



SACRED HEART BEAT

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IMMIGRATION

One of the most divisive issues in our country today is immigration, particularly involving people who entered the country illegally. The question to be asked is what the Catholic Church actually teaches with regard to this issue. In a recent article in the National Catholic Register, Father Christopher Trummer presented a Catholic response to the immigration debate. In the article, he states that the Church offers moral principles drawn from scripture, tradition, and natural law regarding this issue. Central to the Church's teaching is that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God, and are deserving to be treated with dignity and respect. We are called to treat the stranger as we would treat Christ himself.

The Church teaches that a person has the right to emigrate, which means the right to leave their country of origin. In the encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIII stated that “no one would exchange his country for a foreign land if his own afforded him the means of living a decent and happy life.” Father Trummer pointed out that “many immigrants today do not migrate because of mere convenience or preference but due to urgent necessity, such as war, persecution, social and political unrest, systemic poverty and environmental factors.” The Church further teaches that a person may be morally justified to enter a country illegally if the following conditions are met: **1)** the person is unable to provide for themselves or their family in their country of origin; **2)** legal immigration pathways are either closed or unjustly restrictive; and **3)** crossing a border illegally is the only available means to secure basic necessities such as safety, food, or shelter. A person is not required to remain in their country of origin when there are just reasons to emigrate to another country.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops web site (usccb.org) lists some key principles derived from magisterial teaching of the Catholic Church.

These principles include:

- Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland (i.e., the right not to migrate).
- When the conditions necessary for a dignified life are absent, persons have the natural right to migrate to support themselves and their family.
- More prosperous nations are obliged to the extent they are able, to welcome those in search of the security and means of livelihood unavailable in their country of origin.
- Countries have the right to maintain their borders and regulate immigration, consistent with the common good and with respect for the sanctity of human life. Thus, a person has the right to leave their native country (emigrate), but not the right to choose the country in which they will establish a permanent residence (immigrate).
- Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
- The God-given dignity and rights of undocumented immigrants should be respected. Immigration enforcement should always be targeted, proportionate, and humane.

The USCCB web site states that it is principally and necessarily the responsibility of the federal government to regulate immigration and provide orderly processes for people seeking to immigrate to the U.S. Father Trummer stated that “Borders and sovereignty are not necessarily unjust or contrary to human flourishing; they exist to promote justice and peace within a political community that is defined by shared values, culture, religion, language, history, etc.” He further said that this is not a partisan argument, and the Church does not endorse any particular policy. We are invited to develop a deeper understanding of what is at stake in this important matter.

Sources: Father Christopher Trummer: *The Catholic Response to the Immigration Debate*; National Catholic Register of November 2, 2025. USCCB web site – usccb.org

MARCH BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



Sunday, March 1st – 11:30 AM

Parish Center

Hosted by: Endowment Board



GAME MORNING

Tuesday, March 10th ~ 9:30 to 11:30 am
Sacred Heart Parish Education Center



"LUNCH WITH FRIENDS"

Tuesday, March 17th at 12:00 noon

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage

RSVP to Pam at 620-285-2035 by March 13th

MAY THE ROAD
RISE TO MEET
YOU
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT
YOUR BACK
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM
UPON YOUR FACE
THE RAINS FALL UPON YOUR
SOFT FIELDS
AND, UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN
MAY GOD HOLD YOU
IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND



Sunday – March 22nd

4:00 PM

Sacred Heart Church



Stations of the Cross and Benediction
each Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church

MARCH AT A GLANCE

- March 1 ~ March Birthday/Anniversary Blessings, 11:30 AM
 - March 2 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
 - March 3 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
 - March 3 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 - March 4 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - March 4~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
 - March 5 ~ Holy Hour, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
 - March 5 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
 - March 6 ~ K of C Fish Fry, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
 - March 6 ~ Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM
 - March 8 ~ "The Chosen", 11:30 AM w/ Pot-Luck
 - March 9 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
 - March 10 ~ Game Morning, 9:30 to 11:30 AM
 - March 10 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
 - March 11 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - March 11 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
 - March 12 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 6:30 PM
 - March 13 ~ Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM
 - March 15 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
 - March 15 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 8:45 AM
 - March 15 ~ "The Chosen", 11:30 AM w/ Pot-Luck
 - March 16 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
 - March 16 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
 - March 17 ~ Lunch with Friends, 12:00 Noon
 - March 17 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
 - March 18 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - March 18 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
 - March 20 ~ K of C Fish Fry, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
 - March 20 ~ Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM
 - March 22 ~ Lenten Penance Service, 4:00 PM
 - March 23 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
 - March 24 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
 - March 25 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - March 25 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
 - March 26 ~ Chrism Mass, 11:00 AM, Cathedral in Dodge City
 - March 27 ~ Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM
 - March 30 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
 - March 31 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
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MARCH PSR SCHEDULE

