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“What Does it Mean to be a Hero?”

Erin Hammeke Wins Oration Contest

By Sharla Thill

“Heroes are real people who are full of love”, said Lane Klepper, one of seven winners who gave their Orations for St. Joseph School on Wednesday, April 5th. This contest is sponsored each year by the Modern Woodmen of America.

The theme for this year was “What does it mean to be a hero?” Lane went on to say that most people become heroes one simple deed at a time and are maybe never noticed in their lifetime.

Eighth grader, Haley Troyer remarked that we are all super heroes and it is up to us how we are going to use our super powers. She used for example being an organ donor and giving the gift of life, or serving your country. Daphne Doll says that a hero is someone who inspires us as a person. Her hero choice was her Dad and all the ways he is a hero to her. She ended her talk saying, “Now, if he could only fly.”

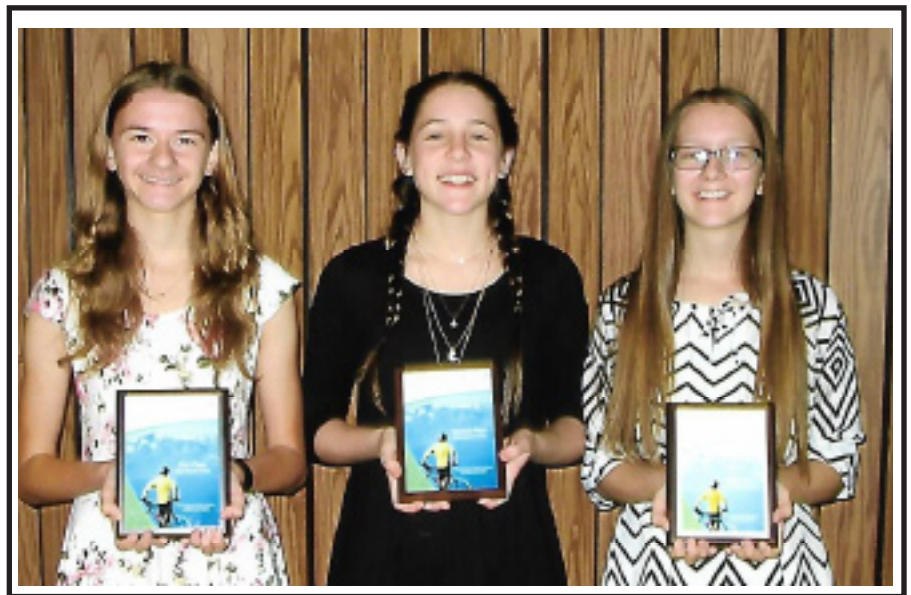
Ashtin Klepper spoke about many stories of heroism, while Wittney Hammeke talked about everyday heroes who put other people’s needs above their own. Caden Rowan told of courageous acts of regular people and super heroes.

First place winner, Erin Hammeke, told the story of Fr. Emil Kapaun, the heroic Priest who saved many lives during the Korean War, by acts of heroism in the prison camps. Daphne Doll took second place and third place went to Wittney Hammeke.

Mike Westerman, Tracy Rome and Kelsey Menges were the judges for the contest. Parents, grandparents and upperclassmen were invited to attend.

The seven winners were chosen in an earlier contest at the school where 6th, 7th and 8th grade students participated. Lois and Denis Hammer and Rita Feist were the judges for this contest.

Erin represented St. Joseph School in the Diocesan Contest on Saturday, April 8th. Erin took 2nd place in that event. She is the daughter of Mark and Lori Hammeke. Erin, we congratulate you on a great job!



Pictured are Erin Hammeke, first place winner in the Oration Contest, held Wednesday, March 5. Second Place went to Daphne Doll and third to Wittney Hammeke. All three are eighth graders.



Women Study Group met during lent for discussion and fellowship as they focused on the teaching of the prophets. From Left: Glenda Heinz, Angie Hammeke, Rita Feist, Mary Waite and Catherine Strecker.



Save Best Choice Labels

When you shop at Ellinwood Family Foods, or any store that sells Best Choice brand, consider purchasing Best Choice items, tear off the labels, and placed them in the Box Tops container in the entryway of church or drop them off at school. For each Best Choice label we save, we will receive \$.03 for our school. This is another simple way to earn cash for St. Joseph school.

Think positive – it keeps you young. For example, I fell down the stairs today and I thought WOW – that’s the fastest I’ve moved in years.

Lotto St. Joe

Winner of \$50, for the Lotto St. Joe for March 24th was Dan Stremel of Dodge City. Kylee Kasselmann of Claflin won the \$50 on April 2nd, and Mitch Menges was the winner for April 9th. Tickets go back in the box and you can win again.

Chrism Mass

On Thursday, April 6th, the Chrism Mass was held at the Cathedral in Dodge City. Bob Joy and Marcella Birzer, Denis and Lois Hammer and JoAnn Roth represented our parish.

So when is this “old enough to know better” kick in?

New Address

Father Chuck has moved to Great Bend. His new address is 5216 Ridgeway, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.

Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday evenings of Lent, St. Joseph community gathered for the Stations of the Cross. Different groups led the Stations each week. They included the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, K of C, St. Joseph’s Students, High School PSR students and the Altar Society.

Needs of the Poor

There are some needs of the poor that are not addressed through Ellinwood Area Churches. For example, someone can be in genuine need and not be from Ellinwood, or an Ellinwood resident may need help with a bill not covered by the churches. If you contribute money to the collection basket labeled, “For the Poor”, it will be used when these needs arise.

Rosaries Every Month Will Celebrate 100th Year Of the Message of Fatima

By JoAnn Roth

This year is the 100th year of the Message of Fatima—a series of apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, from May to October 1917. It was confirmed by an unprecedented public miracle, the Miracle of the Sun.

All of the Popes since the Fatima Miracle have recognized that the Message is Authentic. St. Joseph Altar Society will have a rosary each month at the grotto on the 13th of the month – May through October.

