



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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PRISON MINISTRY

In late summer 2021 Donnie Kazmaier asked me if I would help him with the Parish's prison ministry now that the COVID scare had eased. This was about a year after Father Warren Stecklein had asked me to consider prison ministry. I told myself that as a convert to Catholicism I wasn't qualified and that it was way out of my comfort zone. But when Donnie asked, I felt like someone several pay grades above me had a plan for my life and I had better say okay. Donnie has since completed the tasks God assigned to him and gone home. I continue doing what feels like God's calling for me.

My work at the Larned State Correctional Facility (LSCF) typically begins Tuesday mornings at the Parish Education Center where I review the upcoming Sunday's readings and associated reflections. I collect some consecrated hosts and at one o'clock I'm at the maximum security unit (Central) for OCIA. Over the past four and a half years, ten men have joined the Catholic Church and one has become a Saint Benedictine Oblate at Conception Abbey. At three o'clock I go to the minimum security unit (South Unit) and conduct a communion service using the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We discuss each reading after I read at least one reflection. The men themselves lead the discussion. At 6:30 I'm back at Central for a communion service. The number of men attending each session varies. At the South Unit between 5 and 10. At Central attendance is usually between 20 to 30 men. The Homily for the services is a 20 to 30 minute video, usually a Catholic content program, produced and purchased from the Augustine Institute. The majority of the men attending the programs, even the OCIA, are not Catholic. They keep returning to learn more about Christianity in general and because of the loving fellowship. Donnie and I would never shake the hands of anyone attending, we gave hugs. One inmate made the comment that our hugs were the only ones a fellow inmate could ever recall receiving.

One project that the staff at LSCF puts together for Christmas is making a video recording of any inmate that wants to, and can, reading a children's Christmas book. Then the recording and the book is sent to the inmate's child for Christmas so they can read the book with their father.

Kathy Stucker is working with Chaplain McKiernan to begin a program called *Bridges To Life*. It is a faith based, 14 week restorative justice program designed to reduce recidivism by fostering accountability, repentance, and victim empathy. This program was begun in Texas and the results have significantly reduced recidivism when compared to the general prison population.

There's an opportunity for everyone to assist with this Parish's prison ministry by designating your offering to Prison Ministry. It will be used to purchase Catholic content DVDS from the Augustine Institute and to purchase children's Christmas books and thumb drives for the reading program. If you wish to donate to this ministry place your donation in an envelope marked "Prison Ministry" and place in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you!

Adult Religious Formation Commission – Karl Grover

**With Great Joy the
Catholic Diocese of Dodge City
Announces the Ordinations of**

Rev. Mr. Carson Haupt

Rev. Mr. Eric Frieb

Rev. Mr. Esteban Hernández-Mejía

to the Order of Presbyter

through the imposition of hands and the
invocation of the Holy Spirit by

**The Most Reverend
Bishop John B. Brungardt
Bishop of the Catholic
Diocese of Dodge City**

10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026

**Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City
3231 N. 14th St., Dodge City, KS**



May 3, 2026

On Sunday, May 3rd during the 10:30 AM Mass, five children of the parish will be receiving their First Communion: **Cason Couchman, Karver Froetschner, Avery Gonzalez, Yareli Gonzalez, and Kamryn Turner**. On Saturday, May 9th during the 5:00 PM Mass, **Kip Smith** of our parish will be receiving his First Communion. Special thanks to Kathy Couchman their Catechist. Many blessings to these children and their families on this special occasion.



**APRIL & MAY
BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Sunday, May 3rd – 11:30 AM

Parish Center

Hosted by: Heart to Heart Ministry



Graduates' Mass

May 17, 2026

On Sunday, May 17th we recognize our High School graduates of the parish at our 10:30 AM Mass. We offer congratulations to and blessings upon: **Mallorie Cenicerros, Eli Keltz, Caleb McDonald, Mia Munden, Levi Sanders, Slade Sundahl, Lauryn Snodgrass and Addison Townsend**. We pray for success and happiness to each of you!



GAME MORNING

**Tuesday, May 12th ~ 9:30 to 11:30 am
Sacred Heart Parish Education Center**



"LUNCH WITH FRIENDS"

**Tuesday, May 19th at 12:00 noon
Menu: "Picnic Lunch" / Build a Sandwich
Salads / Chips / Desserts**

RSVP to Pam at 620-285-2035 by May 15th



MAY AT A GLANCE

- May 4 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- May 5 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- May 5 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 6 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- May 7 ~ Holy Hour, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- May 7 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- May 11 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- May 11 ~ Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 12 ~ Game Morning, 9:30 to 11:30 AM
- May 12 ~ Liturgy Commission Meeting, 5:30 PM
- May 12 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- May 13 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- May 17 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- May 17 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 8:45 AM
- May 18 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- May 18 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 19 ~ Lunch with Friends, 12:00 Noon
- May 19 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- May 20 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- May 21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
- May 26 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- May 27 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

(Last Day-Time Adoration until September)



MAY PSR SCHEDULE

- May 3 – First Communion with 10:30 AM Mass
- May 6 – End of Year Mass / May Crowning / BBQ
- May 17 – Graduates' Mass