- March 4 – Regular Classes
 - March 6 – No CGS Session
 - March 11 – Regular Classes
 - March 13 – No CGS Session
 - March 18 – No Classes / Spring Break
 - March 20 – No CGS Session
 - March 25 – Regular Classes
 - March 27 – CGS Session, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) Brady Carlson | (16) Colleen Carlson |
| Berny Unruh | Ella McNett |
| (02) Koby Lang | (17) Amanda Cenicerros |
| Rita O'Gwin | Katie Hammeke |
| Fr. Patrick Otor | (19) Ben Ramsey |
| (03) Jace Holopirek | Tricia Smith |
| (04) Susan Aistrup | Maci Weiser |
| Alicia Bixby | (20) Mariela Renteria |
| Debbie Steinert | (23) Corine Boman |
| (05) Tama Hanson | William Hammeke |
| (07) Lola Perez | Connor Phelan |
| Brooke Simmons | (24) Sonia Mabugat |
| (09) Ameila Wright | Bill Schartz |
| (10) Mary Ellen Schinstock | (25) Lana Bauer |
| (11) Erica Froetschner | (26) Barbara VonFeldt |
| Megumi Smith | (27) Alvin Hutfles |
| Pam Theis | Mike Tanner |
| (12) Cathy Grover | Paisley Weiszbrod |
| Jacque Wasinger | (28) Leann Simmons |
| (13) Kathy Lopata | (29) Lennox Froetschner |
| Dolores Martin | Sr. Rebecca Otter |
| Anna Simmons | Dennis Wilson |
| Lane Snodgrass | (31) Shawn Smyth |
| (15) Elizabeth Fisher | |
| Gage Skelton | |



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- (02) Rob and Julie Munden
(10) Bert and Karla Schartz
(26) Kelbey and Drew Smith



CONGRATULATIONS!

Rob & Julie Munden ~ Married 25 years



Holy
Baptism

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Carson James, the son of
Sam & Allyson Sullivan on February 22, 2026

Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons

Richard Wolf

Rita O'Gwin

Bert Schartz

Darlene Befort

Brenda Martin

Michele Collins

Stan Durler

Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord

Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Pam Theis

Darlene Orth



Tammy Orth

Karla Graham

Leon Sanders

Ryan Shelton

Clayton Kelty

Sue Haymaker

Trenton Welsch

Kevin Simmons

Bud Johnson

Lee Durler

Denis Gilcris

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

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

	JANUARY	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	19,300.00	127,903.82
Special Donations		7,505.00
Endowment		28,632.76
Interest	14.78	98.94
Farm	12,044.14	12,153.29
PSR	110.00	19,872.00
Fundraisers		676.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,479.12</u>	<u>10,271.72</u>
TOTAL	\$32,948.04	\$207,113.53
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	3,854.23	13,170.05
Salaries	15,214.69	99,779.73
Insurance	3,939.00	17,629.00
Utilities	2,802.77	20,503.78
Maintenance	2,383.76	11,782.39
Improvement		
Office	5,972.84	10,451.88
PSR	51.00	17,194.29
Farm		961.89
Miscellaneous	<u>1,099.79</u>	<u>9,279.98</u>
TOTAL	\$35,318.08	\$200,752.99
	YTD:	\$6,360.54



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



Friday – March 6, 2026

Friday – March 20, 2026

5:00 to 7:00 PM

\$15.00 per meal

Dine In or Carry Out

K of C Hall on Scenic Drive ~ 1216 M Road

March 2026 ~ MINISTRIES

Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 7 – Third Sunday of Lent

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major) / Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Tonya Sanders / Usher

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Jim & Judy Damm

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, March 14 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Larry & Janet Skelton

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lector – Regis Lopata

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Matt & Kathy Stucker

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Saturday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

Lector – Dennis & Joan Wilson / Ben Ramsey

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major) / Steve Ehrlich (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Kraig Froetschner

Gifts – Dennis & Pam Theis

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Tonya Sanders

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

March 2026 ~ MINISTRIES

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, March 8 – Third Sunday of Lent

Lector – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major) / Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Gabe Mull / Maddy Mull / William Hammeke

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – Dale & Berny Unruh

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Emily Dreiling

Collection Counters: Kathy Couchman / Debbie Steinert

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman

Eucharistic Ministers

Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Servers – Slade & Darby Sundahl / Emerson Sullivan

Ushers – Shane Sundahl / Clayton Kelty

Gifts – Amanda Clark / Vicki Perez

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Hammeke

Collection Counters: Jenny Ramsey / Jack Molleker

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, March 22 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Clayton Kelty (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Eli Kelty / Faith Kelty / Grace Kelty

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – Kathy, Cason, Levi Couchman

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Collection Counters: Ray Colglazier / Norman Dreiling

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

Lectors – Amy Simmons / John Kelty / Sharon McGinness

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon McGinness (major) / Berny Unruh (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – Craig Schartz / Mike Tanner

Gifts – Nolan Dreiling Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Collection Counters: Kayla Lang / Craig Schartz

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

**Sign-up sheets will be in the Church vestibule
for the Easter Triduum Ministries**