The following are the dates and times: Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m., and Friday, October 13, 7 p.m.

All are welcome to join us at the grotto for the rosary. Bring a chair. Fatima brochures will be in the back of church.



Lake Lyman Graduates From High School



Lake Lyman

by Sharla Thill

Senior Lake Lyman will graduate in May from Ellinwood High School. He is the son of Jim and Darci Lyman of our parish community.

Lake has spent his entire 18 years in Ellinwood, graduating from St. Joseph School. He says, “My favorite memory from Catholic School was the amazing lunches that I took for granted until I got to high school.”

One of Lake’s favorite classes in high school was his Ag class and he remarked that the Ag fieldtrips were one of his favorite activities.

The young senior works for Glen Hertel at Exterior Designs. In his spare time he likes going swimming and skateboarding.

“My plans for the future are to go to Fort Hays State and major in Chemistry,” the young senior shared.

Lake has two brothers, Brett and James Lyman. His grandparents are Junior and Carol Lenhart of our parish, and Merlene Baird of Larned.

“My only advice for underclassmen would be to realize there is no break in between Catholic School and College,” he comments. “So they need to continue to work diligently.”

Congratulations to you, Lake, for continued success in your future, from your St. Joseph Community.

“Daughters Honor Mother on Her Special Day”

By Sharla Thill

During the month of May, we take time to honor our Mothers. Let me share with you the importance of Mothers in our lives, through the eyes of Gloria Robins’ three daughters, Kathy Noller, Patty Passman, Becky Willinger, and her daughter-in-law, Susie Robins. Then apply that love to all the Mothers in St. Joseph’s Parish for a wonderful Mother’s Day.

Becky (Robins) Willinger, the youngest daughter in the family, had this to share, “Mom instilled many values in me. I was probably one of her most stubborn children. Ha! The values that stuck I carry with me to this day. They speak to her strength, love, and integrity.”

Every day is a new day. Becky says, “Mom is one of the most optimistic people you will ever meet. This is not to say that she has not had bad moments, or bad days, but she brushes herself off, picks herself up and welcomes the new day, like the best friend that it is. The fact that she modeled that for me during my impressionable years has been such a gift. I pray that I passed that on to my two children.”

Secondly, People are just People. “Mom taught me that I am not better than anyone else and no other person is better than me,” comments Becky. “I believed it when I was young and I believe it to this day. I’ve always been able to meet people from all walks of life and look at them as children of God.”

“Mom taught me to smile and be kind. My friends always tell me that I am one of the most authentic people they have ever met. I owe that to mom. Apple. Tree.”

I have a voice and I should use it. “Mom is not one to back away from using her voice. She really never has been, at least in our home. While always respectful, she definitely shares her ideas and opinions. Guess what? So do I,” says Becky. “I’m so glad that I learned from my Mom that women have wonderful minds that should be valued in our families and in our society.”

And finally, unconditional love. “Yes,” Becky remarks, “The big one. I learned it from one of the best. I cannot count how many times I’ve let her down, disappointed her, or tried to push her away. Of course, she never went away or stopped loving me. After all, she’s my mom.”



Gloira Robins

“Mom is a dear, previous mother,” says Gloria’s daughter, Kathy (Robins) Noller, “She has been there for me all of my life. So many memories.”

“I especially remember times standing in the kitchen and talking to her about my day, after school, while she prepared dinner. She was a good listener.”

“As I got older, she encouraged me to help with dinner, teaching me how to make muffins, biscuits (never as good as hers), and in general learning how to prepare food for a large family.”

Kathy continued, “One time when I had a bad cold and stayed home from school, she and I wallpapered the kitchen together while everyone else, except baby Todd, went to a basketball game.”

“Always there for us, I see Mom as a strong lady, a very strong Christian (which has definitely inspired me) and has been a positive influence. We frequently talk on the phone, especially when I went through cancer treatment five years ago.”

“Mom kept track of everyone and everything during the years when Dad worked a lot of hours as we were growing up. I don’t know how she did it and still had three meals on the table everyday.”

“I am so blessed to call her Mom!” Kathy remarked. “There are no words to describe the love I feel for her.”

“She took me shopping for my junior prom and bought me a beautiful dress and new shoes. It was so special to be with her alone and shop together,” remembers Kathy. “We took our time and found the perfect dress.”

Kathy, being the oldest, says she learned so much from her Mom about taking care of children, as she helped her with the younger brothers and sisters. “When Mom taught preschool with Wanda Cusick, I helped when I was out of school and learned so much about fun activities and play with children as I watched them as teachers.”

“She was a great role model of a woman and mother wearing so many hats i.e. mother, friend, wife, grandmother, and day care provider,” Kathy shares. “She encouraged us to be responsible by giving us chores to do around the house, which prepared us for the future.”

Patty Robins Passman writes the following, “For me, my Mom’s example of being a strong, positive woman, affects me every single day. I do know when to ask for help or information, but for the most part, I just don’t encounter obstacles that I am afraid to handle on my own.”

“Mom always took day-to-day life in stride and managed our household cheerfully and positively. It always seemed like she could figure out any problem. I still hear that positive tone and outlook, every time I talk to her!”

Patty shares that, “The other huge contribution that Mom made to my life was her willingness to take care of my daughters, Emily and Mackenzie, while I worked, when I still lived in Ellinwood. Both of the girls had a great start in life, thanks largely to her. I knew every day that they were loved, the way only a grandmother can love her grandchildren, and also that she was teaching them so many things.”

“Gloria has been my dear, sweet mother-in-law for almost 40 years,” says Susie Robins, wife of Dave Robins. “She has always been there for our family with her loving and caring support. She is one of the kindest persons I know, always doing for others.”

“My most treasured moments with her are our shared coffee times around her kitchen table,” remarks Susie. “We talk for hours, laughing and sharing stories, even shedding a tear now and then. She has always been an inspiration to me with her wise words, her strong family values and her kind, gentle spirit. What a blessing she is to our family as a mom and grandmother. We love her dearly.”

