

The

Spirit of St. Joseph Parish

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Immaculate Conception Parish

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Father Terrance Klein, Pastor
Sister Andre Kravec



"Christmas Nativity Set Came From Germany Many Years Ago"

By Sharla Thill

Catherine Hammeke has been a member of St. Joseph Church since 1944, and has seen a lot of changes over the years. She has been the painter of our stations and statues and some statues and religious icons were painted by her more than once.

She said, "I think my first experience, while visiting Sister Noella one day, was that I discovered a pink St. Joseph statue in the school. I told Sister I thought it was terrible, and before I knew it she had picked up the statue and deposited it in my car." And so, that is how Catherine's painting journey began at St. Joseph's.

Catherine grew up in Hamilton, Kansas. After high school she worked for Beech in Wichita. Her brother, Ab Anderson, lived in Ellinwood, so she eventually moved to Ellinwood where she worked for Wolf Milling Co., and ran a secretarial service.

A friend, Cassilda Schartz and Catherine went to a dance at Manachor Hall one evening, where she met the young Paul Hammeke, married him, and spent the rest of her life in our community.

She took two years of Ceramics in Great Bend and remarked, "I discovered some natural talent I didn't realize I had." The rest of her painting career is history.

"The Nativity set is very old," says Catherine. "Father Herman was here when he talked me into painting it. I worked from February to December to get it done."

"I have since repainted some of the figures, as they needed a different paint on them to protect them. Coming from Germany, as you will find out when you



Catherine Hammeke prepares to repaint Blessed Mother statue.

work on anything from Germany, all the statues are chicken wire to begin with. Actually that is why we still have our Nativity Set."

"I learned a lot of history of our church, that I doubt anyone has heard, because if I hadn't been involved working in the church, I would have never known some of the things I learned."

The Stations of the Cross were given

to the church in 1947 by John, Nicholas and Mary Spanier. This was the same time that the new altar was installed in the Church. Catherine remarked, "I have touched up these Stations several times. I was surprised to find out they are some kind of parchment paper. They are in bad condition and I don't think they can be touched up anymore."

"The Baptismal Font is very old also," she shared. "I have repainted it several times. At one time it was gold and the next color was pink. Does anyone remember that? It was in poor condition, and Fr. Herrman said nothing could be done. But, one day while he was at a meeting, I painted it anyway. I think I made it look pretty good. John Rickert was practicing on the organ upstairs while I was painting, so I had some nice music."

When Father Maes became pastor in 1984, Catherine began working at the rectory. There she papered the rectory and then went on to paper the Sisters house, except for the stairway, which Ray Petz did. She imagines that the paper is still on the wall.

"Matt and Mary Robl's family came to the rectory when Father Maes was here, and I was working there, and they wanted to do something in memory of their folks. I suggested the Font and they took it to Wichita and had the angels reformed on it and had it painted in the color that it is today. They had one wish that it would always be in the front of the church."



Christmas Nativity

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"At the same time Matt and Mary's family took the Blessed Mother statue from the Grotto along with the Font," Catherine remarked. "The Grotto outside was given to the Church by Tony Christoph. It was in bad shape and had never been painted. I painted it several times, but it needed repairs that I couldn't give it."

We had a new pastor, was in the process of painting the interior of the church, finishing the building of the new parish center and getting ready for the ordination of Terry Klein.

"While the church was being painted we had Mass at the high school," she said. "In the cupboards in the back of church we still had Msg. Steines chalices."

There was even a little excitement during this time, "One Sunday morning she went in to check the church and found a man in there with one of the chalices in his hand. He left peacefully so everything turned out okay."

This busy lady not only repainted many things at St. Joseph Church, but she also painted the large Sacred Heart Statue that is on the altar at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, north of Ellinwood. Until this point she had not done any painting of large statues.

Then some years ago, G.I. and Jean Robinson purchased a large nativity set for their church, the United Church of Christ, in Ellinwood.

"Jean gave me the opportunity of repainting this nativity set," Catherine continued. "To me this nativity set is a masterpiece, because it is made of paper and glue. The Christ Child is the largest and most beautiful child I have ever seen in a nativity set. I wish every person who drives by the church would stop and go in and look at the nativity set this Christmas."

"I most recently painted the Sacred Heart statue that is in the Rose Garden in back of St. Joseph Church. When Father David Flagor was here, John and Phyllis Gannaway gave this to the Church."

"I painted this with the red that is generally used for the Sacred Heart, but the red faded real bad and I wasn't happy with it. In researching, I found a statue in the Holy Land that is the color that I used to paint it the second time. I figured if it was good enough for the Holy Land, it would be good enough for the Rose Garden. I had to use bronze metallic on the robe of the statue because it had cracks, which I



Meet Ashley and Alan Bayer, and baby girl Adelyn.

