

# Blessed Sacrament Parish May 28, 2023

We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, are a Christ-Centered Community, Committed to Worship the Father, Committed to Respond to the Spirit's Gifts, Committed to Loving Service to All God's People.

# **Mass Times & Intentions**

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	05/27	5:30pm	+	Pat & Mike Geissinger by Mary Ann Johnson
Sunday	05/28	9:00am	+	Donnie Mathena by the Bowles Family
		11:30am		Blessings for Kevin Roberts and Zackery Mowrer
Monday	05/29			
Tuesday	05/30			
Wednesday	05/31	Noon	+	Cynthia Counsil by Charlie Counsil
Thursday	06/01	Noon	+	Fr. Bob Park by Blessed Sacrament Parish
Friday	06/02	Noon	+	Patty Geissinger by Bob Mills
Saturday	06/03	11:00am	+	Funeral Mass for William Lund
		5:30pm	+	Phil Corkrean by Mary Burriss
Sunday	06/04	9:00am	+	Susan Lovell by Fr. Paul Wharton
		11:30am		For the people of our parish

# We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Loretta DiGiorgi, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Rose Finch, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Bradley Smith, and Sandy Wheeler



# First Communion

June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am Mass **– Henry Gianola** 

# This week at Blessed Sacrament

# Saturday, May 27

- Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00am, Room 5
- Reconciliation 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room
- Novena to the Holy Spirit 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom

# Sunday, May 28

 Chittister Book Study – 10:15am to 11:15am in the Community Room

# Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day the office will be closed.

Tuesday, May 30 (The office is closed)

• **BSP Lyres Club harp ensemble –** 5:30 pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

## Wednesday, May 31

• **Bible Study** – 10:00 am Room 5 (A new study begins: Angels in the Bible)

## Thursday, June 01

- Youth Meeting HS 5:00pm
- Handbell rehearsal 6:00pm
- **Choir rehearsal** 7:00pm

### Friday, June 02

• Scriptural Rosary – 11:15am to 11:45am in the Chapel

# Saturday, June 03

- Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00am, Room 5
- Funeral for William (Bill) Lund 11:00am (preceded by a visitation beginning at 10:00am)
- Reconciliation- 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room

### Sunday, June 04

- Romero Book Study 10:15am to 11:15am in the Community Room
- Movie Fr. Stu: Reborn 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall





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# June 4<sup>th</sup> PARISH FAITH IN FILM SERIES

Fr. Stu: Reborn Rated PG-13 Length 2 hr. 4 min.

Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

When: Sunday, June 4, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

Based on a true story, Father Stu: Reborn is an unflinchingly honest, funny and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. When an injury ends his amateur boxing career, Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) moves to L.A. dreaming of stardom. While scraping by as a supermarket clerk, he meets Carmen (Teresa Ruiz), a Catholic Sunday school teacher who seems immune to his bad-boy charm. Determined to win her over, the longtime agnostic starts going to church to impress her. But surviving a terrible motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others find their way, leading to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a Catholic priest. Despite a devastating health crisis and the skepticism of Church officials and his estranged parents (Mel Gibson and Jacki Weaver), Stu pursues his vocation with courage and compassion, inspiring not only those closest to him but countless others along the way.

### A NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY

May 31, 10—11:30AM Library



The Bible is full of passages in which angelic beings are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgment. In Angels in the Bible, we will examine some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, explore their ministry on God's behalf and draw insights for our own spiritual lives. Contact Jeanne Haas haasjeanne@hotmail.com for more information.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION LEADERS are WANTED and NEEDED.

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Staff wishes to thank **Rick Brennan** and **Kathy Lester** for leading two Book Study and Discussion mini-courses in the Spring. We are looking for volunteers interested in helping with future opportunities.

- Wednesday Night Bible Study and Sharing on the coming Sunday Gospel. At least two or three Facilitators are needed to work with Fr. Paul to make this happen. Timeline: late Spring or early Summer.
- Presenters for an adult component for our Vacation Bible School on the Parables. Timeline: July 24 28 early evenings.
- Future Book Study and Discussion Facilitators (time and topics to be determined).