Over 70's Dinner Enjoyed by All

By Sharla Thill

It was a beautiful day, weather wise, when those over 70, of St. Joseph and Claflin parishes joined together to enjoy lunch at the parish center following Mass.

"Father Klein said a prayer, and 7th and 8th graders from St. Joseph School served the meal," said Jalayne Ewing, head of the social committee. "We served chicken cordon bleu, potatoes, green beans and rolls, with strawberry shortbread for dessert." Catherine Strecker and Jamie Komarek were on hand to help make the food.

About forty attended the annual event. Rose bouquets decorated the tables and drawings determined who got to take home the centerpieces.

A guest from Bushton, who lives at Woodhaven, Anna Lee Habiger, was in attendance. She is a sister to Mary Ann Brungardt. A nice visit was had by all.



Jeanine Gowdy, Geraldine Menges and Helen Hickel prepare to eat lunch at the "Over 70's" annual dinner on March 26th. We honor our community members over 70 years of age by treating them to this special event in their honor.

Students Wear Pajamas for "The Dream Factory"

By Sharla Thill

Dressed in their pajamas, students of St. Joseph School performed "The Dream Factory" on March 30 at the parish hall.

Under the direction of music teacher, Paige Stegman, the students began the show with "Castle on a Cloud" and ended with "Skin and Bones". Sixth grade students wrote the script for the show. Britton Dutton was the manager, and workers were Grant Klepper, Daniel Hammeke, Cale Batchman, Tyler Stuhlsatz and Madisyn Schlochtermeier.

Schlochtermeier said it was "very cool" getting to wear their pajamas. Fourth grader, Ava Thill remarked when asked, "It was very comfy and lots of fun." Someone added that the song "Livin' on a Prayer" was a real favorite of the students in rehearsal.

Stegman thanked the St. Joseph staff for being flexible for rehearsals and Leon Sobba and Alex Hammeke for running sound. She also thanked Kent Robl for setting up for practices and the concert.

Last but not least, Mrs. Stegman thanked the parents for supporting the children.

In the back row of the audience, were members of the 8th grade class, who even though they have their music at the high school, came to support their classmates.



Spring Music Program Finds Students in their Pajamas.

Can You Guess Who?



April
Showers
bring May
Flowers

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PSR Students Have Breakfast For Steubenville Conference

Parish School of Religion, under the direction of Sean O'Neill, put on a breakfast of burritos and French toast on April 2nd, to make money for their trip to the Steubenville Conference in Springfield, Missouri, this summer.

For a free will donation you could put all the salsa you wanted on your egg burrito, or all the syrup you wanted on your French toast. Fruit, juice and coffee topped off the breakfast.

The high school students thank everyone for their support and prayers and were happy to see so many attend the breakfast.

Altar Society Needs Help To Meet Needs of the Church

St. Joseph's Altar Society offers services to our parish by providing altar supplies and servicing the needs of our fellow parishioners through funeral dinners and special events. This is our Mission Statement.

Altar Society membership consists of all registered women of the parish who are 18 years of age or older. We provide the items necessary for the altar.

We invite you to participate in the St. Joseph's Altar Society "No cake", "No salad", "No Work, Fundraiser which is explained in a recent flyer sent to every woman in the parish.

Please be generous with your donations. If each lady would give a donation of \$20-\$25 (or as the Holy Spirit moves you!), this fundraiser will be a success and we can cover our expenses.

You may place your envelope in the collection at church, leave it at the parish office or mail it. Help with funeral dinners and other events will still be needed.

Current President, Mary Waite, thanks everyone who helped with the various events during 2016. Your help was very much appreciated. We welcome all new women to the parish and the Altar Society.



Sponsors Damian and Melissa Tudor stand with Andria Menges and baby Olivia and Father Klein at Baptism.

Olivia Alane Bryant Baptized

By Sharla Thill

Wearing a white crocheted gown, three-months-old Olivia Alane Bryant was baptized at St. Joseph Church on February 25. She is the daughter of Andria Menges and Chad Bryant. Olivia was born on December 2, 2016.

The baptism gown was made by Andria's great grandmother Mabel Bousser in 1957. Andria says, "Aunt Millie Menges was the first one to wear the white gown and everyone in the family born after has worn it." It has been in the family for over sixty years.

Sponsors for Olivia are Andria's

cousins, Melissa and Damian Tudor of our parish community.

Grandparents are Mark and Tracy Menges of our parish, and Diana Schuster of Great Bend. Great Grandparents are Geraldine Menges of our parish, Jolene Bryant, and Patricia Collins, all of Ellinwood.

Olivia has an older brother, Andrew, who is in kindergarten at St. Joseph School. Mother Andria shared that, "It was a special moment when all the kindergarten classmates made welcome cards for the new baby." Congratulations to all on the Baptism of Olivia.

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Thank you SO much for your continued support of our school!

Guess Who Answers

**Mark Roth, 2nd Grade
St. Joseph School**

**Yvonne Strecker
St. Boniface High School
Tipton, Kansas 1970**

**Delores Hauser
On her wedding to
Edward, May 13, 1946**



Exploring the Central Kansas Dream Center

THE CENTRAL KANSAS DREAM CENTER is located at the old Roosevelt school building in Great Bend and is the home to many ministries:

DANIEL R. TRICKEY LIFE GIVING CENTER is a transitional housing shelter for women, both with and without children. It offers women an opportunity to get back on their feet by providing room and board, outreach classes, prayer, and support, all at no cost. There are currently openings in this shelter.

HUNGRY HEART SOUP KITCHEN serves lunch to Central Kansas' needy, Monday through Friday 11:45 AM- 12:30 PM. The doors open at 10 AM so individuals can enjoy fellowship, get a cup of coffee or water and snack. The Soup Kitchen will accept donations of food that is left-over and unwanted from dinners, luncheons or any event. If they have enough food donations for that day and cannot use it in the soup kitchen, they give the food to the women and children who are in their shelter. Please call 620-282-4014 if you have food to donate.

