



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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Laudato Si Respect and Concern for the Poor

There is a distinctive linkage between Laudato Si and the need to respect and protect our Common Home, and the dignity and lives of the poor. This seems to be the main characteristic of this encyclical.

In the July 3-16 issue of the National Catholic Reporter, we read, "The central focus of Pope Francis's message is the throwaway culture where lifestyles race in pursuit of the faster and better." This is especially true in the First World countries. "Developed nations must acknowledge the ecological and social debt they have to nations where natural resources have been exploited to fuel developed nations' economic growth." (Christiana Peppard from NCR)

The United States has many ways in which it is exceptional, but not all the ways are reason for pride.

Laudato Si confronts "the First World business ethics and fundamental presumptions about the right to resources and cheap labor, and its fundamental belief that profits remain the primary, sometimes the sole criterion for success." Laudato Si calls for a huge change in the social order, and it asks the Catholic community to lead the way. (NCR)

"I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything is connected...the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, our serious responsibility to international and local policy, the throwaway culture, and the proposal for a new lifestyle." (Pope Francis)

"Access to safe and drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential for human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights." "Our world has a grave social debt toward the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity." (Pope Francis)

"The scarcity of water leads to a higher price of food – another burden for the poor."

We are all in this together. "What you do to the least, you do to Me." There is no place for selfishness and indifference.

Christmas Eve Mass

Once again this year parishioners at both Sacred Heart and Saint Bernard have asked to have the earlier of the two Christmas Eve Masses. In order to accommodate both parishes we polled people via the bulletin to see if they would prefer a 4:00 or 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart. 82% of the households that responded said they wanted the 4:00 pm Mass. 18% of those responding said they wanted the 5:00 pm Mass. Therefore we will plan on having both the Christmas Eve Mass and New Year's Eve Mass at 4:00. Saint Bernard's Masses will be at 6:00 pm and Sacred Heart parishioners are most welcome to join them for their Mass celebrations if their time better fits your schedules.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses ~ December 24th

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart, Larned

6:00 pm at St. Bernard, Belpre

Christmas Day Mass ~ December 25th

9:00 am at Sacred Heart, Larned

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:00 pm – Thursday – December 31 at Sacred Heart

6:00 pm – Thursday – December 31 at St. Bernard, Belpre

9:00 am – Friday – January 1 at Sacred Heart

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Dec 1 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM

Dec.1 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

Dec 2 ~ PSR (Gr. K-12) Family Caroling w/Santa, 6:00 PM

Dec 2 ~ Pick up Zak's Cheese orders

Dec 2 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec 4 ~ Adult Religious Formation Team Meeting, 7:00 PM

Dec 6 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 8 ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses: 7:00 AM, St. Bernard, Belpre ~ 5:30 PM, Sacred Heart

Dec 9 ~ Christmas Pageant Practice, 1:15 to 3:15 PM

Dec 9 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-2), 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Dec 9 ~ Advent Penance Service, 6:45 PM

Dec 9 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. 3-12), attend Advent Penance Service

Dec 9 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec 13 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 13 ~ Parish Outreach Meeting, 11:45 AM

Dec 15 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon

Dec 15 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

Dec 16 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Dec 16 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Dec 16 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec 18 ~ Christmas Pageant Practice, 12:15 to 2:15 PM

Dec 19 ~ Christmas Pageant & Dinner following 5:00 PM Mass

Dec 20 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 22 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

Dec 23 ~ NO PSR (Gr. K-12), Christmas Break

Dec 23 ~ NO RCIA, Christmas Break

Dec 27 ~ NO Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass

Dec 29 ~ Pawnee County Blood Drive, 12 Noon to 6:00 PM

Dec 29 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

Dec 30 ~ NO PSR (Gr. K-12), Christmas Break (PSR resumes Jan. 13, 2016)

