

The Spirit of St. Joseph Parish

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“Consider making an ACTS Retreat”

By Father Terrance Klein

Saint Thomas Aquinas said many insightful things. Here's one of his best: we become what we love. He meant that, over time, we become more like the people we love. Probably, because they have been such a part of our lives. Also, that we gain our identities from the things and activities, which we love. Someone who loves reading grows educated. A lover of a nature gradually takes on some of its patience, its beauty. So the question that matters is this: how much do you love your Catholic faith and the parish that shares it with you? Does your love show in the time and the resources that you devote to it? If not, maybe your love isn't as deep as you might have thought.

ACTS is a retreat program, which has recently come to our diocese. ACTS is an acronym for: Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. Currently, they offer only two yearly retreats, one for women in September and one for men in November. The retreat is a parish-based event, which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. ACTS retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and, in this way, they serve to build Christian community at a parish.

The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. While utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal. women's retreat is September 7-10; the men's is November 16-19. The cost for either is \$175.00. The location is the Heartland Center of Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, in Great Bend. If you would like more information about the Acts retreats, call

Mel Waite of St. Joseph's (620)-564-2518. You can view a brochure about the retreat and download a registration form on our cluster's webpage (www.stjosephellinwood.com)

Consider making this retreat, and taking a friend with you. Yes, it's a commitment of time and money, as the retreats begin on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday morning. But is that more than what you do to attend a sporting event in Lawrence, Manhattan, or Kansas City? Remember: we become what we love.



“Relocation of Tabernacle And Other Work Finished”

By Sharla Thill

Father Klein and the parish community wish to thank Steve Birzer, and the K of C, who assisted him, for the recent restoration work in the Church. The Tabernacle was relocated back to the center of the sanctuary.

The group also constructed a platform to access the Tabernacle, and relocated the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. With this they also repaired the two sides of the apses.

And finally, they removed the old ceiling in the north sacristy and installed a new one, along with a fresh coat of paint for its walls.

Mark Herrman has completed the replacement of the large platform at the top of the steps that lead into the south sacristy from the outside. A fissure in the old one was allowing water to erode the steps by gradually removing their base.

Plans are for him to return in the fall to look at the stones beneath the concrete steps.



After Mass on Friday, July 7th, many parishioners gathered at the Church office to stuff envelopes for the pictorial directory.



“What matters most is how we treat a person who needs us the most in any given moment, not whether or not we get a task done.” Justin Fatica



Scholarships Given

Lake Lyman, son of Jim and Darci Lyman, Joanna Strecker, daughter of Monte and Catherine Strecker, and Jenna Oelke, daughter of Steve and Amy Oelke, are the winners of the Altar Society Scholarships for this year.



Altar Society's Summer

Members served cookies and drinks for the Bishop's reception on June 18th, near the Grotto. Thanks to all the cookie makers: Lori Steffan, Rosemary McCrary, Susie Batchman, Melanie Zink, Stephanie Joiner, JoAnn Roth, Joyce Schulte, Diane Nemnich, Jamie Komarek, Yvonne Strecker, Ginger Thill, Robin Cain, Lori Kelly and Amy Oelke.

Also thanks to the workers: Zink, Strecker and Joiner on Saturday night, and McCrary and Karla Gonzales on Sunday morning. Thanks also to the K of C, Curtis Wolf, Mel Waite, Rod Weber, Brandon Carr, David Gonzales, Ron McCrary and Jerome Huslig.



Vibrant Ministries Appeal

Bishop John Brungardt celebrated Mass with us on June 18th and provided us with an overview of the vibrant Ministries Appeal, which is happening in our Diocese.



School Starts Again

August 24th will be the First Day of School. The next day, the 25th, will be the Opening of School Mass and Reception. Mark your calendars.

Lotto St. Joe

Leon Reichuber was the \$50 winner for the week of June 16th. Tickets are re-entered and you can win multiple times.

Ron Rugan won the \$50 for the weekly drawing for June 23rd. On June 30th, Marcia Sauber was selected in the drawing for \$50.



A high school girl tells this story. One morning her father was leaving for work. He was about a half-hour early, as usual.

“Dad,” she said, “why don’t you relax rather than go to work so early?”

Her father replied, “I don’t go to work immediately, I usually catch the 8 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity.”

Later, the girl said to a friend, “I was really impressed. It gave me a new attitude toward Mass and a new insight into my dad.”

Do I really believe that example speaks louder than words? What does my example say to others, especially about my faith?



Theology on Tap

The July topic was presented by Father Klein on “How Did we get from the Last Supper to Mass?” and “Where did that come from in the Mass?” The topic was very popular and a large group was in attendance, with many questions to ask.



Summertime Thinking?

Do you have a friend or a relative who may be in need of a church home? “the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults” will begin in September.

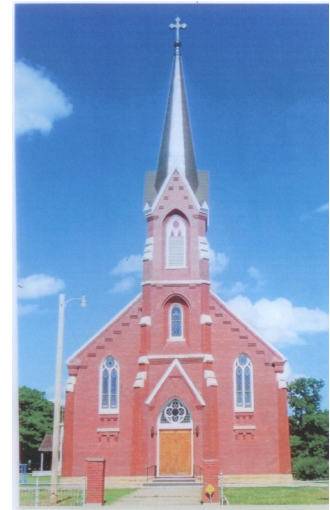
This would be a good time to reflect and pray about whom the Lord may be seeking to touch through us. If you raise the issue to someone this summer it will give him or her time to think about it. What does it mean to be a Christian, if we do nothing to help spread the faith?