Bayer Family Become New Members of St. Joseph's

By Sharla Thill

Welcome the Bayer family, Alan and Ashley, and four month old Adelyn, who are new members of our parish community.

The young couple moved to Ellinwood from Great Bend. They wanted to buy a house, looked over the town, and decided they would buy in our city. Ashley says, "We love Ellinwood."

Alan works as a welder for Scott's Welding in Great Bend, and Ashley is an Engineer at Superior Essex in Hoisington.

Ashley grew up in Satanta, in western Kansas. She has an Education Degree from Kansas State, and an Engineering Degree from Iowa State. Alan grew up in Garden City, Kansas, and attended Technical

College in Beloit, Kansas.

Both worked for AgCo Manufacturing in Beloit as a welder and an engineer. It was here that they met at work, and married on October 11, 2014.

The couple spends a lot of time with their families, but when home, Alan likes to cook-out and Ashley likes to bake, and remarked, "We both like to eat."

Alan likes to hunt in his spare time, and Ashley mostly works and cares for new baby, Adelyn. They are both K-State fans. They enjoy volleyball and would like to play on a team.

Please say "hello" to the Bayer family when next you see them in Church and welcome them to St. Joseph parish.



needed to seal to keep the moisture out."

Catherine also has another job in the church, which many of you may not know. She oils the wooden statues every three to four months. And the high wooden ones at Christmas. An important job that you wouldn't realize gets done every year.

At age 90, the young at heart painter is currently repainting the Mary and Joseph for the UCC Church, for the second time, due to weathering from being outside during the holiday season. Catherine is a wonderful example of giving her time and talents for the good of our Church Community.

Love and Young Children

Bobby, age 8, says, "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen." (Wow)

"You really shouldn't say I love you unless you mean it. But, if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica, age 8.

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy, age 4.

The Tradition Continues - German Buffet Holds 54th Dinner

By Sharla Thill

St. Joseph School hosted its annual German Buffet on Sunday, November 1, at the parish center. A beautiful autumn display greeted the guests at the front door.

This year, Jamie Rowan, school board member, headed up the effort and shared this, "The German Buffet was once again a big success, serving over 600 people in two hours."

For the past number of years, the Buffet has been a fundraiser for the Catholic School run entirely by the school board, school staff, parents of the students and members of St. Joseph parish.

"A favorite of the meal is the homemade sausage," Rowan commented. "A few weeks before the big event, men of the parish gather at the parish center to make all of the sausage for the event. Enough sausage is made for people to order and take home."

Chairmen are in charge of each of the entrees, and with their committees they prepare the pork and kraut, creamed corn, three bean salad, mashed potatoes, breads, desserts, and all other foods.

A separate committee handles all the refreshments. Another committee attends to the yearly raffle and drawing.

"At the beginning of October the students starting selling the tickets," Jamie said. "They worked hard and sold lots of tickets. Not only do the students sell tickets, but they also work at the Buffet by carrying trays, picking up plates and pouring extra drinks."

Some people are in charge of getting and selling the tickets at the door. Joe Curtiss, who now lives in Wilson, comes back each year to gather the tickets at the head of the line, and is the emcee for the raffle.

Believe it or not, there is a committee set up just for washing dishes. It is an amazing effort and every parent with children at St. Joseph's has a part to play in the fundraiser. You name the job, there was a committee to handle it.



Standing in back are John Doll of Salina, and Jim Doll of McPherson, guests of Mary Ann Brungardt, of our parish, who came to enjoy the food of the German Buffet, held on Sunday, Nov. 1st. John and Jim are sons of the late Alvin and Mildred Doll. In front is Susan Batchman, daughter of Mary Ann, and Casey Roberts. At left is Michael Batchman, Susan's son, and a friend of the family. At right are Alfred and Iris Pohlman, of Ellinwood, who also came to sample the food and stayed to visit.

(Note from the Editors: The History of the German Buffet, as written by Catherine Hammeke is on Page 5. If you have any other information or stories about the German Buffet's origins, please contact us and we will add to the story.)



Selling the most raffle tickets for the German Buffet drawing are these top seven students of St. Joseph School: Front, Maddy Schlochtermeyer, Christopher Rugan, Haley Rugan, and back; Elizabeth Monaghan, Erin Hammeke, Jonathon Mason and Kiley Troyer. Congratulations on a great job!