**Sacred Heart Altar Society
Garage Sale**

Friday, June 5th

8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 6th

8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sacred Heart Parish Center

Items can be brought to the parish center on Wednesday, June 3rd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Thursday, June 4th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Winter coats, stocking hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, and snow boots accepted. **PLEASE NO OTHER CLOTHING OR SHOES.** If you would like to help with the Garage Sale, a sign-up sheet is in the Church vestibule. All help is greatly appreciated!!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

(01) Mary Ann Haynes	(19) Graham Dipman
(04) Stephen Schartz	Ignacio Rodriguez
(06) Rita Schaller	(22) Preslie Galyardt
(07) Scott Burd	Jay Garcia
Ann Ellis	Justin Smith
Faith Kelty	(23) Meghann Hanson
(08) Emmet Fisher	Rebecca Hulsey
Grace Fisher	Darlene Orth
Sarah Fisher	Ralph Streit
Todd Keenan	G.L. VonFeldt
Allan Kigen	(24) Jeanette Johnson
Paisley Steffen	(25) Gary Hulsey
(11) Shaun Huff	Jerry Jonson
Kristen Snodgrass	(26) Faye Hogan
(14) Larry Skelton	(28) Khloe Smith
(15) Gillian Smith	(29) Lee Gilcris
(18) Hope Kelty	(31) Lauryn Snodgrass
Jenny Ramsey	



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

(06) Gabe and Carlie Dipman
(09) Shane and Jessie Weisbrod
(10) Jim and Judy Damm
Tyson and Chelsea Steffen
(13) Mike and Pam Prescott
(14) Phil and Becky Martin
(22) Bud and Brenda Johnson
(23) Charlie and Linda Befort
(24) Mike and Julie Martel
(25) Scott and Beverly Burd
Bryan and Karen Stacey
(26) Steve and Terry Martin
(31) Roger and Dee Myers



CONGRATULATIONS!

Steve & Terry Martin ~ Married 53 years
 Bud & Brenda Johnson ~ Married 50 years
 Charlie & Linda Befort ~ Married 40 years
 Jim & Judy Damm ~ Married 40 years
 Mike & Julie Martel ~ Married 40 years



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Louise Abigail, the daughter of
 Aaron & Abby Ridder on April 12, 2026

May 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lector – Regis Lopata

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major) / Tonya Sanders (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Kraig Froetschner

Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Tonya Sanders

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

May 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lectors – Amy Simmons / John Kelty

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon McGinness (major) / Berny Unruh (minor)

Servers – Eli Kelty / Faith Kelty / Grace Kelty

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – First Communicants'

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Collection Counters: Kayla Lang / Craig Schartz

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

	MARCH	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	17,834.00	160,688.82
Special Donations	798.00	8,303.00
Endowment		28,632.76
Interest	11.38	122.48
Farm		12,153.29
PSR		19,872.00
Fundraisers		998.57
Miscellaneous	<u>2,033.52</u>	<u>14,248.48</u>
TOTAL	\$20,676.90	\$245,019.40
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,528.57	17,834.51
Salaries	12,803.54	127,778.26
Insurance	3,939.00	25,507.00
Utilities	2,793.53	26,134.24
Maintenance	3,316.81	16,058.05
Improvement		
Office	526.44	16,728.55
PSR	32.04	17,472.78
Farm		961.89
Miscellaneous	<u>2,086.32</u>	<u>12,584.45</u>
TOTAL	\$27,026.25	\$261,059.73
YTD:		(\$16,040.33)

Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons	Tammy Orth
Richard Wolf	Karla Graham
Rita O'Gwin	Leon Sanders
Bert Schartz	Ryan Shelton
Darlene Befort	Clayton Kelty
Brenda Martin	Sue Haymaker
Michele Collins	Trenton Welsch
Stan Durler	Kevin Simmons
Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord	Bud Johnson
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku	Lee Durler
Pam Theis	Denis Gilcris
Darlene Orth	



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

Saturday, May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lector – Ben Ramsey

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Kraig & Amy Froetschner

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, May 16 – The Ascension of the Lord

Lector – Joan Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major) / Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Todd & Tami Keenan

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Steve Ehrlich

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Saturday, May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Toni Novotny / Lee Gilcris

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, May 30 – The Most Holy Trinity

Lector – Dennis Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Amy Froetschner (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Roger & Dee Myers

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Kristy Hagerman (major) / Amy Simmons (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – Tony Lemuz / Daniel Kelty

Gifts – Rob & Julie Munden

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Hammeke

Collection Counters: Kristy Hagerman / David O'Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, May 17 – The Ascension of the Lord

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Berny Unruh

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – Okey & Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Collection Counters: Kathy Couchman / Debbie Steinert

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman

Eucharistic Ministers

Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Servers – William Hammeke / Maddy Mull / Emerson Sullivan

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – David & Rita O'Gwin

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Collection Counters: Jenny Ramsey / Jack Molleker

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, May 31 – The Most Holy Trinity

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major) / Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Wade Jacobs / Waco Jacobs / Camille Bowman

Ushers – Craig Schartz / Mike Tanner

Gifts – Stephen & Kay Schartz

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – David O'Gwin

Collection Counters: Ray Colglazier / Norman Dreiling

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith