



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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SO GLAD YOU ASKED

About

The Gift of Spring



The season of spring not only brings about a sense of renewal, but also underscores our responsibility as stewards of the Earth. Liturgically, we have moved through the season of Lent. We celebrated Easter the first Sunday, following the first full moon after equinox, as the days lengthen. Living on the High Plains, we observe firsthand Nature's cycles, in a rural environment that affords us the gift of observation on a grand scale. You do not have to be a farmer to take in the miracle of the great resurrection of life on the terra firma. Plants emerge as if by magic. The sounds of birds chirping and insects buzzing fill the air. Newborn calves kicking up their heels in the green pastures bring smiles to our faces. The scent of a spring shower and fragrance of blooming flowers are all gifts on which we cannot place an economic value. It is the time for us to till the soil, and plant seeds in anticipation of a bountiful harvest. The energy and spirit that makes us human, in turn, creates this gift of life. Yes, the Earth has come alive after the long, cold winter.

We need to pause during this time of renewal, and take inventory of the responsibility we share, and the role we play, in passing this gift on to those who follow us. Science and technology must be the tools we utilize for the betterment of all involved. Our challenge is to balance these instruments and not have the land and its creatures exploited for excessive individual gain or outrageous profit at the expense of the environment. It is our obligation to consume resources wisely, and reduce excess consumption of, and conserve what is many times, limited. We must always strive to leave more behind, than we take with us on our journey. Stewardship must be reflected in our daily endeavors.

The gifts we hold in our hands, we also carry on our shoulders. The inheritance we have received is not ours to give, but must be surrendered to those who come after us.

BLESSING OF SOIL & SEEDS

The weekend of May 11 & 12, in observance of the feast day (May 15) of St. Isidore the Patron Saint of Farmers, we will have the blessing of soil and seeds. We ask you to take a small bag of soil home to sprinkle on your garden, lawn or fields.



MARCH FINANCES

INCOME:

Collections	16,458.17
Special Donations	1,303.00
Endowment	
Interest	4.05
Farm	
PSR	489.00
Fundraisers	713.50
Miscellaneous	<u>1,999.27</u>
TOTAL	\$20,966.99

EXPENSES:

Stewardship	1,835.43
Salaries	12,106.13
Insurance	1,493.00
Utilities	3,343.57
Maintenance	779.11
Improvement	
Office	1,391.88
PSR	453.08
Farm	
Miscellaneous	<u>612.00</u>
TOTAL	\$22,014.20

MAY AT A GLANCE

- May 1 ~ PSR (Grades Pre-12) "May Crowning" Closing Mass, 6:45 PM followed by PSR Family BBQ, SHS Gym
- May 1 ~ RCIA, 7:15 PM, Parish Office
- May 4 ~ First Communion Breakfast & Practice, 9:30 AM
- May 5 ~ First Communion with the 10:30 AM Mass
- May 7 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 8 ~ RCIA, 7:15 PM, Parish Office
- May 11 ~ Blessing of Soil & Seeds
- May 12 ~ Mother's Day
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- May 15 ~ PSR Summer Camp registrations due
- May 15 ~ Adoration, 5:00 PM - Mass, 6:00 PM
- May 15 ~ Baccalaureate, 7:00 PM @ Community Center
- May 16 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 19 ~ Graduates' Mass, 10:30 AM
- May 19 ~ After Mass Luncheon @ Peking Garden
- May 21 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
- May 27 ~ Parish Office Closed – Memorial Day
- May 28 – 31 ~ Vacation Bible School, 9:00 to 11:30 AM



