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The Name of God is Mercy

From The Name of God is Mercy

Are the famous Works of Mercy of the Christian tradition still valid for the third millennium, or do they need to be reevaluated?

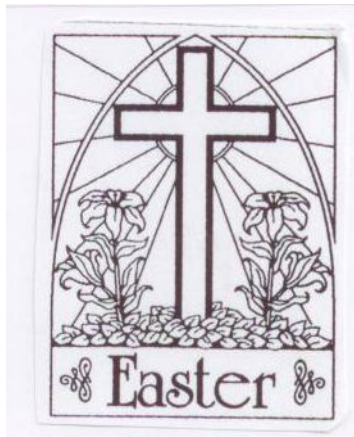
They are still valid, still current. Perhaps some aspects could be better “translated,” but they remain the basis for self-examination. They help us open up to the mercy of God, to ask for the grace to understand that without mercy a person cannot do a thing, that you cannot do a single thing, that “the world would not exist” in the words of the elderly lady I met in 1992.

Let us examine the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, dress the naked, house the pilgrims, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead. I do not think there is much to explain. And if we look at our situation, our society, it seems to me that there is no lack of circumstances or

opportunities all around us. What should we do for the homeless man camped in front of our home, for the poor man who has nothing to eat, for the neighboring family who cannot make it to the end of the month due to the recession, because the husband lost his job? How should we behave with the immigrants who have survived the crossing and who land on our

shores? What should we do for the elderly who are alone, abandoned, and who have no one?

We have received freely, we give freely. We are called to serve Christ the Crucified through every marginalized person. We touch the flesh of Christ in him who is outcast, hungry, thirsty, naked, imprisoned, ill, unemployed, persecuted in search of refuge. That is where we find our God, that is where we touch the Lord. Jesus himself told us, explaining the protocol for which we will all be judged: “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me” (Matthew 25:40).



Corporal Works of Mercy

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

2446 St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: “Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs. “The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity”:

When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice

2447 The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities.

Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

The corporal works of mercy consist especially

- * in feeding the hungry,
- * sheltering the homeless,
- * clothing the naked,
- * visiting the sick and imprisoned,
- * and burying the dead.

* Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

Feast of St. Joseph

For over a thousand years the feast of St. Joseph has been celebrated on March 19th.

If a world wide survey was taken to establish people’s favorite saints, Joseph would be high on the list –probably second. (Mary would be first.)

Interesting, Joseph doesn’t make any appearance in John’s Gospel; his name isn’t even mentioned in Mark’s Gospel. When he makes his only appearances in Matthew and Luke – in the infancy Narratives – he says not a word.

Joseph may have died thinking he hadn’t done all that much, or even all that well. He simply tried his best to do whatever was given him to do.

That’s probably why he’s such a favorite – he simply tried his best to do whatever was given him to do.



Graduating in May



Betsy Snell

by Rita Feist

Betsy Snell exclaimed, “Everyone told me high school was going to fly by and I guess I didn’t listen very closely, because here I am now, with less than four months of high school left, and astonished that it flew by that quickly!”

Betsy has been very busy during high school. She was involved in many activities, such as KAY (4 years), FBLA (4 years), FBLA president (senior year), National Honor Society (2 years), Spirit Squad (4 years), 4H (9 years); PSR (4 years); Mystic Blues (2 years), La Voce – Women’s Choir (1 year), Volleyball (2 years) and fall Musical Production (2 years). “My favorite memories of high school were cheering at football and basketball games and putting on the school’s pep rallies. Fall Homecoming was also a great memory, because I was a queen candidate and got to be in the parade.”

“The practices for the musicals were always really fun for me because my friends participated in the production with me, so we got to help out the school and ‘hang out’ all at once,” said Betsy. “The Christmas concert at St. Joseph Church has always been my favorite part about choir and mystics, because the acoustics make the music sound so great, and because Christmas music is my favorite type to sing!”

Betsy is the youngest daughter of Tom and Jolene Snell. Her two older sisters are Jenna, who attends KSU in Manhattan, and Allison Key and her husband of Tupelo, Mississippi. Allison is a Physical Therapist.

Betsy attended St. Joseph Elementary School and commented, “At St. Joseph I always enjoyed our small class because we all had the opportunity to know each other very well, and we created great friendships that have continued throughout high school.”

She has been working at St. John’s Child Development Center since August of 2014. She said that she really enjoys working with the children in an atmosphere where she gets to teach and talk about Christ. Working there has peaked her interest in a career of working with children.

