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"What you do to the least, you do to Me."

Surrogacy... "Womb for Rent"

The couple is married and they do want a child, but they steer away from the nine months of pregnancy. "We were planning this European trip and pregnancy would be so inconvenient." Thus thinks a couple we will call A the wife, and B the husband.

A and B noted in the paper an ad called "Womb for Rent." "Why don't we look into that and consider that option?"

A and B were advised that the embryo which A is carrying could be surgically implanted in the uterus of a third party which we will call Lady C, and she will carry the embryo to maturity and birth. At that time A and B, the genetic parents, will be back from Europe to claim their new baby. The surrogate mother has no genetic link to the child she bore. C will collect her fee and advertise again "Womb for Rent."

Serious questions arise about the practice of surrogacy, a practice forbidden by the Catholic Church. This practice sees the woman's body as a factory to satisfy the interest of another family's long-held dream of becoming parents.

Some of the reasons against surrogacy are:

1. Surrogacy is a form of adultery. There is no sexual relation but there is a reproductive relation with a third party outside of marriage.
2. There is the danger of incest as a child might unknowingly marry another offspring of the same surrogate mother. The marriage partners would be siblings, after a fashion.
3. Inheritance questions could be confounded. Does the child have the right to inherit from the birth mother or not?
4. Surrogacy leads to a cheapening of what it means to be a person. The human embryo is thought of as an interchangeable part, and reproduction as a mechanical process.
5. The motive of A and B is questionable. Is it self-indulgent to want a copy of yourself when so many children wait to be adopted?
6. Some other motives why surrogacy is sought might be: Pregnancy is so difficult; it has so many do's and don'ts. I have to give up smoking, recreational drugs, and alcohol. Even hot dogs are forbidden, caffeine, and use of electric blankets. I can't eat fish; I have to stay clear of pet cats. Negative thoughts are forbidden. I need to eat only certain foods, and I have to take much exercise. Milk, butter, and ice cream are required and those foods increase my weight. I want to keep my girlhood figure. Pregnancy is inconvenient for the European trip we were planning.

For woman to have to depend on surrogacy for a living (and there are many Third World countries where this is true), this can be demeaning to be so exploited as to have to sell one's body to satisfy another couple's desires.

(Gleaned from America magazine Oct. 20, 2014, Catechism of the Catholic Church, and an article from noted theologians in a recent conference at Creighton University.)

Christmas Schedule

Advent Penance Service

Wed. – December 17th ~ 6:45 pm at Sacred Heart

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

5:00 pm – Wed. – December 31 at St. Bernard, Belpre

7:00 pm – Wed. – December 31 at Sacred Heart

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Dec 2 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM

Dec 2 ~ Adult Religious Formation Team Meeting, 7:00 PM

Dec 3 ~ PSR (Gr. K-12) Family Caroling w/Santa, 6:30 PM

Dec 3 ~ Pick up Zak's Cheese orders

Dec 3 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec 4 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

Dec 7 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 8 ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses: 7:00 AM, St. Bernard, Belpre ~ 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart

Dec 9 ~ Pawnee County Blood Drive, 12 Noon to 6:00 PM

Dec 10 ~ Children's Christmas Pageant Practice, 1:15 to 3:30 PM

Dec 10 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Dec 10 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Dec 10 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec 13 ~ Christmas Pageant & Dinner following 5:00 PM Mass

Dec 14 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 16 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon

Dec 17 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-2), 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Dec 17 ~ Advent Penance Service, 6:45 PM

Dec 17 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. 3-12), attend Advent Penance Service

Dec 17 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec 18 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

Dec 21 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 24 ~ NO PSR (Gr. K-12), Christmas Break

Dec 24 ~ NO RCIA, Christmas Break

Dec 28 ~ NO Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 31 ~ NO PSR (Gr. K-12), Christmas Break (PSR resumes Jan. 11, 2015)

Dec 31 ~ NO RCIA, Christmas Break



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8th

Masses:

