



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a symbol of eternal life and penance. As Catholics, we believe the wreath stands for Christ's coming birth and his forgiveness.

The Advent Wreath is made of evergreens which signify continuous life, so it is made in a circle which means no beginning and no end. The Advent Wreath has four candles there are three purple and one rose. Added together the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world's savior – from Adam to Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament. The purple candles stand for the liturgy of the season signifying a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice during the Advent and Lent season. The rose is for joy or what is called “Gaudete” which means rejoicing Sunday. This is the third Sunday of the Advent Season and the Priest will also wear a rose vestment. Because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. A fifth white candle is placed in the center of the Advent Wreath to symbolize the arrival of Christmastide, sometimes known as the “Christ Candle”. It is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and continues to burn all the way through Epiphany. This helps us to remember that Christmas doesn't end on Christmas morning after all the presents have been opened.

Advent is a time to stir up our faith in the Lord, the Wreath and its prayers provide up a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, December 8th

Masses:

**Thursday, December 7th ~ 6:00 pm
at Sacred Heart**

**Friday, December 8th ~ 7:00 am
at St. Bernard, Belpre**



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 – Sunday – December 31 at Sacred Heart

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

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Dec. 3 ~ Kapaun's Men Study Group, 9:00 AM

Dec. 5 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM

Dec. 5 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

Dec. 6 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-12), 6:00 to 8:30 PM

(Mass @ 6:30 PM (7th Grade) Christmas Pageant to follow)

(Pick up Zak's Cheese orders)

Dec. 6 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec. 8 ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses: 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart (**Dec. 7**) – 7:00 AM, St. Bernard (**Dec. 8**)

Dec. 10 ~ Kapaun's Men Study Group, 9:00 AM

Dec. 10 ~ Parish Outreach Meeting, 11:45 AM

Dec. 12 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

Dec. 13 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-2), 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Dec. 13 ~ Advent Penance Service, 6:30 PM

Dec. 13 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 3-12), attend Advent Penance Service

Dec. 13 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec. 14 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

Dec. 17 ~ Kapaun's Men Study Group, 9:00 AM

Dec. 18 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM

Dec. 19 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon

Dec. 19 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft

Dec. 20 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Dec. 20 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Dec. 20 ~ NO RCIA, 7:00 PM

Dec. 21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

Dec. 27 ~ NO PSR Classes (Gr. K-12), Christmas Break

Dec. 27 ~ NO RCIA, 7:00 PM



FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met November 21st
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, Dennis Wilson, G.L. VonFeldt, Jim Damm, Don Jensen, Leon Sanders, David Zecha, Jacques Molleker, Connie Mauney, Kathy Couchman, Pam Huffles & Fr. Bernard.
- ❖ Minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial report for October reflecting \$23,539.11 in income and \$20,819.61 in expenses for a net income of \$2,719.50. The balance sheet showed assets of \$387,492.78.
- ❖ The installation of the security cameras has begun. The wiring is completed, and the cameras have been ordered.
- ❖ The sound system for the choir loft was approved by Bishop Brungardt. Dave and Pam will contact McClelland Sound to get the project started. The majority of the cost will be covered through Memorial Donations.
- ❖ The new Clavinova piano is in the choir loft and the old piano is on a rolling stand in the Parish Center.
- ❖ Dave gave a report of finished projects around the parish. One project yet to be completed is repairing the kneeler pads in the church that have come loose.
- ❖ Discussion was held regarding snow removal around the church. Most of the snow will be removed by Eakin Enterprises. However, we are looking for a volunteer to do some hand snow removal and spread ice melt when needed. Pam will place a notice in the bulletin asking for volunteers.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 19, 2017 @ 12:00 Noon

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 16th
- ❖ Members present: Dennis Theis, Amy Froetschner, Jeff Murphy, Stephen Scharz, John Kelty, Berny Unruh, Sr. Rebecca & Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Philip Hammeke
- ❖ Minutes from the October meeting were approved.
- ❖ Update on the security cameras: The wiring on the building has been completed. When the cameras arrive they will be installed.
- ❖ Berny moved and it was seconded that the parish continue to move forward with the Parish Safety Committee and that information continue to be gathered on what measures will be taken to keep parishioners and children safe during church activities. Information will be shared as plans are made for the future.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 21, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

PARISH OUTREACH COMMISSION

- ❖ Met November 12th
- ❖ Members present: Toni Novotny, Tami Keenan, Cathy DeMond, Ann Ellis, Bethany Steinlage, Kristin Hammeke.
- ❖ Arranged to have gifts delivered to our newly registered and baptized in the parish.
- ❖ The Fall Bingo party went well with approximately 30 people in attendance. It was mentioned to have a game night (cards) and that received a favorable response. Possibly this winter.
- ❖ The commission will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to the PSR students and guests on December 6th, after the Christmas Pageant.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 10, 2017 @ 11:45 AM



PSR NEWS

It is shocking how quickly this school year is going by.