Besides church, work and school, 4H has been a big part of her life and she says, “It has taught me a lot of good skills. I found my love for cooking and baking through 4H and also have had the opportunity to be a camp counselor for the past three summers at Rock Springs 4Hcamp. That experience also inspired me to want to become a teacher and work with younger children. I received the ‘Key Award’, the highest award in 4H and the ‘I Dare You’ leadership award. The program has done so much for me, and even though this will be my last year in 4H, I still plan to help out with it as much as I can.” Betsy plans to attend the University of Kansas in Lawrence and get a degree in elementary education. She is excited to attend KU, because she has long dreamed of it and she fell in love with the campus when she first visited there! She has been inspired to teach not only because of 4H and working at St. John’s Child Development Center, but also because of the great teachers she has had at both St. Joseph’s and Ellinwood High School. “It would be great to move back here and teach,” she added.

Her summer plans include going on the harvest with her dad, coming home for her last high school PSR trip, possibly going to Georgia for National FBLA, and participating in her last 4H Fair. St. Joseph’s wishes her sweet success in all that lies ahead!



Abbie Reichuber

by Sharla Thill

Daughter of Sharon and Gerald Reichuber, Abbie will graduate this spring from Ellinwood High School. Abbie says, “Next fall, I plan to attend Barton County Community College.”

“I grew up on the farm east of Ellinwood,” says the young senior. “I graduated from St. Joseph School. It was great having a class of six, because we got to experience a lot of things bigger classes would not have got to do.” Abbie remarked that she will always remember how good the food was at St. Joseph’s.

Abbie was in Future Farmers of America for four years, National Honor Society, Cross Country for four years, and Track and Field for four years.

“A sport highlight would be last Track season at State,” shared Abbie. “I placed third in the two mile. Also this past fall, in cross country we were named 2A State Champions.”

When asked about her favorite class and teacher Abbie quickly replied, “My favorite teacher would be by far, Mr. Blakeslee, because I like to listen to his interesting stories. He tries to help us as much as he can.”

Abbie has one sister, Ashley, who attends Barton Co. Community College. The two girls served at Mass for many years. Their grandparents are Margie and Robert Thomas of our parish.

“When I am not busy, I like to spend time with my family,” she offered. “Also, I enjoy working on our farm as much as I can.” Her love of the farm will probably play a big part in her future.

We wish Abbie a long and happy future from St. Joseph’s church community.

Theology on Tap Kicks off

By Curtis Wolf

Based off a need and desire for additional opportunities of faith formation for young adults (and young-at-heart adults) of our parish, Fr. Klein planned the first session of Theology on Tap on Saturday, March 5 at the new Saloon in the basement of the Historic Wolf Hotel. A diverse mixture of 26 adults gathered for an evening of story-telling, questions and answers, and fellowship. Fitting for the atmosphere of the Historic Wolf Hotel, the topic of discussion for the first meeting was "Ghosts". Numerous paranormal groups have studied several supposed ghosts that haunt the hotel. Hotel owner Chris McCord told about the history of ghosts at the hotel. Fr. Klein also offered several stories that he has experienced during his priesthood which he struggles to explain. "Now, I have not personally ever experienced an actual ghost, so I tell you these stories and you can make your own judgments about their existence," Fr. Klein began. "However, there are some strange occurrences that are hard to explain." Several other people in the audience shared their experiences, and some interesting questions were asked about the Catholic Church's stance on ghosts. With the success of this first meeting, future Theology on Taps is being planned. At this time, Theology on Tap will happen the first Saturday each month with a new topic each month. Check the bulletin for the next meeting and make plans to attend!



A Good Read

When I was a kid I was walking along the highway with a friend and we spotted a woman's purse off to the side of the road. While my friend opened the empty purse I caught a Black Snake.

Back in those days, I loved to catch snakes. I had an idea and we put the snake in the ladies purse and left it along the side of the road. We waited nearby behind some trees to see if anyone would stop and pick it up.

It wasn't long until a car drove past, then backed up and a passenger in the front seat grabbed the purse and off they drove. It went a short way and began driving erratically. It stopped and both occupants jumped out.

They left the purse and I imagine that the Black Snake lived happily ever after.

We Remember Patricia Petz

By Sharla Thill

A member of our St. Joseph's parish her entire married life, Pat Petz died on February 22 at the age of 78. We will remember her as fun loving and quick witted, and didn't know a stranger.

