

*Blessed Sacrament Church
Easter Sunday April 20, 2014*

Alleluia!



BLESSED SACRAMENT, SIOUX CITY

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Our Parish Life

Monday	April 21, 2014
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday	April 22, 2014
11:30 am	Rosary
3:00 pm	Sunday to Sunday
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	April 23, 2014
5:00 pm	Peace Rosary
7:00 pm	Endowment Meeting
Thursday	April 24, 2014
7:00 am	RCIA

Parish Financial Blessings

Two weeks of the year-to-date giving information will be printed in the April 27th Bulletin.

The Passion and death of the Lord Jesus is linked to the Divine Mercy..... That's why he came!

Jesus came to earth to suffer and die to save us from our sins. He continues to offer his divine mercy to all who turn to him. Divine Mercy celebration continues at Trinity Heights each evening this **week Monday through Saturday at 7:00 p.m.** with song, prayer, reflection, confessions and benediction.

Join us also on... Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th at Blessed Sacrament Church beginning at **1:30 p.m.** Bishop Nickless will keynote. Jesus told Faustina, *"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."*

Becoming a Child of God

Congratulations to **Daphne Anne Moser**, daughter of Larry and Amanda (Condon) Mosher who was April 13, 2014. We ask the Lord Jesus to watch over this family and protect all of our young parents as they raise their special gifts from God.

Thank You Blessed Sacrament Parish

The Community Action Agency and the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence want to thank the Parish of Blessed Sacrament Church for the donation of money, which was raised through the Lenten Alms Cans.

Mass Intentions

Monday	April 21, 2014
6:45 am	Viola Krier
Tuesday	April 22, 2014
6:45 am	Vern Spartz
8:00 am	No Mass
Wednesday	April 23, 2014
6:45 am	Kipp Lalley
Thursday	April 24, 2014
6:45 am	Marilyn Murphy
5:30 pm	EJ & Alvina Soukup
Friday	April 25, 2014
6:45 am	Elizabeth Lalley,
8:00 am	Jack Wetzel, Bart & Anne Wetzel & Ester Gorman
Saturday	April 26, 2014
6:45 am	Dorothy Henry
4:30 pm	Jerry Neu, Sandy Callaghan (anniversary)
Sunday	April 27, 2014
7:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Parish
9:00 am	Mary Fitch, Felicitas Polking
10:30 am	Mary Charlson

Altar Servers

Saturday	April 26, 2014
4:30 pm	Mason, Jensen, & Brooklin Froehlich
Sunday	April 27, 2014
7:30 am	Connor & Kate Gill
9:00 am	Jacob Gilreath, Matt & Luke Griesel
10:30 am	John Dougherty, Jacob Hiindman, Emma Liewer

Extra-Ordinary Ministers

Saturday	April 26, 2014
4:30 pm	Frank & Mary Ann Audino, Susan Boutwell, James Duggan MaryEllen Ericksen, Barb & Thomas Vakulskas
Sunday	April 27, 2014
7:30 am	Dan Fleming, Dave Stedman, Mary Walsh, Dawn Witzke
9:00 am	Brendan & Marth Burchard, JoEllen & Dave Fravel, Jane & Ed Griesel
10:30 am	Terri & Steve Kimbell, Kathy Patterson, Jane & Mark Stevens, Lynn Wetzel, Florence Wictor



From the desk of Fr. Merlin...

April 20, 2014 Easter Sunday

Jesus Christ is Risen Today Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

We have been purified of sin, made anew, and restored to life through the death and resurrection of Christ. The Easter symbols of water, light and the white garment are reminders of our transformation and unity with Christ. Easter celebrates what Christ has done for us and is a time to renew our sacred commitment to Christ.

Being Transferred

As you may have read in the Globe my time at Blessed Sacrament will come to an end on July 15. On that day I will become the pastor of St. Patrick in Estherville and Immaculate Conception in Graettinger. We still have many things to accomplish before that day and I want to use the time left to the best of my ability. These have been the best years of my life thanks to all of you. There are so many memories and so many people that have touched my life and helped make me the person I am today. I will never be able to thank you enough.

Easter Candle Donation

The Easter Candle this year has been purchased in memory of the Jim and Bev Cosgrove Family. We thank them for this gift and let us continue to remember their intentions in our prayers.

A Very Beautiful Holy Week

I want to thank everyone who helped make this past week such a moving week. There are so many people needed to make this week so special. Last year I failed to mention someone and they did not appreciate that so in a general way "**thanks**" to all of you and may your Easter be special.