October Candlelight Service Ends Month of the Rosary

By Mary Waite

During the month of October, our parish planned several events to honor Mary and encourage love for the rosary. A candlelight rosary climaxed these events, and was held October 28th at the Church.

The church was beautiful, dimly lit with a spotlight on Mary's statue. Large blue candles represented the Glory Be to the Father and the Our Father prayers, with large white candles for each Hail Mary.

The candles, which signified the beads at the beginning of the rosary, were placed at the front of the church near the steps at the altar. Then white candles were strategically placed on specially designed and built platforms, containing five candles around the exterior aisles of the church.

This candle rosary completely encircled the church. Fr. Klein prayed the opening prayers of the rosary, then the Glorious mysteries were proclaimed by parish members, who in turn, led the praying of each of the Hail Mary's in that decade. Cody Wondra served as candle bearer and Marc Waite lit the candles.

Marlene Clayton learned a new song in Latin at the request of Fr. Klein, and sang it beautifully to conclude the rosary devotion.

(I didn't count those who attended, but I would guess about 70.) As the notes of the song and the soft glow of candlelight filled St. Joseph Church, all present felt blessed.

Special thanks to Fr. Klein and the Pastoral Council members, who feel that this could become an annual tradition and to Marlene Clayton for singing, Roy Robl for building the platforms for the candles, and Leon Sobba for the spotlight on Mary.



Cody Wondra and Marc Waite light candles.

Catholic Young Adults Have First Get-Together

By Curtis Wolf

A new group, designed for Young Adults in the parish, age 18-40, had their first formal gathering in the form of a BBQ and social, at the St. Joseph's rectory house, on Saturday, October 17.

Hamburgers, brauts, and beverages were provided, and attendees were asked to bring a side dish or snack.

A small, but faithful group met with great conversation and planning for future events. The new group is searching for the best way to get more young adults involved in their parish life.

Plans are underway for socials, service projects, and faith formation, including presentations, tours, and classes.

Anyone that is interested in getting involved with this innovative group, should contact Father Klein. Look for future events posted in the bulletin or on the Facebook group that has been created, called Barton County Catholic Young Adults.



Organization Works to Save Babies and Strengthen Families

By Sharla Thill

On October 28, guest speaker Jean Doll, of our parish, visited with young families, sharing practical advice and parenting tips.

Raechel Manley, director of the Point of Grace ministry said, "The group consists of young moms and dads from Point of Grace Pregnancy and Parenting Resources. They listened intently, learning how to make home made baby wipes, get out tough stains, create safe cleaners, and more."

"The group begins its weekly meeting with a meal, ensuring nutrition education as well as fellowship. That week's meal was generously provided by Gwen Klepper, of our parish, and transported by Doll and her daughter, Daphne. We can always use an extra set of hands to hold babies and distract toddlers, so Daphne definitely came in handy."

The focus of the group is to give families a hand up, not a hand out. There are many benefits to the program, including weekly support meetings, bible studies, housing, individualized parenting plans, access to local and regional resources, and the ability

to earn Mommy and Daddy Dollars to use towards the family's needs.

Through local connections in Lyons, Ellinwood and Great Bend, Manley has established a network of resources that she leans upon to help the families she serves. She stated, "We have no salaried positions, it is all strictly done by volunteers, and there is always a need for those who have a heart to help young families."

Some of the ways persons can volunteer include: creating baby blankets, serving meals or snacks at weekly meetings, transporting families to and from meetings and appointments, and many, many other ways.

"Whether you have an hour a day, an hour a week, or an hour a month, we appreciate any and all volunteer support," stated Manley. "I've always admired Jean and her parenting skills. Between her life experience and Pinterest, I knew she would provide a fabulous hands on lesson for our families. It was one of their favorites so far. We are glad to call Jean a



Jean Doll teaches mothers how to make inexpensive diaper wipes.

member of our village and look forward to the encouragement and support of others in the community."

To learn more about Point of Grace you can log on to www.pointofgracepprc.org, or contact Raechel Manley directly at 620-680-2119.

Elsen/Hoffman Wed in Double Ring Ceremony



by Sharla Thill

St. Joseph Church was the scene for the marriage of Jessica Elsen and Nolan Hoffman on October 17th. The double ring ceremony was celebrated by Fr. Earl Befort of Victoria.

Parents of the couple are Jim Elsen and Donna Mason, both of our parish. Nolan's parents are Jeff and Myrna Hoffman of Hays.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Ellinwood High School and a 2013 graduate of Fort Hays State University. She is now training to be a certified Optician for Eye Specialists Associates in Hays.

The groom is a 2007 graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian and a 2011 graduate of Ft. Hays State University. He is a Research Analyst for Midwest Energy in Hays, where the couple lives.

