

September 3, 2017- Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00pm Ellinwood, Sun., 8:00am Claflin, and by appointment.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Weekday (9/4)
Mass 10:15am Wdhvn [E] No Mass

Tues. Weekday (9/5)
Mass 8:15am [C] +Bob Reif

Wed. Weekday (9/6)
Mass 8:15am [E] +Ashley Reichuber

Thurs. Weekday (9/7)
Mass 8:15am [C] +Dec Members of Anton Zink Family

Fri., Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9/8)
Mass 8:15am [E] +Loretta Robl

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/9)
Mass 5:00pm [E] +Dec Members of the Achatz Family

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (9/10)
Mass 8:00am [O] +Gerald Beran
Mass 8:30am [C] Parish Cluster
Mass 10:30am [E] +Milton Achatz



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”
 Matthew 16:24, NRSV

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 10
 Ez 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20

Vocation View: If you are willing to offer your life for Jesus’ sake, you will find it. By walking the path we come to know Jesus’ promise is real. Pray for courage and the willingness to “let go and let God.” (Matthew 16:21-27). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.

Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of Sept. 3 - Haley Rugan, Madisyon Schlochtermeier

Sept. 9 & 10	5:00pm Sat.	10:30am Sun.
Lector 1	Yvonne Strecker	Mary Tudor
Lector 2	Heather Panning	Dennis Habiger

EM	Glenda Heinz Jerome Huslig Paul Schlochtermeier Amy Oelke Steve Oelke	Mike Moeder Jalyane Ewing Kent Roth Rick Thomas Lori Thomas
Accomp/Cantor Servers	Leon/Marlene Clayton Monica Hammeke Ashtin Klepper	Leon/Kelsey Menges Daphne Doll Kennedy Harrington

Sacristan Millie Menges Kelly & Kristen Wondra

Greeters Sept. 9: Jeff & Gwen Klepper Family, Millie Menges
 Greeters Sept. 10: Nick Younker, Robin & Monte Doll Family, Leon & Marilyn Reichuber

Ministers - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, September 10, 2017 - 8:30am
 Lectors: Janet Hitschmann, Janell Hubbard
 EM: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Bill Thomas, Bridget Letourneau, Nancy Liebl
 Gift Bearers: Richard & Janell Rugan Family
 Greeters: Gene & Doris Feist
 Servers: Brynna Hammeke, Tyler Holmes
 Sacristan: Dee Krier

Weekday Mass Schedule

09/05/17 Lector: Kathy Krier, EM: Carla Liebl, Joan Miller
 09/07/17 Lector: Nancy Schartz, EM: Bill Thomas, Kathy Krier

Ministers - Holy Family

Sunday, September 10, 2017 - 8:00am
 Lector: Brian Hoffman
 EM: Jim Debes, Francis Debes, Carol Lamatsch
 Greeters: Beau Hekele, Joseph Hekele
 Gifts: Michelle Beran, Craig Beran
 Servers: Paige Lamatsch, Cole Lamatsch
 Sacristan: Kim Hekele

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR DILLONS PLUS CARD AND

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Church Support

Weekend Collection \$3,782.00

Envelopes \$3,582.00 Offertory \$150.00

Bell Tower \$50.00

Maint/Upkeep Parish Plant \$7,000.00

VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM - This week **Karen Kramp** will have the crucifix. Thanks to **John & Marlene Clayton** for having the crucifix last week and praying for vocations. **Next week September 10: Paul & Joy Schlochtermeier.**

PETITION SCHEDULE weekend of September 10th: Mary Jo Cunningham.

ALTAR SOCIETY - There will be an Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5th, at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served and an agenda will be e-mailed soon.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no Woodhaven Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th.

LOTTO ST. JOE winner of the \$50 weekly drawing for September 1st is Fred Gunn, Sr. Winner of the Labor Day \$100 drawing is Donald Stuhlsatz All tickets are re-entered, so one can win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of St. Joseph School.