Please contact Fr. Paul or Mike Granata if you are interested or for more information. Be on the lookout for Survey Monkey Questions coming soon. Kindly pray for our current and future leaders and also for discernment about someday becoming one.

# JUNE 15 LUNCH BUNCH

Thanks to all who helped us on May 18 to set up and clean up and who brought food, door prizes, appetites and good humor to our last Lunch Bunch! We've seen those billboards with the cows recommending that we eat more chikn, and we are their obedient servants - not "cowed" but attentive to their advice. Thursday, June 15, will be our next Lunch Bunch with (you guessed it!) chicken (free! no charge!) that follows the Mass at noon. Please plan to come and, if you can, bring along your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert dish to share. (We noticed a much smaller crowd in May, was it the pizza menu??) Your faithful servants on the Lunch Bunch team (Steve Rist, Mary Pat Peck, Kathy Monahan, John Finnell) are always grateful for your feedback and ideas!

# MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE June 7 Greg Ayers June 14 Matt Leary June 21 Tony O'Leary June 28 Rob Schissler

# **Suggestions Box**

My daughter said she would read the bulletin every week if Walter was in it. Maybe "Walter's Weekly What's Up?" It would benefit the whole parish and bring a lot of smiles.

Walter has been looking for more to do at work.

What suggestions do you have? Walter is curious.

Here are a few possibilities.

- > "Walter's Weekly What's Up?" highlights coming events.
- > "Where's Walter?" gives readers the chance to guess where our Church cat is and what happens there.
- > "Walter's Wisdom" in which asked questions are answered and advice given.



# Join us for VBS at Blessed Sacrament on July 24th through 28th.

## Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

Dig into vacation Bible school! Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and other activities will help us dig deeper to reveal the treasures in Jesus' parables. Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in the Early Childhood component, while children in grades K–5 (or K–8) have their own Bible school.

Vacation Bible school is not just for children!

Adults and youth play key roles. There are several ways you can participate:

- Act in the dramas
- Lead music and worship
- Coordinate crafts
- Facilitate games
- Guide children from one area to another
- Help with registration
- Prepare and serve snacks
- Serve as prayer partners

A Survey Monkey is available to gauge Parish interest https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/95L75VY

See Elizabeth James if you are interested in volunteering. Email: <u>bethjames98@gmail.com</u> Number: (304) 505-3832



## 31 Club this week

31 Club members commit to praying for vocations one day each month.

Sun	05/28	Bernie Mabe / Lucy, Henry, & Katie Smithberger	
Mon	05/29	Irene Galloway / Therese Cox	
Tue	05/30	Jim Scharf / Jack Dever / Diane Lordan	
Wed	05/31	Carla Stricker	
Thu	06/01	Mary Gargarella / Bev Schissler	
Fri	06/02	Joan Fernandes / John McGarrity	
Sat	06/03	Sister Frances / Kirtley Marla Weiner	

# Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 47

**POEM** Fire that Lights our Way

Holy Spirit of Fire:

Light

Energy

All-consuming Love

Empowering

Breath of Life

Transforming Presence

Purity of heart

Fire that warms

Fire that thaws cold hearts

Fire that limbers cold hands

Fire that illumines our path

Fire that burns within us

Faith is a walk with God.

Living by faith in God is a journey, not a destination.

Living by faith is movement, not sitting still or

planting ourselves and waiting for something to happen.

Faith happens when we are alive.

People see that we have faith by how we live our everyday lives,

not because we declare that we have faith.

Where would I be today without God's presence in

the events of my life?

On this journey of faith let us open our hearts, our beings,

to the Spirit of Life,

the Breath that sustains us and gives us life,

the Fire that lights our way as we walk with God.

- Cindy Nedved





#### PRAYER

Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
Come as Holy Fire and burn within me!
come as Holy Wind and cleanse me!
come as Holy Light and lead me!
come as Holy Truth and teach me!
come as Holy Power and enable me!
come as Holy Life and dwell in me!
Fill me, convert me, and consecrate me,
until I am completely yours.
Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

### **MYSTIC MORSEL**

The awe-inspiring kindness and encouragement of the Holy Spirit, our ever-present Lord, strengthens us daily and prepares us to receive our divine reward for every hardship we ve lived through, and these rewards will surely surpass anything we ve ever dreamt or imagined.