KINGDOM KLOSET provides clothing, linens & household items at no charge to those in need. Store hours are currently Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM- 1 PM. Donations of clothing, good furniture, and working appliances are accepted if there is a current need at the shelter. If you have clothing/household items to donate, please call 620-282-4014 and they will tell you what items they are currently accepting.

DREAM CENTER YOUTH LIVING provides furnished rooms for young single women between the ages of 18 and 21 who have aged out of the Foster Care System with no support. The staff provides a loving, Christ-centered environment where the youth can thrive in learning life skills, obtain education and independence.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMS are separate 9 month, Christian-based residential programs that help men and women overcome life-controlling issues such as substance abuse, anger, depression, and the emotional residue left by mental, physical, and sexual abuse. Enrollment is free. Participants are taught to confront and overcome their issues, learn to create positive coping techniques, and to mend broken or strained relationships. The goal is to reunite participants with their families, as well as provide learning skills to

improve their future. Addiction does not just happen in under-privileged families....it can happen in any family. Drug addiction happens in all levels of society for various reasons. When individuals are in the program, they learn that God's love is unconditional. Participants must also submit to the rules of the program, and also submit to God. While in the program, there is no social media or television. However, Christian movies are allowed. There are currently openings in this program. The Dream Center is willing to visit churches to share testimonies.

There is currently a Human Trafficking Program for adults. In the future, they hope to add a Human Trafficking Program for youth ages 12-23 with the help of a foster care agency.

The Dream Center also has a mailbox program for individuals who do not have a physical address of their own to be able to get an ID and apply for jobs and services. They also offer multiple groups to the community including parenting, grief and loss, breaking abusive relationship cycles, overcoming depression, anger management and more.

DCF is proud to partner with the CKDC to provide a DCF staff member at the Dream Center every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to answer questions and help individuals access DCF services.

Kimberly Becker is the director of The Dream Center. In a recent interview, she stated, "The biggest thing that is going on in the Dream Center is fundraising for our 3rd floor, and we are still selling tax credits

for that also. Our 3rd floor will consist of studio and one bedroom apartments to accommodate staff and married couples who would like to come through our programs together, a medical clinic room, prayer chapel, elevator, conference room, and 3 offices to accommodate staff. We are in need of monthly donors who are willing to commit to a monthly donation to continue to meet the needs of those we serve and to meet the growing needs of the Dream Center. I would love to give a tour, call me at 620-282-4014."

In addition to the construction on the 3rd floor, the bathrooms on the main floor, by the soup kitchen, are being refurbished to provide showers for the homeless.

Celebrating Seniors 2017



Keeley Hipp



Keeley Hipp, member of Holy Family Church in Odin, will graduate from CPHS this May. Keeley has participated in tennis, basketball and track for the past four years. She has been active in KAYS and O-Club for four years, National Honor Society for two years, CPHS Dance, the school play, and Renaissance for one year. She was crowned 2016 Football Homecoming Queen.

Keeley has worked hard and earned much success in tennis. Her Freshman year, her doubles team placed 11th, sophomore year placed 5th, and both Junior and Senior years, Keeley won State Tennis Class 3,2,1 A Doubles Title. Keeley was also a member of the CPHS Basketball Team that won Class 2A State Championships her Sophomore, Junior and Senior Years.

Keeley likes spending time with her family and friends and playing tennis. Some of her greatest memories have come from playing summer tennis throughout her high school years.

Her Catholic faith has helped her realize the importance of family and faith. She would not be the person she is now without all of her high school religion teachers she has had and who continue to teach her about her faith.

After graduation from CPHS, Keeley plans to attend Sterling College and major in Elementary Education. She will also play tennis at Sterling College.

She is the daughter of Mike and Patty Hipp. Keeley has two sisters, Allie and Katie. Her grandparents are Art and Shirley Honas and the late Tom and Janet Hipp.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Keeley on her future at Sterling College from her church community!



Janae Ryan, daughter of Jim and Lisa Ryan, will be graduating from CPHS this May.

Janae has been active in tennis, basketball, track, golf, Yearbook, Scholars Bowl, Math Relays, NHS, KAYS, FCCLA, O-Club, and CYO.

She has worked hard and has been very successful while at CPHS. Janae is a Two-Time State Tennis Doubles Champion and a member of the CPHS Basketball Team that won four State 2A Basketball Championships. Her honors include All-League Basketball, All-State Tennis, and All-State Basketball. Janae is on Honor Roll and is Valedictorian of her class.

Janae said her Catholic faith has helped her become a more independent person and stronger leader. Her hobbies include playing sports, reading, and spending time with her family & friends.

In the fall, Janae will attend Sterling College and major in Secondary Education. While at Sterling, she will play both tennis and basketball for Sterling College. Her future plans include becoming a high school English teacher.

Janae's siblings are Michael, Devin, Emily, and Peyton. Her grandparents are Mary Ryan and the late Francis Ryan and Eugene Hoelscher and the late Shirley Hoelscher.

Immaculate Conception Parish community wishes Janae the very best at Sterling next year!

Janae Ryan



Aaron Schneweis



Aaron Schneweis, a Senior at CPHS in Claflin, will graduate this May.

He has participated in football for four years, basketball for one year, golf for three years, and tennis for one year. Aaron was on the football team when CPHS won the 8-Man D1 2014 State Football Championship. He was also FFA State Land Judging Champion.

After Graduation, Aaron plans to attend Barton Community College. At this time, he is undecided on a major. Aaron said by knowing that God is always there to help him, it has given him the confidence to push himself in everything.

Aaron is the son of Kirk Schneweis and Lori Schneweis, and he has two half-brothers, Justin and Jason Keller.

Immaculate Conception wishes Aaron Good Luck on his next adventure!

Kylee Kasselmann



Senior Kylee Kasselmann will graduate from Central Plains High School this May.