She was born on February 18, 1938, in St. Mary's, Ohio, the daughter of Marvin and Olive Spicer. The oldest of five children, they were abandoned by their parents, when Pat was seven. Two of the children, Jim and Tony, remained in St. Mary's with relatives, Larry and Virginia were adopted, and Pat eventually went to live with the Bachman family in Pennsylvania. From a book written about Pat's life, the Bachman's remember her as being one of the most loving and caring child they knew.

When Pat was ten years old, they located her father, who now lived in Great Bend. She was put on a train and rode all the way to Kansas to live with her Dad and Stepmother. She graduated from Great Bend High School.

Young Lee Petz and his friends were avid roller skaters during their high school years, and went to the rinks around the county four or five nights a week. On one of these evenings, Lee looked up from tying the laces on his skates and smiled at a 14 year old girl he'd never seen before.

After Pat's high school graduation they were married on April 27, 1957, at St. Rose Church in Great Bend. He was 21 and she was 19. That was 58 years ago, in April it would have been 59.

Lee says, "She joined the Catholic church on her own when she knew we were going to be married."

The first years were spent living south of Ellinwood in an old oilfield lease house that sat on Lee's father's (Jerome Petz) property. When Lee was inducted into the Army in 1959 they went to Norfolk, Virginia, where they remained until his discharge in 1961.

The couple has one daughter, Cindy Ringering, and three sons, Marvin, Dean and Jerome. There are nine grandchildren.

At age 30, after the death of her father, Pat called the St. Mary's Courthouse in Ohio, got on a plane to Ohio, and began to make contact with all of her siblings. She found her brother, Jim, who helped her get in touch with the other three, all still living in Ohio. Her youngest sister, Virginia, was in touch with Pat the rest of her life and was present at her funeral.



**Lee & Pat Petz on their
50th Anniversary**

Pat loved visiting friends, and dancing, and was often seen at the Gather in Ellinwood for coffee and lunch with the girls. She loved Cowboy movies and often went on deliveries with her husband, who delivered radiators to customers for Ernsting Radiator Co.

"When we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, Pat wanted to attend the Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral," said Lee. "Every year after that we always went to Dodge City for the Mass and dinner. She made friends with all the Bishops and before Bishop Gilmore left he came and sat with us at the dinner."

Funeral Mass was on Friday, February 26th, at St. Joseph's Church, with Fr. Terrance Klein presiding. She was a member of Altar Society and the group said the rosary at Minnis Funeral Home. A Vigil Service was held on Thursday evening at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Living Legacy Fund. Our deepest sympathy to the Petz family on the death of Patricia. We will miss her quick wit and friendly smile.



“Diocese Welcomes Many to Rite of Election”

By Sharla Thill



As David Myers said in the last issue of The Southwest Kansas Catholic, “Isn’t it nice to see so many people excited about their Catholic faith?”

On February 14, as many as 150 from all over the Diocese traveled to Dodge City to the Cathedral to take part in the last formal rite before full acceptance into the Catholic Church. There are 48 parishes in 28 counties that sent candidates and Catechumens to this event. Candidates are baptized Catholics or baptized members of another Christian denomination who are seeking Confirmation and First Eucharist. Catechumens are individuals who have not been baptized and who are seeking Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Bishop Brungardt welcomed the candidates from St. Joseph Church in Ellinwood, who came with their sponsors, family and friends. Each of those making the RCIA journey, along with their Godparent, was called by name, to enrollment in the Book of the Elect.

Last month we shared with you two of the candidates in the program here at St. Joseph’s. They were Gene Rugan and Tania Wirtz. This month we add five more names and pictures in the April issue and share a bit of their story.



Courtney Klein

Courtney grew up in Sterling and attended school there until her senior year when she transferred to Great Bend, where she graduated. She is single and now lives in Raymond, Kansas.

She shares the following, “I am also getting a business major at Hutchinson

Community College. I work at Midwest Energy, Inc.”

Courtney’s sponsor is Kristen Gordon and she remarks, “I chose her because she is my Aunt and I know she has knowledge of the Catholic faith.”

“I am joining the Catholic church because I want to have a Catholic marriage. I also realize the importance this religion is to my family. I have enjoyed the process of RCIA. It’s always nice and interesting to learn more.”

The young woman likes to spend time with her family and friends and commented, “I really enjoy being outdoors. Hunting is another favorite hobby of mine.”



