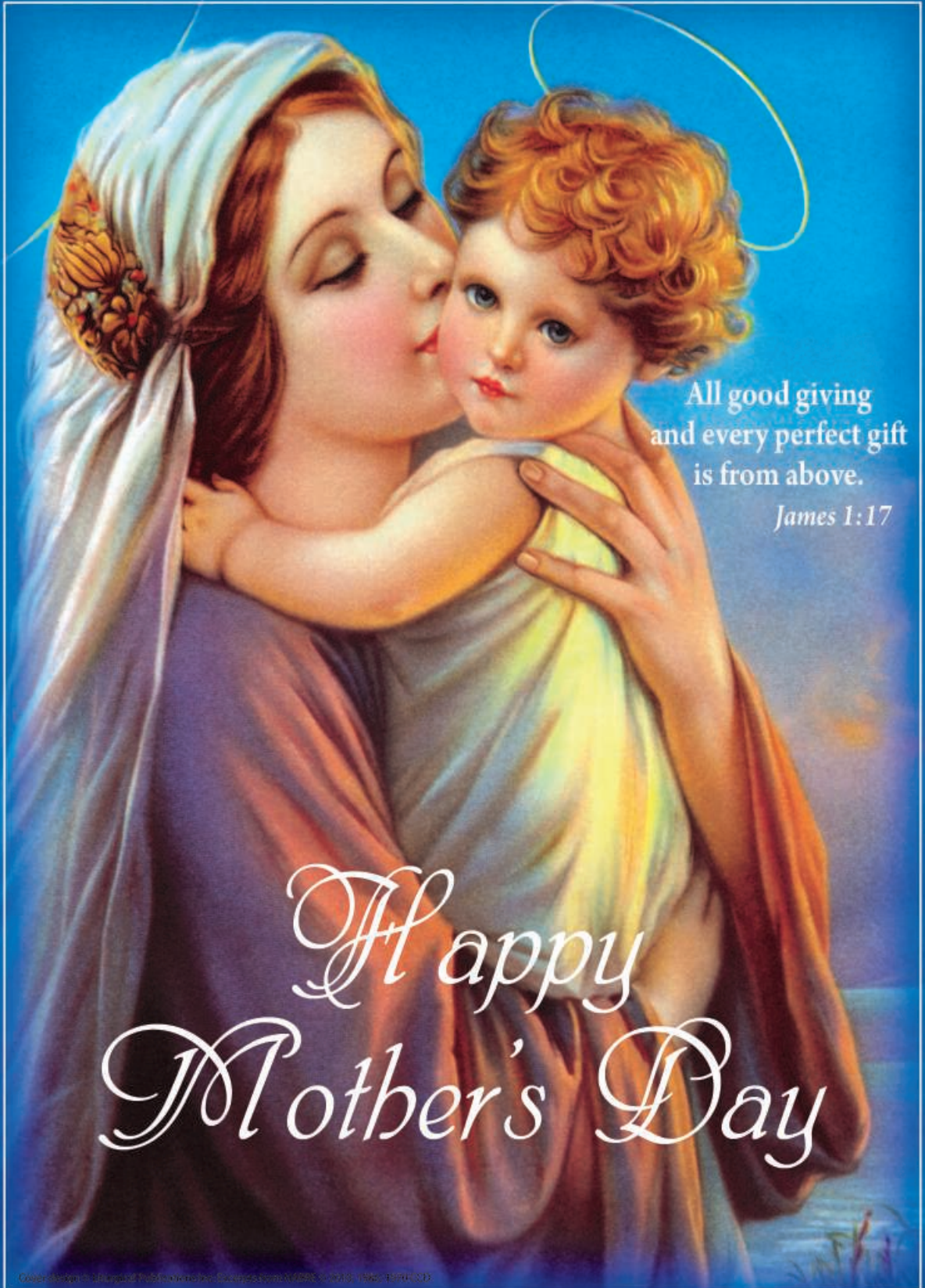


Blessed Sacrament Church
May 11, 2014



All good giving
and every perfect gift
is from above.