At CPHS, Kylee has participated in volleyball, basketball, powerlifting, and track all four years. She has been active in Yearbook and National Honor Society for two years, and Book Club, the All-School Play, Kansas Association for Youth, and FHSU Math Relays for three years. Kylee was elected President of her Senior Class.

Her many Awards and Honors include Central Prairie League Honors Banquet for two years, KU Honors Banquet, KVA All-Academic Team for three years, Superintendent's Honor Roll, and is Valedictorian of the Senior Class.

Kylee has been involved in CYO and National Catholic Youth Conference.

Along with her parents, Kylee has hosted the Fall Fun Festival for the past 11 years. All proceeds raised go to the local organization Kans 4 Kids.

Her most memorable moments were beating Hillsboro in the Volleyball Sub-State Championship and winning State Basketball all four years at Central Plains.

Kylee's faith has helped give her confidence in herself and her decisions. She knows God will guide her.

In her spare time, Kylee likes working out, reading, and coloring.

This fall, Kylee plans on attending Hesston College and pursue a BSN in Nursing. She eventually wants to become a Nurse Practitioner or a Physician's Assistant. While at Hesston College, Kylee will also play volleyball.

She is the daughter of Kyle and Melinda Kasselmann. Kylee has three brothers: Justin, Gunner, and Gavin Graves. Her Grandparents are Jenny and Pat Kasselmann and Walt and Deanna Ruckman.

Congratulations, Kylee, on all your accomplishments.

Good Luck at Hesston College from your Parish Community!



What's going on around the Parish...

Claflin K of C Purchase New Tables

The Claflin K of C Council recently purchased 42 new tables for the Parish Center. The new tables are much lighter than the old heavy tables and will be easier to set up and take down. They are eight feet in length and fold up. Under the direction of Toby Holmes and Jim Ryan, a group of high school students helped unload the new tables that were delivered Friday March 31st. Thank You to our local Knights for the tables and for everything you do for our parish community.

K of C Hosts Golf Tourney

Claflin Knights of Columbus will be hosting a 3-Person Scramble on Sunday May 28th at the Claflin Golf Course. For more information, contact Kyle Hickel at 620-282-1858.



Immaculate Altar Society

On Sunday April 2nd, Co-President Connie Miller opened the spring meeting with a prayer. Other officers present were Co-President Patty Schmidt and Treasurer Alvita Cates.

Sandi Oberle gave an update on Care Portal. Altar Society voted to donate to the Community Scholarship, CPHS After-Prom and the Lions Club Easter Egg hunt. The Fall Luncheon was also discussed.

Door prizes were won by Mary Rose Oberle, Denise Schmidt and Margaret Frisbie.

Entertainment before the meeting was provided by the Children's Liturgy. Father Klein stopped by to watch the children sing two songs. Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice and coffee was served for all those attending.

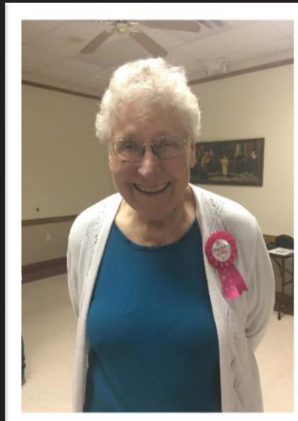
The next Altar Society meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 27th.

Upcoming Events

At Immaculate Conception Parish

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| May 3 | May Day @ Odin (Crowning, Dinner & Carnival) |
| May 7 | First Holy Communion @ Odin |
| May 14 | Mother's Day / Graduation |
| May 21 | Confirmation Practice & Retreat |
| May 28 | K of C Golf Tournament |
| May 31 | Confirmation @ Immaculate Conception |

Watch the Bulletin for times and schedule changes



Sister Andre

After mass on Tuesday March 21, several parishioners, Father Klein and CoCo, gathered at the parish center to celebrate Sister Andre's birthday. A card signed by all who attended was given to Sister and everyone enjoyed birthday cake and coffee.

Happy Birthday Sister Andre!
We wish you many more wonderful and healthy years to come!

Birthday Celebration!

PRS NEWS: CONFIRMATION

Jane Oeser, Confirmation instructor at Immaculate Conception has been working hard making sure the following students are prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The students have researched and selected a name of a Saint for their Confirmation name that has special meaning. They performed services projects throughout the year. The students wrote about one project and what it meant to them. They have been writing individual letters to Father Klein and will continue to discuss what Confirmation means and how one leads a life of Christianity. Confirmation will be held on Wednesday May 31st at Immaculate Conception Church.

Please keep these Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthen their relationship with God.

Kade Beck is the son of Jeff and Stacey Beck. His Confirmation name is Saint Michael, "he is known for leading angels and the army of God." Kade chose this saint "because I like to be the best I can. I enjoy leading groups and protecting loved ones in my life. Confirmation to me means to promote myself to God and have him fully accept me."

Jerred Bieberle is the son of Audria and Jerry Bieberle. He chose Saint Christopher as his Confirmation name. Jerred picked this name "because it's my godfather's name. Also, my grandma helped me pick it. Furthermore, he helped thousands of people convert to Christianity. Saint Christopher was the Patron Saint of Travelers and children. Confirmation for me will help strengthen my faith because I will be fully accepted by God. It will help not just me but others that I share it with. I plan to live a Christian life with all of my friends and family."

Addison Crites is the daughter of Dan and Lisa Crites. She picked Saint Julia for her Confirmation name "because of how admirable she is. She kept her faith in tough situations as I wish to keep throughout my whole life. Confirmation to me means that I am ready for the next step in my Christian faith. I am ready to prepare for my life by taking my spiritual self seriously and unleash the Holy Spirit in my life."

Paxton Hammeke is the son of Kori Hammeke and Steve Hammeke. His Confirmation name is (Francis) Xavier. Paxton chose the saint name (Francis) Xavier, "because I like what he stood for. I also wanted to choose a name that was the same as a loved one. Confirmation to me means coming closer to God, and the need to become more active in the church."

