

# Blessed Sacrament Church

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

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## March 2, 2014

## A Journey to Joy



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### 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](mailto: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

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 4, 2014</b>
3:00 pm	Sunday to Sunday
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>March 5, 2014</b>
5:00 pm	Peace Rosary
6:45-8:00 pm	PREP @ Mass
7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 6, 2014</b>
7:00 pm	No RCIA
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 7, 2014</b>
5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross

Two weeks of the Parish Financial Blessings' report will be printed in the March 9th bulletin.

## The Season of Lent 2014

As in past years, we will provide opportunities for giving alms by placing burlap covered coffee cans at all the church entrances. The recipients of the money collected will be mostly local programs and will change weekly.

The recipient program from Ash Wednesday through Tuesday, March 11th will be; **Project Life**, a program of the Crittenton Center, for 18-21 year olds, most of whom are aging out of foster care, and others that age who are at risk of being homeless. Our alms will be used to provide them inflatable mattresses and blankets to use once they have found permanent housing.

Please take a **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Alms Box** from the baskets on the Communion rail and the table in back of Church. These boxes are to be used at home for alms, have a Lenten calendar inside for daily individual or family use.



## Blessed Sacrament Baptism Class

The next class will be Tuesday March 11th @ 7:00  
Please call the Parish Office to register. 712 277-2949

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 3, 2014</b>
6:45 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Watson & Venteicher Families
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 4, 2014</b>
6:45 am	Helen Wiederholt
8:00 am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>March 5, 2014</b>
6:45 am	Deceased Members of the William Byrne Family
8:00 am	Rodney Osburn
10:00 am	Hallmark Mass @ Hallmark Nursing Home
7:00 pm	Dr. Joe Wiedemeier
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 6, 2014</b>
6:45 am	Marvin Japel
5:30 pm	Tony Braunger
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 7, 2014</b>
6:45 am	Vern Spartz
8:00 am	Mary Fitch
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8, 2014</b>
6:45 am	Elizabeth Lalley
4:30 pm	Madonna Hallman, Mary Myers (anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9, 2014</b>
7:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Parish
9:00 am	Willis Hauger
10:30 am	Steven Gubbels

## Alter Servers

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8, 2014</b>
4:30 pm	Tess & Sophie Lord, Abbie Tornell
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9, 2014</b>
7:30 am	Ethan Thompson, Max Tushla
9:00 am	Matt & Luke Griesel, Kasey Heaton
10:30 am	Maddie Elliott, Ryan McCarthy, Rachel Vondrak

## Extra-Ordinary Minister's

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8, 2014</b>
4:30 pm	Mary & Kerry Bressler, Mary Ellen Ericksen, Sr. Colane Recker, Lori Twohig, Jack & Diana Grubb
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9, 2014</b>
7:30 am	Bob Berger, Dave Stedman, Mary Walsh, JoAnn Watson
9:00 am	Mary Choquette, Kathy Heaton, Joan Kuehl, Betty Pratt, Dan Ryan, Gina Sitzman
10:30 am	Joann Craig, Mary & Tom Fleming, Terri Moran, Jane & Mark Stevens, Lynne Wetzal



*From the desk of Fr. Merlin...*

## **March 2, 2014 The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

There are so many things that can occupy our minds. We have many concerns as well as hopes. We are told to offer them all to God. In strengthening our relationship with the Lord, we will be able to know him better. This is why we are called to seek the Kingdom of God. It is in this way that we will know God's love.

### **Lent Begins This Week**

This coming Wednesday Lent 2014 begins. On Ash Wednesday we will be celebrating Mass at **6:45AM** and **8:00AM** and at **7:00PM**. The theme this year is **Lent: A Journey to Joy**. Lent is a reminder of the big picture of life. We are all on a daily journey to ultimately reach heaven (joy) when our life ends here on this earth. We are reminded during these forty days of Lent to examine our lives and to ask ourselves if we are living our lives in such a way that we will reach that joy, the joy that Jesus experienced on Easter Sunday, when he rose from the dead. There are various reading materials and other items on the communion rail and the back table to help you on your journey this Lent. As in the past, the city parishes will be offering communal penance services to help us get rid of the sins that are presenting us from being closer to God. On Fridays of Lent we will also be offering the **Stations of the Cross** beginning at **5:30PM** as a reminder of the great love Jesus had for us, by His journey to the cross. Also continue to look throughout the bulletin for other activities and opportunities that are going on at Blessed Sacrament and throughout the city during the Lenten Season. There will also be **Almsgiving opportunities** throughout Lent. We will have our own burlap covered cans for alms each week for various local organizations. **Two** of the church-wide opportunities will be for **Aid to the World Wide Church, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa** which will be taken up on **Ash Wednesday**. This collection helps build churches and schools and helps the needy throughout the world. The **First Sunday of Lent Collection** is for the **Catholic Home Missions**. This collection supports the poor and needy of our own country. Envelopes are found in your packets and you can put them in the collection basket anytime during the Lenten Season.