Dec 30 ~ NO RCIA, Christmas Break



FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met November 17th
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, Dennis Wilson, Jim Damm, Don Jensen, Connie Mauney, Leon Sanders, Pam Hutfles & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Jack Molleker, G.L. VonFeldt, Kathy Couchman
- ❖ Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial report for October reflecting \$26,801.49 in income and \$24,924.92 in expenses for a net income of \$1,876.57. The balance sheet showed assets of \$492,207.71 compared to \$577,800.93 at the end of October 2015.
- ❖ Dennis reported that Allen Taylor will start either today or tomorrow on the handicap access ramps at the church.
- ❖ Discussion was held on the lighting around the current parish office building. A motion was made to add two lights on the northwest and southwest corner of the building with possibly adding one more light on the northeast side.
- ❖ Adding a chair lift to the choir loft was tabled until next month as information was not available.
- ❖ Don brought up the removal of two evergreens on the north side of the current office building and three small bushes on the south side. Following discussion a motion was made and passed to remove the evergreens and bushes.
- ❖ Pam shared requests for charitable donations as Christmas approaches. A motion was made and seconded to donate to Sunflower Diversified Services and the Fort Larned Lions Club Christmas Baskets.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 15, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon.

HEART TO HEART MINISTRY

- ❖ Met November 16th
- ❖ Meeting attendees: Mary Klinge, Ray Colglazier, Barbara Hammond, Kathy Kazmaier
- ❖ Barbara shared a "Random Acts of Kindness" list from a local publication. It was suggested these be used for a Lenten calendar in 2016 to give to parishioners.
- ❖ Barbara and Ray will meet with Julie Munden on preparing an After Communion talk video for our parish website.
- ❖ Christmas cards and Care Notes were prepared for parishioner families losing a loved one in 2015.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 18, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY

- ❖ Met November 15th with 14 members attending.
- ❖ The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
- ❖ Treasurer Kathy Kazmaier reported the ABC Sale brought in \$2,151.00 and the Soup Luncheon & Basket Raffle brought in \$2,163.00. Our current balance is \$9,769.91.
- ❖ Mary reported the Pampered Chef Fundraiser providing items for the new parish center kitchen was a success. 71 items were either donated or free. There will be an inventory list in the kitchen for easy accountability of the items.
- ❖ Janet Skelton, on behalf of the nominating committee, reported that all of the current officers agreed to another term.
- ❖ Motions were made to donate to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and toward a "Pro-Life Across America" billboard project.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 17, 2016 @ 5:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 12th
- ❖ Members present: Mary Klinge, Mary Mitchell, Sheryl Giessel, Elaine Coulson, Don Kazmaier, Sr. Rebecca & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Brenda Langdon.
- ❖ Two witness talks have been completed. Time and Talent forms are being returned.
- ❖ Mary Klinge & Kathy Kazmaier have spoken to the PSR students regarding stewardship and the Heart to Heart Ministry.
- ❖ A reminder will be mentioned at the weekend Masses that Commitment Sunday is November 21 & 22.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 14, 2016 @ 6:30 PM



PSR News

We may be having a "white" Christmas early this year! But wouldn't it be fitting (but cold) to see snow for our PSR Family Night December 2nd while caroling with Santa?!? Mark your calendar, dress warm, and meet us for caroling at 6:00 pm in the school gym. Then hot chocolate and cookies with Santa afterwards!

Our NCYC youth and chaperones returned safely Sunday afternoon from their trip to Indianapolis. I look forward to hearing from them and hope they had an inspiring trip!

Zak's Cheese orders will be in December 2nd. Watch for your orders to be delivered!

December is filled with lots of activities so parents, be sure to check the calendars being sent home December 2nd and the newsletter/bulletins.

Our PSR Christmas Pageant will be held after the 5:00 pm Mass on December 19th. You are all invited to come witness our presentation of the true Christmas story.

God Bless you all this wonderful holiday season! May your hearts and homes be merry!

