



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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What is a Vocation?

If you are looking for a simple definition of a vocation, the literal meaning of the word is a "call." But a vocation is more than an ordinary call. A vocation is a call from God, and anyone who has felt God's call knows that the process is anything but simple. While most people think of a vocation as what they are called to do in life, it is important to understand that the first and most important call from God is a call to be – the universal call to holiness.

This distinction between a call to holiness and a call to a specific vocation – single person, married life, consecrated life or ordained ministry – is important. The universal call to holiness is rooted in our baptism. It is a call to know, love and serve the Lord. It is a movement that draws us toward a deeper union with God.

The universal call to holiness is an ongoing conversion experience. It keeps opening our eyes to new awareness of God's loving presence. It keeps inviting us to turn toward God by aligning our will with God's will.

A willingness to do God's will is built on two convictions. WE have to believe that God loves us more than we love ourselves and that God wants our happiness more than we want it. In other words, we have to believe that God knows more than we do about what will make us truly happy. If God had given us everything we ever asked for we would be seriously unhappy. The basis of our desire to find and to do the will of God should be the belief that God's will for us is our only chance to be truly and lastingly happy.

We live out the invitation 'to be holy' differently depending on which vocation we have chosen. The four specific vocations are: single life, married life, consecrated life or the ordained ministry. Each vocation is a call to follow Christ closely.

The lifestyle and demands of each particular vocation is very different but there are some similarities between them. Each vocation is a commitment to love in a certain way. The object of every vocation is God. It is not building a better society, renewing the Church, having a family, fulfilling yourself, helping people or confronting new challenges. All these things may be involved in a vocation but the primary objectives is to love God.

As Blessed Pope John Paul II wrote, "Love makes us seek what is good; love makes us better persons. It is love that prompts men and women to marry and form a family, to have children. It is love that prompts others to embrace the consecrated life or become priests." Each vocation challenges us to live our faith more deeply and to follow Christ more closely. Each vocation, if it is lived generously and faithfully, will then involve times of lasting happiness and reward but also suffering and sacrifice. Finally, it is important not to compare the value of different vocations but to appreciate the value of each one and to discover which one is right for you.

APRIL AT A GLANCE

April 3 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 April 3 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 April 4 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:00 to 7:30 PM
 April 4 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 6:30 to 8:00 PM
 April 4 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM
 April 7 ~ Parish Game Night, 6:15 PM
 April 8 ~ Kapaun's Men Study Group, 9:00 AM
 April 10 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 April 11 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:00 to 7:30 PM
 April 11 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 6:30 to 8:00 PM
 April 11 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM
 April 12 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
 April 16 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
 April 17 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
 April 17 ~ Liturgy Commission Meeting, 5:30 PM
 April 17 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 April 18 ~ Adoration, 5:00 to 6:00 PM
 April 18 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:00 to 7:30 PM
 April 18 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 6:30 to 8:00 PM
 April 18 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM
 April 19 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
 April 22 ~ Endowment Board Meeting, 11:45 AM
 April 24 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 April 25 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:00 to 7:30 PM
 April 25 ~ First Communion Retreat, 6:00 to 7:30 PM
 April 25 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 6:30 to 8:00 PM
 April 25 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM
 April 26 ~ PSR Commission Meeting, 2:00 PM



Remember with Prayer

Grace Perez
 Pheno Perez
 Terry Perez
 Maxine Ackerman
 Karen Bidne
 Frank Garcia
 Norma Delaney
 Jayden Waller
 John Harmon
 Fr. Warren Stecklein
 Fr. Charles Mazouch



Betty Tauscher
 Sharon Larsen
 Hazel Callahan
 Mickey Perez
 Clayton Kelty
 Amy Herter
 Marty Turner
 Trenton Welsch
 Sue Haymaker
 Kevin Simmons
 Rita Sanger