Grandparents are Katherine Feist and the late Fred Feist, Jerome and DeeDee Elsen, Steve and Jane Kisner, Ernie Hoffman and the late Delores Hoffman.

Jessica said, "Both of us are from big, strong German Catholic families, so we enjoy spending time with all of them, and



Jessica and Nolan

of course our nieces and nephews. We each have one niece and one nephew. We like to spoil them as much as we can."

"We must say that the Browdish (a German song that is sung to the bride and groom for well wishes) had the biggest crowd we had ever seen at a wedding, which then led to the biggest grand march we had ever been a part of."

The couple spent a week in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, for their honeymoon. They enjoyed the scenery, shopping, zip lining, ATV rides and underground cave swimming.

Our community at St. Joseph's wishes the new Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman a long and happy marriage.

German Buffet Beginning

By Catherine Hammeke

In 1958 I was President, and Verna Birzer was Vice President, of St. Joseph's Altar Society. Also in 1958, Monsignor Anthony Meyers became the new priest at St. Joseph Church.

I doubt that very many now remember or knew Monsignor Meyers. He was a very religious priest and he had rules and regulations that were to be followed exactly as he said.

In September of that year, I was called to the rectory and was told that we needed things for the altar, and had no money for what was needed. Therefore, I was informed that I was to have a buffet to get funds so that we could purchase these things. Also, I was told it would be in November and there was no discussion about this, you were just expected to carry out the program.

Verna and I soon found out that we were to use regular dishes and no paper plates. We found out that there was a place in Great Bend that was making plastic dinnerware, so we called on them and were told we could buy this dinnerware, but, we were also told that we would have to pick out what we needed and box it up ourselves. We got 100 sets of dishes. We about died off from the plastic smell.

Now that we had the dishes where were we going to have the buffet? The K of C was our answer, but we soon discovered we did not have any thing to cook roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans and gravy. These utensils all came from our homes.

The ladies furnished cake for desert. Since this is a German Community we came up with the German Buffet name.

We had ladies washing dishes so we would have enough should we get a large crowd. We had to use the ovens to cook the meal because at that time we did not have electric roasters.

One request I had, and I still have fond memories of, was when Rosa Achatz ask to peel the potatoes and to this day I can see her sitting on a stool with a large pan of potatoes to be peeled. She was always smiling.

Needless to say Msgr. Meyers was very pleased, and this is the 53rd year for the "German Buffet".

While we were cleaning up after one of our buffets, Verna Birzer asked me if I thought our food was tough. I told her I didn't think so, and then she held up a man's lower false teeth. We had a good laugh.

Remembering Father James Roth

by Sharla Thill

Funeral Mass for Fr. James Roth, 95, was held on November 12th, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita.

Father Roth died on November 7th at the Catholic Care Center in Bel Aire, near Wichita. He was a Bushton resident for 51 years, serving at Holy Name Catholic Parish in rural Bushton. He received his theology degree from Conception Seminary in Missouri and was a priest for the Wichita Diocese. He retired to Claflin in 1998.

Father was an active member of the Ellinwood Knights of Columbus Council #1187. He was a 4th degree Knight. The K of C held a rosary on November 12th, at Holy Name Church, followed by burial in the Holy Name Cemetery.

Known as a friend by many people in the parishes of Ellinwood and Claflin, Father Roth also filled in on weekends when our pastor was away.





Lorraine Phelan

Ninety-five year old, Lorraine Phelan, passed away on October 27. She was a resident of Country Living for some years and members of St. Joseph's parish took her Communion every Sunday and spent time with her.

Lorraine's parents were Mary (Luebbers) and Andy Robl, popular names in the Ellinwood community. She married Virgil Phelan at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, in 1946. They were members of St. Mary's Church in Holyrood. She worked as a secretary for the Holyrood and Quivira Heights Schools.

Lorraine is survived by five sons and one daughter, 16 grandchildren and 11 greats, and one sister, Rita Robl. Her brothers were Orville, Leonard and John Robl.

Mrs. Phelan was always smiling and had a pleasant nature. When able she enjoyed being a member of Red Hats. We offer our deepest sympathy to Lorraine's family on her death.

I'm a Mother. What's Your Superpower?

Anniversary Mass

In October, Robert Joy and Marcella Birzer, Pat and Lee Petz, of our parish, attended the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass in Dodge City.

So when is this "old enough to know better" supposed to kick in?

All Souls Mass

Father Klein celebrated Mass at noon on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2nd at Lakin-Commanche Cemetery. Larry Drees and Mary Waite were the readers. It was preceded by a rosary at 11:45 a.m., led by Father.

