

THE COMMUNITY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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Upcoming Special Events

- Daily Mass during Summer Break: Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 AM
- Individual Confessions: Every Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:40 AM
- May 23/24: Feast of Pentecost, **WEAR RED**, please.
- May 25: Memorial Day; Parish Office Closed
- June 7: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast; 8:00 AM - Noon, Parish Center
- June 7: Registration for All Summer RE Programs; Church Gathering Space, Between Masses
- June 14: "Journey Through Death to New Life"; Parish Center; 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM (Funeral Planning Guidance)
- June 15-26: Summer RE Classes, Kdg-8th Grades; 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Edward School
- June 15-19: Summer CORE (Week 1); 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Columbus High School
- June 21: Father's Day
- June 22-26: Summer CORE (Week 2); 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Columbus High School
- June 28: Farmer's Market & Family Fun Fair; 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
- July 3: Independence Day Celebrated; Parish Offices Closed
- July 14-17: Vacation Bible School; BMAP Middle School; Morning Session 9:00 AM - Noon
- Aug 8: Golf Tournament; 7:30 AM - Noon; Shotgun Start, South Hills Golf Course
- Aug 31: First Day of School/Orientation Day (All students/parents must attend a session)
- Sept 7: Labor Day; Parish Office Closed

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SCRIP News

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"Come Holy Spirit"

Pentecost 2015

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."

This ancient prayer to the Holy Spirit has long been one of my favorites. This Pentecost parish newsletter seems a good place to share why that is so with you.

The prayer begins with two powerful verbs requesting the Holy Spirit's action: Come and Fill. We humbly and needfully ask the Holy Spirit to come because it is by God's goodness that the Spirit will be mine; I can't make it happen at all.

To fill is to leave room for nothing else. No sin, no pride, no fear most of all! Usually it's fear for myself of one form or another that brings me to sin. If I was completely filled with the Holy Spirit—the "I'm for you" love that is God—what powerful witness to Jesus I could give, and what contentment and joy would be mine in the face of my challenges!

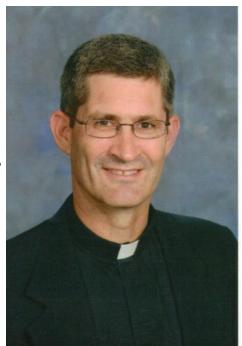
To be filled with the Holy Spirit brings to mind Jesus' Beatitude "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." If only my heart was even close to the old Ivory soap claim of being 99.44% pure Holy Spirit! I'd do a lot better at seeing God in my neighbor, in my crosses,

and in the concerns that have me usually seeing mostly the costs of discipleship.

The prayer "doubles down" on that request by asking God's Spirit be sent "that they may

be created." I am always struck by the conclusion that they will be created, and not re-created. Do you find it troubling to hear the prayer refer to us prior to the Holy Spirit's presence as not existing? I do! But it reminds me that without a relationship with God—without responding to love in my life with Christ-like love even if I am not a Christian—I don't have a destiny with God. I will not exist as the being I was intended to be: held in love, giving and receiving love forever.

We are blessed! Amazingly, undeservingly blessed to be able to call on the Holy Spirit! Blessed with the potential to be filled with the Holy Spirit so God's love governs how we see life! Blessed to be created in God's image, with the ongoing grace of the Holy Spirit creating us every moment into that potential so that we are wholly God's! Come Holy Spirit!



Fr. Tom McDermott
Pastor

Fr. Tom

School News



Our school year is coming to a close, but don't forget about summer childcare!

Blessed Sacrament KidZone Daycare offers fun field trips and activities to keep kids safe and busily entertained all summer! KidZone Daycare is licensed through the Department of Human

Services and is able to care for children from 18 months through 5th grade. Students from all schools are welcome! KidZone Daycare hours are from 6:30 am-5:30 pm, Monday through Friday year-round. Contact Jamie at 236-6131 for registration information.

We are already looking forward to the next school year! We are currently accepting registrations for

new students. Stop by the school office or call us at 233-7863 for a tour, and to learn about the great things happening at Blessed Sacrament School. We offer exceptional faith-based education, small class sizes, and a dedicated staff tuned in to the individual needs of our students. Tuition assistance and convenient payment options are available.



KidZone Daycare friends having fun!



Preschool time outside!



Leading and celebrating Mass.



Collaboration across grades.



Technology integration to expand learning opportunities.

Volunteer Service Coordinator



We are pleased to announce that Mary Minard has joined the Parish Staff as Volunteer Service Coordinator.

Mary's primary responsibility will be to facilitate the development, coordination, and administration of all volunteer activities at Blessed Sacrament. In this role, she will serve as the primary liaison between the parish office and individual parishioners, as well as parish committees, devoting their time and talent to service within our parish.

Mary comes to the position from a strong background of professional administrative and volunteer service, including six years as a volunteer with Birthright and service on the Campaign Leadership Committee for the Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School capital campaign, as well as on the finance committee for the CVCS Ultimate Auction for the past 5 years.

A member of the Blessed Sacrament community since 2004, Mary has taken an active role through the years in parish events such as the school's Fun Fair and our Fall Festival.

The daughter of Max and

Synod on the Family



In September, there will be a synod on the family, which will meet in Philadelphia. Pope Francis

will be present at this synod. The family is something that is very important to Pope Francis, and rightly so. The family is a vital part of our faith tradition. The Second Vatican Council called the family the "vital cell of society." The family has a major part in the life of the Catholic Church. St. John Paul II called the family the "school of virtue." The parents are the first teachers

of their children, and the children learn values from the parents. It is from the family that the core of society is shaped.