It is also amazing to us how much we continue to complete in a 1 ½ hour period every week during PSR. If you have not done so already please take a moment and offer your child(ren)'s PSR teacher a thank you. They have been very busy this year bringing our children closer to the Lord.

In December we will start off first by celebrating the seventh-grade Mass and our annual Christmas Pageant on December 6th. The students will arrive at 6:00 pm as usual to get dressed and ready and the evening will begin at 6:30 pm in the Church. The pageant will be followed by hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Parish Outreach Commission. We encourage everyone to join us for this evening.

The rest of December we will focus on Advent and our preparations for Christmas in our opening session. In our individual classes we will continue with our book studies. Fall is such a hectic time and quite often our family prayer time is forgotten. Advent is a great time to jump start it again. You are encouraged to dust off your Advent wreath and either revive your family prayer time or begin a new tradition.

Finally, please be thinking about this coming year and consider providing a dish or dessert for our upcoming catechist appreciation dinner. Last year we served lasagna, but new ideas are always welcome. Please provide any of the commission members or Stacy Sanger with your contribution or ideas.

We hope you have a
Blessed Advent Season.

The Sacred Heart PSR Commission



Christmas Pageant

On Wednesday, December 6th our PSR youth will be celebrating Mass beginning at 6:30 pm followed by their performance of the Christmas Pageant in church. Everyone is invited to the Parish Center after the Christmas Pageant for hot chocolate and cookies. Plan to attend this festive Pre-Christmas event.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| (02) John Hutfles | (17) Shannon Fischer |
| Darlene Medina | Abby Kelty |
| Nicholas Orth | (19) Tom Bahr |
| (03) Alexandra Moscoso | Jamie Froetschner |
| (04) Brandon Cenicerros | Kevin Hammeke |
| (05) Mike Mauney | Kelsey Parr |
| (06) Stephen Heit | Malia Schartz |
| (07) Gretchen Holopirek | (20) Brad Bauer |
| (08) Troy Langdon | Monica Clark |
| (10) Mary Mitchell | Felicity Newell |
| Bryan Schroeder | (21) Cade Parr |
| Janice Schroth | Joe Simmons |
| (11) Linda Lemuz | Richard VonFeldt |
| Jeanie Snyder | (22) Jessie Weiszbrod |
| (12) Trenton Fletcher | (23) Vi Prosser |
| Cindy Perez | (25) Gustavo Flores |
| (13) Kristin Dooley | (26) Jean Simmons |
| Natalie Stude | (27) Alec Carlson |
| (14) Kathy Hammeke | (28) Terri Bahr |
| Betty Hulsey | Finley Froetschner |
| (16) Becky Dodez | Mary Klinge |
| Kristin Hammeke | Liz McDonald |
| Karen Kuntz | Brylee Medina |
| Jeremy McDonald | (31) Kayla Josefiak |
| | Marissa Smith |
| | Amy Welsch |



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Phil & Ann Schreiber ~ Married 40 years



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Cason Michael, the son of
 Tyson & Kathy Couchman on November 5, 2017

Kaden Abraham, the son of
 Gustavo & Kathy Flores on November 18, 2017

Jaxten Lelynn, the son of
 Kevin & Felicia Davis on November 26, 2017



DIED IN CHRIST

Mary Ann Schartz ~ November 15, 2017

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017

	OCTOBER	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	15,774.87	62,908.93
Special Donations		1,045.00
Endowment		6,000.00
Interest	6.24	21.51
Farm	2,721.00	10,282.40
PSR	479.00	13,088.70
Fundraisers		1,023.64
Miscellaneous	4,558.00	16,284.50
TOTAL	\$23,539.11	\$110,654.68
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,092.34	7,930.72
Salaries	12,163.19	45,932.81
Insurance	2,218.50	7,315.50
Utilities	1,499.42	6,262.51
Maintenance	587.52	4,960.82
Improvement		
Office	811.55	3,926.96
PSR	289.87	12,100.02
Farm		307.23
Miscellaneous	1,157.22	4,678.90
TOTAL	\$20,819.61	\$93,415.47
		YTD: \$17,239.21

Remember with Prayer

Grace Perez	Betty Tauscher
Fheno Perez	Dorothy Edmonds
Terry Perez	Hazel Callahan
Maxine Ackerman	Mickey Perez
Karen Bidne	Bob Bixby
Frank Garcia	Clayton Kelty
Norma Delaney	Amy Herter
Jayden Waller	Catherine Orth
John Harmon	Trenton Welsch
Sharon Larsen	Sue Haymaker
Fr. Warren Stecklein	Kevin Simmons
Fr. Charles Mazouch	Rita Sanger
Mike Snyder	Marty Turner

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



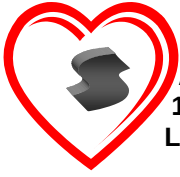
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13TH

6:30 PM

Sacred Heart, Larned

KNIGHTS DECEMBER EVENTS

December 1 PVCH Christmas Party (R)
 December 2 First State Bank Christmas Party (G)
 December 5 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 December 9 Ward Feed Yard Christmas Party (G)
 December 16 City of Larned Christmas Party (R)



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