James 1:17

*Happy
Mother's Day*

Our Parish Life

Tuesday	May 13, 2014
3:00 pm	Sunday to Sunday
4:00 pm	Angel House Meeting
6:30 pm	Liturgy Board Meeting
7:00 pm	Baptism Class @ BS
7:00 pm	Baccolorite Mass @ SM
Wednesday	May 14, 2014
5:00 pm	Peace Rosary
7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	May 16, 2014
10:00 am	Angel House Graduation

Parish Financial Blessings

Year-to-Date Giving Information

July 1, 2012-May 4, 2014

Total Income.....	\$970,287.97
Total Expenses.....	\$1,011,242.09
Difference.....	-\$40,954.12
Sunday Collection.....	\$18,253.50
Loose Contributions.....	\$671.03

Other Income

Stifel/Nicolaus Investments & Dividends...	\$3,273.03
LPI Rebate (bulletin ads).....	\$1,988.56
Long Lines Rent.....	\$1,250.00
Angel House Rent	\$2,700.00

Bills Paid this Week

Priest Health Insurance.....	\$950.00
Cathedraticum Edu. Fund.....	\$1,103.00
The Globe.....	\$441.55
401K.....	\$790.71
Workers Compensation Ins.	\$473.56
Property & Liability Ins.....	\$3,609.00
Mid American Energy.....	\$4,383.16

Camp Totus Tuus

All high school students are invited to sign up for Camp Totus Tuus! The schedule is packed with activities such as paintball, swimming, canoeing, mini golf, carpet ball, rock wall, archery, Mass, and Adoration! The cost is \$50 per day and camp is scheduled for July 27th and 28th. Contact **Karmen Darwin 712 233 7532** or karmend@scdiocese.org.



Rest in Peace



Ronald King, brother of Mary Ellen Ericksen passed away April 19, 2014, his Resurrection Liturgy was April 24th in Erie, PA. We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of **Ronald**, may the angels of God welcome him into heaven.

Mass Intentions

Monday	May 12, 2014
6:45 am	Kathryn Emery & Eric Emery
Tuesday	May 13, 2014
6:45 am	Yvonne Anderson
8:00 am	No Mass
7:00 pm	Baccolorite Mass @ SM
Wednesday	May 14, 2014
6:45 am	Marvin Japel
Thursday	May 15,, 2014
6:45 am	John, Dorothy & Kevin Kelly
5:30 pm	Fr. Bob Thiele
Friday	May 16,, 2014
6:45 am	Mary Salem
8:00 am	Felicitas Polking
Saturday	May 17, 2014
6:45 am	Kipp Lalley
2:00 pm	Wedding
	Kady Fleming & Jason Williams
4:30 pm	Mark Croghan
Sunday	May 18, 2014
7:30 am	EJ & Alvina Soukup
9:00 am	Pam Sweeney
10:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Parish

Altar Servers

Saturday	May 17, 2014
4:30 pm	Claire Brobst, Megan Janssen
Sunday	May 18, 2014
7:30 am	Connor & Kate Gill
9:00 am	John Paul Keane, Caleb Kuehl
10:30 am	Dan & Katie Glover

Extra-Ordinary Ministers

Saturday	May 17, 2014
4:30 pm	Kerry & Mary Bressler, Patrick Brobst, Jeanette Frey, John Kelly, Betty Pratt, David Sly
Sunday	May 18, 2014
7:30 am	Dan Fleming, Cindy & Frank Gray, Gina Sitzmann
9:00 am	2014 Graduates
10:30 am	Dan Ryan, Dawn Witzke, Cris Berger, Mary Japel, Steve & Terri Kimbel, Lynn Wetzel

Pre-Baptism Class

Pre-Baptism class will be held **Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm** at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office to register 277-2949.



From the desk of Fr. Merlin...

