

MASS INTENTIONS—Sept 24th—October 2nd

Saturday—5pm +William & Josephine Habiger (Charlene Stottmann)
Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 10am +Mildred Dick (Mildred Dick Family)
Monday—7am In Thanksgiving to the People of St. Patrick's (Sister Bertina)
Tuesday—8am +Michael A Forbes (Bill & Regina Auvinne)

Wednesday—6pm +Kathleen O'Neal (Larry & Connie Gudde)
Thursday—8am +Gary Severt (Ron & Sonia Perez)
Friday—8am +Charlie Steinbacher (Jim & Priscilla Lubbers)
First Saturday Father's Intention
 Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm +Anna Shaw Eaton
Sunday—8am John and Megan Rexwinkle
 10am People of St. Patrick's Parish



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Darrel Keller

PARISH NEWS

“IN THE BEGINNING...”(A journey through the development of a child—a parallel of Christ being formed in the womb from March 25th-December 25th) **Week 27—Chris's taste buds continue to form. I can taste sweet things now. My mom likes chocolate and so do I. A bright light can be seen by me though my mommy's tummy. I have eyelashes and eyebrows now. My fingerprints are fully formed. My toenails and fingernails are growing and may need to be clipped when I'm born. Mom may be feeling like a "Soccer Mom" now that her uterus is the size of a soccer ball. "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth?" Psalm 119:102 "The Lord fixes sight to the blind..." Psalm 146:8**

SHOW YOUR PRO-LIFE STANCE—by joining Hannah's Promise Tuesday, September 27th from 6-8pm at Parsons Foursquare Church, 98 Main, for their Fall Charity Event. Doors open at 6p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. David Gittrich, from Kansans for Life, will speak. Cost is \$10/plate.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH—New materials are produced each year to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, and therefore the gift of every person's life. Visit the USCCB website at usccb.org for more information.

NOVENA FOR OUR COUNTRY AND NATION—Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the particularly urgent need for wise, moral, civic leadership in addressing them, the Call to Prayer will be adapted Friday, September 9, 2016—Friday, November 11, 2016 to highlight certain time-sensitive matters of national concern. On Friday, September 9th, the intention highlighted the National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. The focus for the remaining nine weeks will be on the upcoming elections. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the week's intention and for our civic leaders and upcoming elections.

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY—More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 2nd in the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. St. Patrick's will participate in the Parsons Life Chain at the intersection of 16th and Main from 2-3:30p.m. For more information, call Sonja at the Rectory or visit <http://LifeChain.Net> for more info.

FORMED.ORG FEATURE: OCTOBER—The Gospel of Life: "Every one of us, every man and woman, is a miracle of God, desired by God and personally known by Him." —Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. October is Respect Life month. May we renew our commitment to defend life from conception to natural death. Log on to formed.org and enter parish access code N4XHFG to access these excellent resources!

5K AND FUN RUN—To benefit Hannah's Promise—our local Pro-Life Pregnancy Help Center! The event is taking place October 15th at Forest Park at the intersection of Heacock and Grand. Race Day sign-in is at 8am and the race starts at 8:30am. The fee for the 5K is \$20 if received by October 1st and \$30 after that date. You will receive a t-shirt, water bottle, and goody bag. The fun run is \$10 (\$20 if you want a t-shirt). Registration must be received by October 7th to be guaranteed a t-shirt. First and second place medals for both male and female in all age categories (Under 20, 21-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+) will be given. There will be a medal for overall male and female as well. To register, contact Paula Kastler at (620)605-6052 or email at PAULAK.HANNAHPROMISE@GMAIL.COM

BREAKFAST CLUB—Meets on the first Thursday of the Month at Four Square Church in Parsons from 9am-10:30am. The Breakfast Club is for caregivers of individuals with a dementia illness like Alzheimers. Come visit and enjoy a free breakfast. It is possible to cope with this illness, but one cannot do it alone. For more info, call the Rectory.

FYI—Listen to Sunday homilies on the parish website. Both are now accessible from the Home page—www.stpatricksparsons.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Sept 25	*RCIA— <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	9:15am
Mon Sept 26	*Parish Library Work Evening	6:30pm
Tue Sept 27	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Knights of Columbus Meeting	7pm
Wed Sept 28	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 PSR	5:30pm
	*Jr. High EDGE	6:30pm
	*CYM	7pm
Thur Sept 29	*Stewardship Fair Planning Meeting	6:30pm
	—If you are the head of an apostolate/group/organization at St. Patrick's please plan on attending this meeting	
	*Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	6:30pm
Fri Sept 30	*Kapaun's Men—Parish Hall	5:30am
	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church	
Sat Oct 1	*Rosary	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7am
	*First Saturday Confessions	7:15am
	*First Saturday Mass	8am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun Oct 2	*RCIA Class— <i>Kingdom of God</i>	9:15am

KAPAUN'S MEN GROUP—is still meeting every Friday morning from 5:30am-6:30am in the Parish Hall.

WHO: All Men
WHAT: Kapaun's Men Retreat 2016: A Call to Battle
WHEN: October 15th-16th
WHERE: Sky Ranch, near Quapaw, OK
WHY: This retreat, led by Joe Farris and Fr. John Lanzrath, allows for prayer, formation and fellowship with other men or the Diocese of Wichita.
HOW: Register and pay securely online at www.kapaunsmen.org
COST: \$95—includes three meals, lodging, a t-shirt and activity

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Mon 11am-12pm, Wed 3-4am, Fri 1-2am,
Sat 4-5pm (every other weekend),
Sat 10-11pm, Sun 5-6am.
Call the Rectory to reserve an hour.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your Gifts to God & Parish:
 September 17th—September 18th
Needed: \$17,081.46 Received: \$12,062.00

Altar Servers:

Oct 1—5pm K Nance/Ka Waun/Ky Waun
 Oct 2—8am J O'Hara/C Buller/E Wheat
 10am J Schibi/Z Johnston/D Ortiz/I Mann

Extraordinary Ministers:

Oct 1—5pm Bill Wheat
 Oct 2—8am Don Alexander
 10am Tracy Holzem

Lector:

Oct 1—5pm Sheila Simmons
 Oct 2—8am Jeff Perez
 10am Joanna Wilson

Offertory Gifts:

Oct 1—5pm Tom & Christina O'Hara
 Oct 2—8am Bob & Pam Burzinski
 10am Rob and Martha Westhoff

Ushers:

Oct 1—5pm VanMieghem/McKinney/Moreno/Ritz
 Oct 2—8am D & K Wheat/J & M Keene
 10am Richard and Mary Jo Fitzwater

Money Counters:

Oct 1 & 2—Jody and Joan Thompson
 Bob and Cathy Bartelli

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!
 Fr. O'Leary had an enjoyable visit to St. Patrick's. It was great to have a chance to catch up with a good friend from seminary days. He told me he mentioned how much longer he has been a priest than I have (one hour). I of course mentioned to him that he should have been a priest much longer than I, since he is **much older!**

It is always interesting to visit with my friends from other dioceses. Sometime we can forget how blessed we have been here in the Diocese of Wichita. Father and I were visiting about tithing and schools and the various things that pastors visit about when they get together. As you know, we tithe 10% to the diocese from what we receive from you. Where father lives, they have to pay a diocesan tax that can be well over 10% of their collection. Along with that, they have all of the second collections throughout the year (instead of just two), and they have tuition that runs about \$4,000 a year for K—8th grade. All of these things aren't the only reasons we should be grateful. Even more importantly than those things is our commitment to adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, our active families, and our culture of vocations.

None of this should make us proud in the sinful sense of the word. We stand on the shoulders of giants who did so much to make our diocese as strong as it is. We have had good bishops, some good priests and religious, and good families who are devoted to the Lord and His Church who in turn pass that on to their children. Our response to these blessings should be to "Steward Our Gifts" by being good stewards of the inheritance that has been ours in the Diocese of Wichita and at St. Patrick's Parish. It is a good challenge for us to see just how we can improve on "Stewarding Our Gifts" as we prepare for our annual stewardship renewal in November.

Speaking of stewardship, one of the initiatives that has come out of the Stewardship Council this year is to host a parish stewardship fair. We are asking all of the organizations in the parish to have booths at the fair to help our parishioners to learn about what goes on at the parish and use that information to make a prayerful decision in how to live out stewardship in the coming year. This year, the fair will take place on October 15th & 16th after each Holy Mass. I highly encourage you to check out the fair.

A while ago, I wrote about the parish mission hosted by the Fathers of Mercy. Well, I made an error in the date. Our mission will start on the 5th of November and run through the 10th. It should be excellent. The Fathers of Mercy are wonderful priests and a most appropriate order to bring in for the concluding days of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Please mark your calendars and plan on participating in this mission. You won't regret it! More information will be coming out as the date nears. I also ask you to please pray for the fruitfulness of the mission and for Fr. Ken Gerace (Jer-a-cee) who will lead the mission. Here is a prayer to pray for the mission: *Heavenly Father, in a short time our parish will begin its special time of mission. Open the hearts and minds of each one of us so that we might receive your word with eager joy. Let this parish and its members be the "good ground" in which the sower's seed will take deep root and produce an abundant harvest. Bless the missionary who will break open your word for us with his preaching. May he be a gentle but ardent and faithful servant of your good news. Help us to invite and welcome into our parish community all of those who may feel distant from your loving care. May charity and our witness of faith help them to find you once again. Through the intercession of Mary, your Mother and first disciple, help us to make this a local community of faithful disciples. May this parish mission strengthen our faith and help us in our desire to serve you until "your kingdom come and your will be done." We ask you through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Finally, "A Decade of Blessings" was a blessing, and a good time, too. Thank you so much to John & Sonja Schibi for heading up the planning committee this year and for all the help so many of you provided to make the auction a success once again!

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady, Queen of the Angels, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Borkenhagen

NFP & FERTILITY CLASSES are available right here in Parsons! If you are interested, call the rectory to get phone numbers and registration information.