



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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On November 21st, we celebrated the Feast of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joachim and St. Anne had prayed many years for a child. Their prayers were answered with the birth of Mary. They pledged her consecration to God and presented her to the temple when she was 3 years old. You may be wondering how this fits in with the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception that we celebrate on December 8th. Mary was immaculately conceived in order to be an appropriate tabernacle for Jesus. She was born without sin so that she would be a fitting tabernacle for Jesus's conception. She spent her life at the Temple learning to know and love God.

We have all heard the story of Mary's betrothal to Joseph and the confusion she felt when the Angel Gabriel appeared and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee". Mary began asking questions which is an indication that she was free to say yes or no. She said yes because she loved God. All of creation held its breath waiting for her answer. "Let it be done to me." This fiat by Mary helped to change the world. Mary, pray for us sinners.

As you consider these words from Gabriel, you recognize them in the prayer, 'Hail Mary'. Have you ever found yourself saying this prayer rapidly without thought? Maybe we don't say the Hail Mary slowly because we don't understand it. 1) Hail Mary, full of grace; 2) the Lord is with you; 3) blessed are you amongst women; 4) blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. The first two are from Angel Gabriel, the second

two are Jewish Women's greetings. A pregnant Jewish woman was greeted with those last 2 salutations whenever she met another woman.

Mary is on a journey; take us with you on this journey. As we pray the Hail Mary, we are following her as she becomes the mother of God at Jesus's birth. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Every hour between now and the hour of our death is important! Mary is ever with us. You are one with her as she makes her way through life with God. Take your time as she will give you everything that you need. As our Mother, Mary is also our protector. We need her steady care.

Much of the above I learned at the Midwest Family Conference last August. Fr. Dennis McManus gave two inspiring talks and gave me writer's cramp as I tried to keep up in taking notes. I hope that you can get a glimpse of the awe and reverence that he shared as he spoke about Mary and why she is so special. She is in a good position with God and will intercede for us. Pray the rosary with intention and reverence so that she can hear our needs to entrust to her care.

I would strongly encourage you to attend the Midwest Catholic Family Conference as the speakers provide a variety of topics that will enhance your Catholic faith. Take your children and teens as they have special programs for them as well. It is held the first weekend in August so save the date!

Adult Religious Formation Commission: Mary Mitchell



PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 7, 2024
- ❖ Members present: Stephen Schartz, Judy Solko, Larry Skelton, Steve Ehrlich, Sr. Rebecca, Fr. Anselm. Council/Commission Chairs: LeAnne Hammeke, Judy Damm, Sharon McGinness, Kathy Kazmaier, Mary Mitchell, John Wasinger.
- ❖ Stephen opened the meeting with the Pastoral Council Prayer.
- ❖ The minutes from the last meeting were approved following corrections.
- ❖ Stephen shared the Birthday/Anniversary refreshment schedule prepared by Pam Hutfles which outlines each council/commission being responsible for one month per year.
- ❖ Discussed the Eucharistic Congress held in September at the Cathedral in Dodge City. Fr. Anselm noted that he would like to see more parish attendance at these Diocesan events to demonstrate our support.
- ❖ The new hardbound Journey Songs Missals will be out for use December 1, 2024.
- ❖ The Christmas Masses this year will be 5:00 PM at Belpre and 7:00 PM at Larned. Christmas Day Mass at Larned will be 9:00 AM as well as the New Year's Day Mass.
- ❖ Council Reports were given under new business.
- ❖ Next meeting: February 20, 2025 @ 6:00 PM



ALL ARE INVITED to come to the parish center following the 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, December 1st** where Fr. Anselm will give a special blessing to parishioners with their Birthday and/or Anniversary in December.



GAME MORNING

Tuesday, December 10th ~ 9:30 to 11:30 am
Parish Education Center

Come enjoy the entertainment, laughs and fellowship.
Refreshments will be provided!



"Lunch with Friends" will be Tuesday, December 17th at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Center. All are invited to come enjoy lunch and visit.

Menu: Baked Potato Bar / Desserts

RSVP to Pam at 620-285-2035 by December 13th.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses ~ December 24th

5:00 pm at St. Bernard, Belpre

7:00 pm at Sacred Heart, Larned

Christmas Day Mass ~ December 25th

9:00 am at Sacred Heart, Larned

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 am – Wednesday – January 1st at Sacred Heart

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

- Dec. 1 ~ Blessing of Dec. Birthdays and Anniversaries, 11:30 AM
- Dec. 2 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 3 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Dec. 3 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 3 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Dec. 4 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Dec. 4 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 5 ~ Holy Hour, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Dec. 6 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Dec. 9 ~ Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:30 AM, Sacred Heart Church
- Dec. 9 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 10 ~ Game Morning, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Dec. 10 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 11 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Dec. 11 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 12 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Dec. 12 ~ Adult Religious Formation Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 12 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 15 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- Dec. 15 ~ Women's Study Group, 8:45 AM
- Dec. 15 ~ Advent Penance Service, 4:00 PM
- Dec. 16 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 16 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 17 ~ Lunch with Friends, 12:00 Noon
- Dec. 17 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 18 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Dec. 18 ~ No OCIA / Christmas Break
- Dec. 22 ~ Choir Practice, 2:00 PM
- Dec. 23 ~ No Adult Faith Formation Group
- Dec. 25 ~ No Adoration
- Dec. 25 ~ No OCIA / Christmas Break
- Dec. 30 ~ No Adult Faith Formation Group