### **Lenten Regulations**

**Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.**

This means that all the faithful between the ages of 18-59, who are otherwise in good health, should eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. Two lighter meals are also permitted. In addition, the law of abstinence requires that all of those who are 14 years of age or over are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

**Fridays of Lent** are to be observed as days of abstinence. For those 14 years of age and over, no meat is to be eaten on those days.

Each individual Catholic should resolve to engage in other activities of **prayer, fasting, almsgiving and mortification during the 40 days of Lent**. The celebration of Mass, sacramental reconciliation, generous assistance to the poor and religious/charitable causes should be a part of everyone's Lent.

### **Final KC Breakfast of the Season Next Sunday March 9th**

Menu includes sausage strata, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice and milk. Free will offering accepted.

### **Becoming a Child of God**

Congratulations to **Alexander Joseph Althaus** son of Aaron and Annie (Twohig) Althaus, who was baptized on Saturday February 22, 2014, **Gabriel Mareno**, son of Jose and Liliana (Bayona) Mareno, who was baptized on February 24, 2014 and **Rae-lynn Marie Gant** daughter of Kyle Gant and Jasmine Cutting who was baptized on Friday February 28, 2014. We ask the Lord Jesus to watch over and protect these families and all of our young parents as they raise their special gifts from God.

### **Memorial Mass**

This Mass commemorates all children who died before baptism due to miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, abortion and other before birth or infant fatalities. **March 25th at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral of the Epiphany. Principal Celebrant will be Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless. Please send RSVPs to Kari Smith: [karis@scdiocese.org](mailto:karis@scdiocese.org) or call (712) 233-7530.

# Community Opportunities and Events

March 2, 2014

## PREP News Upcoming Events

Each month we learn a new prayer, during the month of February the prayer is The Guardian Angel Prayer.

*Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, and rule and guide. Amen*

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held March 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm for all PREP students.

## Faith Alive

Matthew Kelly's book, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" gives each of us the opportunity grow in our faith journey no matter where we are at this moment. God has a vision for us to become the best version of ourselves. Life is about saying yes to the things that help us along the way and no to the things that don't. The Four Signs (prayer, study, generosity and evangelization) will make it easier for us and transform us on this journey. Pick up this book today for yourself and your young adult (front Church entrance) and read 5 pages a day as part of your Lenten intention.

## Catholic Daughter's Meeting & Pot Luck

Catholic Daughters Court Ave Maria #269 will hold a meeting Wednesday, March 12th, at St. Joseph Parish beginning with a 5:30 p.m. Mass. A potluck dinner at 6:15 p.m. will be served by the M-Z members. The Heelan Scholarship Award and the Life Saver projects will have their kick-offs. A guest speaker from the Catholic Charities will give a presentation.

## Catholic Women's League Inc.

The annual membership drive is underway. A donation of \$5 entitles you to 24 Masses yearly and a Mass offered at death. The profits from the League's Bargain Center helps supply emergency help to the unfortunate, donations to the poor and assists with tuition for our Catholic Schools. This year \$110,000.00 was contributed to our schools. Please consider becoming a member and please continue to supply us with good usable items for our store. Call us at 276-5625 or 255-0286 for more information or to volunteer.

Please send your contact information and parish to:  
Catholic Women's League, Inc., Bargain Center, 1001 W. 7th St., Sioux City, IA 51103.

## St. Patrick Salad Luncheon & Style Show

Held at Nativity Church, Saturday March 15th.  
Call 276-3022 for Tickets. **Tickets at door \$10.**

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## Holy Cross School News

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 4, 2014</b>
8:00 am	Pre-School Pancake & PJ Day
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>March 5, 2014</b>
8:00 am	Mass @ BS
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8, 2014</b>
6:00-7:30 pm	PTO Movie Night@ BS gym

**SAVE THE DATE**

**The Heelan Auction**

**Saturday, May 3rd Marina Inn**

## "Man Up & Sing" March 14th

Great Northern Union, an a cappella male chorus of 90 singers, will sing in concert with Bishop Heelan High male vocalists and others from public schools at "Man Up & Sing" Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at Eppley Auditorium. The concert will feature 220 male voices. A free will donation will be requested at the door. Reserved seats are \$25. Call Heelan 9 am- 3 pm for information, 252-0573.

## Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy

This moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Michael Church, 2223 Indian Hills Drive on **Saturday, March 22 at 8:00**. The event is sponsored by Trinity Heights Queen of Peace and Catholic Radio

**Benefit Breakfast for the Heelan Mission Trip**  
Held **TODAY (3-2-14)** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in South Sioux City, from 8:00- Noon.

**St. Boniface Parish Breakfast**  
**TODAY March 2nd! 7-11:30 am**

## FISH DINNERS

Beginning this Friday March 7th, St. Michael's Church, 2223 Indian Hills Dr. and Nativity Men's Club, 4243 Natalia Way, will begin their "World Renowned", and "Famous" Fish Dinners.