—Saint Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

**HOMILETTE** A little boy who was flying a kite. It was a windy day, and the kite kept going higher and higher. Finally it got so high that it was out of sight. A man passed by and saw the little boy holding onto the string. The man could not see the kite, and he asked the boy, How do you even know you have a kite up there?" The boy replied, Because I can feel it." . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Although we cannot see the Holy Spirit, we should be able to sense His work in our lives changing us into the image of Christ.





May 28, 2023 | Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11 | 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20: 19-23

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As a college student, I found myself sitting near the information desk during a layover at a German airport. This was in the days before mobile phones and Google Translate. I remember being so impressed that the two young women behind the desk were able to answer questions in so many languages without missing a beat. Whether it was Spanish, French, German or English, each traveler heard an answer in their own language. I often think that must have been what it was like for the travelers to Jerusalem during Pentecost. They were in an unfamiliar place and yet God spoke to them in a way they could understand. And the beautiful thing about the Pentecost story is that it is not just relating one single moment in time. Instead, it is the start of the Holy Spirit's ministry here on earth, and in our baptism, we, too, receive the same gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation completes the grace we receive at baptism, since we receive a "special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285) We, too, are given the tools to go forth and speak to others even when we are afraid they may not understand. Let us remember St. Paul's words from the second reading: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." And then let us go out and use those gifts for the greater glory of God.

# GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The idea of evangelizing is uncomfortable for many people. Sure, it was fine for the disciples to go out and start talking to strangers, but us? No way. However, evangelization doesn't have to mean starting conversations on the street (although it can!). Instead, it might be making the sign of the cross before a meal in a restaurant, mentioning Mass when a co-worker asks what you did over the weekend, or displaying a crucifix in your home where visitors will see it. In these small ways, we can encourage others to open the door for God to "shine within these hearts of yours," as today's Gospel Sequence says.

STUDY St. Paul reminds us today that we are all "baptized into one body" and "we were all given to drink of one Spirit." In today's divisive world, it can be difficult to remember that. Let us pray for one another knowing that all Christians – even those who may annoy us – are joined together in the same body of Christ. Specifically, have as your at-the-ready prayer this week for all circumstances, the following: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

# Liturgical Ministers – May 27 & 28

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors Tony O'Leary		Philip Maramba	John Priestley
Altar Servers	Rick Brennan	Felix Maramba Pia Maramba	Jeanne Jarrett Eip Shawler
Cantors			
Communion Principal	Christine Fernandes	Peggy Musilli	Todd Witsberger
Chalice Minister	Ro DeBias Missy Mowrer	Matt Hayes Sr. Fran Kirtley	Pat Garnett Carolyne Frye
Communion to the Sick		Missy Summey Susan Bowyer Ann Bradley	
Greeters/Ushers  John Providenti Mike Granata		Nancy & Dan McLaughlin	Jeanne Haas Shelly Nason

# Liturgical Ministers – June 3 & 4

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Carla Stricker	Rory Isaac	Don Becher
Altar Servers	Chip Counsil	Felix Maramba Pippa Maramba	Eli Simonton Nathanial Simonton
Cantors			
Communion Principal Ron Teufel		Rob Plutro	Kathy Lester
Chalice Minister	Todd Witsberger Diane Lordan	Bob Sherrard Sr. Fran Kirtley	Carolyne Frye Jo Midkiff
Communion to the Sick		David Elliott Bob Sherrard Laura Hayes	
Greeters/Ushers  Pat & Mike Habenschuss		Pat Cochran David Elliott	Shelley Nason Emilie McNeil

# Looking for a Good Home for These Items



Ping-Pong Table Boards (no frame)



Two Chalk Boards



Wharfedale Pro Sub-woofer



Peavey Amp



ACE-15 CC

Fender Ace-15 Speaker



Other Stuff

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Walter Catechist the parish therapy cat

Our parish office is open on Monday and Wednesday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The South entrance doors are unlocked during office hours. The North entrance doors are unlocked on days that there is a Mass.

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