

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**August 24, 2008**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am  
Monday – Saturday 7:30 am

## **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturday after 7:30 am Mass & 3:30-4:00  
Confessions heard in church; other times by appointment

## **EVENING PRAYER DAILY WITH BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAYS**

5:15 *in the Adoration Chapel*

Contact the Parish Office to join the parish, to arrange for a wedding (6 months in advance), and for Baptism class information.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

## August 24, 2008 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament,

Here I come, all the way from India, to greet you again through the bulletin this weekend. But I am not sure where to begin and what to share- for there is so much to share! Both pleasant and deeply painful events have taken place within the past one month. The opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist with you was a joyful experience. The dinner party hosted in the parish hall was truly a gesture of love and appreciation. What a great surprise you did give me on my arrival at the airport? My eyes could not believe the sight! Blessed Sacrament Parish is certainly the best across the Atlantic! So blessed am I to experience the love of a wonderful community! Thank you, dear Fr. Olson, Fr. Edmund, the parish staff and everyone in the parish. Well, I should not forget the little children. Thank you for your love! With all my heart again I say to you all- I love you too!

St. Paul says in today's second reading: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways" (Romans 11:33). As you all know, it is with a heavy heart that I made my return journey to India. I reached Guwahati on Saturday (Friday midnight in USA) but was immediately thrown into hectic preparation for the funeral of Father Chacko. The death of Father Chacko, a priest belonging to the province, has left a great vacuum. He was of my age and we did the novitiate together. I miss him. In his death, we have lost a holy priest and good retreat preacher. The funeral service was attended by about 170 priests, many religious sisters, and thousands of people. Three bishops and an archbishop also were present for the burial mass. I did the committal service at the cemetery. It was indeed a fitting farewell to a missionary who gave himself totally to God and people.

People love their priests! Don't they? What a blessing it is to be a priest! I have the confidence that young people of Blessed Sacrament Parish will respond generously to God's call to priesthood and religious life. I really challenge some young people out there – if you have the guts, say YES to your religious vocation. Like Saint Peter also have the courage to recognize Christ as the living God of your lives.

If I don't stop, the bulletin has to be made bigger! So let me close this soon! For holding me so dearly in your hearts, in your thoughts, and in your prayers, I thank you all very sincerely. If God is willing, our paths will cross again. If I am able to continue with the study program, you may see me once a year. It will be a joy to meet you all too. For making me a member of your family, I thank you. Before I close, let me also acknowledge your gift of love that you readily shared for our work in the missions. Your gift of love will bring joy to lives of people that you may perhaps never see. Thank you dear Fr. Olson and Fr. Edmund. Thank you, dear families and people of Blessed Sacrament. I too keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you!

Father Francis Thadathil, msfs

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK August 25 - 31, 2008

### Mon, Aug 25 Weekday, Louis of France, Joseph Calasanz

7:30 **+William Bridgman Lyon**

Servers: Bill Chamberlain

### Tues, Aug 26 Weekday

7:30 **+Robert Volz**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

### Wed, Aug 27 Monica

7:30 **+James Johnson (Anniv.)**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

5:15 **NO EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION THIS WEEK**

### Thurs, Aug 28 Augustine

7:30 **+Don Hefti**

Server: Emilie Steingraeber, Clare Roop

### Fri, August 29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist

7:30 **+Mary Jane Kramer**

Servers: Kellan Doberstein, Sam Scheidt

### Sat, August 30 Weekday, BVM

7:30 **+Helen Aberle**

Servers: Kristen Sauer, Hannah Nelson

### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sat, August 30

**4:30 +Ann Austin**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Kate Riley, Erin Roop, Claire Craig

Readers: Mary Jo and Dave Reinders

Petitions:

*Eucharist:* Walt & Jean Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Ruth Wills, Dave Allen

*Ushers:* Bill Kroner, Harlan Wills, Dave Sweeney, Allan Fukuda

*Offering family:* The Nigon family

### Sun, August 31

**8:00 +Margaret Schubert**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Sam Steingraeber, John Paul Soldner, Matt Brannon, Sam Scheidt

Readers: Jeanne and Steven Pavela

Petitions: Elizabeth Brennan

*Eucharist:* Mary & Lou Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Gaylord & Karen Perry, Pat Lyga

*Ushers:* Pat Cavadini, Robert Schaefer, Paul Lyga

*Offering family:* The Steingraeber family

### **10:00 For the People of the Parish**

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Luke Riley, Luke Schuttenhelm, Mark Steingraeber, Gus Wiggert

Readers: Ted Riley

Petitions: Claire Donskey

*Eucharist:* Marianne Pittman, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary Ann Brownell, Terry Felt, Cheryl Pearse

*Ushers:* Jim Kroner, Si Schaub, Tom Richert, Dan Skaff

*Offering family:* The Czeiska family

+ Father Gorman will be celebrant for the 7:30 am Mass on Wed, Aug 27. CCS teachers will be attending as part of their in-service preparation for the school year.

+Deacon Richard Sage from Catholic Charities will be the homilist at the Masses Aug 30 & 31.

## AROUND THE PARISH

### PARISH GOLF OUTING AND FALL SOCIAL

Sunday, September 7

All the information is on the sheet in today's bulletin  
Golf for all ages, 9 and 18 holes

Sign up by Monday, Sept 1.

Make up your own "Dream Team" and challenge last  
year's winners: Father Olson & friends.

Mike Watunya is heading up the social which will  
begin at 5 pm in the Parish Center. He and the crew  
will be serving up brats and hamburgers, plus all the  
trimmings. We will need a final count for the social by  
Wed, Sept 3. Cost: \$5 adult; \$3 for kids under 12.

### CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tues, Aug 26, 5-7:00 pm

Stop in and meet the teachers, get reacquainted, and  
even drop off school supplies to avoid that first day rush.

### SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Classes will be starting Sept 21 during the 10:00  
Mass in the Parish Center. Needed: teachers,  
teaching helpers, & music leaders for ages 3-5. Please  
contact Helen Roop, 796-2644, or  
[Hmroop5@aol.com](mailto:Hmroop5@aol.com).

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

CCS and Blessed Sacrament Parish offer financial help  
for families attending the Catholic School system. If  
your family has applied through CCS and if there is still  
financial need, you can seek assistance from the parish.  
Contact Father Olson at 782-2953, ext. 4.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

August 23

**Richard & Jeanette Schoen**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration and first class will be Wed, Sept 10, for  
children not attending a Catholic School, grades 1-  
10. We are in need of a teacher for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and  
additional parent help. Contact Pauline Connell at  
782-2953, ext. 3, for more information.

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 8/10: \$16,655.00

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Inch by inch, life's a cinch.  
Yard by yard, it's really hard!

## COMING UP

Aug 30/31 Anniversary Weekend  
Sept 1-7 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Sept 2 1<sup>st</sup> day of school  
Sept 2 Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30  
Sept 7 Parish Golf Outing & Fall Social  
Sept 10 First day of Religious Ed, 6:30-7:45  
Sept 15 Men's Club meeting  
Sept 27/28 Apple Pie Sale  
Nov 1 Rummage Sale

### MUSIC NOTES

**SUMMER CHOIR** will sing at 4:30 Mass on Aug 30.  
Come at 4:00 to practice.

**ADULT SINGERS**, our choir will resume practices and  
singing at 10:00 Mass in September. If you enjoy  
singing, consider being part of our wonderful choir.  
Contact director Mark Earleywine at 397-7210, or  
organist Pauline Connell at 782-2953, ext. 3.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will sing at 10:00 Mass next  
Sunday and will practice Saturday, 9:30-10:15. Singers  
in grade school are most welcome to join us!

### \$crip News

Back to school clothes sales on now. Remember, you  
can use \$crip to pay your Penney's and Kohl's charge  
card bills.

### SCHOOL WINDOWS

Would you like to help fund replacement windows in the  
older section of school? Cost: \$609 a piece. The windows  
have been installed and will be a great improvement.

### MARY'S GARDEN

Outside the office entryway a lovely garden has been  
planted and grows under the watchful eye of a statue of  
Our Blessed Mother. She can't do the watering alone.  
Anyone willing to help out on a regular basis, please  
call Karen Perry at 788-1546.

### RCIA CORNER

A new session will be starting soon. RCIA is for those who  
desire to join the Catholic Faith and have not been baptized or  
not been confirmed. Contact Jennifer Kulzer at 385-3459 for  
more information.

**SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL "CRAFTERS" AND "CANNERS"**

The Christmas Fair Committee  
would like to request that anyone making craft items or canning this summer and fall  
to consider donating some of your wonderful items to the Christmas Fair.

We ask that you price these items yourself and tag them with your name and phone number,  
so if they do not sell at your requested price we can return them to you.

We will not discount your items at our Fair unless you say it is OK to do so.

Questions? Give Karen Perry a call at 788-1546.

***BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will take place this Fall.***  
*are interested in running for a Council seat, please call Father Olson.*

*If you*

**DEANERY SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes will meet one Saturday per month, 10-noon, Sept through May, at the Diocesan Center. Adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities desiring to meet for fellowship and growth in faith are invited. Sacramental preparation for Confirmation will also be offered. Call Diane Heitpas at 783-1942 to register.

**HOSPITAL STAY IN YOUR FUTURE?** Be sure to let the hospital know you are a parishioner here so our priests can be informed and visit.

**MATTHEW 25 MINISTRY** pairs mentors with women who are being released from jail. Mentors will help them establish goals and guide them as they "re-enter" the community. Contact Linda Seidel at 781-2783 or Tom Skemp, Jail Ministry, at 785-9772.

**ALUMINUM CANS** may be dropped off in the bin in the Aquinas Parking Lot. Proceeds help fund Booster Club activities.

**69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AQUINAS CLASS REUNION OF '39** Sept 10, 11-2:00, Schmidty's. Call Bill Wadden, 784-6168, or Don Roth, 784-4027 for details.

**CATECHIST HOME STUDY COURSE** informational meeting will be held Sat, Sept 6, 9:15-10:15, at the Shrine. The course, written by Father John Harden, is for adult continuing education and suitable for catechists, teachers, and parents. Groups will be meeting monthly at the Shrine. For more information contact Luna Chou at 788-5752 or the Marian Catechist Office at 782-0011.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Mon, Aug 25, 12:45-5:45, Cathedral Gathering Space.

**PERSONAL SAFETY & IDENTITY THEFT** presentation by Officer Bob Berndt of the LaX Police Dept. Aug 26, 2:30-3:30, Marycrest Auditorium, FSMC. Sponsored by the Geriatric Dept. and open to all. No **charge**. Refreshments 2:00-2:30.

**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**, through the World Heritage Exchange Program, is seeking homes for High School seniors from abroad. For further information contact Mariel Carlisle at 507-643-7090.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Join this unprecedented campaign: 40 days of prayer, public witness, and fasting to end abortion in our world. Date: Sept 24 – Nov 2. For more information go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

***ADVENTURES IN REVELATION***

***10 WEEK BIBLE STUDY***

***THURSDAYS, 7-8:30 PM, CATHEDRAL PARISH***

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, CALL JOE O'KEEFE AT 786-1793 OR LIZ WHALEN, 788-6900. COST: \$25.***