will begin at 8:00am until school resumes in August.

ADORATION HOURS

Easter Octave is past. Now is time to review your "everyday" prayer life. A number left our scheduled adorers for variety of reasons. Is this ministry for you to begin? Prayer is a great way to answer that question! 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 P.M. WEDNESDAY
2:00 A.M. SUNDAY	5:00 P.M. THURSDAY
1:00 A.M. TUESDAY	1:00 A.M. FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. TUESDAY	2:00 A.M. FRIDAY
8:00 P.M. TUESDAY	3:00 A.M. FRIDAY
2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	10:00 A.M. FRIDAY
4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	2:00 A.M. SATURDAY
11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY	1:00 P.M. SATURDAY
5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY	

Attention All Teens! The Journey Retreat by Note the Way. The Journey Retreat allows students, with the power of music, to plug into their own spirituality. Working side by side with local professionals and college interns, students will develop a network of people who share a common passion for liturgy and celebration of the spoken word. Cost is \$35 which includes food, fun, and faith. The retreat is being held at Christ the King on Saturday, July 19th from 8am-6pm. Registration deadline in July 11th. For questions and registration contact jlewnard@viatorians.com

Register today for Financial Peace University. This 9-week workshop will be held on Wednesday nights beginning June 11, 2014, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 West Washington, cost \$75. For more information or to register please contact Jonathan Leonard at 415-8978 or jleonard31@gmail.com.

All-You-Can-Eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, June 8, from 8am-Noon at K of C Council 364. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12. Proceeds will benefit Rutledge Youth Foundation. For questions 787-2360

Help Wanted: The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is seeking an experienced individual for the position of Maintenance Supervisor for the Cathedral Church & School. The complete position description is available on the Cathedral Web Site: www.cathedral.dio.org. The job of Maintenance Supervisor was established for the purpose of directing maintenance services; providing information and serving as a resource to the Business Manager. The individual will develop a preventative maintenance program, develop and monitor budgets/expenditures, direct parish operations, provide oversight for construction and repair work and perform personnel functions. Additionally, the individual assists in custodial functions for building interior and exterior, including grounds maintenance, snow and ice removal, meeting room configurations, etc. Qualified individuals are invited to request an application from the Pastor, Cathedral, 524 East Lawrence, Springfield, Il. 62703-(522-3342).

Save the Date! In Her Cherished Heart 2014 diocesan women's conference is Saturday, September 13th from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Chiara Center in Springfield. More details later.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF JUNE 2-6****Monday-Wednesday
8:00AM –8:20AM**

Gabby Antonacci-MaggieO'Brien

Thurs.- Friday

Nathan Shafer-Julia Delano

Saturday, June 7, 4:30PM

Lector: Ed Hart

Servers: Louis Criscione, Mary Helen Healy, Monica DeLeon

Eucharistic Ministers: Marty Mosley, Noreen Luhr, Lisa Belz, Isabel Figueroa, Cordelia Moore, Lori Criscione, RosemaryDiNello, Ed Schofield

Sunday, June 8, 7:00am

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Ben Portz, Luke Portz

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

Sunday, June 8, 8:30 AM

Lector: Tom Karaianis

Servers: Ruthie Kinion, Emma Kinion, Jacks Hyde

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Reimers, Jim Morphew, Rick Campbell, Anne Capestrain, Mike Delvo, Janine Feller, Colleen VonDeBur, Kathy Harth

Sunday, June 8, 10:30 AM

Lector: Cynthia LaMar

Servers: Jack LaMar, Alex Mauntel, Andrew Mauntel

Eucharistic Ministers: James Dodge, Rose Amon, Andrea Judd, Abbey Townsend, Sally Petrone, Barney Bruzetti, Barbara Erdmann, Joe Stannard,III

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion.

SHG offer for a pre-paid tuition option to make a secondary Catholic education more affordable, a pilot program was put into place for a one-year trail beginning on July 1, 2013. SHG's fiscal year will end on June 30, 2014, and this will be the deadline to lock in SHG's 2013-2014 tuition rate. The idea behind the pre-paid tuition is that parents, grandparents, and supporters can purchase up to four years of tuition vouchers for any child who will attend SHG in the future, at the current pre-paid tuition rate. To receive information, contact Tom Fiaush, at fiaush@shg.org or 787-1595, ext. 147.

Junior Cyclone Football Camp will be June 16-19 from 8:00-10:00am for those students in grades K-8. Cost \$70. The **SHG Football Padded Camp** will be July 21-24 from 6:00-8:00pm for students in grades 4-8. Cost \$70. For more information or to register, contact Bob Brenneisen at 546-1169 (H) or 787-1595 est. 104 (W).

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

Building on Tradition	
Cost of Project	\$5,400,000.00
Total Received	<u>\$5,053,092.57</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 346,907.43
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 1,645.00

STEWARDSHIP
(Time / Talent /Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, May 18, 2014	\$21,040.75

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)	
2013 ACSA Assessment	\$122,624.00
Amount Pledged (as of 3/19/14)	\$66,219.54
Amount Received from parish env.	\$5,866.42
Amount Remaining	\$50,538.04
17% of our parishioners have contributed to date	