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

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met March 20th
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, G.L. VonFeldt, Dennis Wilson, Leon Sanders, Jacques Molleker, Pam Huffles & Fr. Bernard. Guests: Dennis Theis & Butch McJunkin. Unable to attend: Connie Mauney, Jim Damm & Kathy Couchman.
- ❖ Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial report for February reflecting \$23,248.03 in income and \$22,130.66 in expenses for a net income of \$1,117.37. The balance sheet showed assets of \$454,907.62.
- ❖ Dennis Theis from Pastoral Council and Butch McJunkin (MidAmerica Consulting) attended the meeting to discuss adding additional security cameras on the church building. Butch was asked to work up a quote and bring it back to our April meeting.
- ❖ Dave reported that the tops of the pews in church have had a new coat of finish applied to them. Dave and a few other men will be placing sheet tin on the ceiling the rectory garage to cover extensive cracks. A new washing machine was purchased for the rectory. (the previous one was over 30 years old).
- ❖ A representative from Catholic Mutual did a safety inspection on February 7th. A report was emailed to Pam on a few improvements that need to be addressed. Dave will be able to take care of most of these issues.
- ❖ Pam reported that the Boiler Inspector checked to boiler on February 22nd. The boiler was in good shape and a certificate will be issued to the church
- ❖ Two defibrillators have been purchased for the parish. One will be placed in the church and the second in the parish center. Training will take place when the defibrillators arrive.
- ❖ Next meeting: April 17, 2018 @ 12:00 Noon

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met March 15th
- ❖ Members present: Dennis Theis, Philip Hammeke, Jeff Murphy, Amy Froetschner, Berny Unruh, Sr. Rebecca & Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: John Kelty & Stephen Schartz.
- ❖ Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- ❖ Active Shooter awareness was discussed at the Diocesan level.
- ❖ Parish Safety Committee – Names were shared with Fr. Bernard.
- ❖ Parish Elections – Dennis shared the list of current parish leadership. Dennis will get further information on the number of terms people have served. Suggestions for members to fulfill some of the positions will be discussed at the next meeting.
- ❖ The Circles program for the community was discussed.
- ❖ Next meeting: April 19, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

HEART TO HEART MINISTRY

- ❖ Met March 19th
- ❖ Members present: Mary Klinge, Sally Dreiling, Melinda Axman, Lee Gilcris, Barbara Hammond, Kathy Kazmaier & Fr. Bernard
- ❖ Minutes from the February 19th meeting were approved.
- ❖ Barbara reported that she will be sending out Easter cards and three sympathy cards. PSR students have made cards to be distributed to patients at PVCH as needed.
- ❖ Cupcakes were prepared and distributed for St. Patrick's Day.
- ❖ The group will prepare meals for Fr. Bernard for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- ❖ Next meeting: April 16, 2018 @ 6:30 PM



PSR NEWS

As we leave the Lenten season and enter the Easter season we begin to wind down our school year, but the PSR calendar remains filled with opportunities for each of us to embrace as we continue to bring our children closer to the Lord in both our educational programs on Wednesday evenings and our day to day lives in our domestic churches in our homes. Although our teachers continue to provide our students with a strong religious foundation to build from, it is in our homes and through our example as parents and consistency in exposure that they will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord and begin to take ownership of their faith.

Our Confirmation classes and First Communion class will come together on April 25th for our First Communion retreat from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. At least one parent of each first communicant is expected to attend this evening that is both fun and educational. Pizza will be served at 6 followed by a variety of activities allowing both students and parents to increase their knowledge of the sacrament as well as bonding spiritually as a family in an assortment of experiences. The Confirmation students facilitate these activities as a form of service as well as a way to renew their exposure to the history of the Holy Eucharist and the church. They also provide an excellent example for our younger students of service in our church beyond weekly attendance to class and Mass on Sunday that is often overlooked by our adult population today.

Please remember that as we use April as our final month of preparation for the sacraments May is filled with parish events including First Communion, Confirmation, our high school students' big fundraiser for the spring the "Mother's Day Champagne Brunch", Graduation Mass and our newest event, the end of the year PSR BBQ and Carnival. The evening will include games for our families, food and Lamb Plop Bingo!

Easter Blessings!!!