Sister Renee Kirmer Came

Sister Renee Kirmer, former pastoral minister in Claflin for several years, came to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parishes on the weekend of June 24-25, to talk about the Cooperative Mission Appeal.

The two parishes have been assigned the missions of the Adorers of the Precious Blood in Wichita. Father Klein said, “Because the diocese makes a contribution on our behalf, there was no second collection or special envelopes.”



Annual Feast Day Mass Held at Sts. Peter & Paul

Father Terrance Klein celebrated the annual Feast Day Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, north of Ellinwood, on June 29th. A nice crowd attended the late afternoon Mass.

Altar servers were Wittney Hammeke and Monica Hammeke. Kent Roth and Kylee Kasselmann were the lectors. Joyce Haberman was organist.

Lots of work is continuously being done at the church, and this year air conditioning was put in, adding greatly to the comfort of all the participants.

A dinner was served following the Mass in the basement of the old rectory, which has been remodeled into a wonderful hall in anticipation of many future events of this kind. Joe and Joyce Schulte made and served the food, consisting of pulled pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and dessert; all for a donation.

Members of Sts. Peter and Paul Restoration committee are Jenny Kasselmann, Ryan Robl, Norman Johanning, David Zink and Kim Dobratz.

“Rowan Family Shares the 4-H Experience”

By Sharla Thill

4-H is creating an army of young leaders all over Kansas. These students learn valuable life skills, they say, and a lot of it they simply could not learn while sitting at a desk in a classroom.

“Fair week is the busiest time of the year,” says Caden Rowan. “I have been in 4-H for five years. It has taught me to be independent and to be a leader. I have learned to be creative, and tried things that I would not have considered before, like photography and baking.”

Caden entered a Kentucky Butter Cake in the baking category. On vacation in Tennessee, Caden used his skills in photography to shoot a picture of a panda, for which he won a purple ribbon. He is presently secretary for the Ellinwood Energizers, and says, “It is nice to go to a meeting where there are other children who share your interests.”

Cayman, the youngest Rowan, also enjoys photography and baking, and won a purple ribbon at the Fair with his Starbucks Pumpkin Pound Cake. He also won the Championship in baking.

But, I think maybe he most enjoys working with dogs, and he showed his German Shephard/American Lab at the Fair, in Obedience, Show, Rally (to a pattern) and agility.

Cayman says, “You have to do everything on your own, without any help, just you and the dog. I would never have considered working with dogs, if not for 4-H. It helped me to be determined in what I did and to keep trying. Next year I am going to use an Australian Shephard dog.”

This is Cayman’s fourth year in 4-H and he has served on the recreation committee as leader of the games at meetings.

Friendship is what starts some students, and Caylee Rowan remarked, “I have met some of my best friends at 4-H.” A member for six years, Caylee says she was really shy and 4-H boosted her confidence, and she is not afraid to try different things.”

She also served on the recreation committee as a leader. Her favorite game to share is “a minute to win it”. Currently Caylee is a co-chair reporter at the meetings and reports to the newspaper.

This young gal also does baking, photography, and arts and crafts. Caylee remarked, “I chose Photography because I like to be outside and enjoy looking at pictures.” She was champion in the black and white, for her age group, and



With big smiles, Caylee, Cayman and Caden Rowan show off their prize winning photography pictures, recently entered in the Barton County Fair.

also won in colored picture. Both won purple ribbons.

In baking she made a Marble Angel Food Cake. She laughed, “As you age and work your way up, more is expected of you. You can’t get away with cookies anymore.”

The three Rowan children keep a record book of their experiences in a project book, which they will present to their county extension agent, as nearly all 4-H kids do at the end of the program year.

Parents also play an important role in 4-H. Mother, Jamie, said, “4-H was a good fit for our family. The family can all be in it together.”

“One of the things I like about 4-H is Parliamentary Procedure,” she shared. “The child has to wait their turn to be called on, learns patience, and how to conduct a meeting. They are exposed to the many leaders around Barton Co. that share their talents with the kids. For example, Kristen Wondra has a baking day, where all can learn the basics of baking.” Many other Ellinwood families are involved in 4-H at the moment: Hammeke, Wondra, Reh and Troyer families.”

Dad, Brian Rowan, takes a group of boys out to learn about fishing. He also teaches shooting classes at 4-H, and both his sons are involved in that. Cayman won third place for most points, at the Pawnee County shooting contest. 4-H is definitely a family affair.

There are 4-H camps, where you sleepover for a few days and Caden and Cayman have both attended. Caden said, “There are some perks to being a little bit older. You get to

sleep in a cabin.” Cayman, on the other hand, said it was pretty chilly in that tent.

4-H days are numerous and special, because everyone gets to showcase their talents, like playing the piano, doing community service, help with gifts for a needy family or even attend a church service somewhere together.

Every so often members have to give a 2-5 minute Project Talk. Caden talked about Bee Keeping, which he has been doing for the past three years. Cayman loves to fish, so talked about the things he keeps in his two tackle boxes.

