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MONSIGNOR GEORGE A. HUSMANN

January 14, 1916 – December 27, 1993



I was reading a very good book titled 101 Inspirational Stories of the Priesthood (Copyright 2005), and lo and behold, I unexpectedly found a story about Monsignor George Husmann that was written by Annette Sosa from Hugoton, Kansas. I know there are still parishioners who remember when Msgr. Husmann was our pastor here at Sacred Heart Church in Larned many years ago. I read the story and wanted to share it with all of you.

Something Good is Going to Happen

"You know, for most of us, prayer is just worrying on our knees." With these words, Monsignor George A. Husmann reflected on his basic philosophy of life: that people should turn their cares over to God and learn to trust Him. If a man followed these words, he would be perfectly happy. Needless to say, that advice is what Monsignor followed every day of his life.

Born in 1916 in the small town of Fowler, Kansas, which is located in the southwestern part of the state, Monsignor Husmann was ordained a priest in 1942. Later he was raised to the rank of private chamberlain and given the title of very reverend monsignor by Pope John XXIII. In 1964, Pope Paul VI gave him the title of domestic prelate, and the title of right reverend monsignor. He served as a National Guard chaplain and as pastor in parishes in Alaska and Kansas.

In 1984, when Monsignor arrived at St. Helen Parish in Hugoton, Kansas, many of us church members were not quite sure what to expect from a man with such a high ranking title. However, it didn't take long for us to realize that this very special man would soon find a very special place in our hearts.

My husband and I went to the parish rectory on the afternoon of Monsignor's arrival to introduce ourselves, and to offer any assistance that he might need in getting settled. He came to the door wearing an old pair of khakis and a faded shirt, looking as if he had just gotten home from a round of golf or a day of fishing. When we walked into the living room, I'm sure my gasp was audible enough for him to hear.

Tackle boxes and fishing rods were leaning against the highly polished tables along the wall. Fishing lures were stuck in the shades of the crystal lamps that sat on the end tables. It appeared that Monsignor wanted his home to have that *lived-in* appearance, and it certainly did! He put on no airs and only wanted people to feel comfortable and at-home in his home.

Over the next four years, our parish family came to love this very down-to-earth man, who lived his faith by appreciating the simple things in life. He was often heard to say, "Every day is a good day because something good is going to happen. You just have to watch for it." And watch he did, whether it was playing a round of golf, sitting on a fishing bank, or meeting with a parishioner. He looked for the good in people and shared his love with others.

Many of us looked forward to the short three-or four-minute reflections that Monsignor gave at daily Mass. One morning his sermon touched us when

he said, "We're so caught up in our hectic world that we don't take time to hear God."

He continued by saying we've lost our sense of God and who He is. Thus, we've lost our sense of sin. Everything seems okay in today's world.

Monsignor told us we needed to "go to the mountain" and be with God to find out why we're here. He also had a deep love for Mary and talked about a lady who turned all of her cares over to Mary each day. What a beautiful way to approach life.

Another time he talked about being a hypocrite. He said we all probably have things that we hide deep inside, but that's okay. He cautioned, "Just don't let us become 'white glorious tombs hiding a pile of bones.'" With just a few simple words, Monsignor always left us with a message to take home—a message by which to live.

The children, too, loved this wonderful priest. My two daughters were three and four years old at the time of his arrival in Hugoton. I cleaned the rectory once a week and took the girls with me. I always reminded them that they must play quietly and not bother Monsignor, but invariably, within ten minutes of our arrival, Monsignor would have the girls in his office and I could hear him telling them fascinating stories about his life in Alaska.

This special Monsignor George Husmann would also show them pictures of the many places he'd been. He would tell them stories of the saints, and of course, St. George was one of his favorites. He was the one who told my girls to set their shoes out on December 6th so St. Nicholas would fill them with goodies. That became a tradition that my young daughters loved, and to this day, they (now ages twenty-three and twenty-four) look for a small gift on this feast day. My husband and I always laughed and said, "Thank you, Monsignor."

My daughters loved going to confession with Monsignor. They said it was just like "talking to Grandpa." Before they would leave the confessional, he always reminded them to "pray for old priests." I remember one day going into confession right after my seven-year-old daughter had come out. Monsignor was just sitting there laughing. I couldn't imagine what my child had told him, but he certainly was enjoying whatever it was.

He did tell me that she had said her last confession was six weeks ago and she said it was all her mother's fault! What a chuckle Monsignor got from that one. He loved the stories told by the children, and they loved hearing his. A loud cheer would always go up from the young children in the afternoon CCD classes when they saw Monsignor coming to visit.

He loved celebrating Halloween, too, and encouraged the children to come by his house for trick-or-treat candy. They loved dressing up in their costumes and going to see Monsignor. He would "ooh" and "ah" over their wild attire and tell them all about "All Hallows Eve" and what this holy day means to the Church. What a captive audience he had and what better way to teach the faith!

