



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, May 25, 2014**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



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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 26**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Faye Fischer

**Tuesday, May 27**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Annamma Vadakedath

**Wednesday, May 28**

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Jules & Cecela Margaron  
Sean Staudt
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, May 29**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:00 AM** Joshua James Bradley

**Friday, May 30**

- 8:20 AM** Mary Lois Cole

**Saturday, May 31**

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine  
(Latin Mass)
- ✘ **4:30 PM** Zigmas Kurprenas

**Sunday, June 1– Ascension of Our Lord**

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Mike Smith
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Kathryn & Sherwin Davis
- ✘ **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,**

**So what is it like to be 60?** After recently celebrating my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, someone had the nerve to ask me this stupid question. One thing is, after 60, I am just likely to be more blunt. Actually being 60 isn't bad. It isn't any worse than being 59. I already have my AARP card and I've been checking into the number of senior discounts I can now get. Seniority has its perks. I also find I can recall those good old days and I can tell stories of things that did or didn't happen before most people living today were born. The problem with remembering is that I am more likely to remember the events of long ago than the phone call I received an hour ago. Losing my memory is something I fear now that I am 60. I read somewhere that by the age of 70, one in seven Americans will have memory problems. That is one statistic I would rather forget. But I've also learned forgetting some things is not necessarily a sign of dementia. For example, I have trouble remembering to take my pill. However, when I was a child and had to take a pill for my allergies, I would also forget. The difference is that back then God gave me a mother to specifically remind me to take my pill. She is no longer here. I figure I could ask Jesus' mother to remind me, and believe me, it does work...that is, as long as I remember to say my prayers.

However, there are other worries that come with being 60. My doctor says my exercise plan should change. I no longer need to build for the future, but rather maintain what I have. That sounds like good advice, but my financial advisor tells me the opposite. He says I will need money to live on when I retire and therefore must build for the future. On the salary I make as a priest, I have been somewhat limited on what I can save. Perhaps that is why most priests won't retire until they are 75 or 80. The bishop told me not to worry about that, because if I do a good job, my retirement will be heavenly.

I think the other thing one must think more about when you reach 60 is eternity. Some do read the Bible more after that time, but I'm not sure...maybe they are just cramming for that final exam. I often find myself thinking more about the hereafter. I will go into the kitchen and think...what am I here after?

Being 60 really isn't bad. God has given me many wonderful moments. I have seen many beautiful sunsets and heard many beautiful songs. I cannot count the number of times I have wakened to the smell of fresh coffee or fallen asleep while praying the mysteries of the rosary. I can remember the gentle hand of my father holding on to mine so I would not wander off and I have held in my hands the great miracle of life that we call a baby. In 60 years I have seen and heard and experienced many wonderful things that have only left me hungering for more to come. I have read that our population is getting older and in a decade there will be one billion people over the age of 60. That is indeed remarkable but it doesn't worry me in the least. By then, I'll be 70.

Fr. Jeff

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

**Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:  
Harlowe Mary Stevens daughter of Joseph & Colleen Stevens**

#### **School Notes:**

**Monday, May 26**-No school—Memorial Day

**Wednesday, May 28**-Last day of school for MWFPReK  
**6:30pm**-All day PreK program in cafeteria

**Thursday, May 29**-Last day of school for Tu/Th  
preschool & all-day PreK & Kindergarten

**Friday, May 30-8:20am**-All School Mass

Fun day & Report Card day for Grades 1-7

**1:30pm**- dismissal for summer break

**No B.A. S. E.**

**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.

**Parish Council:** There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a member of the Parish Council, please call the Parish Office-528-7521. The only requirement is that you must be a member of the Parish.

**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](mailto:jen@spipipe.com) or 652-4238 or Kate McCarthy at 691-9675 or [kate.mccarthy83@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**B.S.S. Tee Shirts**-This Tuesday, May 27th is the deadline for ordering Charlie Houska-designed tee shirts for Blessed Sacrament School. Please call Kim Hoffmann 522-7534 for more information. Order forms are available in the back of church.

**Memorial Day Field Mass** at Calvary Cemetery will be held, tomorrow, Monday, May 26th at 9:00am. Mass will be celebrated at the Fr. Howard Altar. Limited seating will be available-Lawn chairs are welcome. Transportation will be available from the main gate. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be the principal celebrant of the Mass

**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, next Sunday, 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](mailto: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.

**Please Note: Beginning 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 Karaiannis 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	

**The Dominican Sisters of Springfield** would like to invite female students entering 6th grade to entering high school to attend Dominican Faith Camp July 27-29 at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. The weekend adventure includes crafts, games and food in a Catholic-filled environment where girls can meet and pray with the Sisters. The registration fee of \$50 includes room and board and all activities. Register online at [springfielddop.org](http://springfielddop.org). For more information, contact Sr. Teresa Maron, OP at [srteresa@spdom.org](mailto:srteresa@spdom.org) or 708-207-1874.

**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](mailto:jleonard31@gmail.com).

**Butler Funeral Home** is sponsoring their 2014 Summer Bus Trip- "Baseball in St. Louis and more!" -on Friday, June 27th. The cost is \$65 per person. There is a flyer in the vestibule with the full itinerary listed. Call 544-4646 for reservations.

**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](http://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).

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MAY 26-30****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Rachael Loftus-Gabrielle Njapa

**Thurs.- Friday**

Kendra McCubbin-Blake Mizer

**Saturday, May 31, 4:30PM****Lector:** Chris Perrin**Servers:** Elise Antonacci, Nick DePooter, Maggie Haugh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ken Dobucki, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Rick Campbell, Jim Morpew, Scott Reimers, Larry Newell**Sunday, June 1, 7:00am****Lector:** Mike Goza**Servers:** Blake Mizer, Will Moran**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Walker, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Kathryn Gietl, Pat Sheehan, Kathy Grubb**Sunday, June 1, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Laurie Mann**Servers:** Emma Smith, Lauren Smith, Haley Londrigan**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patricia Clarida, Mark Ushman, Rose Amon, Bradley Frost, Mark K. Sommer, Ken Sommer, Andrew Adams, Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo**Sunday, June 1, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Joseph Stannard**Servers:** Lily Klaves, Emmy Doll, Kendra McCubbin**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Dodge, Dan Schuering, Mary Ann Gorney, Mary Tuttle, Barney Bruzetti, Carol Guthrie, Don Graham, Pat Graham

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

**Guidelines for Catholic Funerals**-An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, and Advance Planning, Wednesday, May 28, 11:30am-2:00pm, Butler Funeral Homes and Cremation Tribute Center. Answers to your questions about these topics as well as those surrounding the religious teachings, beliefs and concerns of the Catholic Church will be provided. Optional tour of our on-site Cremation Tribute Center. Complimentary lunch. Reservations by May 23rd. Call 544-4646 to reserve you seat.

**St Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville** will hold it annual Strawberry Social, Sunday, June 1 from 3-6:30pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrisonville. Italian Beef, Pressed Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw. Cake, Strawberries & homemade ice cream. Adults \$8- Children under 10 \$4.

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>\$5,051,447.57</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 348,552.43
Amount Received Last Week	\$ 16,039.50

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, May 11, 2014	\$21,456.25

**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	