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Catholic Marriage Defined Part 2

One of the first questions in our Baltimore Catechism was, "Can God do all things?" or "Is God almighty?" Yes, God can do all things. But God can't make a square circle or a four sided triangle. Such things do not exist; the words are a contradiction in terms.

Neither can God conceive of a same sex marriage, for this too is a contradiction in terms. Marriage is a life-long union between a man and woman in a union that is open to the begetting and raising of children.

Contrary to the true concept of marriage as a union between a man and a woman, some states have erroneously given the stamp of approval to what they call "same sex marriages". This can place florists, caterers, photographers, judges, priests, and ministers in precarious positions when asked to be of service to such couples. These transactions can end up in the courts where the service groups are sued for not providing what they are asked, services which are against their basic definition of marriage.

Complementarity, the mutual supplying of what the other lacks, cannot be present in a union of two males or two females. Procreation is intrinsic to marriage, not accidental. When two males or two females decide in that union that they want a child, to what forbidden tactics might they resort? In vitro fertilization or surrogate wombs for rent, or other forms of artificial production of children? Does this not make a child a commodity, the process irrelevant if the child has a mother or a father, and is artificially generated in a production line?

Is this the proper direction for a society that values human dignity? Are we part of a society that has divested itself from natural human procreation by eliminating the need for a male and a female, and made reproduction a kind of production, in which human beings are consequentially a kind of product?

Same sex couples have the right to establish bonds of love. But this love can never lead to a union that devalues procreation, making human persons products or commodities.

"The earth is filled with harmony and trust when the alliance between man and woman is lived properly" Pope Francis

April 15, 2015



MAY 2015 FINANCES

INCOME:

Collections	14,350.19
Special Donations	
Endowment	
Interest	2.53
Farm	
PSR	
Fundraisers	
Miscellaneous	<u>13,949.35</u>
TOTAL	\$28,302.07

EXPENSES:

Stewardship	2,426.03
Salaries	11,433.99
Insurance	1,680.00
Utilities	1,912.10
Maintenance	293.17
Improvement	
Office	1,366.22
PSR	570.73
Farm	
Miscellaneous	<u>13,468.69</u>
TOTAL	\$33,150.93

PSR News



Our two summer church camps have come and gone, but oh, what fun was had! The theme this summer was "Partying with the Popes". The kids learned about the Popes throughout our church history, their duties, their teachings, and even how they are elected. And guess what? They even went through the election process and after the black smoke was seen twice, the white smoke appeared in the sky electing our own camper, Chance Sanger, as the Pope!! "Pope Theodore" was chosen by the 7/8th campers. What a learning experience for all of them!

The NCYC high school youth want to send out a **BIG** thank you to our parishioners and families for all you did to make our 2 day fundraiser for the "Bike Across Kansas" a huge success! We couldn't have done it without you. Our youth and family worked really hard! And the bikers were so nice and complementary!

Be careful in this heat and have a safe and bountiful harvest!

God Bless!

Brenda Johnson, DRE

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met June 16th
- ❖ Members present: G.L. VonFeldt, Dennis Wilson, Jim Damm, Don Jensen, Leon Sanders, Kathy Couchman, Pam Hutfles & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Bob Haymaker, Jack Molleker.
- ❖ Minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial report for May reflecting \$28,302.07 in income and \$33,150.93 in expenses for a net loss of \$4,848.86. The balance sheet showed assets of \$497,741.87 compared to \$519,347.89 at the end of May 2014.
- ❖ The new office copy machine has been delivered and is working great.
- ❖ Catholic Mutual Risk Management did a walk-thru of the parish property for insurance purposes on Thursday, May 21st. The report findings show that we need to fix two electrical issues that were found in the rectory and office building. The issue will be addressed and a follow up report sent to Catholic Mutual.
- ❖ We were notified from Oregon Catholic Press where we get our Today's Missal and Music Issues that beginning with Advent the issues will go to large print only. It was discussed and decided to construct new book holders to be placed by each entry door leading into the nave of church as the current pew pockets are too small to hold more than one larger print book.
- ❖ Next meeting: July 21, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met June 18th
- ❖ Members present: Matt Stucker, Dennis Theis, Berny Unruh, Fay Murphy & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Sr. Rebecca Otter, Mary Perez, John Kelty & Philip Hammeke.
- ❖ The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr. Warren.
- ❖ The minutes of the May 21st meeting were read and approved.
- ❖ There was a short discussion on the Faith Formation & Parish Center building project. The project was a couple of days late starting due to weather. At this time the asphalt has been removed and grade leveling is ongoing.
- ❖ There was discussion on possible candidates for the different Parish Councils/Commissions. At this time, Pastoral Council needs one candidate, Endowment Board, two and Liturgy Commission, one. In the next two weeks possible candidates will be contacted and ballots will be made accordingly. Elections will take place the first or second weekend of July if possible.
- ❖ Next meeting: July 16, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

FR. BERNARD FELIX became an American Citizen on June 12, 2015. Fr. Bernard felt it was very fitting that the date he became an American Citizen was the feast day of *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*, the first parish he served at in America!

Congratulations to Fr. Bernard!

