

Blessed Sacrament Church
May 4, 2014

First Communion

Connor Mark Chamberlain
Caleb Thomas Cross
Ethan Thomas Dallen
Lillian Jean Elliott
Marygrace O'Donnell Fairchild
Richard Joseph Feauto IV
Paulsen James Fey
Elise Ann Helvig
Carlos A. Hernandez-Morrow
Carlene Elizabeth Grace Hicklin
Ryan Hoffman
Izaiha Jackson
Ryan Thomas Kern
Stella Louise Kuehl
Isaac Connor Lara
Garenn Charles McCormick

Patison Mathew McCormick
Maria Irene McGowan
Camdyn Michael Meier
Libby Ann Marie Munro
Kaden Cortes Nieto
Kyler Carl Nieto
Claire Elizabeth Osborne
Melia Jean Padilla
Noah Ian Prescott
Kendall Rhea Puetz
Sophie Rose Stabile
Grace Elizabeth-Anna Todd
Austin James Walsh
Braydn Michael Webb
Jonathon Dennis Wilshire



Our Parish Life

Tuesday	May 6, 2014
3:00 pm	Sunday to Sunday
Wednesday	May 7, 2014
5:00 pm	Peace Rosary
7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	May 8, 2014
1:00 pm	Pastors' Meeting @ BS Center

Parish Financial Blessings

Year-to-Date Giving Information

July 1, 2012-April 27, 2014

Total Income	\$948,192.32
Total Expenses.....	\$997,676.91
Difference.....	-\$49,484.59
Sunday Collection Apr. 12-13	\$16,362.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$609.00
Sunday Collection Apr. 19-20	\$9,674.00
Loose Contribution.....	\$472.00
Sunday Collection Apr. 26-27	\$11,794.75
Loose Contributions.....	\$440.00

Special Collection

Holy Thursday.....	\$290.01
Holy Land/Good Friday.....	\$2,028.38
Easter Envelopes.....	\$11,357.00
Retired and Infirm Priests.....	\$7,073.00
Easter Flowers	\$499.00

Other Income

Diocese Investments-Interest/Divd.....	\$2,587.05
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Bills Paid

Payroll.....	\$20,050.00
BHCS Investment.....	\$58,333.00
City of Sioux City.....	\$719.00

Mass Intentions

Monday	May 5, 2014
6:45 am	Dan & Corine McCarthy
Tuesday	May 6, 2014
6:45 am	Irene (Babe) Brainerd
8:00 am	No Mass
Wednesday	May 7, 2014
6:45 am	Don Hindman
10:00 am	Mass @ Hallmark
Thursday	May 8, 2014
6:45 am	Joe Hobbs
5:30 pm	Bill Augustine
Friday	May 9, 2014
6:45 am	Tom Tucker
8:00 am	Howard & Mary Ann Rudersdorf
Saturday	May 10, 2014
6:45 am	Jim Henry
4:30 pm	Leo Ehli
Sunday	May 11, 2014
7:30 am	Syl & Susan Myerchin & Jane Scott
9:00 am	Vern Spartz
10:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Parish

Altar Servers

Saturday	May 10, 2014
4:30 pm	Tess & Sophie Lord, Andy Prescott
Sunday	May 11, 2014
7:30 am	Ethan Bourassa, Elliot McLarty
9:00 am	Jack Swanson, Joe & Frankie Vondrak
10:30 am	Maddie Elliott, Sean McGarry, Rachel Vondrak

Extra-Ordinary Ministers

Saturday	May 10, 2014
4:30 pm	Sousan Boutwell, James Duggan, Jack & Diana Grubb, Al Metz, Barb & Thomas Vakulskas
Sunday	May 11, 2014
7:30 am	Bob Berger, Dan Fleming, Dave Stedman, Mary Walsh
9:00 am	Mary Choquette, JoEllen & Dave Fravel, Sue Grieve, Joan Rizk, Mary Pick
10:30 am	Mary & Tom Fleming, Terri & Steve Kimbell, Kathy Patterson, Lynne Wetzel, Florence Wictor

Catholic Daughters' Life Saver Project

After Mass **this weekend, May 3rd-4th**, the Catholic Daughters Ave Maria Court #269 will conduct their annual LifeSaver project to help our local and diocese abuse prevention efforts. 60% of your free will donation will go to our local domestic violence prevention efforts, and 40% is sent into the State Court. The State Court will divide all money received among the 4 dioceses for domestic abuse programs of the Bishops' choosing. Ave Maria Court #269 would like to thank you for your support to this project.

Rose Sunday is May 11th

Volunteers will be collecting donations at the entrance of the church for Birthright of Siouxland. "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.

Rest In Peace

Marie A. Hamm passed away Thursday April 24, 2014 and her service was held April 28th. May the angels of God welcome **Marie** into heaven.