7:00 am at St. Bernard, Belpre

6:00 pm at Sacred Heart

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

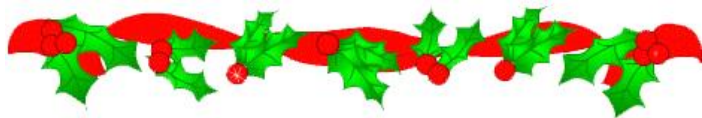
- ❖ Met November 18th
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, G.L. VonFeldt, Dennis Wilson, Jim Damm, Don Jensen, Kathy Couchman, Leon Sanders, Pam Hutfles & Fr. Warren. Guest: Tom Giessel. Unable to attend: Sharon Larsen & Jack Mollerker.
- ❖ Minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for October reflecting \$82,635.55 in income and \$24,727.17 in expenses for a net income of \$57,908.38. The income reflects farm income of \$6,184.94 from the sale of milo and the insurance claim of \$52,293.58. The balance sheet showed assets of \$577,800.93 compared to \$554,250.63 at the end of October 2013.
- ❖ Superior controls came to work on the Church HVAC mechanical system. They were able to get new computer hardware installed for the control system. They also reconnected the damper and added a monitor so that the system can use fresh air. Software was added to Fr. Warren and Pam's computer so the entire system can be controlled locally by Sacred Heart.
- ❖ M & F Plumbing will still be notified to remove the humidifier unit to resolve the mold issue.
- ❖ Now that the feasibility study has been completed with positive response from parishioners to move forward with a new parish/education center, a firm needs to be hired to run the Capital Campaign. The different styles of campaign drives were discussed. It was decided by the group that since Tom Giessel, as Capital Campaign Chair would be working the closest with the chosen firm, that Tom & Fr. Warren would call each firm to interview them. Tom & Fr. Warren will then report back to the group with their recommendation.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 16, 2014 @ 12:00 Noon.

ADULT RELIGIOUS FORMATION COMMISSION

- ❖ Met October 7th
- ❖ Members: Sr. Irene, Sr. Rebecca, Diane Dodez, Lynne Eck, Mary Mitchell & Regis Lopata. Unable to attend: Fr. Warren
- ❖ The minutes of August 5, 2014 were approved as presented.
- ❖ Sr. Irene shared her topics for the "What you do to the least" column for the Sacred Heart Beat.
- ❖ Topics for the monthly Adoration/Holy Hours were chosen.
- ❖ Discussed the "Mommipotent" program. A leader has yet to be found. The Stewardship Council will be looking into this program.
- ❖ Discussed updating training for Lectors and Communion Ministers. Also discussed having training for Church greeters.
- ❖ Diane will visit with Pam about having an "Advent Angels" name exchange for the parish.
- ❖ The Commission will begin working on faith-sharing groups for Lent.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 2, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

PARISH OUTREACH

- ❖ Met November 2nd
- ❖ Members present: Toni Novotny, Brian Haberman, Lisa Burgess, & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Ann Ellis, Connie Mauney, Gretchen Whittington & Stacy Sanger.
- ❖ Arranged to have gifts delivered to our newly registered and baptized in the parish.
- ❖ Finalized plans for the Parish Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner set for Sunday, November 16th following Mass.
- ❖ The committee was approached by the Knights of Columbus in offering their assistance in having a Parish Christmas dinner. Plans were discussed to have this in conjunction with the PSR Christmas Pageant.
- ❖ Next meeting: November 30, 2014 @ 11:30 AM



SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY

- ❖ Met November 2nd for their annual potluck supper. Fr. Warren lead the attendees in prayer before the meal.
- ❖ The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.
- ❖ Kathy Kazmaier presented the treasurer's report. The ABC sale income total was \$2,358.01. Our ending balance year to date is \$7,999.39
- ❖ A thank you note was read from the family of Pete Mariche.
- ❖ Mary thanked all those who helped with the ABC sale and all agreed it was a great success.
- ❖ Pam Hutfles reported that the proceeds from Dillon certificates remains around \$500 to \$600 a month.
- ❖ Linda Lemuz will organize the Christmas gifts given to the shut-ins.
- ❖ A motion was made and passed to give Christmas gifts to the full time staff at Sacred Heart.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 18, 2015 @ 5:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 13th
- ❖ Members present: Mary Klinge, Don Kazmaier, Sheryl Giessel, Brenda Langdon, Mary Mitchell, Sr. Rebecca Otter & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Elaine Coulson.
- ❖ The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ Discussed the method of collecting the stewardship forms mailed to parishioners. It was suggested extra forms be made available in church. At the December meeting the forms will be categorized. Postcards will be sent to those who responded.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 4, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

PSR NEWS



All of the PSR families are invited to go "Caroling with Santa" on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. We will be meeting in the gym at 6:30, traveling to the hospital, Country Living, and Larned Diversified, then returning for hot chocolate & cookies with Santa. Dress warm & plan on joining us for this festive evening!

Our boys' & girls' basketball teams will be playing here in Larned on the 6th, 7th, and 14th. Games are held at the Larned High School beginning at 1:15 PM. Come & cheer them on! We are sooo PROUD of all of them and their coaches!

Christmas Pageant practices this month will be on Dec. 10th from 1:15-3:30 PM and Dec. 13th from 2:00-3:30 PM. Mark your calendars for our Christmas Pageant after Mass on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish Christmas supper following the pageant. Please RSVP by Dec. 5th to the Parish Office.