Cards can be sent to:

606 W. 10th St., Scott City, KS 67871



Faith Formation and Parish Center Ground Breaking Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish June 14, 2015



L to R: David Zecha, Mary Klinge, Sheryl & Tom Giessel, Frank & Vi Prosser, Tim Schaller, Pam Hutfles, Fr. Warren

After Fr. Warren celebrated Sunday Eucharist on June 14, he invited all parishioners to gather for a parish picnic and ground breaking ceremony just west of the present school building. Praying that no rain would fall in Larned on that afternoon, parishioners gathered under a large tent. The choir convened near the mike, prepared to lead the singing during the ceremony of groundbreaking. In the meantime, the Knights of Columbus were busy preparing to serve a roast pork dinner with all the trimmings.

Beginning with "This is Holy Ground", all joined in singing the opening hymn, acknowledging that the land is a gift from God, and the chosen area was made holy by the children who had played on that area from the opening of Sacred Heart School in 1936.

Fr. Warren invited everyone to rejoice that God had heard sincere prayers for a successful campaign, and would provide wisdom to complete the endeavor. The group affirmed that God is indeed the main builder, and our trust is placed in God's love, mercy, and guidance. After a Scripture from Gen. 28, the pastor and congregation expressed special thanks to God who has constantly guided the project in the past and will bless it in the future.

Tom Giessel, made a promise in the name of the parish to follow the process with prayer and cooperation. The architect/contractor, Tim Schaller, promised to use his best judgment and ability to complete the new facility. The parish affirmed these promises.

Fr. Warren prayed an intercessory prayer in the names of various saints, asking them to assist the workers in all aspects of the enterprise. Parish representatives were invited to take a shovel and break ground. Fr. Warren then blessed with holy water the entire area. The ceremony ended as all joined in singing "All are Welcome".

With hearts filled with gratitude for Fr. Warren's dedication to the parish, he was presented with a beautifully decorated cake and cash gifts to mark the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

The rain had held off quite well, but there was a five minute pause in the ceremony as a solitary cloud passed over the tent. The Knights of Columbus had serving lines ready in the school building, and the crowd came ready for a wonderful feast.

July Birthdays



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| (01) Ray Moeder
Alex Sanger | (17) Melinda Axman
Regan Carlson |
| (02) Doug McNett
Theresa Medina | Alexis Langdon
Bob Larsen |
| (03) Randy Bird
Tamber Colglazier
Gary Levins | (18) Ethan Banman
Annie Garcia
Cody Keenan
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku |
| (04) Steve Martin | (19) Melvin Murphy, Jr. |
| (05) Royce Froetschner | (20) Rod Bauer
Brian Haynes
Joyce Henderson |
| (06) Michael Orth
Phillip Perez
Grant Watkins | Doris Schaller
Richard Wolf |
| (07) Charlie Danler
Blake Holmes | (21) Matt Fisher |
| (08) Joe Hammeke
Trenton Welsch | (22) Trenton Barrett
Trevor Bartz |
| (09) Brandon Perez
Jane Zook | (23) Linda Goeken
Bruce Kozlowski |
| (11) Avion Tucker | (25) Deacon Martin |
| (13) Mason Schartz | (26) Sandi Bartz |
| (14) Loraine Hammeke
Christian Jensen
Katelynn Sanger | (27) Terri Bauer
Jameson Smith |
| (15) Ava Flores | (28) Slade Sundahl |
| (16) Bryan Fischer
Becky Martin | (29) Diane Walker
(30) Brad Herter
Ralph Martin
(31) Mary Lou Frisbie
Celine Hall
Dominic Pelaccio |



KNIGHTS JULY EVENTS

July 7 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
July 11 Family Reunion (R)

Remember with Prayer

Coletta Meier	Elora Robinson
Mary Schartz	Charles Wonsetler
Fheno Perez	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	Sr. Clara Ann Fluech
Fr. Charles Mazouch	Ryan Shelton

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

July Anniversaries

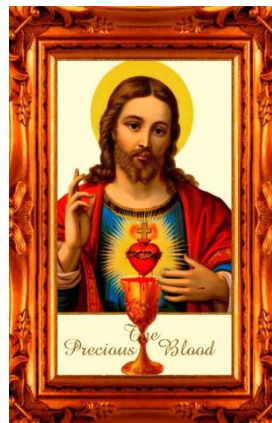
- (02) Don and Kathy Kazmaier
(05) John and Jane Kelty
Doug and Mary Smith
(07) Mike and Julie Snyder
(08) Eric and Nicki Roof
(09) Jim and Lynn Ryan
Shane and Wendy Sundahl
(17) Josh and Abby Holmes
Richard and Colleen Wolf
(19) Bandon and Jennifer Turner
(21) Jeff and Fay Murphy
(22) Troy and Brenda Langdon
(26) Clint and Autumn Millan
(29) Jared and Tisha Skelton



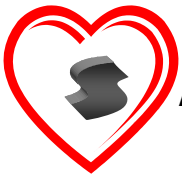
JULY AT A GLANCE

July 7 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
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July 9 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
July 12 ~ Altar Society Meeting, 5:00 PM
July 14 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
July 15 ~ Adoration, 5:00 to 6:00 PM
July 16 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
July 19 ~ Parish Outreach Meeting, 11:45 AM
July 21 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
July 21 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
July 27 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
July 28 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of July to the *Precious Blood of Jesus*, which was "shed for the many, for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Like the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, the subject of Catholic devotion in June, the Precious Blood has long been venerated for its role in our redemption.



Almighty and everlasting God, who hast appointed Thy only-begotten Son to be the Redeemer of the world, and hast been pleased to be reconciled unto us by His Blood, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate with solemn worship the price of our salvation, that the power thereof may here on earth keep us from all things hurtful, and the fruit of the same may gladden us for ever hereafter in heaven. Through the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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