Mark Panning

“I live in the country east of Ellinwood, where I grew up,” says Mark Panning. “I attended EHS and graduated in 2001.”

Mark went on to attend Kansas State University, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology in 2005. He now farms and ranches in the Ellinwood area.

Mark is married to Heather, who he met in the summer of 2007, and were married in 2008.

“Heather is a stay at home Mother to our two children, Avery, five, and Mason, two,” shares Mark. “I’m joining the Catholic Church so my family and I can go to church together.”

“Derek Joiner is my sponsor. Derek is a close friend who has great faith and family morals, which I aspire to emulate.”

In his spare time, Mark enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, and golfing.



Raylette Oeser

Raylette Oeser will be joining the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. She says, “After kind of turning away from religion, I felt like I needed to get myself back closer to God. After talking with my Mom and a few friends, the Catholic Church was the one where I felt I could find that. The structure of the prayers, the commitment to this class has got me there, and I am glad that I have done it for myself.”

She lives in the Claflin area and works at the medical lab at Great Bend Regional Hospital.

Raylette is the mother of two daughters, age nineteen and sixteen. Heather Schlochtermeyer, of our parish is her sponsor during the RCIA journey.



Taylor Siemsen

Rite of Election

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"I currently live in Holyrood," says Taylor Siemsen, "where I was born and raised as the youngest of four boys."

Taylor graduated from Quivira Heights High School in 2011, and attended Kansas State University for two years. He remarked, "I decided that wasn't for me. I am currently employed at Siemsen Well Service, family owned by my father and brothers."

He shares that, "I am engaged to Taylor Habiger, whom I will be marrying this coming summer."

Taylor thoroughly enjoys the outdoors, as most of his spare time is spent hunting or fishing.

"I am joining the Catholic Church because Taylor, my fiancé, opened my eyes to God, what it means to have faith, the power of prayer, and the importance of the Church as a whole," he shared. "I really enjoy attending RCIA class and the path it is leading me down." Taylor wants to thank the instructors for taking the time to teach the class!



Dane Wood

"I live in Raymond, Kansas," says Dane Wood, another of our RCIA candidates. "But, I grew up in Chase and attended Chase schools." Dane works at Nalco Champion.

At present Dane is single, but will be getting married in the near future. His sponsor for RCIA is Kevin Klein. "I chose my sponsor because he is a practicing Catholic and my fiancé's father," he shared.

He is joining the Catholic Church to have a Catholic marriage and to continue the tradition his family has started. He remarked, "It has been interesting to learn more about the Catholic faith. There are a lot of steps to becoming Catholic during the journey of RCIA. But it will be worth it in the end."

Dane likes to hunt in his spare time and commented, "I especially like to hunt deer, turkey and shed hunt. Riding in the RZR is another one of my hobbies, and I also like to watch sports."

Update on Larry Rickert

Received this note from Barb Lubbe, daughter of Larry Rickert: Dad is stable and doing okay. He is in some pain, but quite a trooper. We have moved him to Christine's house in Hutchinson.

There we can more easily take turns caring for him and visiting him. The address is Larry Rickert, c/o Christine Becker, 1214 East 69th Street, Hutchinson, Kansas 67502.

Everyone is welcome to visit. You may want to call Christine for directions. Her number is 620-921-0962. I know Dad would enjoy having visitors. He sure does miss being at home and seeing all of his friends.

About Bishop John

Bishop John has a small brain tumor that to all indications is benign. The doctors are optimistic that this can be safely removed and that Bishop John has an excellent prognosis. We anticipate he will spend most of March and April healing and recovering.

From Bishop John:

"My Dear faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, family and friends - I offer my trials for you, united in our suffering Jesus this Lent.

Dear Jesus - Let me rest in your wounded side, deep within your Sacred Heart, where I am at home and safe and at peace, receiving grace upon grace from the Father, the Holy Spirit, and You Dear Lord. Mary, Mother of Mercy pray for us.

Please pray for me, and be assured of my prayers. Jesus loves us more than we can ask or imagine!"

+ Bishop John



Spirits Little Extras

A friend, Judy Komarek shared the following with me: What if you wake up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday? Thought provoking isn't it? How about: Each of us is the innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus!

Chrism Mass

Marcella and Bob Joy attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, on March 17th, to bring back the Holy Oils for Holy Saturday Mass.

Senior Kynley Doll is a Teacher's Aide at St. Joseph School. Seniors come back each year to serve at the school.