Alex Hickel is the son of Kyle Hickel and Angie Liebl. He chose the name Saint Sebastian, "because it represents athletes and I consider myself as one. I also want to be as strong willed as Sebastian. Confirmation means to me that you are choosing to become a part of the Catholic faith. It is also the first Sacrament that we get to choose to do, recognizing me as an adult capable of making my own faith decisions."

Brianna Hickel is the daughter of Don Hickel. She picked Magdalene as her Confirmation name "because this is my great grandma's name. I want to keep her name in the family so it won't be lost throughout the years to come. This sacrament of Confirmation is to help us deepen and strengthen our faith. This is also not only for our own needs but for the needs of others."

Owen Klug is the son of Gavin and Kiley Klug. He chose Nathaniel as his Confirmation name for many reasons. "Nathaniel means "Gift from God" and "loyal." Owen has been a gift from God to both us as his parents and everyone who has the opportunity to know him. It was chosen by his grandpa Larry. Owen getting confirmed is an honor. He loves church and is surrounded by most of his favorite people when attends in Odin."

Rachel Lamatsch is the daughter of Greg and Sonya Lamatsch. She picked Saint Faustine "because she was so devoted to Jesus and I hope to become more devoted to Jesus as well. Also, she's the Patron Saint of Mercy and had personal suffering for those who sinned, putting others above herself. Confirmation means becoming more active in my faith as well as with the church. Also, it's now my decision if I carry on with my Christian life, and I plan too."

Brett Liebl is the son of Todd and Carla Liebl. He chose Saint Sebastian as his Confirmation name because he "is well known for his energetic way of spreading and defending the Faith. I want to be as energetic and strong as he was in his life, in my everyday life. St. Sebastian is the patron Saint of Athletes. I think the Sacrament of Confirmation means deciding on whether you want to commit to the Catholic Church or not. In the future, I plan to partake in the Christian community with my family."

Mikavla Menges is the daughter of Katrina Menges and Mike Menges. She chose the name Saint Claire of Assisi "because I like what Saint Claire did. She helped many people and I would like to help many people throughout my life. The Sacrament of Confirmation means quite a bit in the Catholic faith. To me it is like an acceptance ritual to be a Catholic. It helps bond you to God better."

Jacob Oberle is the son of Ray and Sandi Oberle. His Confirmation name is Saint Mark. "Whenever I was younger, and I was with my grandparents, my grandma would always tell me about Saint Mark. She told me how his symbol is a winged lion. When I think of Confirmation, I think of getting closer and closer to God. I also think how God is having such an impact on my life."

Lawson Oeser is the son of Jon and Jane Oeser. He chose Saint Francis of Assisi as his Confirmation name "because of my love for animals. I also enjoy the environment as Saint Francis did. My grandfather's name was Francis and he was a farmer who also loved the environment. Confirmation means to allow God to come into my life. In my future I plan to live a Christian life with my family and friends."

Delaney Rugan is the daughter of Janel and Richard Rugan. She chose Josephine as her Confirmation name. "Josephine is my grandma's name and I wanted my Confirmation name to be meaningful to me. To me Confirmation means growing in Grace and generosity, and becoming the best version of myself."

Devin Ryan is the son of Jim and Lisa Ryan. He chose Saint Thomas Aquinas as his Confirmation name "because he is known for teaching and schools/universities. Both of my parents are teachers and I also plan on becoming a teacher. Education is a big part of my life. Thomas is also my father's middle name which was passed on to myself. The Sacrament of Confirmation means to me choosing to become a member of the Catholic Church. Confirmation is really the first Sacrament that I choose to partake in. Baptism was a decision made by my parents, however: the decision to be confirmed is entirely my own."

Emilv Ryan is the daughter of Jim and Lisa Ryan. She chose Saint Therese as her Confirmation name "because despite her childhood difficulties she was able to find her way in the Catholic Church. I hope when I face adversity in my life I will be able to turn to God, similar to her. To me, Confirmation means I have the choice of whether or not I want to carry on my Christian faith, it is no longer my parent's decision. After being confirmed, I plan to continue living my Christian life and grow closer to God."

HIGH SCHOOL PSR GOES TO THE MOVIES



On Wednesday March 8th, Christina Hayes and 20 high school PSR students took a field trip to the Golden Belt Theater in Great Bend to watch the movie *The Shack*. The Christian-based film was about overcoming obstacles and learning to forgive even when it might be tough. It's a fictional description of the relationship of the Trinity, the sadness and healing of tragedy and the overall importance of a relationship with God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday March 15th, the 4th through 8th grade PSR students visited Holy Family Church in Odin. They compared the Stations of the Cross at Odin and saw how different they were from the Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception in Claflin. Sister Andre stopped at each station and discussed in detail what each person's role was. The children had lots of good questions for Sister. They also were amazed at how big the stations were. Teaching 4th grade PSR are Carol Lamatsch and Sonya Lamatsch, Denise Schmidt teaches 5th grade, Janie Haxton teaches 6-7th grade and Lois Steiner teaches 8th grade.





Please Join us in Prayer for Bradley, Preston, Layla, Landon, and Olive

This group of five brothers and sisters is extremely close. They love each other and look out for each other. Ranging from 2 to 11 years old, they've been in foster care since 2015.

Four of the children live with the same foster family, but the youngest, Olive, is in a separate home. Her siblings miss her greatly.



Bradley, 11, likes to play soccer and tether ball. Shy and kind-hearted, he's a wonderful big brother. Preston, 9, likes to play outside, hunting for frogs, turtles, and snakes. He loves to fish, explore, and learn new things. Layla, 7, likes to dance and play volleyball. Kind and caring, she enjoys helping around the house.

Landon, 6, likes to fish and explore, often following his older brothers around. He makes friends easily and gets along well with both peers and adults. Olive, 2, is sweet, affectionate, and petite. Like her sister, she also loves to dance.