WE ARE IN NEED of Saint Joseph School photos, especially before 1980. If you have old photos, would you let us borrow them to scan them? We'll get them back to you promptly.

WE ALL LOVE TO HEAR Marla Habiger play in church the old religious songs. Marla will be making a CD of old religious songs and then it will be sold with the proceeds going to St. Joseph School. Marla wants to know what you want to hear. Do you have a favorite song that you would like to be on the CD? If so, contact Angie Hammeke at 564-2290 or 620-617-0874. The committee will consider your request.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH clothing ministry is open from 10am - 2pm the last Saturday of month for Ellinwood residents to come and receive free clothing and small household items. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Karen Bookout at 620-282-0359.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - United Church of Christ invites you to our Fall Brunch, Thursday, September 7th starting at 9:30am at Immanuel UCC, 7th & Fritz. Presenter is Marcia Berchek speaking on self care.

PARISH CLUSTER NOTES

NEW TO THE PARISH CLUSTER? Welcome to St. Joseph Parish, Ellinwood, Immaculate Conception Parish, Claflin and Holy Family Parish, Odin we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join one of the parishes, please

register online by going to our website, www.StJosephEllinwood.com, www.IccClaflin.com, www.HolyFamilyOdin.com or you may stop by the parish office 109 W 3rd Street in Ellinwood and register. Welcome and God Bless!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS - All notes for the bulletin should be emailed to jkomarek@stjosephellinwood.com or submitted in writing to the parish office, 109 W. 3rd, St., Ellinwood. The deadline is noon on Tuesday.

PLEASE REMEMBER if you or a family member has an emergency, or is admitted to the hospital, please call Fr. Klein at 620-564-2534.

MASS INTENTIONS - Often we have more Mass intentions than can be said in a reasonable amount of time, especially as so many parishioners want an intention offered relatively quickly and on a specific date. We do what we can to comply with this.

When we have a large number of intentions for the same person, we send some of these to retired priests, Fr. Chuck, and Fr. Jim Baker. Canon law requires that we not accumulate too many Masses. Of course, some of these we keep so that they can be said in the home parish.

Currently, we could use Mass intentions in all three parishes of the cluster. We are lower than normal.

SEED WHEAT BLESSING - Seed Wheat will be blessed the weekend of September 9 & 10 at all three parishes. A table for the wheat will be in the sanctuary for all the Masses that weekend. If you wish to have your seed wheat blessed, please place your container on the table before Mass.

PARISH DIRECTORIES - I know we are all anxious about the new Parish Directories. LifeTouch estimates we will be receiving them some time in October. As a reminder, if you had your picture taken but you did not buy any additional pictures, you should have received your 8 x 10 photo by now and you will get one Parish Directory. There is absolutely no charge for the one photo and the one directory. If you did not have your picture taken for the directory but would still like to have a directory, the cost will be \$10 each. Further instructions on buying a directory will be forthcoming.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN - Anyone who will be working with children in our parish cluster is required to attend a PGC session. A session will be held in Hoisington, Wednesday, September 13th from 6:00-9:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, 122 E 5th St. Contact Pam Willis at 620-797-1825 to register. PGC Facilitator: Donna Staab. For a schedule of all sessions being held go to <https://www.dcdioocese.org/safe-environment>.

60 CHANCES TO WIN WITH LOTTO ST. JOE! Tickets for the 2018 Lotto St Joe are now available. Tickets are being sold by the SJS students or you may pick up a ticket at the church or school office. Tickets are \$25 each. Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Catholic School.

ACTS, a three day/three-night Catholic lay retreat will be held at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend. The men's retreat will be November 16-19, 2017. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the ACTS acronym is derived. Cost is \$175 per person, which

includes all meals and accommodations for the three-day weekend. Deadline for registration and payment for the women's retreat is September 1st and for the men's retreat, November 10th. Registration forms are available at <http://greatbendcatholic.com>.

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, GREAT BEND

will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 17-21, 2018. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March For Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally; www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx.