From the desk of Fr. Merlin...

May 4, 2014 Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus redeemed the world, but on the road to Emmaus, he took the time to explain how that redemption applied to two individual disciples. Each of us, in some ways, is to be **on the road to Emmaus**. Each of us needs to walk with Jesus and learn from him how he fulfills all that God has planned for us.

Welcome and Congratulations

A special welcome to all of the family members of our **First Holy Communion Class**. We thank you for the support you have given to these special children on this very important day in their life. We especially thank the parents for their spiritual guidance to this point in their life and we look forward to all of you joining us each Sunday as your child receives the spiritual food to keep them strong on their road of life. Thank you also to their teachers at Holy Cross and at Prep and to Mrs. Fran O'Tool for preparing them for this special day. May the Risen Lord bless all of you. Take special note of our First Communion students whose names are listed on the front cover of this bulletin as say a special prayer for them.

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 Mother's Day next weekend along with honoring the Blessed Sacrament Seniors at the 9:00 Mass on **Sunday May 18**. 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

To the pastor from the Finance Committee: due to the current economic crisis, the church has been forced to down size....starting with the length of your sermons.

My new assistant pastor is dynamic, enthusiastic, and capable....I'm completely worn out from overruling all his plans and decisions.

Marriage Banns



Graduates Mass

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

Katie Fleming and Jason Williams----May 17

Sherrie Bratzel and Mark Busch----May 24

Emily Lanphier and Alex Poss----June 7

Blessed Sacrament Parish would like to honor and recognize our Parish Seniors attending all of our area schools. The Mass will be **Sunday May 18th at 9:00 am**. Please call Fran O'Tool (277-4739) if you plan to attend. You are asked to meet in the parish center at 8:30 a.m. Please wear your graduation gowns.

Community Opportunities and Events

MAY 4, 2014

PREP News & Upcoming Events

I would like to thank the following people for their tireless dedication to our Parish Religious Education Program; **Stephanie Kotalik, Dawn Witzke, Nicole Olhausen, Annie Meier, Mike Meier, Abby McCarthy, Nancy Webb, Eric Danner, Kristine Danner, Joseph Danner, Joellen Aesoph-Holles, Chris Roder-Olson, Bev Lohr, Martha Hawthorne, Joann Vedral, Fred Karpuk, Lesleigh Ailts, Marcia Kelley, Trisha Folchert, Priscilla Todd, Dennis LaBarge, Julio Rodriguez....**and Thank you to **Mike Sweeney** and the teachers of Blessed Sacrament School for sharing their classroom space with us.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 2-5 9:00 to Noon

Registration Deadline is May 16th.

\$20.00 per child

Faith Alive

OUR LADY OF FATIMA identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary and she asks us to say the rosary every day. She told the children at Fatima that God wished to establish world devotion to her Immaculate Heart in order to prevent war, hunger, and persecution of the Church.

Pre-Baptism Class

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office to register 277-2949.

Natural Family Planning Class

You are invited to attend a series of classes on Natural Family Planning taught by the Couple to Couple League to learn a method that is safe, effective and morally acceptable. It will be held in Kingsley beginning **Thursday May 15th**. Register soon, so your materials will ship before the class. For more information and to register contact Stacy Martin at 765-532-6369 seanstacymartin@hotmail.com.

A Big Thank You to Mary Lou Nichols, Bob & Judy Jaminet, Barb Vakulskas, Anne & Mike Nelson, Grace Nelson, Addie Nelson, Ann Ignacio and Mark Graff, who helped to decorate for Easter. Also Thank You to Kris Mueller who redesigned the Banners for the Church. Everything looks Beautiful.

Holy Cross School News

Monday

10:30 am

Thursday

12:30 pm

Friday

8:00 am

May 5, 2014

Assembly @ BS Center

May 8, 2014

2nd Grade Students visit
BS Center

May 9, 2014

Mass @ BS Center

Volunteers Needed!!!

Blessed Sacrament parishioners will be filling food backpacks for the Siouxland Food Bank on **Monday, May 5th at 6:00pm** at the **Food Bank**, 1313 11th. St. It takes about 1 1/2 hours to fill bags with nutritious food for the 2,000 elementary school students in Siouxland who use this food to help get through the weekend. If you would like to help, please call **Bernadette at 899-0210**.

Discernment Retreat at Yankton Monastery

"Exploring Benedictine Life: Listening in Context," a discernment retreat for women ages 20-45, will be held May 24 -26, 2014 at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. If you feel called to consider religious life, want to know more about the monastic way of life and desire some time to pray and reflect on the choices that are yours, join us for this retreat. For more information, visit our website: www.yanktonbenedictines.org or contact phyllis.hunhoff@mtmc.edu, 605-668-6092.

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.

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