We will be needing volunteers to help with the Catholic League Basketball Tournament we are hosting on Jan. 2-4th. More information to come soon!

There will be NO PSR Dec. 24-Jan. 7th and also NO Preschool Dismissal from Dec. 28th-Jan. 4th. PSR will resume on Jan. 14th and Preschool Dismissal on Jan. 11th.

Remember...*"HE left the splendor and glory for us...the gift of HIS son."*

May you have a blessed Christmas!

Brenda Johnson, DRE



December Birthdays



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| (02) John Hutfles | (17) Shannon Fischer |
| Darlene Medina | Sr. Irene Hartman |
| Nicholas Orth | Abby Kelty |
| (03) Brandon Turner | Brianna Sell |
| (04) Bob Brack | Daniel Sell |
| Brandon Cenicerros | (19) Jamie Froetschner |
| Mary Schartz | Kevin Hammeke |
| (05) Dustin Danler | Kelsey Parr |
| Mike Mauney | Malia Schartz |
| (06) Stephen Heit | (20) Monica Clark |
| (07) Gretchen Holopirek | Felicity Newell |
| Alexis Kimble | (21) Cade Parr |
| (08) Troy Langdon | Joe Simmons |
| (09) Erin Josefiak | Richard VonFeldt |
| (10) Mary Mitchell | (23) Vi Prosser |
| Bryan Schroeder | (25) Gustavo Flores |
| Janice Schroth | (26) Jean Simmons |
| (11) Casey Danler | (27) Alec Carlson |
| Linda Lemuz | Brad Colglazier |
| Jeanie Snyder | Adam Unruh |
| George Youngers | (28) Finley Froetschner |
| (12) Debbie Danler | Mary Klinge |
| Trenton Fletcher | Liz McDonald |
| Cindy Perez | Brylee Medina |
| (13) Kristin Schartz | (30) Danielle Chilcott |
| Natalie Stude | (31) Brayson Bird |
| (14) Kathy Hammeke | Marissa Smith |
| Eric Hammond | Amy Welsch |
| Betty Hulsey | |
| (15) Retha Delgadillo | |
| (16) Becky Dodez | |
| Kristin Hammeke | |
| Karen Kuntz | |
| Jeremy McDonald | |



December Anniversaries

- (01) Henry and Kristen Snodgrass
 (03) Phil and Ann Schreiber
 (04) Frank and Linda Garcia
 Mike and Connie Mauney
 David and Stacy Sanger
 (19) Doug and Jennifer McNett
 (25) James and Sharon McGinness
 (28) Joe and Annie Garcia



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Nora Grace, the daughter of
 Michael & Marissa Klemens
 November 8, 2014

Remember with Prayer

Coletta Meier	Elora Robinson
Mary Schartz	Grace Sloan
Jesse Lemuz	Pat Thompson
Maxine Ackerman	Elsie Jones
Grace Perez	Mickey Perez
Phyllis Neidig	Mary Ann Schartz
Kindra Perez	Clayton Kelty
Jayden Waller	Amy Herter
John Harmon	Catherine Orth
Sharon Larsen	Joyce Greathouse
Betty Tauscher	Susan Colglazier
Fr. Warren Stecklein	Carol (Bartz) Eaton
Fr. Charles Mazouch	Sr. Clara Ann Fluech
Mary Beth Herrmann	Fheno Perez
Ryan Shelton	

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

KNIGHTS DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 2 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Dec. 4 Life Hunt Dinner (G)
 Dec. 5 PVCH Christmas Party (R)
 Dec. 6 LJCF Christmas Party (G)
 Dec 13 Ward Feed Yard Christmas Party (G)

Christmas Pageant & Dinner

On Saturday, December 13th following the 5:00 pm Mass our PSR youth will be performing their Christmas Pageant in church followed by a Christmas meal catered by our local Knights of Columbus in the SHS auditorium. To get an accurate count of the number attending the meal, we ask you to add your name and number of family members attending on the sign-up sheet located in the church vestibule by Friday, December 5th. All are invited to attend this festive Pre-Christmas event.



OCTOBER 2014 FINANCES

INCOME:

Collections	19,446.90
Special Donations	
Endowment	
Interest	5.13
Farm	6,184.94
PSR	2,285.98
Fundraisers	1,187.98
Miscellaneous	<u>53,524.62</u>
TOTAL	\$82,635.55

EXPENSES:

Stewardship	2,091.08
Salaries	12,290.15
Insurance	1,626.00
Utilities	2,050.15
Maintenance	506.66
Improvement	
Office	817.90
PSR	1,876.73
Farm	
Miscellaneous	<u>3,468.50</u>
TOTAL	\$24,727.17



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