The best outcome for these children would be adoption together. They have a close bond and need each other. A two-parent family with experience in mental health and trauma would provide them with the best chance of healing and growth. They need an active family that can give all five children the structure, attention, and love they deserve.

O God of Wonder:

The bond of love shared by Bradley, Preston, Layla, Landon, and Olive is strong and holy. These children who have lost so much don't want to lose each other.

Please send them parents who will welcome and raise them together as brothers and sisters in the same family. Give them a home where they are all accepted, appreciated, and cherished for who they are as individuals.

Give them hope in a happy life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries - May 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

May Birthdays

- 1 Toby Holmes
- 1 Darren Siemsen
- 2 Kevin Dolechek
- 3 Mary Rooney
- 5 Bernice Barnes
- 6 Madeline Demel
- 8 Paxton Dody
- 8 Callie Zink
- 9 Sydney Feist
- 9 McKinley Harrison
- 9 Janell Hubbard
- 11 Fred Beck
- 11 John Ross Moran
- 12 Barbara Musgrove
- 14 Peggy Feist
- 14 Angela Liebl
- 14 Brenda Pflughoeft
- 14 Jane Steinert
- 15 Janae Hekele
- 18 Patricia Kirmer
- 19 Victor Oberle
- 20 Perry Krier
- 20 Denise Schmidt
- 21 Larry Hekele
- 21 Tate McKenna
- 21 Janae Ryan
- 22 Darlene Bortz
- 22 Candra Miller
- 22 Nancy Wirth
- 23 Peyton Dody
- 23 Erika Gisick
- 24 Jamie Liebl
- 24 Janel Rugan
- 26 John Miller
- 29 Lexi Brocker
- 30 Jake Oberle
- 31 Kendra Oberle
- 31 Abby Stueder

May Anniversaries

- 1 Jerry & Bonnie Buehler
- 5 Robert & Nancy Beck
- 15 Richard & Mary Lou Letourneau
- 30 Kevin & Rachel Dolechek

May Birthdays

- 1 Lana Brown
- 1 Logan Panning
- 3 Ron Strecker
- 3 Rick Thomas
- 5 Grant Klepper
- 5 Gilbert Schartz
- 5 Jenna Snell
- 6 Catherine Hammeke
- 6 Christopher Rugan
- 7 Dan Zink
- 8 Jeslyn Klepper
- 9 Mathew Hammeke
- 11 Ashley Bayer
- 11 Vivian Klepper
- 12 Monica Hammeke
- 13 Melissa Tudor
- 15 Isaiah Steele
- 15 Amber Zink-Quesenbury
- 18 Rachel Strecker
- 19 Jared Oelke
- 19 Cody Zink
- 20 Josh Komarek
- 20 Leah Steffan
- 21 Jamie Rowan
- 22 Kent Robl
- 22 Nicklaus Strecker
- 23 Lorraine Petz
- 23 Craig Robl
- 23 Evelyn Stegman
- 23 Marc Waite
- 24 Kynlee Doll
- 25 Jerry Standlee
- 26 Steve Hammeke
- 26 Keaton Lewis
- 26 Lauren Thill
- 28 Paul Huschka
- 28 Andrew McGlynn
- 29 Fr. Charles Mazouch
- 29 Kala Moeder
- 30 Julia Clemons
- 31 Mike Moeder

St. Joseph Church



May Anniversaries

- 2 Vernon & Louise Hammeke
- 3 Dennis & Marla Habiger
- 3 Roy & Elaine Schlochtermeier
- 9 Charles & Marita Elliot
- 10 David & Mary Tudor
- 11 Bill & Tracy Williams
- 12 Kevin & Gina Clair
- 16 Mathew & Amy Hammeke
- 16 Mike & Kala Moeder
- 21 Jesse & Audrey Lewis
- 24 Ryan & Patricia Panning
- 24 Terry & Karla Siefers
- 26 John & Tammy Sturn
- 28 Steve & Lora Billinger
- 30 Leon & Linda Sobba
- 31 Leon & Marilyn Reichuber

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

May 2017

Sunday May 7 2017

- Lectors: Darah Harrison, Janet Hitschmann
- Eucharistic Ministers: Karlynn Beck, Fred Beck, Doris Feist
Dawnya Hickel, Carmen Johnson
- Gift Bearers: Janie Haxton, Dee Krier
- Greeters: John & Lori Koester Family
- Servers: Emma Hickel, Lexie Oeser
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Sunday May 14 2017 (MOTHER'S DAY/GRADUATION)

- Lectors: Janae Ryan, Kylee Kasselmann
- Eucharistic Ministers: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Laurie Feist,
Bridget Letourneau, Kathy Krier
- Gift Bearers: Senior Graduates
- Greeters: Todd & Carla Liebl Family
- Servers: Tyler Holmes, Peyton Ryan
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

Sunday May 21 2017

- Lectors: Toby Holmes, Janell Hubbard
- Eucharistic Ministers: Carla Liebl, Todd Liebl, Jim Oberle,
Barbara Musgrove, Rita Stueder
- Gift Bearers: Richard & Janel Rugan Family
- Greeters: Jon & Jane Oeser Family
- Servers: Lauren Oeser, Lawson Oeser
- Sacristan: Joan Miller

Sunday May 28 2017

- Lectors: Lori Koester, Kathy Krier
- Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Liebl, Joan Miller, Bill Thomas,
Carmen Johnson, Doris Feist
- Gift Bearers: Chris Steiner Family
- Greeters: Marvin & Bobette Kirmer
- Servers: Mollie Steiner, Callie Zink
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

Wednesday May 31 2017 (Confirmation)

- Lectors: Addison Crites, Jerred Bieberle
- Eucharistic Ministers: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl,
Nancy Liebl, Sister Andre
- Gift Bearers: Brett Liebl, Delaney Rugan
- Greeters: Kevin & Nancy Liebl Family
- Servers: Lexie Oeser, Brynna Hammeke
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