4-H cannot help but be a benefit for the entire family. The Ellinwood Energizers are definitely a busy group and a real team effort. And, believe it or not, all three Rowan kids could say the 4-H Pledge faster than I could take notes.



“We Welcome Back Robin Cain”



By Sharla Thill

Robin Cain has returned to Ellinwood, after a 30 year plus absence. She says, “My children and I both grew up in Ellinwood. We moved to Barton Hills when I remarried. Unfortunately, my husband, Jerry Broadfoot, died of cancer a short time later.”

“I returned to school to become an RN,” Robin continued. “I enjoyed a career in nursing at Larned State years ago.” During this time Robin had a 20 year marriage to Jim Cain, who also died of cancer three years ago.

“My son, Troy Munden (known to many as Topper), lives in Gardner, Kansas with his family. He has been employed with a Gas Service Co. for at least 32 years. His wife, Wendy, is a postal worker. If the mail is late with a card, I blame it on her “boss”.

“They have a merged family, consisting of four grown children; Justin, Tara, Austin, Hayden and one ten year old, Chase, who is at home with them.”

“Son, Rob Munden, lives in Larned with his family. He works at Larned State Hospital, where he is an Education Therapy supervisor.” Robin continues. “He also works out of Barton College, teaching Speech in the evenings, and holding seminars for Drama and Play Production.”

“His wife, Julie, also works at Barton College as a video/photographer, producing many of the pictures and videos for the paper and BCCC paper

and book. As a second job, she is also a photographer for weddings and multi occasions.”

“They have a daughter, Dallas, who attends college and works at Carney, Nebraska; a nine year old son, Maverick and seven year old Mia, who are at home with them at Larned.”

Robin comments, “I feel that it was God’s authorship that assisted in weaving me back to Ellinwood. I became reacquainted with a classmate from this fair city, Ken Lebbin, hence my return.”

When asked what she does in her spare time, Robin laughed and said, “What spare time?” Besides moving this past year and restructuring her life, Robin attends Jazzercise and Recreation Center dance therapy in Great Bend. She volunteers for PSR at Prince of Peace, where she assists Luz

Betty Gorden, prepare seven year olds for First Communion.

Robin goes on to say, “For 27 years I have been with an organization, REACH, sponsored by the K of C for the adult mentally disabled. I have been the chairman, so to speak, for about 20 years and have eight volunteers who have been faithful to me and the association.”

The past five years Robin has worked with the Ministries against Domestic Violence, and also helps with the Pilot Club that assists brain injury related conditions. She is a member of the Daughters of Isabella and has enjoyed Spanish classes at Prince of Peace.

Robin thanks everyone for welcoming her back to St. Joseph’s Parish and remarked, “It feels like I never left! Now, I am busy deciding my next GOD moment and enjoying every breath.”

“Danielle and Jesse Broce Bring New Baby for Baptism”

By Sharla Thill



Seth and Michelle DeWerff are sponsors for baby Dean Allen Broce at his baptism in St. Joseph Church. At right are Dean’s parents, Danielle and Jesse and older brother Jace. Presiding was Father Terrance Klein, pastor.

Dean Allen Broce was baptized at St. Joseph Church on June 11, with Father Klein officiating. He is the newborn son of Danielle and Jesse Broce and was welcomed home by big brother, Jace Joel. Dean Allen was born on April 19, his actual due date.

The baptismal gown was made by Danielle’s great grandmother, Mabel Bousser in 1957. It has a great tradition. 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.

Dean’s Baptism sponsors are Kaitlin and Seth DeWerff of Colorado. Danielle says, “Kaitlin and Seth are

great friends. We chose them because of their love for God and their persistent faith in upholding the commandments.”

Grandparents on Danielle’s side are: Michelle and Donovan Jones of Wichita, and Dennis Steele of Great Bend. Great Grandparents are Geraldine Menges of Ellinwood, and Jerry Menges, deceased.

Grandparents on Jesse’s side are: Shelly and Lawrence Broce of Ellinwood. Great Grandparents are Nancy Jenisch of Ellinwood, and Bob Jenisch, deceased.

A luncheon was held at the home of Jesse’s parents. Congratulations to the Broce family on the birth and baptism of Dean.

“O’Neill/Taylor Marry in Double Ring Ceremony”

By Sharla Thill

St. Joseph Church was the venue for the marriage of Sean O’Neill and Lesli Taylor on July 8th. Sean’s Uncle, Fr. John O’Neill, officiated at the double ring ceremony, along with Adam Taylor, Lesli’s brother. Fr. O’Neill is a pastor at St. John Before the Latin Gate in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. A reception followed at the St. Joseph Parish Center. Parents of the couple are Lynn and Traci Taylor of Scott City, Kansas, and Kevin and Connie O’Neill of Fredonia, Kansas.

Lesli has a younger brother, Adam, who is married to Anita. They have three children, Zoe, Elijah, and Isaiah, and reside in Scott City, Kansas. Sean has an older sister, Jennifer, who is married to Nicholas, and they live in Clay Center, Kansas. He also has an older brother, Brian, who is married to Lisa and they live in Pittsburg, Kansas.

The new bride graduated from Emporia State University with her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology. She is a 6th year teacher at Ellinwood Middle/High School, her 9th teaching year overall. Lesli teaches Language Arts, Video Production, and Yearbook.