Stacy Sanger and The PSR Commission

Anniversary Dinner Saturday, April 21st ~ 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Hall

An invitation is extended to our couples of the parish celebrating 50 or more years of marriage in 2018 to attend a special Anniversary Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The event will begin with 6:30 pm on Saturday, April 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall. RSVP to Pam (285-2035) if you plan to attend.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) Charlie Befort | (16) Denis Gilcris |
| (02) Sue Haymaker | (17) Duskin Bowman |
| Larry Trujillo | Lynn Hanson |
| (03) Michael Hensley | (18) Kim Smith |
| Lisa Schartz | (19) Vicki Gillett |
| (04) Lance DeMond | Barbara Penka |
| Easton Fox | Ed Ummel |
| Janice Heit | (20) Sam Hill |
| Robert Tan | Mary Anna Urban |
| (05) Rachael Herter | Ali Zook |
| Gabriel Mull | (21) James Burdett |
| Susan Perez | (22) Maria Martinez |
| (07) Alysa Byrum | (23) Kimi Bowman |
| (08) Cathy DeMond | Mike Martel |
| (09) Sharon McGinness | Marilyn McClendon |
| Candi Nuss | Rob Munden |
| Pete Schartz | Levi Sanders |
| Amy Simmons | Kree Smith |
| (10) Michelle Kelty | (24) Bert Schartz |
| Maurice Schaller | Zach Stanton |
| (11) Mia Munden | Matt Watkins |
| Eli Ramsey | (26) Kevin Davis |
| Tisha Skelton | Reed McNett |
| (13) Jayden Smith | Shane Sundahl |
| Jean Tanner | Dale Unruh |
| (14) Lee Durler | Kevin VonFeldt |
| Ryland Henderson | (27) Amanda Haberman |
| Ty Josefiak | (28) Laurie Josefiak |
| Emma McNett | (29) Alvie Axman |
| John Mull | (30) David Burdett |
| Jenny Rector | Jeanne McDonald |
| (15) Amanda Clark | |
| Linda Zecha | |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| (02) Jason and LeAnne Hammeke |
| (03) Jerry and Candi Nuss |
| (11) Marvin and Joan Slagle |
| (12) Okey and Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku |
| (16) Raymond and Betty Perez |
| Todd and Tami Keenan |
| (19) Pete and Lisa Schartz |
| (21) Joel and Morgan Kelty |
| (22) Stephen and Janice Heit |
| Maurice and Rita Schaller |
| (23) Jim and Judy VonFeldt |
| (25) Ben and Jenny Ramsey |
| (27) Alvie and Melinda Axman |
| Gustavo and Kathy Flores |
| (28) Joe and Margaret Garcia |
| (29) Shane and Stacy Parr |



CONGRATULATIONS!

Raymond & Betty Perez ~ Married 73 years
 Marvin & Joan Slagle ~ Married 65 years
 Joe & Margaret Garcia ~ Married 56 years
 Maurice & Rita Schaller ~ Married 40 years



DIED IN CHRIST

John S. Koett ~ March 3, 2018
 Dorothy Edmonds ~ March 22, 2018

KNIGHTS APRIL EVENTS

April 3 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 April 7 Event
 April 21 Anniversary Dinner (G)



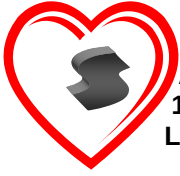
Saturday, April 7th ■ 6:15 pm

The Parish Outreach Commission is hosting a game night. Everyone is invited to gather at the Parish Education Center on Saturday, April 7th following Mass to play cards and board games. We ask you to bring finger foods to share and your favorite games to play. Come, bring a guest and enjoy a fun evening!

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017

	FEBRUARY	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	15,041.56	134,507.90
Special Donations		10,605.00
Endowment	6,000.00	18,000.00
Interest	11.38	3,102.95
Farm		10,282.40
PSR		34,564.70
Fundraisers	917.09	2,887.98
Miscellaneous	<u>1,278.00</u>	<u>21,074.50</u>
TOTAL	\$23,248.03	\$235,025.43
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,439.76	15,688.41
Salaries	12,568.35	92,590.73
Insurance	1,699.00	11,579.50
Utilities	2,406.22	12,853.16
Maintenance	955.84	7,472.02
Improvement		3,500.00
Office	1,009.71	7,578.77
PSR	782.90	23,229.45
Farm		2,121.15
Miscellaneous	<u>268.88</u>	<u>9,094.70</u>
TOTAL	\$22,130.66	\$185,707.89
		YTD: \$49,317.54





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