WEEKDAY *Schedule*

May 2 2017

- Lector: Sister Andre
- EM: Joan Miller, Kathy Krier

May 4 2017

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Jim Oberle, Bill Thomas

May 5 2017

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Sister Andre, Kathy Krier

May 9 2017

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

May 11 2017

- Lector: Sister Andre
- EM: Bill Thomas, Kathy Krier

May 16 2017

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Sister Andre, Joan Miller

May 18 2017

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Jim Oberle, Bill Thomas

May 23 2017

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Kathy Krier, Jim Oberle

May 25 2017

- Lector: Sister Andre
- EM: Joan Miller, Bill Thomas

May 30 2017

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Sister Andre, Joan Miller

May 2017
Daily Eucharistic Ministers

3 - Marcella Birzer, Glenda Heinz
5 - Gerry Menges, JoAnn Roth
10 - Sharla Thill, Glenda Heinz
12 - Kirk Bressler, Angie Hammeke
17 - Glenda Heinz, Sharla Thill
19 - JoAnn Roth, Marcella Birzer
24 - Kirk Bressler, Sharla Thill
26 - JoAnn Roth, Angie Hammeke



SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

May 6 - Steve & Amy Oelke Family,
Josh Komarek, Jamie Komarek

May 13 - Yvonne Strecker, Joni &
Louie Pivonka, Paul Huschka, Angie
Hammeke, Millie Menges

May 20 - Glen & Kathy Hertel, Nancy
Jenisch, Connie Potts, Colton Potts,
Frances Rome

May 27 - David & Karla Gonzales,
Jason & Heather Schlochtermeier
Family

SUNDAY, 10:30AM MASS

May 7 - Charlie & Denise Joslin, Kelly
& Kristen Wondra Family

May 14 - Gerry Menges, Mark &
Tracy Menges, Robin & Monte Doll
Family

May 21 - Ed Schlochtermeier, John &
Marlene Clayton, Nick Younker, Leon
& Marilyn Reichuber

May 28 - Tom & Jolene Snell, Richard
& Jean Doll Family

Weekday Servers: Week of April 30 - Caylee Rowan, Karson Harrington

May 6 & 7

Lector 1 Yvonne Strecker
Lector 2 Jerome Huslig

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Larry Drees
Linda Sobba

EM Glenda Heinz
Millie Menges
Yvonne Strecker
Lori Billinger
Angie Hammeke

Mike Moeder
Catherine Strecker
Mary Tudor
Lori Billinger
Marcella Birzer

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Drew & Colby Heinz A. J. Bowyer, Cody Zink

Sacristan Larry Drees Kirk Bressler

Weekday Servers: Week of May 6 - Logan Panning, Britton Dutton

May 13 & 14

Lector 1 Karen Mitchell
Lector 2 Stephanie Joiner

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

John Sturn
Mary Waite

EM Glenda Heinz
Millie Menges
Jason Schlochtermeier
Melanie Zink
Sharon Gattton

LeRoy Thill
Sharla Thill
Mel Waite
Kent Roth
Jalayne Ewing

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Jonathon Mason, Karson Harrington David & Daniel Hammeke

Sacristan Joni & Louie Pivonka Kent Robl

Weekday Servers: Week of May 13 - Monica Hammeke, Emma Nienke

May 20 & 21

Lector 1 Ellen Shanteau
Lector 2 Steve Billinger

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

SJS Student
SJS Student

EM Jerome Huslig
Paul Schlochtermeier
Rod Weber
Danielle Weber
Curtis Wolf

Lori Hammeke
Jean Klepper
Angie Hammeke
John Clayton
Kim Heinz

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Haley Rugan, Erin Hammeke SJS Students

Sacristan Rosemary Robl JoAnn Roth

Weekday Servers: Week of May 20 - Erin Hammeke, Sarah Hammeke

May 27 & 28

Lector 1 Heather Panning
Lector 2 Derek Joiner

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Sharon Gattton
Catherine Strecker

EM Yvonne Strecker
Rosie Joiner
Joe Schulte
Steve Oelke
Amy Oelke

Ed Schlochtermeier
Kirk Bressler
Rick Thomas
Lori Thomas
Kent Roth

Accomp/Cantor

Servers: Brayden Williams, Shaun Weber Kiley & Haley Troyer

Sacristan Marilyn Schartz Gerry Menges

Weekday Servers: Week of May 28 - Grant Klepper, Ashtin Klepper

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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May 2017



	1 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	2 No Mass [C]	3 Mass 8:15am [E]	4 Mass 8:15am [C]	5 First Friday Mass 8:15am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	6 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
7 4th Sun. Of Easter Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	8 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	9 Mass 8:15am [C] Pastoral Council 7pm [C]	10 Mass 8:15am [E]	11 Mass 8:15am [C]	12 Mass 8:15am [E]	13 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
14 5th Sun. Of Easter Mass 8:30am [C] Honor HS Seniors Mass 10:30am [E] Honor HS Seniors <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	15 Mass 9:30am Hospital K of C Mtg 8pm [C] Finance Council Mtg 7pm [E]	16 Mass 8:15am [C]	17 SJS End of School Year Mass 8:15am [E]	18 Mass 8:15am [C]	19 Mass 8:15am [E]	20 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
21 6th Sun. Of Easter Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	22 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven K of C Mtg 7:30pm [E]	23 Mass 8:15am [C]	24 Mass 8:15am [E]	25 Mass 8:15am [C]	26 Mass 8:15am [E]	27 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
28 Ascension Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	29 Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, North Ellinwood 8:30am	30 Mass 8:15am [C]	31 Mass 8:15am [E] Confirmation @ Clafin 7:00pm			

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Coffee, Tea and Water will accompany the meal.

(Wine and Beer, along with snacks will be available at no cost.)

Cost of Meal - \$30 per person or \$50 per couple

ADULTS ONLY

R.S.V.P. if need FREE BABY-SITTING which will be available

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or Contact any Living Legacy Committee Member

(Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available starting May 13th & 14th)