The groom graduated from Pittsburg State University with a

Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Arts in History. He is also a teacher at Ellinwood Middle/High School, starting his fifth year, teaching Social Studies.

Sean said, “Lesli and I actually met during the summer before I started my first year of teaching in Ellinwood.” Sean is the youth group leader for the High School PSR students at St. Joseph Church.

“We both enjoy going on adventures, watching Netflix and spending time with family, especially our nieces and nephews,” comments Sean.

When asked about special traditions they might have together, Sean responded, “We go ice skating in Wichita for Valentine’s Day, followed by dinner and a movie. We also go to the Country Stampede every June.”

Lesli makes German chocolate cake for Sean’s birthday and the two start off each new school year with a picture together.

Other than that, the newly married couple will visit their families for the major holidays, where they will enjoy partaking in their childhood traditions.

Following the wedding, the couple will continue to live in Ellinwood. St. Joseph’s community wishes Sean and Lesli many happy years together.



Lesli and Sean O’Neill



Parish Member Celebrated 95th Birthday on July 19th

With a special card shower, children of Delores Hauser, celebrated her 95th birthday. Delores has been a member of St. Joseph parish her entire life.

Her children are Carol Lenhart and Larry Hauser, of Ellinwood, and Connie Koch of Grand Rapid’s, MI.

Cards can still be sent to 204 E Santa Fe, Ellinwood, Kansas 67526.



“A New Pictorial Directory”

By Sharla Thill

A new pictorial directory for our three parishes is in the happening process this summer. We are hoping the new book will include every parishioner, and that you took part in this important connection tool during the month of July.

We had sign-ups following the Masses on June 24th and 25th. You were able to have your pictures taken at each parish in the cluster.

The parish team for this event are Rosie Joiner, Danielle Carroll and Rosemary McCrary.



School Hosts Parents Meeting on August 6th

By Marlene Clayton

The St. Joseph School Council is hosting what has become an annual parents’ meeting, held in August each year. This year it will be held on August 6th.

We’re changing things up a bit this year by inviting families to join in a potluck dinner, which will begin at 5:30 in the Parish Center. Each family is asked to bring a favorite dish. Dinnerware and drinks will be provided.

A short parents’ meeting will follow the dinner during which we will discuss the financial standing of the school, as well as parents’ financial obligation to support the school.

Summer Scenes



Shelby Steffan, 4th grade, lights just one more firecracker on the 4th of July, as Leah, 1st grade, Bryce, 5th grade, and Dad watches.

Top Right: The three Klepper girls, Vivian, grade 3, her two sisters, and a friend, hold a small flower to take home by their host, Marla Habiger, at the recent Garden show.

Middle: Teacher, Jamie Harrington, teaches her son, Carter, new skills this summer.

Bottom: Following Mass, the "Gather" is the place for coffee. It's Angie, Judy, Rosemary, Larry, Joanita and Joy.



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Above: Father John took a picture with the coffee group that met after Mass on Tuesdays. What fun memories!

Adoption Services offered at *St. Francis Community Services*

Someone recently asked me about the possibility of adopting a child from the foster care system. Children become available for adoption when their parents have either relinquished their parental rights or had them terminated through the court system.



Types of Adoption

Foster To Adopt: Families licensed to provide respite and regular foster care adopt a child placed in their home.

Adopt Only: Families that adopt without becoming licensed foster care providers. Adopt Only families must meet one of three criteria:

- Accept children ages 7-18
- Accept children with moderate to severe needs
- Accept sibling groups of three or more

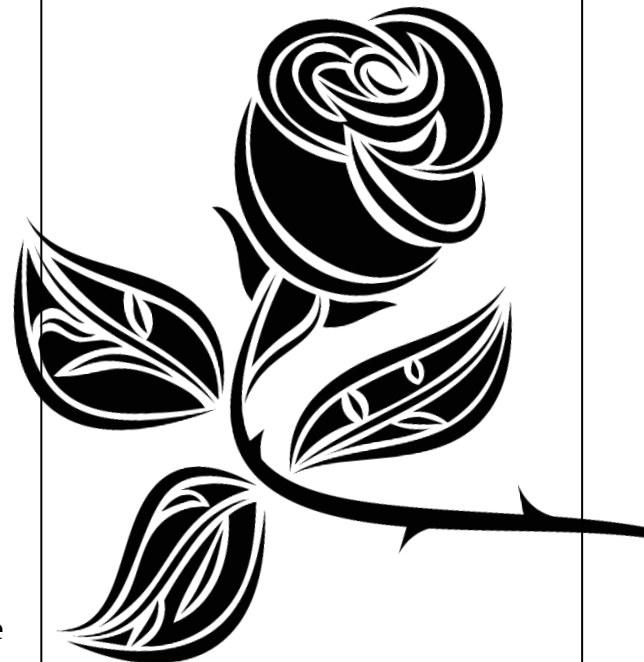
Relative/Kinship Adoption: Relatives and persons considered kin are encouraged to adopt if they can meet the needs of the child. Relatives are typically not required to take TIPS-MAPP training, but they still must complete both an adoption packet & Adoptive Family Assessment.

General Requirements for adoption

- Complete 10-week TIPS-MAPP course
- Complete adoption packet
- Adoptive Family Assessment
- Pass criminal background and Child Abuse Registry checks
- Be at least 21 years old, employed, and have room in your home

How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.”