Once, in an interview, Monsignor said, "Most people never live. When they're young, they dream about how good it's going to be when they're old; and when they're old they regret what they did yesterday, and the day passes them by." Monsignor George Husmann taught us how to live and how to love.

Annette Sosa

Hugoton, Kansas

Continuation on Monsignor George A. Husmann

I'm sure many of you remember stories about Msgr. Husmann, too, as I do. He was a good man and a very jolly, kind, and loving priest.

Let's remember to keep ALL priests, present and past, in our prayers.

Source: 101 Inspirational Stories of the Priesthood.

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Adult Religious Formation Team Commission – Karen McAllister

Karen's story: *From a Kid's View*

My personal story of Monsignor Husmann is from a kid's view that turned into an aerial view from a small airplane piloted by Msgr. himself. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a farm kid! It was fun, exciting, and scary all at the same time. The main thing I remember is that everything was going ok until Msgr. Husmann tipped the left wing downward and flew the plane at an angle, so we could see the ground below us. I closed my eyes **SO** tight, I don't think even Msgr. could have pried them open at that moment! He thought for a minute and then kindly informed me that he wasn't going to land the plane on the ground until I opened my eyes. Ya know, I learned that day that sometimes priests can be very convincing! So, I decided to choose the lesser of the two evils. Msgr. had finally convinced me to open my eyes, so I could see and enjoy the beautiful view of God's creation. And I did! I just have to say, that after all these years, I still am **NOT** fond of flying in airplanes. Thanks, Msgr. Husmann! May you rest in peace!

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met September 15, 2020
- ❖ Members present: Dennis Wilson, Jacques Molleker, Jim Damm, Adam Neeland, Kathy Couchman, Pam Hutfles, & Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Tom Giessel.
- ❖ Minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for August 2020 which showed income of \$28,351.64 and expenses of \$19,326.01. The August balance sheet showed cash of \$457,286.83 compared to \$484,349.85 at the end of August 2019.
- ❖ Currently the church and rectory share a heating system. The council discussed separating those systems so that the rectory heating system can run independent of the church. Pam will contact Trane and get their thoughts when they come to service the unit as per our service agreement. She will also talk to Comfort Pro so that we have multiple opinions of the scope and cost of splitting the system.
- ❖ Adam informed the council that he has taken a new job in Great Bend therefore making noon meetings would be impossible. Additional members were discussed, Fr. Bernard will contact new members and appoint one or two to the commission.
- ❖ Next meeting: October 20, 2020 @ 12:00 Noon

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met September 17, 2020
- ❖ Members: Amy Froetschner, Lee Gilcris, John Kelty, Tama Hanson, Larry Skelton, Sr. Rebecca & Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Chelsy LeRoy, Isaac Lemuz.
- ❖ Fr. Bernard reported that PSR had the first class for the new school year on Wednesday, September 16th.
- ❖ Adoration will resume on October 7th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Church.
- ❖ Next meeting: October 15, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

October 6 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
October 7 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Church
October 10 ~ Church Cleaning, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
October 10 ~ Rosary Rally, 12:00 Noon
October 11 ~ Adult Study Group, *The Search*, 11:45 AM
October 14 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Church
October 14 ~ Endowment Board Meeting, 5:00 PM
October 15 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
October 20 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
October 21 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Church
October 21 ~ Patriotic Rosary in Church, 5:00 PM
October 25 ~ Adult Study Group, *The Search*, 11:45 AM
October 28 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Church

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at **Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 noon**. Please contact Sharon McGinness at 620-285-6382 for more information



✠ Eucharistic Adoration ✠

Eucharistic Adoration will be starting again on Wednesday, October 7th. Adoration will be in Sacred Heart Church from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm with a volunteer filling a half hour time slot. If you are interested in praying for a half hour throughout the day, please contact LeAnne Hammeke or Pam at the Parish Office. (285-2035)

OCTOBER PSR SCHEDULE

- October 7th – Regular Classes
- October 14th – Regular Classes
- October 14th – 1st Communion Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 21st – Regular Classes
- October 28th – Regular Classes
- October 28th – Confirmation Mentor Session #1



Matrimony Anniversary Mass

The Annual Matrimony Anniversary Mass will not be a diocesan event this year due to coronavirus concerns. On **Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18**, Fr. Bernard will be giving a special blessing for couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 50+ years of marriage.

