



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, May 17, 2015
Ascension of the 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, May 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00 AM Helen Kramp

Tuesday, May 19

Confessions before Mass

8:20 AM Beger-Solomon Families

Wednesday, May 20

Confessions before Mass

8:00 AM Liz Duckworth

Willa Senger

5:30PM Prayer Service

Thursday, May 21

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Sally Pipkin

Friday, May 22

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM Cour & Dineen Families

Saturday, May 23

8:00AM Members of the Poor Souls Shrine
(Latin Mass)

3:00-4:00PM - Confessions

4:30 PM Martha Jones

Sunday, May 24-Pentecost Sunday

7:00 AM Truman Flatt

8:30 AM Jim Shea

10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.

Dear Parishioners,

Perks of Getting Older. I recently celebrated my birthday and before I forget, I want to take the opportunity to thank those who sent cards or offered prayers or wished me a happy birthday. I was a little surprised at how many remembered. (I guess the parish is younger than I thought.) One friend even sent me a list of “perks” of getting older. As I read through the list, I found myself agreeing and wondering if I really was getting older. I thought I would share the list with you.

Some of the Perks of Getting Older

- Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- People call at 9 pm (or 9am) and ask, “Did I wake you up?”
- Others no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
- Your investment in health insurance is finally starting to pay off.
- You no longer think of the speed limit as a challenge.
- There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can’t remember them either.
- Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
- (my favorite) You can eat supper at 4 pm.

One parishioner told me he thought I might be happy to know that the older he got the more he thought about the hereafter. He said, “Father, every day I walk into the kitchen and think...what am I here after?” I’m sure many of you may groan and say these are old jokes, but then again, one of the perks of getting older is that you don’t remember hearing them before. Again, thanks for remembering me on my birthday.

Congratulations to our 8th graders who are graduating this Monday evening and for all our parishioners who are graduating from grade school, high school, college, etc. May God be with you and may you be with God as you continue your journey through life.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Madelynn Francis Winterbauer, daughter of Matthew & Jody Winterbauer
 Luke Benjamin Petropoulos, son of Nicholas & Marci Petropoulos

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Joseph Wirtz & Nicole Venvertloh

School News:

Sunday, May 17-5:00pm-8th Grade Awards Ceremony and dance

Monday, May 18-6:00pm -8th Grade Graduation Mass

Thursday, May 21– Last day for Tu/Th preschool

Friday, May 22-Last day for MWF Pre K, All day Pre K and Kindergarten

9:30am-All Day PreK breakfast with parents and dismissal.

11:00am– Kindergarten cookout with parents and dismissal

1:30pm– Dismissal; B.A.S.E. available

Saturday, May 23-All-Class BSS Alumni Reunion

Congratulations BSS Class of 2015! We congratulate our 8th grade graduates, who are graduating this Monday, May 18. We ask Our Lord to bless them as they continue their life journey.

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

Save the Date: Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 17**, for our annual **Garden Party**. Be sure to join us for great food, games and the ever popular carnival rides. More information to come.

Special Collection for Nepal- Bishop Paprocki has asked us to take up a special collection to aid the victims of the Earthquake in Nepal. We will have this **special collection today, Sunday, May 17th**. All funds collected will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to support the distribution of emergency supplies and the costs of building communities and lives. Please be generous.

The Eucharist-Source & Summit of our Faith-using a combination of DVD material from Fr. Robert Barron and group discussion we will consider the centrality of the Eucharist in our faith. We'll look at the history of "breaking bread" in the Old Testament and New, as well as the Catholic understanding of the Real Presence. We will also discuss chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, the bread of life discourse. This session will be held on May 19th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. For information contact Bob or Connie Vincent 523-4335

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast– Blessed Sacrament Cub Scout Pack 31 will be hosting an all you can eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sunday, May 31, after all the Masses. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Please join us and help support our Pack.

Springfield Mommies on the Move invites your to the First Annual "**Springfield Stroller Derby Fun Run**" on May 30th at Washington Park benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield. Several events are planned, including face painting, stroller decorating contest, concession stand, raffles and more. For more information or to register for the even, visit www.springfieldstrollerderby.com.

Class Reunion-1970 GHS, SHA, UA Class Reunion, August 28-29, 2015. Make your reservations! For more information contact Nancy (McGinnis) Moll at Nancy.moll@comcast.net

TP the Town-St. Martin De Pores Center needs our help. They can no longer afford to provide toilet paper to its clients. This basic necessity is not covered by government assistance programs, so it is in high demand. Please help wipe out this basic need by participating in the 2015 "TP the Town" toilet paper drive and fund raiser on June 17 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Corner Pub and Grill, 3271 W. Iles. Donors who bring toilet paper and a \$10 donation will receive free food and keg beer. All proceeds benefit St. Martin de Poores Center. For more information email tpthetown@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/tpthetowne](https://www.facebook.com/tpthetowne)

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26 from 9am to 12pm for those children going into first through sixth grade. Please contact Erin Sullivan at bssvbs@live.com for questions

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. If you are interested or just curious about prices please call Cathy Lenihan 530-941-7125 or contact her at the Parish Office 528-7521 during the week of May 18th or email her anytime at clenihan@4LPi.com

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.

Catholic Daughters of America Court Madonna #148 will meet on May 21 at St. Agnes Parish Hall at 6:30pm. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MAY 18-22****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Liam Noonan-Gabby Antonacci

Thurs.- Friday

Jack Ozyurt-Monica DeLeon

Saturday, May 23, 4:30PM**Lector:** Steve Scheufele**Servers:** Maya Dye, Mitch Dye, Will Hanken**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Newell, Noah Kren, Marty Mosely, Noreen Luhr, Lisa Belz, Janine Feller, Calvin Bell, Susan Gallagher**Sunday, May 24, 7:00am****Lector:** Judy Kjellander**Servers:** Ben Kroner**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Ann Walker, Kathryn Gietl, Phil Graham, Pat Sheehan**Sunday, May 24, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Mike Goza**Servers:** AJ Lust, Kendra McCubbin, Mary Clare Mizeur**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne Capestrain, Colleen VonDeBur, Bradley Frost, Scot Reimers, Kathy Harth, Mark Ushman, Mike Delvo, Patricia Clarida**Sunday, May 24, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Cynthia Lamar**Servers:** Jack Lamar, Garrett Mohn, Reilly Mohn**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose Amon, James Dodge, Lynn Frasco, Sally Petrone, Barbara Erdmann, Jim Mophew, Andrea Judd

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Presley, Rita, Owen Doak, Kayte, 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 Klap-hake, 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 Willen-borg, 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 Rach-kus, Scott Milner, Anastacia & 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>\$5,259,846.17</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 140,153.83
Amount Received April 2015	\$ 7,767.34

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, May 3, 2015	\$19,610.00

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