Brenda Johnson, DRE

RCIA

Sacred Heart Parish is pleased to announce that we have three people who have been inquiring into the Church. They have been faithfully attending RCIA sessions and learning about the teachings of the Catholic Church, as well as learning how to live as Catholics. These three individuals are Tonya Sanders, Erica Milhon, and Tyson Steffen. Tonya is married to Brian Sanders, and is a catechumen, who is looking to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. Erica and Tyson are candidates, who were baptized in another Christian denomination. They are looking to complete their initiation into the Church through the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist. Erica's fiancé, Andrew, and Tyson's wife, Chelsea, are the children of Kraig and Amy Froetschner. In addition to these individuals, John Wasinger has also been attending RCIA sessions. Although John was baptized as a Catholic and received the Eucharist, he is looking to complete his initiation by being confirmed in our parish. John is engaged to Jacque Johnson. We are blessed to have these individuals in our community. If you happen to see any of them at church or elsewhere, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our parish.



**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 9TH
6:45 PM**

Sacred Heart, Larned

**Sunday, Dec. 13th ~ 4:00 pm @ St. Rose, Great Bend
7:00 pm @ St. Patrick, Great Bend**

December Birthdays

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| (02) John Hutfles | (17) Shannon Fischer |
| Darlene Medina | Sr. Irene Hartman |
| Nicholas Orth | Abby Kelty |
| (03) Brandon Turner | (19) Jamie Froetschner |
| (04) Bob Brack | Kevin Hammeke |
| Brandon Cenicerros | Kelsey Parr |
| Mary Schartz | Malia Schartz |
| (05) Dustin Danler | (20) Brad Bauer |
| Mike Mauney | Monica Clark |
| (06) Stephen Heit | Felicity Newell |
| (07) Gretchen Holopirek | (21) Cade Parr |
| Alexis Kimble | Joe Simmons |
| (08) Troy Langdon | Richard VonFeldt |
| (09) Erin Josefiak | (22) Jessie Weiszbrod |
| (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 |
| (12) Debbie Danler | (28) Finley Froetschner |
| Trenton Fletcher | Mary Klinge |
| Cindy Perez | Liz McDonald |
| (13) Kristin Schartz | Brylee Medina |
| Natalie Stude | (30) Danielle Chilcott |
| (14) Kathy Hammeke | (31) Brayson Bird |
| Eric Hammond | Kayla Josefiak |
| Betty Hulsey | Marissa Smith |
| (15) Retha Delgadillo | Amy Welsch |
| (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) Jim and Sharon McGinness
 (28) Joe and Annie Garcia



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jim and Sharon McGinness ~ Married 40 years



UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Billie Dooley & Kristin Schartz
 November 28, 2015

Remember with Prayer

Coletta Meier		Elora Robinson
Mary Schartz		Pat Thompson
Fheno Perez		Elsie Jones
Maxine Ackerman		Mickey Perez
Grace Perez		Mary Ann Schartz
Phyllis Neidig		Clayton Kelty
Kindra Perez		Amy Herter
Jayden Waller		Catherine Orth
John Harmon		Joyce Greathouse
Sharon Larsen		Susan Colglazier
Betty Tauscher		Sr. Clara Ann Fluech
Fr. Warren Stecklein		Ryan Shelton
Fr. Charles Mazouch		Hazel Callahan
Bob Brack		

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

KNIGHTS DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec 1 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Dec 4 Life Hunt Dinner (R)
 Dec 5 PVCH Christmas Party (G)
 Dec 6 LJCF Christmas Party (R)
 Dec 11 Pawnee County Coop Christmas Party (G)
 Dec 12 Ward Feed Yard Christmas Party
 Dec 19 Parish Christmas Dinner (R)



**The Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary**
Tuesday, December 8th
Masses:
7:00 am at St. Bernard, Belpre
5:30 pm at Sacred Heart

Christmas Pageant

On Saturday, December 19th 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 at
 the K of C Hall. All are invited to attend this festive Pre-
 Christmas event.

OCTOBER 2015 FINANCES

INCOME:

Collections	15,145.35
Special Donations	210.00
Endowment	
Interest	2.25
Farm	
PSR	3,029.20
Fundraisers	
Miscellaneous	<u>8,414.69</u>

TOTAL \$26,801.49

EXPENSES:

Stewardship	1,343.02
Salaries	12,225.93
Insurance	4,297.00
Utilities	1,886.58
Maintenance	1,483.86
Improvement	206.00
Office	788.31
PSR	1,431.57
Farm	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,262.65</u>

TOTAL \$24,924.92



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