-Mother Teresa



Frequently Asked Questions About Adoption



Do I have to own my home or have a certain income to adopt?

You do not have to own your home. You may rent a single family home or apartment. The only housing requirement is that you have sufficient space for all family members. Nor, must you be wealthy to adopt. You must, however, earn sufficient income to meet the needs of your entire family.

Does the child need to have his/her own room?

Not necessarily. Some children may require a bedroom to themselves; others may be able to share.

Can a single person adopt?

We encourage single persons to adopt. In some cases, due to a child's experiences with abuse or neglect, a single parent can best help the child heal and move forward.

What is the home study/family assessment?

The assessment documents your life experiences, lifestyle, and family's strengths and needs. It provides the child's case team with insights that guide their decisions during the adoption process.

How much does adoption cost?

There are generally no fees for adoption through the foster care system. Many legal fees and one-time expenses are reimbursed through the Department for Children and Families.

How long does the adoption process take?

It varies. The timeframe will depend upon the training class schedule, your motivation, and the child's availability for adoption. Once we receive your adoption packet, we'll assign an adoption specialist to guide you through the process, which could take up to a year to complete.

Will we need to hire an attorney?

You will need to hire an attorney to finalize the adoption. Attorney fees are reimbursable for children adopted through foster care. The Department for Children and Families sets the fees, so your attorney would have to be willing to accept those rates.

Why is the court system involved?

Like Saint Francis Community Services and other community agencies, the court protects the interests of children in foster care and available for adoption. Court action is also required to finalize the adoption.

Does Saint Francis Community Services have babies available for adoption?

We do not conduct private adoption of infants. All our adoptions occur through the foster care system. When an

infant enters foster care, we look for appropriate relative and kinship connections first. We then assess them as possible options for placement. If the infant has no such connections, the child will be placed with a foster family - often foster to adopt. Should reunification with the birth family not be possible, we will consider the foster family.

How do I adopt a child I know from my community?

We must respect the rights and privacy of children in the foster care system. When a family interested in adoption is aware of a particular child in need of a home, we will try to facilitate the adoption, if possible.

Once the child is placed in our home, what's next?

Your family and the child will receive monthly visits from adoption team members. During the following 6-12 months, we put in place support systems for you and the child as you get to know each other. Once the transition period ends, you proceed toward legal finalization of the adoption.

What support can we expect as adoptive parents?

You'll learn about the foster care system and any trauma your child may have experienced. We'll teach you specialized parenting skills to aid you in helping the child through the healing process. We'll also provide ongoing case management support and help you connect with resources and services.

Is help available after we finalize our adoption?

At finalization, you and the social worker will develop an aftercare plan together. The plan ensures you will receive services and support for one year after you finalize the adoption. Once the aftercare period ends, we will continue to respond by phone or email any time you need assistance in being a successful adoptive parent.

Are we required to maintain contact with the birth parents?

No, but sometimes it is important to maintain positive birth family connections. It's strictly up to you, though. Birth family members, including grandparents, have no remaining legal rights to contact with the child. Adoptive parents must determine what is safe for their children and what connections are healthy and productive. Adoptive parents have full parental rights and responsibilities. They are the legal parent.

Can I adopt more than one child or more than one sibling group?

Yes, there are hundreds of children waiting for a loving family like yours. Your ability to adopt more than one child or sibling group depends on the needs of the children, the support you receive, and your parenting capabilities.





WELL WISHES & WARM WELCOMES!

On June 11, 2017, a celebration was held to honor Sister Andre for her retirement, and to welcome Steve Schachle as our new parish administrator. Sister dedicated nine wonderful years to Immaculate Conception Parish. It was quite the party, with over 200 people in attendance. There was a delicious meal of fried chicken from the Wheatland Café along with a number of wonderful dishes brought by parish families. There were balloon relays, gunnysack races, and an egg toss – all of which were great hits! There was a three way tie with the egg toss, the winners being Brady Rugan & Anthony Oberle, Darah & Ryan Harrison, and Emma Hickel & Brenna Hammeke. Sister enjoyed visiting with all of the attendees, and received many hugs and well wishes. Steve was warmly welcomed with open arms into the parish, and met many of the Claflin and Odin parishioners. A very moving video honoring Sister Andre brought some to tears, including Sister! The video contained interviews of favorite memories and well wishes for a wonderful retirement. The video can be found on the Immaculate Conception Church – Claflin Facebook Page.



FROM STEVE SCHACHLE...

"Thank you again to all of the Claflin and Odin parishioners who have provided me with such a warm welcome, since the day I arrived. The party in the Parish Hall was a lot of fun and we certainly have a bunch of great cooks in our Church family! Thank you to everyone who made the party possible, and to those who attended, adding to the festive atmosphere."

FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY...

"A big THANK YOU to everyone that attended the lunch for Sr. Andre and Steve Schachle. The chicken, cake, and all the food that everyone brought was delicious! Thank you to the Rugan's for the work and the presentation of the video tribute to Sister. Thank you to the Odin Altar Society for providing the fun games and thank you to the Claflin K of C for providing the beer on this hot summer day! Another big THANK YOU to all that helped set up, decorate, serve, wash dishes, clean up, and everything else that was done to make an enjoyable day for all!"



Thank you to the Claflin and Odin Altar societies for planning a wonderful event!