First Holy Communion

Mark the day---**Sunday May 4 at 12:00**—our second grade students will be making their First Holy Communion. They have been preparing for this day with learning center activities and their First Reconciliation. Let us pray for them and their parents as they wait for this day and may the Risen Jesus stay close to them these next two weeks.

Collection for Retired and Infirm Priests

The annual "Retired and Infirm Priests Collection" will take place **this weekend** (Easter Weekend April 19-20) throughout the Diocese of Sioux City! Although they may be viewed as "retired", many of our local priests remain very active providing sacramental ministry in our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities. Currently there are 67 fully retired priests in the Diocese and 63 active priests. Unfortunately, the number of retired priests will grow in the coming years. In 2009, the Diocese of Sioux City initiated this special collection specifically for the retired and infirm priests within our diocese. **It is important to note that 100% of the funds raised through this collection stays in our Diocese.** The envelopes are in your packets or you may use any white envelope and mark "Retired and Infirm Priests Collection" and drop it in the collection basket any time over the next few weeks. These men have offered their life for the people of our diocese, please do whatever you can to show your appreciation. On behalf of all of them I want to thank you.

Food For Thought

On behalf of Msgr Augustine and myself we would like to wish each of you a very special Easter and we pray that the Risen Jesus will look after and bless your family and friends during this spring and summer.

Did you use a CRS Rice Bowl during Lent? If so, Please return it no later than **next Sunday, April 27th**. There will be baskets at all the church entrances before all Masses this weekend and next weekend to put the rice bowls in. If possible, please write a check made out to CRS Rice Bowl for the amount you collected in the rice bowl. Thank you and God bless your generosity.

Community Opportunities and Events

APRIL 20, 2014

PREP News & Upcoming Events

2014-15 PREP class registration deadline is April 23, 2014. Contact Fran O'Tool at 277-4739.

Faith Alive

He is Alive! And he lives inside each of us...the life of faith in the Son of God who loves us and gave His life for us. (Based on Galatians 2:19-20)

HEY PARENTS! LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FOR YOUR KIDS TO DO THIS SUMMER?

How about sending them to **Camp CaYoCa** (Catholic Youth CAmp!) Camp CaYoCa is a place where campers can get away from the everyday distractions of life and enjoy the beauty of God's creation, fun activities they seldom experience elsewhere, and great fellowship with other campers their age! Dates are June 13-16 for students entering 4th & 5th Grades; June 17-20 for students entering 6th, 7th & 8th Grades! Cost is \$250 per camper. Find more information online at www.scdiocese.org/cayoca. Need more info? Judy Forrest, Diocese of Sioux City (712) 233-7520 or judyf@scdiocese.org.

NEXT WEEKEND IS FOOD TO SHARE WEEKEND.

We are low on canned fruit, detergent and tuna. Thank You!



YOUR GIFT CAN COUNT TWICE!

The Feinstein Foundation's \$1 Million Challenge is going on through April 30, 2014. The Feinstein Foundation matches grocery or money donations given to participating anti-hunger agencies across the U.S. Their donation is never less than \$250. Locally we know that the Sioux City Gospel Mission and the Center for Siouxland are participating. Please check with any group you support to see if they are participating.

St. Joseph Church Annual Chicken Dinner

8th & Iowa Street
May 4th 11:30-2:30
Adults \$8 Child (12 and Under) \$4



Sacred Heart Parish Spring Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday April 27th 11-3:00 pm.
Adults \$8 Children (5-11) \$4
Carry Outs Available

Holy Cross School News

Monday 5:00 pm	April 21, 2014 BHCS School Board Meeting
Friday 8:00 am	April 25, 2014 Mass @ BS Center



You are invited... To hear Rwandan genocide survivor, Immaculee Ilibagiza, speak at Sacred Heart on **Saturday, May 3, 2014**. The morning session, *The Rosary: The Prayer That Saved My Life*, begins at **9:00 am**. The afternoon session, *"Immaculee's Story of Faith, Hope, and Forgiveness"* begins at **1:00 pm**. Sessions are \$20 each. Lunch and a book-signing will be available (reservations needed). For more information or to purchase tickets please call Debbie Mc Calla at **605-232-3426**.

Are you still reading Four Signs of a

Dynamic Catholic? It's not too late to pick it up and start! Jot down your questions or comments and we'll discuss it together. If you are interested please call and let us know you're interested and we will then determine a time. All will benefit from the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. Call Betty at 947-4479 or Molly at 258-7454.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence & Venice

with Father David Hemann! November 3-16, 2014. Highlights will include an Audience with Pope Francis on Wednesday November 5th, Daily Mass at some of the most incredible and historic churches in the world, and the beautiful sights, sounds and food of Italy. Registrations forms are available at Saint Michael's website: stmichaelsc.org.



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