Shared by Marilyn Schartz

Gracious God, we are your people embraced by your love. We thank you for your presence with us throughout all time. Create us anew. Liberate us from that which keeps us from you. Enable us to recreate our world and restore justice. Awaken us to the sacred; nurture our relationships; enliven our parishes; reunite our families. Empower us to be a community of love growing in your likeness. Amen.



"Over 70's Dinner Held February 28th"

By Sharla Thill

"It was a beautiful day on February 28th, and about 40 attended the Over 70's Dinner," says Jalayne Ewing, head of the social committee that made and served the dinner.

Father Klein led the opening prayer and shared our appreciation for the older parishioners in our church community. Pork Loin and all the trimmings were on the menu.

In attendance were the two oldest members of St. Joseph's parish, Mary Ann Brungardt and Lorraine Petz. They received a prize. Mary Ann said, "It was a very nice dinner and I enjoyed visiting with everyone."

Other winners were drawn and received prizes of the candy and flower centerpieces.

Making the dinner were Jalayne Ewing, Catherine Strecker, Jane Wirtz and Jamie Komarek. Students from the 7th and 8th grades at St. Joseph School helped with serving and clean-up.



A nice group of "Over 70's" attended the annual Dinner in their honor on Sunday, February 28th, following the ten o'clock Mass. From left are Ben Kirmer of Claflin, Corrine Batchman, Rosemary and Roy Robl, Gerald Reichuber, Ray Robl and in front, Vernon Robl.



Altar Society Members Serve in Many Capacities

The St. Joseph Altar Society met on March 7th at the Parish Center. Members reviewed recent events, which they participated in, which included the Ellinwood Area Ministerial Alliance Soup Dinner on January 28th and the Lenten Luncheon on February 10th. The Lenten Luncheon served approximately 75 people for an Ash Wednesday meal.

Melanie Zink also organized a group to work the Blood Mobile held on February 25th at St. Joseph Parish Center. The Blood Mobile met their goal of 50 blood donors. Thanks to Melanie and her crew for facilitating this event.

Altar Society members said a rosary and prepared and served the meal for the recent funeral services held for Patricia (Pat) Petz, parishioner and Altar Society member for many years.

The Altar Society will soon award scholarships to deserving high school youth. Angie Hammeke volunteered to organize a group to review the applications and award the scholarships.



Father Klein shares a table with Eileen and Jerome Huslig and Marcella and Bob Joy at the "Over 70's" dinner, held recently at the Parish Center.



Members voted to contribute money to fund the picture of the Divine Mercy, which is now being displayed on Friday mornings when the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited following daily Mass.

Mary Waite, Altar Society president, wishes to thank all of the Altar Society members who have contributed in any way toward the success of the events that the Altar Society has participated in. There is a faithful group of women who have volunteered and worked long hours cooking,



preparing and serving food, whether for the funeral dinners, soup dinners and Lenten Luncheons. Thanks to all those who have given time to choose scholarship recipients, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and rosary to comfort grieving families. St. Joseph Parish appreciates your devotion and dedication. May God bless you all!

No meeting date has been set at this time, but a notice will appear in the bulletin prior to the next meeting date.

Celebrating Claflin Seniors Graduating



Kaycee Steiner

Kaycee Steiner is a senior at Central Plains High School in Claflin. She has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Powerlifting, O-Club, National Honor Society, Dance, KAY & FCCLA. She is a two-time Basketball State Champion and a two-time Powerlifting State Champion.

She plans to major in Radiology and play Softball at Dodge City Community College for 2 years and then transfer to Hays to finish her degree. Her hobbies include playing sports and being with her friends and family.

Kaycee's parents are Chris and Tammie Steiner. She has one sister, Mollie, and one brother, Bryce. Her grandparents are Jerry & Lois Steiner and Donella Zink & the late Terry Zink. Kaycee is a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Claflin.



Brady Rugan

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Brady Rugan, son of Richard & Janel Rugan, is a senior at Central Plains High School in Claflin. He is a member of Immaculate Conception Church, where he volunteers as a lector. He has two sisters, Sydney and Delaney. His grandparents include Clarence & JoAnn Bieberle, Don Rugan, and the late Cindy Rugan.

Brady has been involved in numerous activities including FFA, O-Club, All-School Play, Scholar's Bowl, National Honor Society, STUCO, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Land & Livestock Judging, National Society of High School Scholars, Hugh Obrien Youth Leadership (HOBY), and NCYC.