An Adult Study Group has been planned to begin on October 11th. It is called ***The Search***. We will meet following Mass on Sundays at 11:45 am for a potluck lunch. Sessions are scheduled for 10/11, 10/25, 11/8 and 11/22. There will be more information about the program in the Bulletin. Please know that we will follow the Diocese recommendations for COVID precautions. We pray that you will join us for this informative program that may challenge you to reflect on why you choose to be Catholic.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| (01) Emily Martin | (16) Brad Collins |
| (02) Bernadine Hammeke | Kris Smith |
| Martin Lyon | (17) Jim Damm |
| Meisha Perez | Mary Shelton |
| (03) LeAnne Hammeke | (18) Kathy Stucker |
| Kathy Kazmaier | (19) Jim VonFeldt |
| Keellan Reynolds | (20) Max Henderson |
| (04) Billie Dooley | (21) Kayla Hensley |
| Sally Dreiling | Ben Kelty |
| Kay Warner | Erick Ramirez |
| (06) Dan Ryan | (22) Jon Houser |
| Lorene Schartz | Karisa Stude |
| (07) Karla Schartz | (23) Julie Martel |
| (09) Jim McGinness | (24) Agnes Finger |
| (10) Shane Parr | (25) Jace Snyder |
| (11) David O'Gwin | Bryce Walker |
| Chuck Orth | (26) Norman Dreiling |
| Craig Schartz | Zoe Fitzsimmons |
| (12) Connie Mauney | Carie Perez |
| (13) Sophia Smith | (27) Judy Damm |
| Lisa Viegra | Gordon Schartz |
| (14) Lisa Burdett | Barbara Straub |
| Betty Tauscher | (28) Cordell Hammeke |
| (15) Felicia Davis | (29) Evelyn Fertig |
| Roger Myers | (30) Devin Belt |
| | Morgan Holmes |
| | Joan Slagle |
| | Kip Smith |



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- (03) Denis and Lee Gilcris
Luke and Bethany Steinlage
(05) Gordon and Malia Schartz
(07) Oliver and Sonya Whetstone
(09) David and Rita O'Gwin
(10) Brian and Mary Ann Haynes
(11) Eric and Jessie Fox
(18) Norman and Sally Dreiling
(24) Kevin and Leann Simmons
Nathan and Karisa Stude
(27) Richard and Laurie Josefiak
(29) Gary and Betty Hulsey
(30) Tom and Sheryl Giessel
(31) Ralph and Lynn Streit



CONGRATULATIONS!

Gary & Betty Hulsey ~ Married 66 years
Denis & Lee Gilcris ~ Married 51 years



DIED IN CHRIST

Joan Molleker ~ September 4, 2020

OCTOBER 2020 ~ MINISTRIES

Saturday, October 3

Lector – Dennis Wilson
E.M. - Joan Wilson (major)
Toni Novotny (minor)

Sunday, October 4

Lector – Kathy Couchman
E.M. – David O'Gwin (major)
Sharon McGinness (minor)

Saturday, October 10

Lector – Regis Lopata
E.M. – Kathy Kazmaier (major)
Mary Klinge (minor)

Sunday, October 11

Lector – Sharon McGinness
E.M. – Kristy Mull (major)
Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Saturday, October 17

Lector – Mary Klinge
E.M. – Toni Novotny (major)
Norman Dreiling (minor)

Sunday, October 18

Lector – Mary Mitchell
E.M. – Sr. Rebecca (major)
Kathy Couchman (minor)

Saturday, October 24

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier
E.M. – Don Kazmaier (major)
Norman Dreiling (minor)

Sunday, October 25

Lector – Karl Grover
E.M. – Cathy Grover (major)
Sharon McGinness (minor)

Saturday, October 31

Lector – Joan Wilson
E.M. – Dennis Wilson (major)
Kathy Kazmaier (minor)

Sunday, November 1

Lector – Kristy Mull
E.M. – Mary Mitchell (major)
David O'Gwin (minor)

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020

	AUGUST	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	26,582.56	42,239.21
Special Donations		100.00
Endowment		
Interest	6.74	13.12
Farm		5,717.74
PSR		42.00
Fundraisers	731.14	731.14
Miscellaneous	1,031.20	2,517.98
TOTAL	\$28,351.64	\$51,361.19
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,138.08	3,691.77
Salaries	11,548.30	27,038.66
Insurance	1,699.00	3,398.00
Utilities	2,147.15	3,632.55
Maintenance	656.23	2,705.48
Improvement		
Office	615.25	1,494.19
PSR		50.00
Farm		
Miscellaneous	522.00	1,266.60
TOTAL	\$19,326.01	\$43,277.25
		YTD: \$8,083.94



The sessions of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in November. If you or someone you know might be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, we invite you. For further information contact Don Kazmaier 285-2970 or call the parish office 285-2035.

KNIGHTS OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct. 3 Anniversary Reception (G)
Oct. 6 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
Oct. 10 Wedding Reception (R)
Oct. 22 Chamber Banquet (G)



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