

Blessed Sacrament Church

3012 Jackson Street * Sioux City, IA 51104 * 277-2949

Website: blessedsac.com * Radio Masses: Sunday—9:00 a.m. 1360 KSCJ

February 2, 2014



Parish Office:

Phone: 277-2949 Fax: 277-2963

3012 Jackson St.

Hours: 8:00 am — 4:00 pm, Mon—Fri

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday—4:30 pm

Sunday—7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Liturgies see schedule inside

Mon thru Sat-6:45 am

Holy Day Liturgies

Evening before—5:30 pm

Holy Days—6:45 am, 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—3:45 pm

Weekdays—20 minutes Prior to Mass

Prayers Request Line:

Sue Lilla—255-3956

dsuelilla@gmail.com

Baptism:

By appointment following required pre-baptism class.

Marriage:

By appointment following required 6 month marriage preparation program.

Please call parish office to make appointment.

Communion Sick Calls:

Persons unable to attend Mass, please contact the parish office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office.

Learning Centers:

Parish Religious Ed. Programs 277-4739

Angel House—3002 Jackson St 277-2001

Angel House/Villa Maria—2302 West St. 234-1854

Holy Cross—Blessed Sacrament Center 277-4739

Holy Cross—St. Michael Center 239-1090

BHCS Central Office—1018 Grandview 252-1350

Pastoral Staff:

Pastor: **Rev. Merlin J. Schrad**

Senior Priest: **Rev. Msgr. Roger J. Augustine**

Permanent Deacon: **Fred Karpuk**

Permanent Deacon: **Dick Billings**

D.R.E./Youth Ministry: **Fran O'Tool**

Liturgy Coordinator: **Ann Schultz**

Development Director: **Brendan Burchard**

Parish Coordinators:

Director of Operations: **Terry McElroy**

Parish Director: **Joseph M. Puetz**

Parish Director: **Gina M. Sitzmann**

Finance Committee Chair: **Jeanette Frey**

Pastoral Council Chair: **David Sly**

Development Council Chair: **Brendan Burchard**

Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools:

BHCS President: **Jim Tschann**

Holy Cross School Principal: **Michael Sweeney**

Our Mission:

We, the Blessed Sacrament Parish Family, seek to be a community of peace, justice and love, as expressed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

BLESSED SACRAMENT, SIOUX CITY

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Our Parish Life

Tuesday	February 4, 2014
3:00 pm	Sunday to Sunday
Wednesday	February 5, 2014
5:00 pm	Peace Rosary
6:45-8:00 pm	PREP @ School
7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	February 6, 2014
7:00 pm	RCIA @ Blessed Sacrament

Parish Financial Blessings

Year-to-Date Giving Information

July 1, 2012-January 26, 2014

Total Income	\$701,481.49
Total Expenses	\$679,387.44
Difference	\$22,094.05
Sunday Collection	\$14,450.55
Loose Contributions	\$427.00

Other Income

Long Lines Rent	\$1,275.00
Cable Reimbursement	\$46.00

Bills Paid This Week

BHCS Investment	\$58,333.00
Federal Taxes	\$3,764.70
CW Suter	\$420.76
Electric Innovations (alarm inspection)	\$288.00
Fitzgibbon Company	\$36.92

Upcoming Bills

Mid American Energy	\$7,075.85
Payroll	\$20,585.00
Century Link	\$226.46

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 3, 2014
6:45 am	Dan & Corrine McCarthy
Tuesday	February 4, 2014
6:45 am	Vern Spartz
Wednesday	February 5, 2014
6:45 am	Fr. Bob Thiele
10:00 am	Hallmark Mass
Thursday	February 6, 2014
6:45 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Leo Kuennen Family
5:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Kim Nguyen
Friday	February 7, 2014
6:45 am	Elizabeth Lalley
8:00 am	Rodney Osburn
Saturday	February 8, 2014
6:45 am	Dr. Joe Wiedermeier
4:30 pm	Joe Scoville (anniversary)
Sunday	February 9, 2014
7:30 am	David Lenzen
9:00 am	Arne & Helen Feste & Doug Feste

Mass Servers for Next Week

Saturday	February 8, 2014
4:30 pm	Andrew & Rhea Greer, Elliot McLarty
Sunday	February 9, 2014
7:30 am	Connor & Kate Gill
9:00 am	Matt & Luke Giesel, Emma Ryan
10:30 am	Dan, Megan & Katie Glover

Extra-Ordinary Minister's

Saturday	February 8, 2014
4:30 pm	James Duggan, Mary Ellen Ericksen, Rita Fairfield, Ann Feauto, Dan Fleming, Barb & Thomas Vakulskas
Sunday	February 9, 2014
7:30 am	Bob Berger, Bob Jaminet, Gina Sitzmann, Mary Walsh
9:00 am	Sue Grieve, Kathy Heaton, Wayne Lilla, Mary Pick, Dan Ryan, Margaret Teter, Joanne Craig
10:30 am	Kerry & Mary Bressler, Jack & Diana Grubb, Steve & Terri Kimbell, Lynne Wetzel

Becoming a Child of God

Congratulations to **Jamie Eddy Johnson**, the son of James and Kathleen (Eddy) Johnson who was baptized on Sunday January 26, 2014 at Blessed Sacrament. We ask the Lord Jesus to watch over and protect this family and all of our young parents as they raise their special gifts from God.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Next Sunday February 9th

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, sausage strata, coffee, juice & milk.