The weather was a little breezy and cool, but a nice crowd brought chairs to the cemetery for this special time when the Church prays for her dead.

Christmas Program

The students of St. Joseph School will present their annual Christmas Program at the parish center on December 2nd. Bring a snack to share with everyone following the program.

School Break

The last day of school before the Christmas Holiday will be the 17th of December. School will resume on January fourth.

Exercise? I thought you said Extra Fries.

Note from Dr. Charlie Joslin

Thanks so much for everyone's prayers and support. The retreat was a great success. Hearts were touched, conversions to Christ were made, and tears of sorrow and joy were shed. For the future, please consider coming along. I can promise you will receive more than you give!

I go out all day looking fabulous and see no one I know. I go out for five minutes looking terrible and suddenly it's a reunion.

Did a cartwheel the other day, thinking it was like riding a bike. It's not!



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Make the Holidays
Better than ever.*



Get out of Dodge!

No Need!

In an article, in a recent Extension Magazine, there was an article called "No Need to get out of Dodge".

Once a week, on Wednesday evenings, a group of 40 teens, ages 12 to 18, meets at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City to pray. The Extension Magazine supports youth ministry programs.

David McHugh, a youth minister for 12 years says, "While it is serious business, it's also fun – good old-fashioned fun – singing, playing games and laughing. It's a chance to leave behind their technology – driven world, which is often isolating, and to work with their peers and with Christ."

Last year they made a video for the Extension Day video contest, entitled, "Teens put themselves in the shoes of the less fortunate." It was one of the six finalists sent to Pope Francis and is a must see (extensionday.org).

"If you live by example, people will notice and follow you. And if teens change, so do the families," McHugh continued in the article. "If kids are on fire, parents are pulled in too."

McHugh knows it is easy for teens to get lost in the crowd – at school, at the large Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe with 4,000 families, and even in a busy household. Feeling overlooked, one is not challenged, held accountable or remembered in a personal way and that is not the relationship God intends for us.



To Make You Smile

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers.

In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."



BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE

The Birthright Giving Tree will be located at Immaculate Conception Church from December 1-25. Tags on the tree list items needed by the Birthright office in Great Bend, such as diapers, sleepers, baby shampoo and misc. baby items. Those wishing to donate should purchase items listed on the tags and place the items (not wrapped) in the box under the tree. Pre-addressed envelopes are provided at the bottom of the tree for anyone wishing to make a monetary donation.

Birthright provides caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. Services are free, absolutely confidential, and available to anyone regardless of age, race, creed, economic or marital status. Some local services include friendship and emotional support, free pregnancy testing, baby supplies, and maternity and baby clothes.

Birthright is there for every woman who calls for help. It exists because of the financial and moral support of its donors and volunteers. If you have any questions or would like to donate used baby clothes or maternity clothes to Birthright, call Sandi Oberle @ 587-9913.



Merry Christmas

Sunflower Ambassadors came to Help Sts. Peter and Paul

Seven High School boys and Andy Wesner, again came to help at Sts. Peter and Paul Rectory. This time we removed all the **stuff** from the rectory so that we can resume work on getting things in order.



Cody Wondra was one of the seven senior boys to go to Sts. Peter & Paul and help. He is preparing a door to be refinished and will be used on the back of the house.

All Souls Day



By Jenny Kasselmann

The people at the All Souls Day Mass on November 2nd, at Immaculate Conception parish, were delightfully surprised at the special candle lighting, held to honor those who died.

Sister Andre had prepared candles to be lit after the homily. She had distributed candles to those people who had lost loved ones, to come up with their candle she had given them before Mass. As a name was read by Sister, one person would bring their candle and have the altar boys light it.

It was very impressive and made the Mass a little extra special for those attending.

Clafin NCYC Prepare for their trip

By Sheri Holmes

It's amazing how quickly time passes; soon 14 teenagers and six adults will be traveling again to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference. Father Klein blessed the group at the 10:00 o'clock Mass on Sunday, November 15th. They departed on November 18th at 10:00 p.m. from the CPHS parking lot. The bus will take them to Terre Haute for lunch the next day, before venturing on to their hotel for Mass with the rest of the Dodge City Diocese attendees. Opening session will be that night at Lewis Oil Stadium. Friday will begin with another opening session, followed by break out sessions, thematic park tours (where we will leave out food bank items), and ending with a closing session which somehow involves a stone that all have been requested to bring. Saturday will again begin with opening session and break out sessions, but in the afternoon the kids will have the choice of attending a massive dance, a comedy club, or a talent show. The evening ends with a Mass involving 20,000+ Catholics! Around midnight, they will load the bus to head back to Kansas, and arrive in Clafin at approximately 2:30 on November 22nd. Thank you so much to all who have supported the NCYC group with your prayers and donations! You are appreciated!

