



This Sunday, we welcome Bishop Carlson, who will Confirm 89 young people from our parish. They will then share in the Eucharist for the first time. Thanks to all the catechists, teachers and parents who have helped them prepare for this celebration.

**PARISH CLEAN UP**

Thanks to all who have helped with the clean-up around the parish grounds. A crew of over twenty worked all Saturday morning and into the afternoon (on the 19th) and they did a great job. They raked and trimmed all over the parish campus and it looks wonderful.

**BREAD BAKER COORDINATOR.....**  
We are in need of someone to coordinate and schedule the baking of the altar bread used for the celebration of Eucharist. The current coordinator will provide the recipe and training. Bread bakes are set up for twice a month. Please call the Liturgy Office, 835-6777, ext. 239 for more information.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

*Offerings received last week:  
\$33,345.00*

*Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father, and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to Me!*



Our Catholic faith is a gift from God. As people of the Diocese of Saginaw, we are united in faith. We are people who hope and pray and help each other on our journey of faith. Gifts given to the Catholic Services Appeal are given out of love for God and love of one another. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to those who have worked so diligently to visit our parish families and for those who continue on this project. Watch next week for a report on where we are at working towards our target goal of \$250,005.

**Readings for Apr. 27-May 4**

Today:  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt. 3:15-18; Jn. 14:15-21

Monday:  
Acts 16:11-15; Jn. 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:  
Acts 16:22-34; Jn. 16:5-11

Wednesday:  
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn. 16:12-15

Thursday:  
Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23; Mt. 28:16-20

Friday:  
Acts 18:9-18; Jn. 16:20-23

Saturday:  
1 Cor. 15:1-8; Jn. 14:6-14

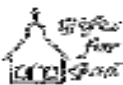
Next Sunday:  
Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt. 4:13-16; Jn. 17:1-11a

<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE:</b> <i>We invite you to join us in worship</i> NOTE: If there is a funeral, weekday Mass is canceled.			
	ASSUMPTION	BLESSED SACRAMENT	SAINT BRIGID
<b>MON, Apr. 28</b>	8:00a Scripture & Communion		6:45a Scripture & Communion
<b>TUE, Apr. 29</b>	8:00a Mass	8:30a Mass 6:30p Our Mother of Perpetual Help	6:45a Scripture & Communion 5:30p Mass
<b>WED, Apr. 30</b>	8:00a Mass	7:00p Evening Prayer	6:45a Scripture & Communion 8:30a Mass 6:30p Evening Prayer
<b>THU, May 1</b>	8:00a Mass	8:30p Mass w/school	6:45a Scripture & Communion 12:05p Mass
<b>FRI, May 2</b>	8:00a Mass		6:45a Scripture & Communion 8:30a Mass w/school 7:00p Benediction
<b>SAT, May 3</b>	4:30p Mass	8:30a Rosary 12:00p Individual Confession 2:00p Wedding: Sara Ward and Jason Fazzoni	9:00a Confessions
<b>SUN, May 4</b>	9:30a Mass	5:00p Mass 8:30a Mass 11:00a Mass	9:00a Mass 11:30a Mass 5:30p Mass

**CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP**

**WHAT I GAVE TO GOD THIS WEEK.**

- My talent is fishing and cooking.
- I spent some time with Emilie.
- I helped clean up the yard.
- I helped grandpa with our lawn furniture.
- My talent is art.
- I helped my mom & dad pick out lights for the living room.
- I put away my shoes.
- I washed the kitchen table.
- I made pancakes for my sister.
- I played games with the family.
- My talent is soccer.
- I congratulated my friend who got an award.
- My talent is baseball.



**HOORAY.....**

The Parish Directories are here! Every family that had their picture taken by Olan Mills can pick up their free directory. Directories will be made available in the parish center after all the Masses May 3 & 4.

**MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY.....** Church Women United will celebrate Friendship Day on May 2 at 9:15 am. Hosted here at Blessed Sacrament, the theme for the day is "God's Wisdom Inspires Hospitality". The day starts with food and fellowship, followed by Bible Study, discussion and a business meeting. Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement of women who celebrate and inspire others to action for justice and peace. All women are invited.