His accomplishments have included State Football, Basketball, Tennis & Land Judging. He also earned the designation of Football Honorable Mention (League & District) as a fullback.

Brady plans to major in Agribusiness at Kansas State University. After college, he would like to return to help manage the family farm. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and spending time with friends.



Lexi Broeker

Lexi Broeker, member of Immaculate Conception Church, is currently a senior at Central Plains High School in Claflin. She is the daughter of John & Lori Koester, and has one sister, Peyton Broeker. Her grandparents are Jerry and Patti Sterling.

During her high school years, Lexi has been involved in Cheer, Dance, NHS, KAY, FCCLA, Powerlifting, CYO, NCYC and was Class President. Her accomplishments include Superintendent's Honor Roll and KSPA First Place in Yearbook Theme and Development.

Lexi's hobbies include photography, hanging out with friends and family, working, and watching all-day marathons of "Friends" on Netflix.

After graduating from CPHS, Lexi plans to attend Kansas State University and major in Pre-Dentistry, then go to Dental School and continue her education toward becoming an orthodontist. After she finishes her education, she would like to move back to be around family and continue to cheer on K-State. GO CATS!



The Church's Year of Mercy

by Sister Andre Kravec

The idea of such a year is nothing new. Pope John XXIII back in the 1960's started such a movement with Vatican II. Pope John Paul II also supported such an idea. Now we have Pope Francis making this a definite focus for 2016.

The gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent reiterates just such a focus. Jesus avoids the issue of judgment and concerns himself with the person and their sin. We've often heard statements such as "God loves the sinner, but not the sin" and that's what is happening in this scenario. In fact, Jesus tells her not to sin anymore.

Jesus sees the woman with eyes of mercy or compassion and loves her for just herself. Nothing you or I can do will make God love us less or more. God looks at us with love and appreciation because of the good He sees in us - The reflection of Himself. God looks at you and me and sees Jesus. Look at that sentence again - God looks at us and sees Jesus, the perfect human being. Being human is a wonderful gift.

Why else would God have chosen to become human?

A Dominican from the Middle Ages wrote. "The eye with which I see God is the same one with which Gods sees me. My eye and God's eye is one eye, and one sight, and one knowledge and one love." I look to God and receive His gaze and return that same gaze. It's love returning love.

God is in love with us, we need to recognize that reality, relish in it, grow with it.

The mercy shown in the gospel is proof that we are all saved by mercy in spite of ourselves - That's what happened to the woman caught in adultery. It's really ironic to think that we are saved much more by doing wrong than by doing right.

St. Joseph April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

- 1 Josee Roth
- 3 Fred Gunn, Jr.
- 6 Darci Lyman
Karla Siefers
- 7 Colton Potts
- 13 Roger Stremel
Mary Tudor
Robert Joy
- 14 Derek Joiner
Mary Beth Thill
- 15 Isabel Covarrubias
Patricia Panning
Mel Urban

- 16 Marcia Sauber
Amy Hammeke
- 17 Mercedes Huslig
Ryan Cherry
- 19 Kathy Reh
Tawnia Zink
- 20 Adam Birzer
- 22 Cale Batchman
Hannah Billinger
John Roth
- 23 Father John Forkuoh
Kathy Hertel
Candice Moeder
Madison Ward
- 24 Lee Petz
Jayne Wirtz
Jerome Huslig
- 25 Don Knop
Kathy Schartz
- 26 Jalayne Ewing
Nick Roth
- 27 John Billinger
Mandie Covarrubias

- 28 Jim Elsen
Zachary Siefers
- 29 Shelby Steffan
Mary Herter
- 30 Monty Strecker



Happy Anniversary

- 4 John & Marlene Clayton
- 10 Jeff & Terri Huslig
Darrell & Ellen Shanteau
- 11 Bill & Julie Clemons
- 12 Frank & Frances Rome
- 17 Mark & Glenda Heinz
- 18 Mark & Lori Hammeke
- 20 Jason & Heather Schlochtermeier
- 24 Ron & Kay Kelly
Jeremy & Judy Haynes
- 25 Ron & Rosemary McCrary
- 27 Art & Mercedes Huslig
- 28 Dustin & Eleanor Jahay
- 29 Richard & Jean Doll