THANK YOU FROM SISTER ANDRE...

"The words thank you seem so inadequate to say to all of you for the wonderful celebration on Sunday. Your goodness and generosity are simply amazing. I've been happy in just about every parish I've been assigned, but being in Kansas is the VERY BEST! You've given me many good memories to sustain me forever. Thank you again and remember that I hold you in my heart. As soon as I get my new phone number I'll have it posted in the bulletin. I intend to stay in touch with you. Pray for me and be assured of my prayers for all of you."

Sister Andre

HOLMES CELEBRATE 25 YEARS!



Toby and Sheri Holmes celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday June 3, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Claflin. Toby Holmes and Sheri Wahlmeier were married June 6, 1992 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton, Kansas. Toby and Sheri have four children, Abby, Breanna, Kylie and Tyler.



MR. & MRS. Curtis Kaiser

Congratulations to Curtis Kaiser and Cynthia Winston who got married June 3, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church in Claflin. Best Wishes from your parish community!



Above: Lawrence Liebl watches as the wheat is being harvested by his sons (Todd and Kevin) and grandsons (Jeremy, Corey, Evan, and Brett). To The Right: Richard Rugan and his harvest crew take a break from the wheat harvest. From left to right: Rich Lira, Braeden Crites, Brady Rugan, Richard Rugan, and Bryan Boxberger. Most of the farmers in the surrounding area finished harvesting just in time to celebrate the Fourth of July!

HARVEST 2017



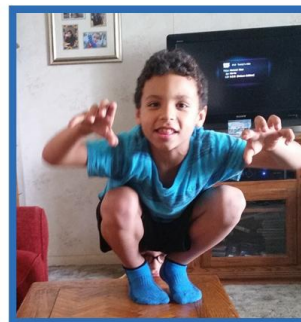


Please Join us in Prayer for Tariq and Xavier

Bustling with good-natured energy, brothers Tariq, 9, and Xavier, 7, are typical young boys. Both enjoy playing outdoors and participating in sports. Shy and sweet, Tariq also likes to play video games. Little brother Xavier is energetic and always on the go.



Tariq



Xavier

Both boys enjoy school, and while third grader Tariq earns straight A's, Xavier also performs well when focused. Tariq and Xavier ended up in foster care after their mother left them with a friend and disappeared. Previous adoption attempts have failed due to licensing or health issues on the part of the adoptive parents. As a result, the brothers struggle with issues related to abandonment. They need to feel wanted and appreciated. They need a family that they can trust won't give up on them.

Tariq and Xavier would flourish in an active family that can provide them with positive attention and interactions. They need parents who can be patient during the adjustment period and who can provide structure and routine as they mature.

These are great boys who just need a place to belong. They need to know their adoptive parents will be with them for the long haul, that they have someone to depend upon, and that they have a future in which they are loved and appreciated.

O God of Hope:

O God of Comfort and Peace: Your children, Tariq and Xavier, have spent much of their lives abandoned and forgotten by those they love most. Because of their history, it's hard for them to feel worthy of love or adoption. Please show them that you will never abandon them, and give them an adoptive family to love them and give them the support and security they need for happiness and healing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries - August 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

August Birthdays

- 1 Konnor Hickel
- 1 Don Steinert
- 4 Mike Feist
- 5 JD Klima
- 8 Mark Connell
- 8 Louetta Feist
- 9 Kyle Hickel
- 9 Peyton Ryan
- 11 John Koester
- 11 Jeremy Liebl
- 11 Kevin Wirth
- 13 Chioggia Staton
- 14 Prycen Dody
- 15 Nancy Beck
- 15 Emily Staton
- 16 Peter Oberle
- 17 Stacey Beck
- 19 Veronica Oberle
- 24 Taylor Bieberle
- 24 Anthony Oberle
- 26 Marvin Kirmer
- 26 Emily Ney
- 26 Michael Ryan
- 27 Sue Hammeke
- 28 Jamie Bieberle
- 30 Mary Jane Haxton
- 31 Emily Hitschmann

August Anniversaries

- 1 Kade & Lauren Kirmer
- 2 Raymond & Sandi Oberle
- 2 Francis & Jeanette Soukup
- 4 James & Carol Beck
- 6 Roy & Susan Weber
- 7 Richard & Dawnya Hickel
- 16 Steven & DeAnna Moran
- 16 Dwight & Nancy Schissler
- 18 Nathan & Emily Staton
- 18 Tony & Tiffany Zink
- 21 Urban & Lucy Ann Oberle
- 22 Eugene & Doris Feist
- 22 Gary & Patricia Kirmer