DECEMBER PSR SCHEDULE

- Dec. 4 – Regular Classes
- Dec. 11 – Regular Classes
- Dec. 18 – Regular Classes
- Dec. 25 – No Classes / Christmas Break

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
Denis Gilcris
Michele Collins

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| (02) Darlene Befort | (17) Shannon Fischer |
| John Hutfles | Abby Ridder |
| (04) Brandon Cenicerros | (19) Malia Schartz |
| (05) Mike Mauney | (20) Brad Bauer |
| (06) Yareli Gonzalez | Weston Jacobs |
| Stephen Heit | Felicity Newell |
| Libby Keller | (21) Joe Simmons |
| (07) Gretchen Holopirek | Richard VonFeldt |
| Samantha Jacobs | (22) Jessie Weiszbrod |
| Peyton Weiszbrod | (25) Andy Tran |
| (09) Paxton DiMarzo | (26) Jean Simmons |
| (10) Mary Mitchell | (27) Alec Carlson |
| Janice Schroth | (28) Liz McDonald |
| (11) Linda Lemuz | (31) Brayson Bird |
| Jeanie Snyder | Kayla Josefiak |
| (12) Amara Nwachukwu-Udaku | Marissa Smith |
| Cindy Perez | Amy Welsch |
| (13) Kristin Dooley | |
| Natalie Stude | |
| (14) Kathy Hammeke | |
| Betty Hulsey | |
| (16) Karen Kuntz | |
| Jeremy McDonald | |
| Morris Smith III | |



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- (01) Henry and Kristen Snodgrass
 (04) Mike and Connie Mauney
 (19) Doug and Jennifer McNett
 (28) Joe and Annie Garcia
 Cory and Amanda Johnson



CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe & Annie Garcia ~ Married 51 years



NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024

	OCTOBER	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	13,041.00	68,985.16
Special Donations		
Endowment	8,000.00	8,000.00
Interest	20.47	88.16
Farm	2,417.52	2,417.52
PSR		18,118.00
Fundraisers	553.07	1,144.79
Miscellaneous	<u>3,569.12</u>	<u>6,496.48</u>
TOTAL	\$27,601.18	\$105,250.11
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,102.66	7,102.96
Salaries	14,933.69	57,626.74
Insurance	8,924.00	17,120.00
Utilities	2,373.23	9,503.04
Maintenance	121.89	3,020.67
Improvement		
Office	681.23	2,562.88
PSR	2,972.93	18,896.08
Farm		
Miscellaneous	<u>1,441.83</u>	<u>12,020.03</u>
TOTAL	\$33,551.46	\$127,852.40
		YTD: (\$22,602.29)

Reverse Advent Calendar



As in the past few years during Advent, the Heart to Heart Ministry is once again sponsoring the "Reverse Advent Calendar" food drive to assist our local food pantry with the continued need for nutritious food. With so many food deficiencies within our community/county, the need is great to help those individuals and families among us. The daily suggestions on the "Calendar" are just that – suggestions! You may donate whatever nonperishable food items you like. Also, remember there is a need for nonfood items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, bath products, etc. Also, cleaning and laundry products are a necessity. This might make a good Advent project for you and your family in letting children help choose items to be given to those less fortunate. It's an example of service – one of the four pillars of our faith! Donated items can be left in the Church vestibule or during normal office hours at the Parish Education Center. We will deliver the items to the food pantry either the last week of December 2024 or the first week of January 2025. Thank you very much for your donations. May God richly bless you this Advent season and throughout the coming year.



Sunday
December 15th
4:00 PM
Sacred Heart Church

December 2024 ~ MINISTRIES
Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lector – Joan Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Dennis & Pam Theis

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Regis Lopata

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, Dec. 14 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Amy Froetschner (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Dennis & Joan Wilson

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Tonya Sanders

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, Dec. 21 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Lector – Dennis Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major) / Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Brian Haberman

Gifts – Paul & Susan Aistrup

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, Dec. 28 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major) / Steve Ehrlich (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

December 2024 ~ MINISTRIES
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, Dec. 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lectors – Kathy Couchman / Kristy Hagerman

Eucharistic Ministers

Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Servers – Daniel Kelty / Eli Kelty / Faith Kelty

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – Amanda Clark / Vicki Perez

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, Dec. 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

David O'Gwin (major) / Mary Mitchell (minor)

Servers – Slade Sundahl / Darby Sundahl / Gabe Mull

Ushers – Alvie Axman / Shane Sundahl

Gifts – Nolan Dreiling Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Emily Dreiling

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, Dec. 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Lectors – John Kelty / Krysten Watkins

Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac Lemuz (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – David & Kathy Hammeke

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, Dec. 29 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon McGinness (major) / Berny Unruh (minor)

Servers – Jenna / Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher

Ushers – Isaac Lemuz / Tony Lemuz

Gifts – Jason Hammeke Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – David O'Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sign-up sheets are in the Church vestibule for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Solemnity of Mary Masses