Father John's Address

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Immaculate Conception April Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3 Doug Hickel
John Schlessiger
- 4 Abigail Holmes
- 5 Hayla Demel
Timothy Demel
Gary Kirmer
- 6 Kirby Krier
- 7 Karli Beck
- 8 James Hickel
Remington Miller
- 9 Aaron Kaiser
- 11 McKenna Hammeke

- 12 Kashlin Beck
Marilyn Kaiser
Nancy Feist
- 13 Darah Harrison
- 14 Ashley Kaiser
Jessica Kirmer
- 17 Beverly Zink
- 18 Delaney Rugan
- 19 Corey Liebl
- 22 Emma Hickel
Bridget Letourneau
Eleanor Reif
- 23 Carla Liebl
- 24 Breanna Holmes
Jon Oeser
- 26 Alledia Hickel
Mary Rose Oberle
Roy Weber
- 27 Sandi Oberle
- 29 Jacob Oberle
- 30 Lawrence Barnes
Joan Miller
Alexandria Oeser



- 14 Victor and Mary Rose Oberle
- 17 William and Tami Miller
- 22 Don and Jane Steinert
- 23 Alfred and Sue Hammeke
Mark and Kim Connell
- 28 Jeff & Patricia Schneweis



Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

April, 2016



Sunday, April 3, 2016 - 10 am

Lector: Darah Harrison, Kathy Krier
 EM: Karlynn & Fred Beck, Rita Stueder,
 Dawnya Hickel, Peggy Feist
 Greeters: Connie & John Miller
 Gifts: Bobette & Marvin Kirmer
 Servers: Lexi Oeser, Lawson Oeser
 Sacristan: ... Judy Oberle



Saturday, April 9, 2016 - 5pm

Lector: Janell Hubbard, Janet Hitschmann
 EM: Nancy Liebl, Jim Oberle,
 Greeters: Ryan Harrison Family
 Gifts: Judy & Leon Oberle
 Servers: Anthony & Jacob Oberle
 Sacristan: ... Dee Krier

Sunday, April 10, 2016 - 8am

Lector: Nancy Liebl, Sue Weber
 EM: Laurie Feist, Sheri Holmes, Toby Holmes,
 Carla & Todd Liebl
 Greeters: Kathy & Alan Kirmer
 Gifts: Jon Oeser Family
 Servers: Brianna Hickel Aaron Schneewis
 Sacristan: ... Joan Miller

Sunday, April 17, 2016 - 10am

Lector: Kathy Krier, Kent Praeger
 EM: Carmen Johnson, Barbara Musgrove, Bridget Letourneau, Dan Demel, Carol Herter
 Greeters: Connie & John Miller
 Gifts: John Schlessiger Family
 Servers: Callie Zink, Delaney Rugan
 Sacristan: .. Joan Miller



Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 5pm

Lector: Lexi Broeker, Lori Koester
 EM: Peggy Feist, Dawnya Hickel,
 Nancy Liebl, Karlynn & Fred Beck
 Greeters: ... Dee Krier, Margaret Frisbie
 Gifts: Doris & Gene Feist
 Servers: Kylee Kasselmann, Brianna Hickel
 Sacristan: ... Sr. Andre

Sunday, April 24, 2016 - 8am

Lector: Toby Holmes, Nancy Schartz
 EM: Rita Stueder, Carla & Todd Liebl,
 Doris Feist, Joan Miller
 Greeters: Jim Ryan Family
 Gifts: Richard Rugan Family
 Servers: Emily & Devin Ryan
 Sacristan: ... Dee Krier



Weekday

4/1/16 Nancy Schartz
 4/5/16 Jane Steinert
 4/7/16 Kathy Krier
 4/12/16 Sr. Andre
 4/14/16 Nancy Schartz
 4/19/16 Jane Steinert
 4/21/16 Kathy Krier
 4/26/16 Sr. Andre
 4/28/16 Nancy Schartz

Lector

E. Min.

Bill Thomas, Sr. Andre
 Joan Miller, Jim Oberle
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April 2015
Daily
Eucharistic Ministers

1 - Gerry Menges, JoAnn Roth
6 - Glenda Heinz, Kirk Bressler
8-Marcella Birzer, Sharla Thill
13-Angie Hammeke, Joy S.
15 - Rosie Joiner., JoAnn Roth
20 - Kirk Bressler, Sharla Thill
22 -Glenda Heinz,Angie Hammeke
27 - Joy S., Marcella Birzer
29 - Angie Hammeke, Rosie Joiner