December 2015
Daily
Eucharistic Ministers

2 - Glenday Holm, Joy S.
4 - Geraldine Menges, JoAnn Roth
9 - Hoyle Joiner, Angie Hannache
11 - Kirk Hreider, Shelia Thill
16 - Marcella Hiraer, Glenda Holm
18 - Joy S, JoAnn Roth
23 - Angie Hannache, Kirk Hreider
30 - Hoyle Joiner, Marcella Hiraer



Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass
Monday, December 7, 2015
7:00pm

Lector1 Art Haggig
Lector2 Jerome Haggig

EM Hoyle Joiner, Glenda Holm, Angie Hannache, Joy S. Paul Schlochtermeier

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Shaun Weber, Kyle Doll



Greeters
Saturday - 8:00pm
Glen & Kathy Hertel
Louie & Joni Phronka
Connie Potts
Cotton Potts

Sunday - 8:00am
Hon & Rosemary McCrory
Leon & Marilyn Heischaber
Kira Ward

Sunday 10:00am
Jason & Heather Schlochtermeier
Family
Kelly & Kristen Wongra Family

Weekday Servers: Week of Nov. 29 - Kennedy Harrington, Elicka Dutton

Dec. 5 & 6 **8:00am Sat.** **10:00am Sun.**
Lector 1 Mass at Clarita Stephanie Joiner
Lector 2 Steve Hillinger

Eucharistic Ministers



Jalynn Haring
LeRoy Thill
Shelia Thill
Mel White
John Clayton

Accompanist/Cantor

Servers _____ **Heley Rachel**
Edna White

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 5- Madelyn Schlochtermeier, Karen Harrington

Dec. 12 & 13 **8:00am Sat.** **8:00am Sun.**
Lector 1 Jerome Haggig Sharon Gattion
Lector 2 Eliza Stanton Dennis Haggig

Eucharistic Ministers

Steve Delfo
Amy Delfo
Joan Kieppor
Milla Menges
Jayne Witt

Glenda Holm
Milla Schlochtermeier
Catherine Strecker
Mary Tudor
Lori Hillinger

Accompanist/Cantor

Servers _____ **Elicka Dutton** **Shaun Weber**
Karen Harrington **Heley Troyer**

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 13 - Ashia Kieppor, Lane Kieppor

Dec. 19 & 20 **8:00pm Sat.** **10:00am Sun.**
Lector 1 Mass at Clarita David Gonzalez
Lector 2 Maria Gonzalez

Eucharistic Ministers



Marcella Hiraer
Ed Schlochtermeier
Dora Feist
Rita Feist
Angie Hannache

Accompanist/Cantor

Servers _____ **Joan Delfo**
Mary Beth Thill

See Christmas/New Year Schedule

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 20- Edna Hannache, Cody Zink

Dec. 26 & 27 **8:00am Sat.** **8:00am Sun.**
Lector 1 Catherine Strecker John Stuen
Lector 2 Karen Mitchell Mary Tudor

Eucharistic Ministers

Joan Schlochtermeier
Curtis Wolf
Marian Zink
Jerome Haggig
Jayne Witt

Kirk Hreider
Sharon Gattion
Joy Schlochtermeier
Paul Schlochtermeier
Lori Hannache

Accompanist/Cantor

Servers _____ **Daniel Hannache** **Cody Zink**
Wittney Hannache **Kyle Doll**

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 27 - Monica Hannache, Daphne Doll

Ministry Schedule for December 2015

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015- 5:00pm

Lectors..... Lexi Broeker, Lori Koester
 EM..... Dan Demel, Laurie Feist,
 Carmen Johnson, Dawnya Hickel
 Servers..... Brianna Hickel, Callie Zink
 Gift Bearers Rose Ann Wondra, Nancy Schartz
 Greeters..... Pete Krier Family
 Sacristan..... Judy Oberle

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 - 8:00am

Lector Jane Oeser Nancy Schartz
 EM Allan Beck, Melinda Kasselman,
 Bill Thomas. Jim Oberle, Kathy Krier
 Servers..... Lawson Oeser, Lexie Oeser
 Gift Bearers Doris & Gene Feist
 Greeters..... Kevin Liebl Family
 Sacristan..... Joan Miller