Collecting Valentines

We are again collecting boxes of unused Valentines for the children at the CSADV shelter and Community Action Agency of Siouxland to give at school. The box is in the main vestibule. Thank you.

Join Us TODAY after all Masses in the Parish Center for the Parish Coffee and the Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolate Sale.





From the desk of Fr. Merlin...

February 2, 2014 The Presentation of the Lord

When Simeon recognizes the child Jesus as the Savior, he notes that he will save us through a suffering that will pierce his mother's heart. That suffering of the Son of God reveals that, in our daily suffering, we can find hope in the Savior who knows what our pain feels like and can give it deeper meaning.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the following students who made their First Reconciliation this past Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Connor Chamberlain

Caleb Cross

Ethan Dallen

Lillian Elliott

Mary Grace Fairchild

Richard Feauto IV

Paulsen Fey

Elise Helvig

Carlos Hernandez-Morrow

Carlene Elizabeth Hicklin

Izaiah Jackson

Ryan Kern

Stella Kuehl

Isaac Lara

Garenn McCormick

Patison McCormick

Maria McGowan

Camdyn Meier

Libby Munro

Kaden Nieto

Kyler Nieto

Claire Osborne

Melia Padilla

Noah Prescott

Kendall Puetz

Sophie Stabile

Grace Todd

Austin Walsh

Braydn Webb

Jonathon Wilshire

Let us keep them and their parents in our prayers as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion this spring.

Thank You

A special thank you to the parents club of Holy Cross School for providing cookies, rolls and coffee after all of the masses last weekend. It was a great opportunity to say thanks and provide time for fellowship. It was a great week that included many activities. Keep up the good work.

Blessing Throats

This weekend we will be providing the opportunity to have your throats blessed. This is a sacramental of the Catholic Church. A sacramental resemble the sacraments. They are those objects, actions, prayers and the like which help us become aware of Christ's presence. Sacramentals prepare us for the all-important signs of Christ's grace, the sacraments. In this sacramental, blessed crosses are place near the throat of a person and the following prayer is said:

"Through the intercession of St. Blase, bishop and martyr, may God delivery you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Food For Thought

A sign spotted in a safari park: **Elephants Please Stay In Your Car.** Seen during a conference: **For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the first floor.** Notice in a field: **The Farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free. But the BULL charges.**

Community Opportunities and Events

February 2, 2014

PREP News Upcoming Events

Confirmation Retreat for Freshman will be held at Briar Cliff University on Sunday, February 23, 2014. Watch here for more information.

Faith Alive

CANDLEMAS DAY

By the 11th century, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord was also known as Candlemas Day. Candles were blessed and a procession through the darkened church celebrated Simeon's words when Mary and Joseph brought him the infant Jesus: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.**" (Lk 2:29-32) It is interesting to note that German immigrants brought this custom to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania when they settled there. The Light of the World has influenced even our secular celebration of Groundhog Day!

Interfaith Pro-Life Prayer Service

On Sunday, February 16, 2014 at St. Michael's Church at 1:30 pm. Dr. Tony Levatino, former abortionist, and his wife, Ceil will tell us how abortions affected their family life. We will hear how a personal family tragedy changed their hearts.

Hospice of Siouxland Volunteer Training

Hospice of Siouxland has a great need for more volunteers, both men and women. Trainings will be held at the Hospice of Siouxland Office, 4300 Hamilton Blvd. on February 3rd and 6th, from 3-6 pm each afternoon. Please contact a volunteer coordinator (712) 233-4110.

The Bishop's Scholarship

Did you know all high school seniors throughout the Diocese of Sioux City are encouraged to apply for "The Bishop's Scholarship" to Briar Cliff University? This is a Four-year scholarship worth \$25,000! For more information including eligibility guidelines and the application process Deadline is Feb. 28th! Visit: www.scdiocese.org/bishopsscholarship

LADIES NIGHT OUT-ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Cost \$12- Feb. 24th-Reservations needed call
Marie @ 252-776 by Feb. 16th

Holy Cross School News

Tuesday 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm	February 4, 2014 Kindergarten Registration @ SM Center
Friday 8:00 am	February 7, 2014 Mass @ BS Center

Scholarship Available

The Catholic Daughters of Sioux City Court Ave Maria #269 are accepting applications from 8th grade students planning to enroll at Bishop Heelan Catholic School in the fall of 2014. In 2013 Our Ave Maria awarded three \$500.00 scholarships. If you have questions concerning the application process: contact Cleo Harder 712-258-5911.

Help Wanted

Holy Cross School-St. Michaels Center job opening for Hot Lunch Head Cook position, hours: 7:30-1:00 pm, \$9 an hour. Please email: Mike Sweeney: sweeneym@bishopheelan.org or St. Michael School, 4105 Harrison St., Sioux City, IA 51108.

Day of Prayer February 8th

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated this Saturday, Feb 8, as the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Human Trafficking. Pope Francis recently set up a Commission to find ways to address this problem, and the Catholic church in the U.S. has worked with victims and survivors for years. There is a wealth of information on human trafficking on the USCCB website at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/human-trafficking/index.cfm. If you don't have internet access, call Bernadette (258-7855).

Items Needed

Mary's Choice is in need of diapers (all sizes), all kinds of new or slightly used clothing (infants to size 8-10), cribs, playpens and highchairs. We also need volunteers. Please call 712-274-6279

St. Joseph Church Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, February 9th 11:30-2:30 pm
Adults \$8, Under age 12 \$4

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