August Birthdays

- 1 Geraldine Menges
- 1 Oma Thomas
- 2 Kay Kelly
- 2 Diane Nemnich
- 3 Heather Schlochtermeier
- 4 Robin Cain
- 4 Britton Dutton
- 4 Jesse Lewis
- 4 Brett Lyman
- 4 Alex Roth
- 4 Paul Schlochtermeier
- 5 Ron Cunningham
- 5 Dahlon Fischer
- 5 Kayla Schartz
- 5 Nick Strecker
- 6 Karen Kramp
- 7 Ty Hammeke
- 10 Angie Zink
- 11 Brian Rowan
- 13 Myles Menges
- 13 Mary Waite
- 13 Nick Younker
- 15 Shirley Hammeke
- 15 Seth Harrington
- 15 Jeremy Haynes
- 16 Susan Curtiss
- 17 Colby Heinz
- 17 Peter Joslin
- 19 Pat Gatton
- 19 Andrew Heinz
- 20 Jaxon Christiansen
- 20 Katherine Feist
- 20 Karla Gonzales
- 20 Sara Jahay
- 21 Anita Christiansen
- 21 William Clemons
- 21 Kennedy Harrington
- 21 John Reh
- 21 Cameron Rowan
- 22 Richard Doll
- 22 Cooper Gunn
- 22 Meredith Joiner
- 22 Anissa Racette
- 23 Alexandra Harrington
- 23 Maxine Thul
- 23 Helen Urban
- 24 Roy Robl
- 24 Shawna Schafer
- 25 Marlene Clayton
- 25 Larry Drees
- 25 Angela Gunn
- 25 Janice Knop
- 25 Joanna Strecker
- 26 Lori Thomas
- 27 Lisa McMullen
- 27 Raymond Rome
- 28 Bernice Petz
- 29 Dustin Jahay
- 29 Ed Schlochtermeier
- 31 Avery Panning

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August Anniversaries

- 1 Don & Rita Feist
- 1 Clinton & Karrie Hammeke
- 3 Kelly & Kristen Wondra
- 8 Jeff & Sandy Roth
- 10 Frederick & Angela Gunn
- 10 Mark & Terri Siefers
- 12 Derek & Stephanie Joiner
- 12 Mike & Ginger Thill
- 14 Robert & Gloria Robins
- 15 Craig & Paula Robl
- 16 Denis & Lois Hammer
- 17 Steve & Amy Oelke
- 21 Paul & Susan Batchman
- 21 Paul & Joy Schlochtermeier
- 23 Clayton & Cheri Doll
- 28 Gene & Karen Rukan
- 31 Mel & Helen Urban

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

August 2017

Sunday August 6, 2017

- Lectors: Richard Rugan, Nancy Liebl
- Eucharistic Ministers: Laurie Feist, Carmen Johnson, Rita Stueder, Bill Thomas, Bridget Letourneau
- Gift Bearers: Ryan and Darah Harrison Family
- Greeters: Lee and Jamie Bieberle Family
- Servers: Maryn Rose Schmidt, Delaney Rugan
- Sacristan: Joan Miller

Sunday August 13, 2017

- Lectors: Toby Holmes, Lori Koester
- Eucharistic Ministers: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Doris Feist, Barbara Musgrove, Jim Oberle,
- Gift Bearers: John and Laura Schlessiger Family
- Greeters: Marvin and Bobette Kirmer
- Servers: Emma Hickel, Brett Liebl
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

Sunday August 20, 2017

- Lectors: Kathy Krier, Janell Hubbard
- Eucharistic Ministers: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Bridget Letourneau, Joan Miller, Rita Stueder
- Gift Bearers: Kevin and Nancy Liebl Family
- Greeters: John and Lori Koester
- Servers: Blaine Hickel, Lexie Oeser
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Sunday August 27, 2017

- Lectors: Kent Praeger, Janet Hitschmann
- Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Liebl, Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Dawnya Hickel, Kathy Krier
- Gift Bearers: Leon and Judy Oberle
- Greeters: Pete, Lois and Petie Krier
- Servers: Mollie Steiner, Jacob Oberle
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

WEEKDAY Schedule

Tuesday August 1, 2017

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

Thursday August 3, 2017

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Joan Miller, Bill Thomas

Friday August 4, 2017

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Kathy Krier, Joan Miller

Tuesday August 8, 2017

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Jim Oberle, Bill Thomas

Thursday August 10, 2017

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

Tuesday August 15, 2017

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Kathy Krier, Bill Thomas

Thursday August 17, 2017

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

Tuesday August 22, 2017

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Bill Thomas, Joan Miller

Thursday August 24, 2017

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Kathy Krier, Jim Oberle

Tuesday August 29, 2017

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Kathy Krier, Bill Thomas

Thursday August 31, 2017

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

August 2017
Daily Eucharistic Ministers

2 - Glenda Heinz/Sharla Thill
 4 - Geraldine Menges/JoAnn Roth
 9 - Kirk Bressler/JoAnn Roth
 11 - Sharla Thill/Marcella Birzer
 16 - Angie Hammeke Glenda Heinz
 18 - JoAnn Roth/Kirk Bressler
 23 - Angie Hammeke/Marcella Birzer
 25 - Joy S./JoAnn Roth
 30 - Angie Hammeke/Sharla Thill

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
 VIRGIN MARY
 August 15, 2017
 Mass 7:00pm**

Lectors: Sharon Gattton, Mary Waite

EM: Catherine Strecker, Lori Hammeke,
 Angie Hammeke, Melanie Zink,
 Rosie Joiner

Servers: Haley Troyer & Kiley Troyer

Greeters: John & Marlene Clayton, Joni &
 Louie Pivonka



SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

Aug 5 - Paul Huschka, Amy & Steve
 Oelke Family

Aug 12 - Glen & Kathy Hertel, Nancy
 Jenisch, Jeff & Sandy Roth

Aug 19 - Larry & Joan Drees, Vernon
 Robl, Connie Potts, Colton Potts

Aug 26 - Richard & Jean Doll Family,
 Mark Menges

SUNDAY, 10:30AM MASS

Aug 6 - Ed Schlochtermeyer, Jeff &
 Gwen Klepper Family

Aug 13 - Tom & Jolene Snell, Kim
 Ward, Ron & Rosemary Robl

Aug 20 - Charlie & Denise Joslin,
 Leon & Marilyn Reichuber, Geraldine
 Menges

Aug 27 - Monte & Robin Doll Family,
 Tony & Cheryl Klepper

Weekday Servers: Week of July 30 - Brayden Williams, Daphne Doll

Aug., 5 & 6

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Jerome Huslig

Steve Billinger

10:30am Sun.