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 7:00pm

Lector: Nancy Schartz
 EM: Kathy Krier, Doris Feist, Carla Liebl
 Servers: Tyler Holmes, Jacob Oberle
 Gift Bearers: Judy Oberle & Leon Oberle
 Sacristan: Sr. Andre



Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 - 10:00am

Lectors..... Sue Weber, Kathy Krier
 EM Sheri & Toby Holmes, Nancy Liebl,
 Laurie Feist. Carmen Johnson
 Servers..... Emily, Ryan, Devin Ryan
 Gift Bearers Lee Bieberle Family
 Greeters..... Ann & Paul Oberle
 Sacristan..... Joy Hertach



Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 -- 5:00pm

Lectors..... Jane Dreiling, Janet Hitschmann
 EM Allan Beck, Melinda Kasselman,
 Peggy Feist, Rita Stueder,
 Servers: Anthony and Jacob Oberle
 Gift Bearers Ann & Allan Beck
 Greeters..... Ryan Harrison
 Sacristan..... Jane Dreiling

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 -- 8:00am

Lectors..... Lexi Broeker, Lori Koester
 EM Karlyn & Fred Beck,
 Dawnya Hickel, Carmen Johnson
 Servers..... Lawson & Lexi Oeser
 Gift Bearers Carla & Todd Liebl
 Greeters..... Lori & John Koester
 Sacristan..... Joan Miller

Christmas Eve Dec. 24- 6:00pm

Lectors..... Janell Hubbard, Nancy Schartz
 EM Bridget Letourneau, Allan Beck,
 Bill Thomas, Peggy Feist,
 Servers..... Aaron Schneweis, Brett Liebl
 Gift Bearers Darryl Demel Family
 Greeters..... Doris & Gene Feist
 Sacristan: Sr. Andre

Christmas Day Dec. 25, 10:00am

Lectors..... Richard & Brady Rugan
 EM Melinda Kasselman, Barbara Musgrove
 Dan Demel, Jane Dreiling, Rita Stueder,
 Servers..... Delaney Rugan, Emily Ryan
 Gift Bearers Oeser Family
 Greeters..... Ryan Family.
 Sacristan..... Jane Dreiling

Sunday, Dec .27, 2014 - 10:00am

Lectors..... Janell Hubbard, Toby Holmes
 EM Doris Feist, Laurie Feist,
 Sheri Holmes, Joan Miller
 Servers..... Kylie & Tyler Holmes
 Gift Bearers Dee Krier Family
 Greeters..... Alan Kirmer Family
 Sacristan..... Joy Hertach

Friday, January 1, 2016 - 9:00 am

Lectors..... Kathy Krier, Janet Hitschmann
 EM Karlyn & Fred Beck, Dawnya Hickel,
 Jim Oberle, Carmen Johnson.
 Servers..... Anthony & Jacob Oberle
 Gift Bearers Judy & Leon Oberle
 Greeters..... Ann & Paul Oberle
 Sacristan..... Judy Oberle

LECTOR:

12/3 Nancy Schartz Sr. Andre, Joan Miller
 12/4 Kathy Krier Bill Thomas, Sr. Andre
 12/10 Jane Steinert Bill Thomas, Kathy Krier
 12/15 Kathy Krier Sr. Andre, Joan Miller
 12/17 Nancy Schartz Bill Thomas, Kathy Krier
 12/22 Kathy Krier Sr. Andre, Bill Thomas
 12/29 Jane Steinert Kathy Krier, Joan Miller

Euch. Ministers

St. Joseph December 2015

- 1 Rosemary McCrary
Ryley Ney
- 2 Eleanor Joiner
Ryan Ward
- 3 Jackson Cherry
Stephanie Joiner
Ryan Komarek
- 4 Clayton Doll
Kyler Doll
- 7 Terri Huslig
- 8 Luke Heinz
- 9 Sarah Hammeke
- 10 Brad Bressler
Marilyn Reichuber
- 11 Marilee Huslig
- 12 Michelle Klepper
Glen Hertel
- 13 Jean Klepper
Dale Masden
Richard Hammeke
- 14 Alexander Gonzalez
Eileen Huslig
Brandon Carr
- 15 Don Roth
- 16 Lexie Steele
- 17 Louise Hammeke
- 18 Karson Harrington
- 19 Holly Bowyer

- 20 Josh Thomas
- 21 Michelle Miller
Larry Rickert
David Sauber
- 24 Sherrie Siefers
Robert Yarmer
- 25 John Thomas
- 26 Stephen Birzer
DeSales Feist
Kay Linden
- 28 Tammy Sturn
- 29 Glenda Heinz
Gracie Quesenbury
- 30 Cody Wondra
Charles Elliot
- 31 Brooke Panning



