



SACRED HEART BEAT

AUGUST 2024

NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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WHY I LOVE BEING CATHOLIC



Before I can tell you why I love being Catholic, there are some things you need to know about my background. Some of you are aware of these pictures from my past, most are probably not. I include them here not to brag or make this article About ME!

I simply hope it provides a connection with some of you, perhaps you may see a part of you in my brief story. Hopefully it will get everyone thinking about their faith and why you love being Catholic.

I was raised a Missouri Synod Lutheran. What that means is, with my limited exposure to Protestant denominations, you're about as close to Catholic as you can be and still be Protestant. My road to becoming Catholic began when I married Cathy, a cradle Catholic, with a strong faith. We started our marriage off by alternating Church attendance every week. The second stretch of road occurred in Great Bend when Father Warren Stecklein became pastor. This is when I began attending Church at Saint Pat's more often than the Lutheran services. This is when I really started feeling comfortable during the Mass. I didn't make the sign of the cross or genuflect, I wanted to, but just didn't think it was kosher at that point. But, I did kneel. The last bit of road was relatively short. Our future daughter-in-law was the final piece of the puzzle. I don't know why, but she was the reason I went to Father Warren about joining the Church.

Since that time, I have found out that there is more to a relationship with God than simply attending Mass every week. I'm always learning more about our faith and think this is a lifelong endeavor, and I have a lot of lost years to make up. Recently read a book put out by Matthew Kelly. You'll never guess the title, so I'll tell you: ***Why I Love Being Catholic***. Many of you have no doubt read it. It is full of stories from Catholics all over the globe. Many bring tears to one's eyes. It got me thinking about why I went down the road I travelled and finally joined the Church. There are many reasons why I love being Catholic. The traditions (e.g., sign of

the cross, genuflecting, bowing, kneeling) all make you feel more than simply being a spectator at a Church service. They make you stop and think about what is going on. As a protestant I never would have thought I'd go to confession. But that has become the number two reason I love being Catholic. There is a reason the Church calls it a Sacrament of Healing.

I've read that fully two thirds of Catholics do not believe in Transubstantiation. That when we receive the bread and wine during Communion, we are receiving Christ's body and blood. Not a representation, but the real deal. How do we know this....read again John 6: 22-69. Jesus leaves no doubt about this. When you stop and meditate on what our God has, and is doing for us every time we receive the Eucharist, we must get on our knees and thank Him.

I don't understand how so many Christians believe Jesus raised Lazarus, healed the blind, lame and lepers and even He was raised from the dead, because it's written in the Gospels, but they don't believe John 6: 51. I thank the Lord for all he has done for us and love the Church for passing on to us the teachings of the Holy Sacrifice.

Adult Religious Formation Commission: Karl Grover



**THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Thursday, August 15th

Masses:

7:00 am at St. Bernard, Belpre
6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish

A Holy Day of Obligation



Larned Columbus Club
Hamburger Dinner
Friday – August 9th
5:00 to 7:00 PM
Dine In or Carry Out

Adults: \$12 • Ages 5-12: \$6

K of C Hall on Scenic Drive – 1216 M Road

SACRED HEART PARISH LEADERSHIP

JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025

Pastoral Council

Fr. Anselm Eke, MSP – Pastor
Sr. Rebecca Otter – Pastoral Minister
Stephen Schartz - Chairperson
Steve Ehrlich - Secretary
Lee Gilcris
Tama Hanson
Doug McNett
Larry Skelton
Judy Solko

Stewardship Council

Judy Damm - Chairperson
Cathy DeMond
Kayla Lang
Sharon McGinness
Dee Myers
Sr. Rebecca Otter
Tonya Sanders
Janet Skelton

Endowment Board

Maurice Schaller - Chairperson
Brian Haberman - Secretary
Joe Simmons - Treasurer
David Hammeke
Jon Roy Kelty
Kevin Simmons

Finance/Property Commission

Dennis Wilson - Chairperson
Kathy Couchman - Secretary
Jim Damm
Tom Giessel
Jack Molleker
Jenny Ramsey

Liturgy Commission

Kathy Hammeke - Chairperson
Corine Boman
Judy Damm
Mike Martel
Sr. Rebecca Otter
Jenny Ramsey