Kent Roth

John Clayton

EM

Glenda Heinz

Rosie Joiner

Lori Billinger

Jason Schlochtermeyer

Paul Schlochtermeyer

Catherine Strecker

Mike Moeder

Marcella Birzer

Sharon Gattton

Kirk Bressler

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Lane Klepper

Grant Klepper

Brandon Carr

Shaun Weber

Sacristan

Marilyn Schartz

JoAnn Roth

Weekday Servers: Week of Aug. 6- Daniel Hammeke, Wittney Hammeke

Aug. 12 & 13

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Ellen Shanteau

Derek Joiner

10:30am Sun.

LeRoy Thill

Kent Robl

EM

Jean Klepper

Millie Menges

Yvonne Strecker

Curtis Wolf

Melanie Zink

Mary Tudor

Jalayne Ewing

Mel Waite

Rick Thomas

Lori Thomas

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Haley Rugan

Karson Harrington

Drew Heinz

Colby Heinz

Sacristan

Karen Kramp

Kirk Bressler

Weekday Servers: Week of Aug. 13 - Haley Rugan, Monica Hammeke

Aug. 19 & 20

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Karen Mitchel

Heather Panning

10:30am Sun.

Dennis Habiger

Catherine Strecker

EM

Joe Schulte

Amy Oelke

Steve Oelke

Rod Weber

Danielle Weber

Angie Hammeke

Ed Schlochtermeyer

Lori Hammeke

Kirk Bressler

Marcella Birzer

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Brayden Williams

Grant Klepper

Sarah Hammeke

Erin Hammeke

Sacristan

Marilyn Schartz

Geraldine Menges

Weekday Servers: Week of Aug. 21 - Haley Troyer, Erin Hammeke

Aug. 26 & 27

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Stephanie Joiner

Charlie Joslin

10:30am Sun.

David Gonzales

Karla Gonzales

EM

Jerome Huslig

Yvonne Strecker

Ellen Shanteau

Kim Heinz

Mel Waite

LeRoy Thill

Sharla Thill

Kent Roth

Mary Tudor

John Clayton

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Daniel Hammeke

Logan Panning

Emma Nienke

Britton Dutton

Sacristan

Joni & Louie Pivonka

Leon & Marilyn Reichuber

Weekday Servers: Week of Aug. 27 - Karson Harrington, Emma Nienke

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2017						
		1 Mass 8:15am [C]	2 Mass 8:15am [E]	3 Mass 8:15am [C]	4 First Friday Mass 8:15am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	5 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
6 Transfiguration Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	7 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	8 No Mass [C] Pastor/Principal Meeting Dodge City	9 Mass 8:15am [E]	10 Mass 8:15am [C]	11 Mass 8:15am [E]	12 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
13 19th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	14 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	15 Assumption Mass 8:15am [C] Mass 7:00pm [E]	16 Mass 8:15am [E]	17 Mass 8:15am [C]	18 Mass 8:15am [E]	19 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
20 20th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	21 Mass 9:30am Hospital	22 Mass 8:15am [C]	23 Mass 8:15am [E]	24 Mass 8:15am [C]	25 Opening School Mass 8:15am - Reception following at school [E]	26 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
27 21st Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	28 Mass 10:15am Wdhvn	29 Mass 8:15am [C]	30 Mass 8:15am [E]	31 Mass 8:15am [C]		

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Theme for 2017 AHF “Happy Heritage – Historic Hometown”

Joe & Joyce Schulte Dressed for Celebrating



Joe and Joyce were very surprised and humbled by their nomination to be the Grand Marshalls of the 2017 After Harvest Festival.

The Schulte's have been very active in opening the new Museum in Ellinwood, showing the history of the community. They, along with many volunteers have worked over the past few months cleaning, painting, building shelves and show cases. Joe and Joyce are both members of St. Joseph Catholic Church and serve their church in many capacities.

Joyce grew up in Ellinwood, attended St. Joseph Catholic School, then two years of high school in Wichita, Kansas at Sacred Heart Academy, and finally came home for her junior and senior year to graduate from Ellinwood High School in 1960.

Joe grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin. He came to Great Bend in 1975 to be a cowboy. His love for horses had a say in that decision, however, after an accident he had to give the cowboy business up.

After the accident Joe had to find another job. It just so happened that the Flower Shop in Ellinwood went up for sale and he purchased it. He ran the flower shop for 28 years.

Joyce is a registered nurse and worked for 50 years. At one time, she was the hospital administrator in St. John and Ellinwood. Joyce was also in risk management at the Central Kansas Medical Center.

We congratulate Joe & Joyce Schulte!