FINANCE/PROPERTY COUNCIL

- ❖ Met April 16th
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, Dennis Wilson, G.L. VonFeldt, Carol Jacob, Don Jensen, Leon Sanders, Jim Damm, Fr. Warren & Pam Hutfles. Unable to attend: Sharon Larsen.
- ❖ Minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for March reflecting \$20,966.99 in income and \$22,014.20 in expenses for a net income of negative \$1,047.21. Our YTD net loss is \$10,692.68. Total assets at the end of March totaled \$543,043.93 compared to \$540,757.71 this time last year. In answer to the question raised about how the determination is made to invest with the Diocese, Pam said the recommendation is to transfer periodically funds beyond 3-months operating expense, or \$75,000 in our case. Also all expenditures above \$5,000 have to be approved by the Diocese.
- ❖ Old Business:
 - a. Landscaping: David Spare will start the irrigation system installation in early May, weather permitting. Leon has not had any information from the Pratt landscape artist. Leon & Don will replace the downspout splash pads.
 - b. The roof of the school building has been repaired.
- ❖ New Business:
 - a. Leon mentioned that the weather stripping around the church vestibule windows needs replaced as there was leakage after the recent snow. Don suggested the pivots on the doors of the school be refurbished or replaced.
 - b. The topic of online giving to the church was brought up and was tabled until more information on the process can be reviewed.
- ❖ Next meeting May 21, 2013 @ 12:00 Noon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met April 18th
- ❖ Members: Michael Klemens, David O'Gwin, Mary Klinge, Philip Hammeke, Nicki Roof & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Matt Stucker, Barbara Hammond & Sr. Rebecca. Guests: Tim Schaller, Don Jensen, G.L. VonFeldt.
- ❖ The meeting opened with prayer.
- ❖ The minutes of the March 21, 2013 were approved.
- ❖ Scheduled the calling list for servers.
- ❖ Discussed changes to the triangle behind the crucifix in church. Tim Schaller gave very preliminary designs and emphasized he is open to feedback. Different possibilities were discussed.
- ❖ Barbara Hammond is organizing upcoming parish elections.
- ❖ The Pastoral Council bylaws were tabled until next month due to additional information needed.
- ❖ Don Jensen & G.L. VonFeldt from Finance/Property Council discussed with the group various options for the Sacred Heart School building. The building is in need of extensive repairs including the roof. The possibility of utilizing a consulting firm to do a feasibility study for the parish was discussed. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- ❖ Next meeting: May 16, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

ENDOWMENT BOARD

- ❖ Met April 14th
- ❖ Members: Robert Lemuz, Dana Bauer, Susan Aistrup, Paul Aistrup, Sue Haymaker, Matt Watkins & Fr. Warren.
- ❖ Minutes of the January 13, 2013 meeting were approved.
- ❖ Dana gave a report on the funds from Edward Jones.
- ❖ Dana requested a motion to approve signature authorization for officers on both deposit and investment accounts.
- ❖ With the trend in donations being down in the last 10-12 years. Future fund raising activities were discussed.
- ❖ Next meeting: July 14, 2013 @ 11:30 AM

ADULT RELIGIOUS FORMATION TEAM

- ❖ Met April 2nd
- ❖ Members: Sr. Irene, Sr. Rebecca, Fr. Warren, Diane Dodez, Lynne Eck & Regis Lopata. Unable to attend: Elaine Coulson
- ❖ Minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting were approved.
- ❖ The team planned the topics for the "So Glad You Asked" column for the monthly newsletter and for the monthly Adoration/Holy Hours.
- ❖ Discussed the "Year of Faith" study groups being held by parishioners. Some groups have completed the four sessions, while others have had their initial meeting.
- ❖ Next meeting: June 4, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- ❖ Met April 14th
- ❖ Members: Ann Ellis, Brian Haberman, Toni Novotny. Unable to attend: Stacy Sanger, Joy Schmidt, Connie Mauney & Tammy Cloninger.
- ❖ Toni Novotny was welcomed as a new member.
- ❖ Gifts have been ordered for Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- ❖ A Parish Pot-Luck Dinner is planned for Sunday, April 21st after Mass.
- ❖ Next meeting: June 9, 2013 @ 11:30 AM



PSR NEWS

May Crowning starts the month of May off on Wednesday, May 1st at the 6:45 pm Mass. PSR students will carry flowers in to celebrate the crowning of Mary by a First Communion candidate, a Confirmed 8th grader, and a Senior. Following Mass will be the PSR Family Night BBQ sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Basketball medals will be presented that evening also. This will end our PSR for the year including Preschool Dismissal on Sundays.

First Communion and parish graduates' information is in the "At a Glance" column. We hope our parish will come to see our 2nd graders receive this wonderful sacrament. The girls are excited to dress up in their white gowns! And I'm sure the seniors are anxious to wear their gowns symbolizing their educational achievements!

Summer Camp registration for 5-8th graders are due to the Parish Office by May 15th. The cost of these camps is covered by money raised by the Zak's Cheese sales last November.

Have a blessed & safe summer! God Bless!

Brenda Johnson, DRE



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2013

To celebrate Pentecost Sunday, parishioners are asked to wear **Red** to church. At the weekend Masses of May 18th and 19th, please plan to wear some sort of red clothing.



Graduates' Mass

May 19, 2013



On Sunday, May 19th we invite our High School graduates of the parish to celebrate their achievements with us at our 10:30 AM Mass. We offer congratulations to and blessings upon: **Ethan Banman, Wyatt Haberman, Rachael Herter, Cody Keenan, Dallas Munden, Lydia Murphy, Tahje Ochs, Bailey Schartz, Alex Walker** and all in our parish who are graduating this spring. We pray for success and happiness to each of you!