PSR Commission

Kristy Hagerman - Chairperson
Shaun Gardner
Michelle Kelty
Ben Ramsey
Krysten Watkins
Cheryl Skalsky

Adult Religious Formation Commission

Mary Mitchell - Chairperson
Regis Lopata - Secretary
Cathy Grover
Karl Grover
Karen McAllister
Sr. Rebecca Otter
Kevin Simmons

Heart to Heart Ministry

Kathy Kazmaier - Chairperson
Melinda Axman
Lee Gilcris
Barbara Hammond
Debbie Steinert

Altar Society

Sharon McGinness - President

Vocations Committee

Ben Ramsey - Chairperson
Judy Damm
LeAnne Hammeke
Michelle Kelty
Kevin Simmons

Knights of Columbus

John Wasinger – Grand Knight



COLORADO PEACHES

Our Sacred Heart Youth Group is once again selling 18 lb. boxes of Colorado peaches at \$48.00 per box to earn money for their Youth Group Trips. These peaches are far better than anything you can get at the grocery store. The peaches will arrive mid to late August. If you would like to reserve a box, contact Michelle Kelty at 285-7039, a high school youth group member or call the parish office at 285-2035.

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- Aug. 1 ~ Adult Religious Formation Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 2 ~ Altar Society Garage Sale, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Aug. 3 ~ Altar Society Garage Sale, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Aug. 3 ~ K of C 1,2,3 Major Degree, 6:00 PM, K of C Hall
- Aug. 4 ~ Refreshments after Mass / Blessing of August Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Aug. 6 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 6 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Aug. 8 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Aug. 9 ~ Columbus Club Hamburger Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- Aug. 12 ~ Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 13 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Aug. 13 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 15 ~ Parish Office Closed – Holy Day
- Aug. 16 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Aug. 19 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 20 ~ Vocations Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Aug. 20 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 21 ~ Holy Hour in Holy Rosary Chapel, 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Mass following Holy Hour, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 22 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 27 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 28 ~ PSR Family Mass, 6:30 PM
- Sept. 1 ~ Refreshments after Mass / Blessing of September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons
Richard Wolf
Rita O'Gwin
Bert Schartz
Marie Welden
Brenda Martin
Fr. Charles Mazouch
Stan Durler
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku
Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord
Pam Theis



Sherry Lemuz
Doris Schaller
Leon Sanders
Ryan Shelton
Clayton Kelty
Sue Haymaker
Trenton Welsch
Kevin Simmons
Lee Durler
Kathy Hammeke
Michele Collins

All of our men and women serving in the United States Military, our homebound parishioners and those in care homes.



The sessions of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September. If you know of anyone who might be interested in inquiring into the Catholic faith, please extend an invitation. The first several weeks will be spent in answering questions of inquirers and does not mean there is an obligation to join the church. These sessions may also be informational for Catholics who want an update about their faith. For further information, please call Karl Grover at 620-793-2936 or the parish office at 620-285-2035.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) Clint Bowman | (19) Erica Gonzalez |
| Betty Haberman | Daniel Kelty |
| (03) Pam Hutfles | Hayden Skelton |
| Tanner Steinlage | Bryan Stacey |
| (04) David McMillan, Jr. | (20) Sheryl Giessel |
| (05) Tyson Couchman | Rosemary Heinen |
| Barbara Hammond | Ryder VanSickle |
| (06) Kathy Couchman | (22) Isabella Bowman |
| Kristy Hagerman | Briella Ramirez |
| Marilyn Minson | (23) Zane Fitzsimmons |
| Luke Steinlage | Kailani Gonzalez-Renteria |
| (07) Beverly Burd | Roger Haberman |
| Sharon Lessard | (24) Stan Durler |
| Brian Sanders | (25) Katy Gardner |
| (08) Jeff Byrum | Jane Kelty |
| (09) Matt Stucker | Mary Rapp |
| (10) Caleb McDonald | (26) Alyssa Clark |
| John Wasinger | Tana Clark |
| (12) John Kelty | Orena Hammeke |
| (13) Jordyn Cook | (27) Leeta Degenhardt |
| Jax Johnson | (28) Kambrie Hammeke |
| Terry Palmer | Erica Houser |
| (14) Joe Colglazier | Oliver Whetstone |
| Karen McAllister | (29) Ashley Garcia |
| (15) Jane Bleakney | Henry Snodgrass |
| Linda Gasser | Brooks Steinlage |
| Jennifer McNett | (30) Paul Aistrup |
| (16) Anthony Gonzalez | Avery Gonzalez |
| Lori Hammeke | Bristol VanSickle |
| (17) Kaius Lang | Theresa Wright |
| Brandon VanSickle | (31) Dee Myers |
| (18) Priya Denning | |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- (01) Jason and Renae Skelton
 (02) Jerry and Jeanette Johnson
 Ray and Carol Moeder
 (03) Matt and Krysten Watkins
 (04) Brandon and Lindsey VanSickle
 Troy and Amy Welsch
 (06) Aaron and Abby Ridder
 (08) Justin and Tricia Smith
 (09) Dale and Berny Unruh
 (10) Larry and Janet Skelton
 (11) Lynn and Tama Hanson
 Tanner and Kayla Lang
 (13) Isaac and Sherry Lemuz
 (16) Stan and Lee Durler
 (18) Mark and Sharon Lessard
 (19) Philip and Katie Hammeke
 (20) Joe and Linda Gasser
 (22) Paul and Cheryl Skalsky
 (27) Samuel and Erica Gonzalez



