

MASS INTENTIONS—November 12th—November 20th

Saturday—5pm +Joseph Stottmann
(Charlene Stottmann)

Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish

10am Living & Deceased Vietnam War Vets
(Santos Family)

Monday—8am Mary Joan Swartzwelder (Margaret Patterson)

Tuesday—8am +Kathleen O'Neal (Steve & Sheila Ramsey)

Wednesday—7am John Treiber (Carl & Donna Treiber)

Thursday—Prison Dianne Yarbrough (3rd-5th PSR Class)

Friday—8am Deceased Members of the Moreno/
Hernandez Family (Mike & Florence Keal)

Next Weekends Intentions:

Saturday—5pm +Edward Lind

Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish

10am Deceased K of C Members



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lucas Mitchell and Jeremiah Wayne Kellogg, Jacob and Tiffany Heppler and Lucas Aloysius Heppler and family.

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

What a great parish mission! That seemed to be the consensus of those who participated in the mission this past week. Fr. Ken Geraci gave us much to meditate on and challenged us to live the Faith more faithfully and with greater vigor. Personally, I thought Tuesday evening's topic of the Divine Mercy was absolutely powerful! I have had a devotion to the Divine Mercy Chaplet for years, and he made a powerful tie between the chaplet and the Holy Mass. It was clear that the chaplet, like the Holy Rosary, is a prayer we should all pray every day. For those of you who were unable to participate in the mission, we do have several sets of Fr. Geraci's talks available in the rectory (\$20 for a set of five disks). We also have several CDs of the Divine Mercy talk (\$5) available in the rectory office. Make sure to offer a prayer in thanksgiving for Fr. Geraci and the important ministry he does, and did for our parish.

By Monday everyone should have received this year's stewardship packets. I hope you will look them over, pray about it and see how you can "recognize and receive God's gifts and shares these gifts out of love for God and neighbor." Next Saturday and Sunday, November 19th-20th is commitment Sunday. You can bring your stewardship forms to Holy Mass and just put them in the collection basket. You can also drop them by the rectory or mail them into the rectory, too. It will take several weeks to process the forms so we can connect you to the apostolate you are interested in using your gifts to further the Gospel.

This past Friday we remembered our veterans on Veteran's Day. The Holy Mass that morning was offered for all of our veterans. There was a nice parade in Parsons that morning. This morning we have the Holy Mass at 10am for all of our Vietnam Veterans. There is an old saying that, "War is hell." I have never been in a war, but everything I have ever read only confirms that saying. That makes it all the more important for us to pray for your veterans. I recently read a book on the Pacific Theatre during WWII and had my eyes opened to the atrocities that were inflicted on our POWs and on the civilian populations of China, The Philippines, and many other Asian countries. Then, I was speaking with a parishioner who was a veteran of the Pacific and he confirmed everything I had read. It was savage. I mention this to drive home the point of how important it is for us to honor and pray for our veterans. They have seen much that no man should see, and they do their best to persevere in returning to "normal" life when it is over and they come home. So, if you forgot to pray for our veterans on Friday, stop right now and offer a prayer for them, the living and the dead, in thanksgiving for their sacrifices and willingness to fight for our nation.

While you are praying, it would be a good idea to pray for our nation. This election season has been the most bitter, nasty election in my life time. Here is a prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of our nation and our diocese, pray for us.

Peace in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Borkenhagen

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL—Next weekend, November 19th-20th, is Stewardship Commitment Sunday, when everyone in our parish family will be invited to recommit their time, talent, and treasure to the Lord for the next year. Everything we have is a gift. Please pray this week that our hearts be open to the possibility of giving more of ourselves and of our treasure to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Log on to formed.org and enter parish access code N4XHFG to access numerous faith-based resources!

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 34—I'm almost 17 inches long but I'm all curled up so it is hard to see how tall I am. Chris has started to move head down because 96% of babies are born that way. I like to look around when I'm awake but it is hard to see anything—it's all fuzzy. Ouch! I scratched myself with my long fingernails. Mom's uterus is stretching and is pushing her organs every which way causing heartburn, constipation, indigestion and breathlessness. *"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."* Mt. 18:5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—Thank you Fr. Ken for presenting such an amazing Parish Mission this past week. And thank you parents and students for attending and supporting the life of the parish. God Bless, *Emilio Aita*

A FRIENDLY REMINDER—The Adoration Chapel is open Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after. If you are planning to be out of town, please plan ahead and arrange a sub. Three great ways to do this are: 1) Ask your family and friends, 2) Switch with someone who has the same hour but on a different day, and 3) Ask the person before you to stay 30-minutes longer and the person after you to come 30-minutes early. As a last resort, contact your day captain.

PRAY THE ROSARY & CHAPLET DAILY—with your parish community! The pro-life committee will lead the rosary every day 30-minutes before the Holy Mass. If there is no Mass that day, it will be prayed at 8am. The main intention will be for the conversion of our nation back to God.

A REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP—LeeAnn Hunter: To me, being conscious everyday of others' needs and using our God given talents and gifts to try to meet those needs, is stewardship. Opportunities to share our gifts are present in our homes, our work places, our communities, as well as in our Church. Stewardship requires us to do something. And everyone can do something, smile, pray, visit, organize, sing, cook, donate, build, or study to name just a few.