Greeters

Saturday - 5:00pm
Steve & Amy Oelke Family
Joni & Louie Pivonka

Sunday - 8:00am
Geraldine Menges
Mark & Tracy Menges
Sharon Gatton
Angie Hammeke

Sunday - 10:00am
Kelly & Kristin Wondra Family
Nick Younker

Weekday Servers: Week of March 27 - Madisyn Schlochtermeyer, Erin Hammeke

April 2 & 3	5:00pm Sat.	8:00am Sun.
Lector 1	Jerome Huslig	Yvonne Strecker
Lector 2	Steve Billinger	Mary Tudor
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosie Joiner Millie Menges Jayne Wirtz Ellen Shanteau Joe Schulte	Mike Moeder Kirk Bressler Joy Schlochtermeyer Paul Schlochtermier Catherine Strecker
Accompanist/Cantor		
Servers	Ashtin Klepper Grant Klepper	Daniel Hammeke David Hammeke

Weekday Servers: Week of April 3- Karson Harrington, Daphne Doll

April 9 & 10	5:00pm Sat.	10:00am Sun.
Lector 1	Mass at Claflin	Catherine Strecker
Lector 2		Dennis Habiger

Eucharistic Ministers		Ed Schlochtermeyer Jalayne Ewing Mel Waite Angie Hammeke Curtis Wolf
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Accompanist/Cantor

Servers		Sarah Hammeke Erin Hammeke
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Weekday Servers: Wk of April 10- Wittney Hammeke, Kennedy Harrington

April 16 & 17	5:00pm Sat.	8:00am Sun.
Lector 1	Rosie Joiner Heather Panning	Catherine Strecker Kent Robl

Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Birzer Janice Birzer Steve Oelke Amy Oelke Jean Klepper	Glenda Heinz Kirk Bressler Lori Billinger Sharon Gatton Lori Hammeke
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Accompanist/Cantor

Servers	Britton Dutton Madisyn Schlochtermeyer	Abbie Reichuber Joanna Strecker
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Weekday Servers: Wk of April 17- Kyler Doll, Cody Zink

April 23 & 24	5:00pm Sat.	10:00am Sun.
Lector 1	Mass at Claflin	David Gonzales
Lector 2		Karla Gonzales

Eucharistic Ministers		Marcella Birzer LeRoy Thill Sharla Thill John Clayton Jason Schlochtermeyer
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Accompanist/Cantor

Servers		John Billinger Luke Wondra
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Weekday Servers: Wk of April 24- Shaun Weber, Caden Rowan

April 30 - May 1	5:00pm Sat.	8:00am Sun.
Lector 1	John Sturn	Kent Roth
Lector 2	Marc Waite	Dennis Habiger

Eucharistic Ministers	Jerome Huslig Jayne Wirtz Melanie Zink Rick Thomas Lori Thomas	Mary Tudor JoAnn Roth Yvonne Strecker Mike Moeder Lori Hammeke
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Accompanist/Cantor

Servers	Monica Hammeke Lane Klepper	Myles Menges Kynlee Doll
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Weekday Servers: Week of April 30 - Haley Troyer, Britton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2016  BEHOLD, CHRIST HAS RISEN!						
					1 First Friday Mass 8:15am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	2 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
3 2nd Sun. of Easter Mass 8:00am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	4 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	5 Mass 8:15am [C]	6 Mass 8:15am [E]	7 Mass 8:15am [C]	8 Mass 8:15am [E]	9 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [C]
10 3rd Sun. of Easter Mass 8:00am [C] Mass 10:00am [E] First Communion [E]	11 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	12 Mass 8:15am [C]	13 Mass 8:15am [E]	14 Mass 8:15am [C]	15 Mass 8:15am [E]	16 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
17 4th Sun. of Easter Mass 8:00am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	18 Mass 9:30am Hospital	19 Mass 8:15am [C]	20 Mass 8:15am [E]	21 Mass 8:15am [C]	22 Mass 8:15am [E]	23 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [C]
24 5th Sun. of Easter Mass 8:00am [C] Mass 10:00am [E]	25 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	26 Mass 8:15am [C]	27 Mass 8:15am [E] SJS Spring Music Program 7:00pm @ St. Joseph Parish Center	28 Mass 8:15am [C]	29 Mass 8:15am [E]	30 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]

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Women of the parish, young and old alike, work the funeral dinners, held in our Parish Center. Here, Joy Schloctermeier and Sarah Hammeke get the coffee and tea ready. (Picture by JoAnn Roth).