CONGRATULATIONS!

Larry & Janet Skelton ~ Married 61 years
 Isaac & Sherry Lemuz ~ Married 58 years
 Ray & Carol Moeder ~ Married 55 years
 Paul & Cheryl Skalsky ~ Married 54 years
 Stan & Lee Durler ~ Married 53 years
 Lynn & Tama Hanson ~ Married 40 years
 Troy & Amy Welsch ~ Married 40 years



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Graham Michael, the son of
 Gabe & Carlie Dipman on July 21, 2024

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023

	JUNE	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	14,426.00	204,975.87
Special Donations		17,165.00
Endowment		8,000.00
Interest	21.75	2,942.90
Farm		11,451.05
PSR	2,013.12	25,122.12
Fundraisers		2,472.45
Miscellaneous	1,834.00	100,874.83
TOTAL	\$18,294.87	\$373,004.22
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,345.60	22,093.19
Salaries	12,442.86	167,953.97
Insurance	2,732.00	27,217.00
Utilities	2,393.85	28,521.81
Maintenance	317.54	8,921.98
Improvement		
Office	1,055.90	11,441.76
PSR	1,987.97	26,721.21
Farm		1,385.33
Miscellaneous	2,586.89	22,784.87
TOTAL	\$24,862.61	\$317,041.12

YTD: \$55,963.10

August 2024 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 3 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major) / Tonya Sanders (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Paul & Susan Aistrup

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

August 2024 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 4 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Kristy Hagerman (major) / Amy Simmons (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – Doug & Mary Smith

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – David O'Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

August 2024 ~ MINISTRIES
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Saturday, August 10 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major)

Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Brian Haberman

Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, August 17 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Regis Lopata

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major)

Amy Froetschner (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Toni Novotny / Lee Gilcris

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, August 24 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Ben Ramsey

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major)

Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Volunteer

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Kraig & Amy Froetschner

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Steve Ehrlich

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, August 31 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Dennis Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major)

Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Cindy Perez / Usher

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Tonya Sanders

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

August 2024 ~ MINISTRIES
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 11 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Mary Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac Lemuz (major)

Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – Shane Sundahl Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, August 18 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Kathy Couchman / Kristy Hagerman

Eucharistic Ministers

David O'Gwin (major)

Mary Mitchell (minor)

Servers – Slade Sundahl / Darby Sundahl / Gabe Mull

Ushers – Isaac Lemuz / Tony Lemuz

Gifts – Dale & Berny Unruh

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, August 25 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Amy Simmons / John Kelty

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon McGinness (major)

Berny Unruh (minor)

Servers – Daniel Kelty / Eli Kelty / Faith Kelty

Ushers – Alvie Axman / Mike Tanner

Gifts – Alvie & Melinda Axman

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, September 1 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major)

Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Jenna / Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – Amanda Clark / Vicki Perez

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

August Collection Counters – Doug & Mary Smith