May Birthdays

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| (01) Mary Ann Haynes | (18) Theresa Kreutzer |
| (03) Camden Bird | Jenny Ramsey |
| Sue Hickel | Kasie Rector |
| Caden Kelty | (20) Julie Snyder |
| Trenton Wright | (21) Julie Schartz |
| (04) Stephen Schartz | (22) Dr. Bill Brenner |
| (05) Jo Molleker | Joe Garcia |
| Candy Reed | Dallas Munden |
| (06) Rita Schaller | Justin Smith |
| (07) Scott Burd | (23) Rebecca Hulsey |
| Ann Ellis | Darlene Orth |
| Faith Kelty | Ralph Streit |
| (08) Emmet Fisher | G.L. VonFeldt |
| Grace Fisher | (24) Jeanette Johnson |
| Sarah Fisher | (25) Gary Hulsey |
| Todd Keenan | Jerry Johnson |
| (09) Isabella Bailey | Bodie Millan |
| Suzanne Heaton | Caleb Sanger |
| (11) Kristen Snodgrass | (26) Faye Hogan |
| (12) Clint Millan | (27) Anthony Sell |
| Jordan Turner | (28) Kylee Reece |
| (13) Tammy Cloninger | Khloe Smith |
| Robert Lemuz | (29) Lonnie Fehrenbacher |
| (14) Braden Colglazier | (30) Shawn Couch |
| Larry Skelton | Mary Kerns |
| Colton Turner | Brenda Langdon |
| (16) Nina Barker | Sydnee Reed |
| William Brennan | (31) Maggie Butler |
| (17) Bailey Schartz | Jenae Skelton |
| Tyler Smith | Brianne Smith |
| | Lauryn Snodgrass |



May Anniversaries

- (10) Jim and Judy Damm
 (11) Leonard and Agnes Finger
 (14) Phil and Becky Martin
 (15) Joe and Julie Schartz
 (18) George and Evelyn Youngers
 (22) Bud and Brenda Johnson
 Jeff and Lucy Sickles
 (23) Charlie and Linda Befort
 (24) Mike and Julie Martel
 (25) Scott and Beverly Burd
 (26) Steve and Terry Martin
 (29) Norman and Karen Kuntz
 (30) Dustin and Ally Turner
 (31) Roger and Dee Myers

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed,
 Call 285-2035. We want to include everyone.



First Communion **May 5, 2013**

On Sunday, May 5th during the 10:30 AM Mass, eight children of the parish will be receiving their First Communion: **Luke Barker, Alec Carlson, Ali Zook Cochran, Chancey Hauck, Kaelin Millan, Cade Parr, Miesha Perez and Caleb Sanger.** Congratulations to **Ella McNett** from our parish who is receiving her First Communion with her class at St. Joseph Church in Ellinwood. A special thanks to Lou Ann Barker, Catechist and Helen Finger, Laudator. Many blessings to these children and their families on this special occasion.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Leonard & Agnes Finger ~ married 65 years
 George & Evelyn Youngers ~ married 64 years
 Steve & Terry Martin ~ married 40 years

† **BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**

Cordell Ray and Madelyn Kay, the children
 of Jason & LeAnne Hammeke ~ April 7, 2013

Remember with Prayer

John Grant
 Marjorie Vratil
 Mary Schartz
 Curtis Smith
 Armella Dechant
 Calvin Blattner
 Grace Perez
 Phyllis Neidig
 Kindra Perez
 Ed Haremza
 Jayden Waller
 Chris Gross
 Sharon Larsen
 Fr. Warren Stecklein



Elora Robinson
 Grace Sloan
 Pat Thompson
 Elsie Jones
 Mickey Perez
 Mary Ann Schartz
 Clayton Kelty
 Sr. Mary Ann Klein
 Catherine Orth
 Joyce Greathouse
 Susan Colglazier
 Betty Tauscher
 Carol (Bartz) Eaton
 Sr. Clara Ann Fluech

All of our men and women serving in the
 United States military

KNIGHTS MAY EVENTS

May 7 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 May 18 . . . Graduation Reception (R)
 May 22 . . . Dinner (G)
 May 25 . . . Wedding Reception/Dance (R)

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Altar Society is currently seeking input from all our members regarding changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the organization. These were last amended in 1994, and we are asking for suggestions to help our organization more closely reflect the needs and attitudes of our membership in these changing times.

To accomplish this, copies of the Bylaws and Standing Rules are available in the vestibule of Church, at the parish office, and on our church website www.sacredheartlarned.org – under Altar Society in the drop down box of PARISH LIFE. Please make your changes or suggestions and return them to the parish office, or via e-mail office@sacredheartlarned.org by May 31st. You may also contact any of the five members on the Revision Committee: Sheryl Giessel, Mary Klinge, Cindy Perez, Lu Ann Pankratz, and Nicki Roof. The committee will present suggested revisions for approval to a full membership meeting later this summer or early fall. Thank you in advance for your help with this important project.



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May 28-31 • 9:00-11:30 AM

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at the Methodist Church
701 Main Street

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United Methodist Church, &
The Presbyterian Church