Being a steward of God's gifts is as individual and unique as each person. I know my own offerings have grown and changed as I've grown and changed spiritually by becoming more involved. I've learned the graces I receive from God are immeasurable and unknown until I express my gratitude by sharing with others. Finally, I understand now, that stewardship is individual, ongoing, ever-changing, and another gift from God.

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR AND TEA—Hannah's Promise Pregnancy Life Center cordially invites you to attend this event, Saturday, December 3rd, from 1-4pm. Tour begins at:

1. Hannah's Promise 1706 S. 21st, Parsons, KS 67357
 2. Thomas Home 1526 Morgan Ave.
 3. Rexwinkle Home 1516 Morgan Ave.
- Tour ends with Gourmet Tea & Dessert served at: First Presbyterian Church 1700 Broadway Ave. Cost is \$25/adult and \$5/child, 18 and under. RSVP to Lisa Johnson at 778-0339 or lmjohn66@hotmail.com

NFP & FERTILITY CLASSES are available right here in Parsons! Jackie has an Intro Class and Group Session coming up next Sunday. Sign-up today by calling 316-641-5446!

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The prophet Malachi warned the evildoers in Israel's time that the day of the Lord would come unexpectedly and punish them for their deeds while the righteous would be rewarded. In Jesus' time he spoke of the destruction of the temple and those around him wanted to receive a warning. Like Jesus' disciples, we long to know ahead of time that the end is near. Jesus warned his disciples to not be deceived by false prophets and to always be prepared. Our preparation is rooted in how we live each day with the abundance of God's creation. May our concern for each other's journey to heaven influence us to live in the here and now, placing our gifts at the service of the Lord.

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

November 5th—November 6th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$17,749.00

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

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| Sun Nov 13 | *RCIA Class— <i>The Liturgy</i> | 9:15am-12pm |
| | *Men's Basketball | 8:30pm |
| Mon Nov 14 | *Rosary in the Church | 7:30am |
| | *Women's Bible Study—Hall | 7pm |
| | *School Council Meeting—Rectory | 7pm |
| Tue Nov 15 | *Rosary in the Church | 7:30am |
| | *Cursillo Group Meets | 5:30pm |
| | *PTO Meeting—School Stage | 7pm |
| | *Intro to CREIGHTON Model NFP —Parish Hall; Presented by Sonja Schibi, FertilityCare Practitioner Intern | 7pm |
| Wed Nov 16 | *Rosary in the Church | 6:30am |
| | *SPCS Saints Wax Museum —Parish Hall | 2pm |
| | *Cursillo Group Meets | 5:15pm |
| | *K-5 PSR | 5:30pm |
| | *Jr. High EDGE (boys and girls) | 6pm |
| | *CYM | 7pm |
| Thur Nov 17 | *Rosary in the Church | 8am |
| | *MS Basketball at Mound Valley | 4pm |
| | *Altar Society Meeting —Parish Hall; We will be discussing "Rediscover Jesus", pgs 31-?, over loaded baked potatoes and pumpkin crisp! Don't have the book? No worries...come anyway! | 6pm |
| | *Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass | 6:30pm |
| Fri Nov 18 | *Kapaun's Men—Parish Hall | 5:30am |
| | *Rosary in the Church | 7:30am |
| | *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 Nov 19 | *Rosary | 6:30am |
| | *Latin Mass | 7am |
| | *Cursillo Group Meets | 7:40am |
| | *Frassati Training—Sacristy | 9:30am |
| | *Confessions | 3:30pm |
| Sun Nov 20 | *RCIA Class— <i>Advent</i> | 9:15am-12pm |
| | *Intro to Marquette Model NFP —Presented by Jackie Gorman; In the Parish Hall | 2pm |
| | *MM II Group Session II—Hall | 3:15pm |
| | *Men's Basketball—Gym | 8:30pm |

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

**Wed 3-4am, Tues 10-11am, Sat 2-3am,
Sat 8-9am, Sat 5-6pm, Sat 6-7pm, Sat 10-11pm,
Sun 12-1am, Sun 5-6am, Sun 6-7am.**

Altar Servers:

Nov 19—5pm J O'Hara/B Brungardt/K Nance
Nov 20—8am A Nibarger/M Bogner/C Buller
10am Dylan G/J Schibi/J Forbes/D Ortiz

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nov 19—5pm Vicki Templeton
Nov 20—8am Cindy Dhooghe
10am Harry Heppler

Lector:

Nov 19—5pm Steve Ramsey
Nov 20—8am Megan Rexwinkle
10am Allison Colson

Offertory Gifts:

Nov 19—5pm Steve and Ruth Farrell
Nov 20—8am Carl and Sheryl Johnson
10am Greg and Audrey Forbes

Ushers:

Nov 19—5pm T & B Westhoff/McKinney/Yanez
Nov 20—8am Carl & Sheryl Johnson/Mike
Crabtree

10am M & S Martin/J Heppler/L Schibi/J
Alexander

Money Counters:

Nov 19 & 20—Sue O'Brien and Vera Parish
Lou Ann Jones and Marjorie Troy