**May 11, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Mother's Day)**

This season asks us to appreciate the presence of Christ in the Sacraments of Initiation, to suffer for the sake of the One who suffered for us, and to heed the voice of the One who calls us to greener pastures.

The Month of May

It is hard to believe we are in the Month of May. The month of May is filled with so many activities starting with First Communion last weekend and then Mother's Day this weekend. Next weekend (May 18) we will be honoring the Blessed Sacrament Seniors at the 9:00 am Mass. We will also have graduations at our High Schools and grade schools along with many end of the year activities. Finally and most important it is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary. It would be a great time to pray a special prayer in her honor with the family or to say the rosary for your own intention. Our Blessed Mother is always looking after us, let us not forget to keep her in our prayers.

Work For The Lord

It is time again to begin working on the church and rectory grounds. With May beginning it is time to get serious about mowing the lawn and planting flowers. We are very fortunate that a group of volunteers have taken care of the church and rectory grounds and the flowers the past few years, but we are always in need of more helpers. The grounds are usually mowed every Thursday. If that time fits into your schedule, and you are able to spend an hour or two each week or maybe every other week, give us a call at the office and let us know or just come to the church Thursday and they will put you to work. As in the past few years, we are also looking for individuals or families who may be interested in taking care of a certain area of the grounds needing flowers or general maintenance. This involves less of a time commitment and can be done whenever it fits into your schedule. If you are interested in this project give me a call and I will coordinate the assignment of an area. Because of the time and talent that is given in these projects, Blessed Sacrament is able to save a lot of money. Thanks and God bless to all of our volunteers in advance. You help make our parish grounds something to be proud of.

Food For Thought

Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell !!!!!
Forbidden fruits create many jams.
Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Marriage Banns 

The following couples will be united in the Sacrament of Marriage during the next few months, please keep them in your prayers:

- Kady Fleming and Jason Williams** **May 17**
- Sherrie Bratzel and Mark Busch** **May 24**
- Emily Lanphier and Alex Poss** **June 7**

Becoming a Child of God

Congratulations to **Malaya McElroy Meier**, daughter of Mike and Anne (McElroy) Meier who was baptized at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, May 6, 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.



Rose Sunday is this weekend. Volunteers will be collecting donations at the entrance of the church for Birthright of Siouland. "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born". Help assist pregnant women find alternatives to abortion.

Community Opportunities and Events

MAY 11, 2014

PREP News & Upcoming Events

Senior Mass

Sunday, May 18th at 9:00 am arrive at 8:30 am!

Bring your cap and gown. If you would like to lector or be a gift bearer, please contact Fran O'Tool.

Vacation Bible School

Registrations for Vacation Bible School are due this **Friday, May 16th**. Contact Fran O'Tool to register. Vacation Bible School is June 2-5th and our theme is the **Olympics...let the games begin!** E-mail: otoolf@bishopheelan.org

Faith Alive

Beginning in 1982, **Our Blessed Lady of Soufanieh** appeared in Damascus, Syria and asked us to love one another; including those who do evil or who hate us. She asked us to pray again and again as God's children are beautiful when they kneel down, and to not let life prevent you from prayer.

Volunteers Needed for Sewing

Our machines have been revamped and our shelves are full of fabric. We need help!! Even if you can't sew on a machine we can use your help cutting fabrics and finishing our quilts. We meet in the basement of Angel House every Thursday at 1:00 pm.

Come See Come Sew.



The Relay For Life of Siouxland Held at Bishop Heelan Memorial Field Friday June 13th @ 6:00 pm

Raising funds to support the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer. For information on how you can join in this movement to end cancer please contact Ann Hoepfner at 712-229-0168. Ann.Hoepfner@cancer.org.

Holy Cross School News

Tuesday
12:00 pm

May 13, 2014

Parent Student Picnic
Lunch

Friday
8:00 am

May 16, 2014

Mass @ BS Center

Our Prayer for Mothers

All loving God, we give you Thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need. May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers, who have nurtured and cared for us. May they continue to Guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not Mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers, who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

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