Cost of the trip is \$375 per person. There is a \$50 nonrefundable reservation fee, due at time of registration by Oct. 2, with final payment due Dec. 11. For more information contact Jaclyn Brown, Director of Youth and Adult Ministries, @ 620.792.1396 or youth@gbpeace.kscoxmail.com.

FARM TO TABLE DINNER FUNDRAISER Saturday, September 16th, 5:-8pm at Heartland Farm, 1049 CR 390, Pawnee Rock. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$280 for a table of 8 and can be purchase at the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. Join us for dinner, art, music and more at our annual Farm to Table Fundraiser! For more information call Heartland Farm at 620-923-4585 or email hfarm@gbta.net.

MERCY IN MOTION with Brian Patrick, host of Morning Glory, Saturday, September 9th from 6-9pm at Little Theater of Holy Family Elementary, Hays, Kansas. Tickets are \$50 (include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, wine & beer) and can be purchased at Divine Mercy Radio 108 E 12th St., Ste #1, Hays, Kansas or online at dvmercy.com - click on the event tab.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CDC OPEN HOUSE Sunday, September 24th from 11:00am to 1:00pm at our Wilhelm Campus (512 N. Wilhelm). There will be special presentations at 11:30am and 12:00pm. Please stop by and celebrate with us and see our expansion that will hold our 4 year old preschoolers and 4-12 year old day care children!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$1,543.00 Envelopes \$1,385.00 Offertory \$158.00 Candles \$20.75 PSR Fees \$30.00</p>

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - In today's reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

ADORATION will be held Wednesday, September 6th from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE for the Fall Luncheon and Raffle on Sunday, September 24th at 11:00 am.

CLAFLIN PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETS this Tuesday, September 5th, at 7:00 pm. One item under

consideration is the pew screen, which formerly stood at the front of the seats closest to the altar. Should it be restored?

An advantage of the current situation is that it makes the entire area appear more open.

Disadvantages are that we could often use the seating and kneeling of the front pew. At some weddings and funerals, we use all of the church, and, without the pew screen, those in the front (bridal party and funeral family) have no where to kneel.

A front screen also makes it easier for those who have trouble in walking to come up to communion, because they can use it as an aide in returning to their seats. Please share your thoughts with council members.

JOB OPPORTUNITY! Due to a recent resignation, we are now in need of a money counter. If you could give us just a little of your time once a month following Mass, on the 2nd Sunday of each month, please let Steve know. The starting date would be Sunday, September 10.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$748.00 Envelopes \$660.00 Offertory \$88.00</p>

ROOF MASTERS OF HAYS was here to inspect the leakage around the bell tower. They feel that they know the problem, and they are preparing a proposal and estimate. Last year they repaired something similar at St. Joseph's, and that has solved the problem in Ellinwood. They also recommended realigning the drain spouts over the sacristies.

A FEW PARISHIONERS have been asking if we ever received reimbursement from our insurance company for the damage incurred last winter, so it appears that Sister Andre must not have shared that news with you. We received a reimbursement check from Catholic Mutual Group in the amount of \$27,573.49 which was deposited back in May.

OUR ELECTRICIAN and his team have completed replacing dead batteries in all of the emergency Exit/Lighting signs that were already installed in the Parish Hall. We have added emergency Exit/Lighting signs in the Kitchen, Gymnasium and Church Sanctuary, where previously there were none. We also had all of the fire extinguishers checked to make sure they are in-date and working. Your safety is always very important to us.

WE ARE IN NEED of one or more Sacristans. As you know, Kim Hekele has happily and dutifully served the Parish in this capacity. Kim will be continuing to serve, but because no one can guarantee that they will be available for every Mass, it's not good planning on our part not to have a backup or several backups. Kim would train any new volunteers and determine the schedule, so please see her to volunteer for this integral part of our Mass. Please do our Parish proud by helping to relieve the pressure and commitment on Kim, as well as Holy Family's current exposure to having no one to back her up. Thank you.