- 3 Richard & Shirley Hammeke
- 4 Gerald & Sharon Reichuber
- 9 Seth & Jamie Harrington
- 17 Kevin & Rhea Schartz
David & Karla Gonzales
- 18 Pat & Sharon Gatton
- 27 LeRoy & Sharla Thill
- 28 Larry & Jean Klepper
- 29 Louie & Joni Pivonka

Immaculate Conception December 2015



- 1 Eugene Feist
Richard Feist
Jane Oeser
- 3 Belinda Connell
- 5 Bailee Miller
- 9 Nathan Staton
- 10 Bonnie Buehler
- 11 Trevor Cates
Kristy Rupe
- 12 Jason Dody
- 13 James Bortz
- 14 Tammie Steiner
- 17 Kathleen Krier
Donald Zink
- 20 Shelby Letourneau
Madelyn Harrison
- 21 Devin Hoffman
- 22 Dan Demel
Deidre Moran
- 24 Holly Ney
Jeanette Soukup
- 27 Kade Beck
Lois Krier
- 28 Benn Kirmer
- 29 Tami Miller
Danielle Hollingshead
- 30 Gracie Demel
- 31 Joy Hertach



- 28 Edward and Danette Schartz
- 29 Kurt and Patricia Strube
Alan and Sheila Oeser

Please inform the Parish Office if there is an error, or if a name has been omitted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2015						
		1 Mass 8:15am [C]	2 Mass 8:15am [E] Gr. 1-12 PSR [C] SJS Christmas Program 7pm	3 Mass 8:15am [C]	4 First Friday Mass 8:15am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	5 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [C] First Reconciliation [E]
6 2nd Sun of Advent Mass 8:00am [C] Mass 10:00am [E] HS PSR 11am [E]	7 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn Holy Day Vigil Mass 7:00pm [E]	8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day Holy Day Mass 7:00pm [C]	9 Mass 8:15am [E] Gr. 1-12 PSR [C]	10 Mass 8:15am [C]	11 Mass 8:15am [E]	12 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
13 3rd Sun of Advent Mass 8:00am [E] Mass 10:00am [C] HS PSR 9am [E]	14 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	15 Mass 8:15am [C]	16 Mass 8:15am [E] Gr. 1-12 PSR [C]	17 Mass 8:15am [C]	18 Mass 8:15am [E]	19 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [C]
20 4th Sun of Advent Mass 8:00am [C] Mass 10:00am [E] HS PSR 6:30pm [E]	21 Mass 9:30am Hospital	22 Mass 8:15am [C]	23 Mass 8:15am [E] No PSR [C]	24 Vigil of Christmas Mass 4:00pm [E] Mass 6:00pm [C]	25 Nativity of the Lord Mass 8:00am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	26 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
27 5th Sun of Advent Mass 8:00am [E] Mass 10:00am [C] NO HS PSR [E]	28 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	29 Mass 8:15am [C]	30 Mass 8:15am [E] No PSR [C]	31 New Year's Eve Mass 5:00pm [E]	Jan.1, 2016 Mass 9:00am [C]	

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December 2015



We Honor Blessed Virgin Mary in October



The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so the students of St. Joseph School, teachers and parish members gathered on October 19th to pray the rosary. The rosary was a special rosary, as each bead was a helium filled balloon. The students took turns leading each prayer of the rosary. At the end, Fr. Klein led everyone to the west of the school, where the balloon rosary was released. The strong wind of the day sent the rosary soaring. Wittney Hammeke, a student said, "I thought the rosary was cool. It was just too windy. I wish we could have watched it float slowly up into the sky." Thanks to Don and Deb Erb of Timken, who donated the supplies and their labor to help assemble the rosary.

Christmas/New Year 2015



Christmas Eve 4:00pm JEL

Lector 1 Derek Joiner
Lector 2 Yvonne Strecker

Eucharistic Ministers Rosie Joiner
Steve Birzer
Janice Birzer
Darrell Shanteau
Ellen Shanteau

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Joanna Strecker
Abbie Reichuber

Christmas Day 8:00am JEL

Lector 1 Art Huslig
Lector 2 Linda Sobba

Eucharistic Ministers Rick Thomas
Lori Thomas
Kent Roth
JoAnn Roth
Jayne Wirtz

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Colby Helms
Monica Hammaka



New Year's Eve Mass 5:00pm JEL

Lector Kent Robl
Lector Marc Walts

Eucharistic Ministers LaRoy Till
Sharla Till
Jean Klepper
Glenda Helms
Angie Hammaka

Accomp/Cantor

Servers John Billinger
Myles Menges