**SPECIAL OFFER.....** If there are any widows who would like a free corsage for Mother's Day, please call 835-6988.

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**TIME TO FIRE UP YOUR FAITH.....**



That's right! We are looking ahead to June and the annual "Fire Up your Faith", week! This is a chance for adults of all ages to learn more about their faith in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. The dates are June 23—26, each day from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. You are able to pick one session to attend each evening. The night's events end with a social from 8:30– 9:00 pm. We hope you'll come! Registration

will start in mid-May. Here are the classes being offered this year:

June 23

"Divorce and Annulment in the Catholic Church" (Led by Norb Bufka) **OR**  
"Jesus the Christ" (Led by Joan Brausch)

June 24

"The Bible: An Introduction" (Led by Fr. Jose Cabrera) **OR**  
"The Middle Ages" (Led by Joan Brausch)

June 25

"Eucharist" (Led by Fr. Pete Gaspeny) **OR**  
"The Global Church and Its Structure" (Led by Joan Brausch)

June 26

"The Seven Sacraments" (Led by Rich Meyette) **OR**  
"The Middle Ages" (Led by Joan Brausch)

**KNIGHTLY NEWS**

**CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Blessed Sacrament KofC 13452 would congratulate the 89 youth of the parish on their confirmation. May God's grace shine upon you during this wonderful event and guide you in your life.

**CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

Our council is always looking for new members. If you are a Catholic male over 18 and looking for additional ways to help the church, we may be able to help you. For additional information Contact Tim Richard at 989-631-8444 or richcrew6@gmail.com . More details about the knight and what we do can be seen at our web site at <http://www.blessed-midland.org/kofc/index>

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS....** The Landscape team is seeking volunteers to help with planting annuals and applying mulch and fertilizer around the Church and shrine areas. Opportunities are available for all ages—no experience is necessary. The work date is Saturday, May 31 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please call Carol Picard for more information or to sign up, 835-6777 ext. 229 or [carolp@blessed-midland.org](mailto:carolp@blessed-midland.org).

**THE NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS .....** will have their annual food drive on Saturday, May 10. Locally this food drive is sponsored by Branch #2317. The letter carriers donate their time and energy to gather donations along their regular mail route. They typically collect almost 30,000 lbs of food to benefit 12 pantries in Midland County. The next collection of food, personal needs and cleaning supplies at Blessed Sacrament will be May 3/4. Monetary donations are also welcome. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket and designated for EFPN. To receive the State of Michigan credit, donations need to be sent to EFPN, P.O. Box 2521, Midland, Mi 48641-2521.

**LIBRARY OVERDUE MATERIALS**

If you've borrowed Parish Library books or videos over the past several months, we really need for you to return overdue materials. Others want to read that great book you have or watch that helpful or fun video. Please drop off your books in the Parish Library Drop-Off Box on the long counter.

**MORE LIBRARY REMINDERS!**

If you borrow materials from the Parish Library, it's ESSENTIAL that you check them out by filing out the book or video card in the book or on the back of the video. Please, never, ever borrow materials in the Drop-Off Box, because they've not yet been checked in and we don't know that you've borrowed them! Last thing - please don't try to help the Library Committee by shelving the book or video that you are returning. We need to check that book in, get the book card into the book and then re-shelve it. Thanks.

**CONTEMPLATING AND LIVING THE EASTER MYSTERY**

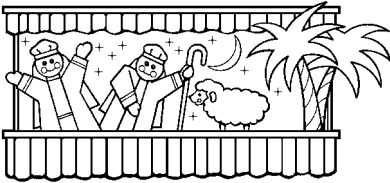
If you've never had a chance to experience Sr. Barbara Reid OP, this is your opportunity. She's wonderful - a fantastic Scripture scholar, articulate teacher and inspiring retreat leader. This retreat day is on May 3, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Center for Ministry on Weiss St. in Saginaw. Cost: \$50. Call Call the Center for Ministry to register: (989) 797-6607

**SCHOOL NEWS**



**SPRING CONCERT.....** The Spring concert will take place in the Social Hall on May 7 at 5:45 pm for grades 1 and 2 and 6:30 pm for grades 3-5. Everyone is welcome to see these great performances.

**BUSSES.....** Blessed Sacrament will be in session on April 28, when MPS is not attending school. We will not have busses running on this day.



**Vacation Bible School**

The dates for this year's Catholic Vacation Bible School is June 16-20. All three Midland Catholic parishes are joining together to make this a great adventure for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade. The event will

be held at St. Brigid's and helpers are needed from adults to youth. Even if you can't make those days, we can use help in preparation. For more information contact Julie Davis at 835-6777X232 or [julied@blessed-midland.org](mailto:julied@blessed-midland.org).



**OPEN POSITION....**

Blessed Sacrament is seeking teachers for the 3rd & 4th grades. If you are interested, please send a resume and letter of application to Blessed Sacrament School, c/o Michael Knoff, 3109 Swede Ave., Midland, MI

**PLEASE JOIN US.....** Please join us on Thursday, May 8 for Mass at 8:30 am. Immediately following Mass, we will have a prayer service and crowning to honor Mary.