When the family breaks down, relativism begins to take hold of our moral life. Religion, and our relationship with God, becomes misplaced and forgotten about, and the secular culture and relativism take hold. The result is that society itself will break down. It is from this breakdown of the family that has brought Pope Francis to call for this synod on the family. It is important for us to work towards the protection of the family, the first school that

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Margaret Klein, Mary is married to Mark Minard. They have five sons, Jay, Peter, Louis, Calvin, and Miles.

We look forward to Mary's involvement in our efforts to promote the exercise of stewardship as an expression of gratitude to God and as a way of life for disciples of Christ.

Please take a moment to say hello and welcome Mary in her new role as Volunteer Service Coordinator.

Mary can be contacted by telephone at (319) 610-1451 or by email to:
bscvc650@gmail.com.

Ralph Davis, Seminary Intern

we go to. One good book that I have found on the family is called "Mission of the Family" by Jon Leonetti. I highly encourage you to take a look at it and reflect on the mission of the family.

*One major point that the author talks about is the effect that the sexual revolution had on the family, in particular the effect that abortion and contraception have against the family. He also gives wonderful stories of people who chose against abortion, and the impact it had on their family.

Daily Disciple: Nathan Vannoni



Our Daily Disciple for Pentecost is Nathan Vannoni, a senior at Columbus High School and one of two Youth Representatives to the Pastoral Council.

Nathan has benefited from a home and school life that has imbued him with the Christian values of kindness, patience, and caring, steeped in prayer and trust in God.

The eldest son of Gerard & Debra Vannoni, Nathan attended Blessed Sacrament School and has participated in the life of the community

as an altar server, plays guitar for the Youth Choir and became actively involved in Vacation Bible School at an early age, becoming an Assistant and Group Leader.

A lifelong Scout, Nathan was a member of our Cub Scout Pack and one of the original group of Scouts to start our Boy Scout Troop. Nathan earned his Eagle Scout in 2012. His service project was to help with the rehabilitation of the Cedar Valley Hospitality House by building three benches and three picnic tables.

An active student at Columbus, Nathan is a four-year varsity letter member of the Swim Team and has qualified for State twice. He is also a member of the Show Choir, performing in musicals, and is active in the

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Youth Group, attending both the 2014 National Catholic Youth Conference and the Archdiocesan Youth Rally in his Freshman and Senior years.

As a young adult Catholic, Nathan sees the future challenge of the Church as one of adapting to a younger, more lively and energetic culture based on our shared beliefs, values, and morals, adept at using technology to connect and spread our faith.

Nathan's future plans include attending the University of Northern Iowa, where he will major in Computer Science, and continuing involvement in the life of the Church, settling down and raising a family in the faith.

BLESSED SACRAMENT

FARMER'S MARKET AND FAMILY FUN FAIR

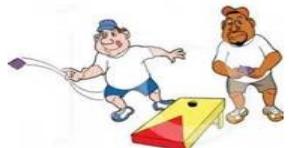
Sunday, June 28, 2015 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM



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HANDMADE/HOMEGROWN ITEMS, PLANTS,
CHILDREN'S/ADULT GAMES, ETC.



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Faith Formation News

Waterloo Catholic Faith Week 2 Formation is committed to the June 22nd – 26th religious education of children. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm A variety of class times and Columbus High School locations are offered to meet the changing needs of our Wednesday CORE families. Children may join Semester 1 our classes in any grade. September – November Summer class size may be 6:30 – 8:00 pm limited. Columbus High School

You may register by stopping by Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday, June 7th, following the 10:30 Mass in the Gathering Space/ Vestibule. Semester 2 February – April 6:30 – 8:00 pm Columbus High School

Please call our Faith Formation Office for more information 319-233-0498.

K – 8th Grades

Summer R.E.

June 15 – 26
9:00 am – Noon, Mon - Fri
St. Edward's School

Wednesday R.E.
September - April
6:15 – 7:30 pm
Sacred Heart School

Sunday R.E.

October – May
8:15 – 10:15 am
Blessed Sacrament School

High School Summer CORE

Week 1
June 15th – 19th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Columbus High School

Cathy Mills, Director of Children's & Family Catechesis

will be anchored in rock solid Bible truths that will guide them through life's challenges. Kids LOVE meeting new friends in their Climbing Crews.

Join us: July 14th – 17th
9:00 am to Noon
Blessed Maria Middle School

Over 30 adult volunteers are needed for our VBS program. Please contact Cathy at 319-610-0956 if you are able to help in this great adventure!

Get ready for VBS 2015! **EVEREST: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power**

Kids ages 5-10 will embark on an icy expedition where kids overcome obstacles with God's awesome power. Kids



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 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday
 8:00 AM Tuesday - Friday

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What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Blessed Sacrament every time you shop, at no cost to you. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, giftwrapping fees, taxes, or service charges.

How do I get started?

To shop at AmazonSmile go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device, or click on the link on the Blessed Sacrament website. You will be asked to select your favorite charity. To do so, simply type in "Blessed Sacrament Church, Waterloo, IA". Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

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You're Invited!

Volunteer Appreciation

Breakfast

F	Sunday, June 7th	F
R	8:00 am - Noon	R
E	Parish Center	E
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