**GEARING UP FOR REGISTRATION.....**

Faith Formation Registration is May 3 & 4 this year after all the masses. Please join us.... Activities and balloons will be available for the kids. Coffee and donuts will be available too. This event is set for new and returning families with students age 4 through grade 12. Sign up for "Fire Up Your Faith" and for Vacation Bible School.

**PRINCIPAL POSITION.....** Blessed Sacrament Parish School is seeking a principal beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. The school has 165 students and offers preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The principal is considered to be a leader of the school and is a member of the parish staff with some parish responsibilities. Basic requirements include: must be a practicing Catholic, a masters degree in educational administration or a willingness to obtain a degree, and a valid Michigan teaching certificate. Please send inquiries to:

Rich Meyette, Blessed Sacrament  
3109 Swede Ave.  
Midland, MI 48642  
[richm@blessed-midland.org](mailto:richm@blessed-midland.org)



**CLASS OF 2008...**Please notify the Faith Formation Office if you are graduating from high school this June. We would like to make sure you are included on our invitation list for our annual graduation liturgy that will take place June 8th at the 8:30 Mass. We need to know our numbers early in order to plan this celebration. If you have any questions, please call Mary Clarke at 835-6777x234.

**YOUTH TO YOUTH RETREAT.....**

Please remember in prayer this weekend the 60 high school participants and 35 team members who are on the Youth to Youth Retreat "He alone is my Rock" at Camp Rotary in Clare.

**MANY THANKS.....**

The Youth to Youth Retreat Team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Bev Hanson and Mary Jo Kerlin. Last Saturday evening, the team met for prayer and reflection facilitated by Bev and Mary Jo. We appreciate your continued support of our team this year. We are truly blessed to have you!

**OUTREACH TEAM MEETING.....** Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 29 from 7:00—9:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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**• CEDAR POINT—JUNE 12**

Attention all 6-12 graders: Permission forms have been mailed for this event and forms for your friends are available on the parish website or the Faith Formation Office. Friends of Blessed Sacrament Parish members are welcome and will also need a permission form. **Hurry: the deadline is May 12.** If you have any questions, please call Theresa Palmieri at 837-3615 or Mary Clarke at 835-6777 X 234.

**• SAY Y.E.S.**

Youth Encounter Service will take place June 15-20 for high school students. You can do something important this summer. Join other area Catholic high school youth to learn about and fight poverty and reach out to the poor of Saginaw. There will be time to help repair homes and become involved in direct outreach through various organizations. Evening get-togethers will offer fun, learning and new friends. Y.E.S. is sponsored by the Diocese of Saginaw. For more information call Mary Clarke 835-6777 ext. 234.



**DATES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY**

May 3-4 Faith Formation Registration Weekend

June 8 Graduation Liturgy at the 8:30 am Mass

June 12 Cedar Point Grades 6-12

June 15-20 Youth Encounter Service Week, Saginaw

June 22-28 Youth Outreach Mission to Hammond, IN

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ST. VALENTINE SCHOOL.....** A group rummage sale is planned at Beaver Community Hall in Kawkawlin on Saturday, May 3 from 8:00—5:00 pm.

**ASSUMPTION TEA.....** The ladies of Assumption invite the ladies of Blessed Sacrament to a Tea on May 7 from 11:00—2:00 pm. They hope to see us there.

**ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING.....** There are millions of orphans worldwide in need of families. How can you help? One child at a time. Learn more about adoption by attending a free informational meeting at Adoption Associates, Inc. in Saginaw on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will offer information on building your family through domestic infant or international adoption programs in China, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Russia and Ukraine. To RSVP, please call 989-497-5437.

### **FAMILIES NEEDED FOR RUSSIAN ORPHAN HOSTING PROGRAM.....**

Interested in hosting a Russian child or sibling group for two weeks this summer? Michigan families are needed for the Hosts of Hope program. For more information, call 616-667-0921 or visit their website at [www.HostsofHope.com](http://www.HostsofHope.com).



#### Today:

2:00p Confirmation/  
First Eucharist Celebra-  
tion

#### Monday:

6:30p Bell Choir

#### Tuesday:

7:00p Bible Study  
7:00p YM Outreach  
7:00p Stewardship  
Committee

#### Wednesday:

9:30a Scripture Study  
7:00p Ensemble  
8:00p Men's Basketball

#### Thursday:

4:00p Children's Choir  
7:00p Social Awareness Comm.  
7:00p S.P.R.E.D. Leader Mtg.  
7:00p Choir

#### Friday:

8:30a Church Women United

#### Saturday:

4:00p Blood Pressure Screening  
6:00p Faith Formation Registra-  
tion

#### Next Sunday:

9:30a Faith Formation Registra-  
tion  
9:30a Coffee/Donuts  
9:30a Christian Initiation