

The Spirit of St. Joseph Parish

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Immaculate Conception Parish

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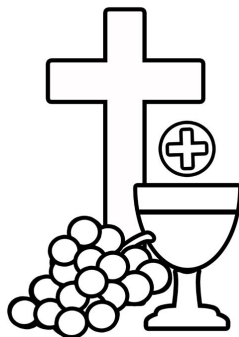


Preparation of the Gifts: Picking up the Pace

Josef Jungmann, a famous historian of the Mass, noted that, in the course of time, its "hinge moments" tend to get stretched out, so that they take longer and longer. This perfectly describes the largest "hinge" in the Mass, the movement from the Liturgy of the Word (the readings from, and preaching about, scripture) to the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the prayer of thanksgiving and the distribution of Holy Communion). What lies between these two, and is getting longer each year, is what we used to call the "Offertory," and now call the "Preparation of the Gifts."

Here is where I am coming from. If you want to say that because God is God, and the giver of all that we are and have, and that therefore we should never begrudge how long the Mass takes, I can't argue with you. But as a pastor, who would like to see the greatest number of Catholics at Mass each week, I've always believed that we need to be sensitive to those who get itchy in the pew. That's why I strive to keep Mass under one hour.

It's also why I get itchy when we arrive at the Preparation of the Gifts. For most of us, it's dead time, and it takes too long. The problem seems to be that everyone is waiting on cues, worried that moving too soon



would be a mistake. The servers don't begin to prepare the altar until they see the ushers moving. The ushers don't move until they hear the song begin. The song doesn't start until the cantor announces it. Let's try this: once the Prayers of the Faithful are finished, and people begin to sit down, how about everyone getting started right away: servers, ushers, and musicians.

The next great "slow-up" occurs when the money reaches the back. The sooner it's in the common basket and making its way up the aisle, the better. Hopefully families, who are wonderfully generous enough to do this ministry, can decide in advance who will carry what.

People probably won't believe me when I write that I don't like preaching, but it's the truth. It doesn't make me nervous. It's that I would prefer not to share so much of myself, so publicly. So I think that I can understand when sacristans and servers and lectors and every other minister is so very afraid of making a mistake. But please, don't be. Life always goes on. We all make mistakes. At least you're helping. The people in the pew are just...well...in the pew.

In most parishes today, nervous gift bearers have decided that their

cue to come forward is when Father comes and stands in the middle of the aisle. But this turns the preparation of the gifts on its head. The idea here is that we are bringing forward the things needed for liturgy and giving them to the priest for the great prayer, which is to follow. But having the priest stand and wait for the people is like telling Queen Elizabeth: "Wait right here, your majesty. We'll let the little girl with the flowers know you are ready." But the little girl isn't supposed to keep the Queen waiting. She's supposed to be ready for the Queen. The priest isn't doing anything while the musicians, servers, ushers, and gift bearers are doing their work. He's just watching it all happen. I can promise you that if you start down the aisle, you will never have to stand there at the end of it, waiting for me. I'll see you coming and meet you there. Sometimes at daily Mass, it takes so long for people to realize that no one is getting up to present the gifts, I give up and just pick them up myself. They are only a few feet away.

Perhaps a perplexed pastor should just say, "I'm not coming down until I see you're there and ready for me." Instead, I'm saying, "Start on up the aisle. I'll meet you half way. God bless all of you who so generously serve as ministers at Mass!



Wedding at St. Joseph's



Chase and Rachel

By Sharla Thill

Rachel Schloctermeier and Chase Pumford were married on Aug 5th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Terrence Klein officiated.

Rachel is the daughter of Karla David Gonzales.

Rachel attends Emporia State University and has just started her student teaching in English Education in Topeka.

Chase is the son of Rob and Krissy Pumford of Blanchard, Oklahoma. Chase attends Washburn University in Topeka, and will begin law school this fall.

Maids of Honor were Hannah Billinger and Andrea Klepper, friends from St Joseph School. Bridesmaids were Rachel Doll, friend from St Joseph School and Shiani Hughes, friend from Ellinwood High School. Faith Pumford, sister of the groom, was also a bridesmaid.

Best Man was Jack Pumford, brother of the groom. Other groomsmen were: Ryan Clark, Allan Clark, David Webster and Aaron Mull.

Rachel and Chase met at a debate workshop when they were both in High school.

Rachel and Chase will wait to take their honeymoon when their school schedules allow. They will make their home in Topeka. St. Joseph Parish wishes this young couple a blessed future.



"Andrea Klepper Spends Summer Abroad"

By Sharla Thill

What sounded like too good of an opportunity to pass up, was indeed a great summer opportunity for Andrea Klepper, daughter of Tony and Cheryl Klepper.

She says, "I was very excited when I heard about the KSU in Italy summer study abroad program. The program was put on through the Art department and since I'm majoring in photography, it sounded like the summer for me."

"We stayed in the small city of Orvieto, but took many group field trips to other cities throughout the program," said Andrea. "The two classes I studied while abroad, "Food and Wine of Italy" and "Art History of Italy", met Monday through Thursdays."

Andrea continued to share her story, and went on to say, "The first week, we toured a local winery where we prepared a traditional Italian meat and learned to taste wine. We visited the Cathedral in Orvieto as well as some of the thousands of underground caves. We also walked up to the top of the clock tower and toured the many museums in Orvieto."

During the following weekend, all 34 of the students visited Rome. Andrea said, "We walked around and visited the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the ancient Roman Forum, multiple churches and museums."

Andrea was very excited to visit Vatican City and walked through crowded museums and the Sistine Chapel. "We stood in a line to get into St. Peter's Basilica that stretched to the end of St. Peter's square," she continued. "I went up into the dome first and looked down into the Basilica, then walked up the narrow steps to the very top of the dome that overlooks the entire Vatican City. We finally made it inside to view all the amazing, breathtaking artwork."

"The highlight was being able to attend Mass in St. Peter's Basilica."

The young college student spent the second week taking a day trip to

Assisi, visiting the Basilica of St. Francis. There they attended a meat and cheese tasting and an Olive oil tasting for the Food and Wine class.

"That weekend we were free to do whatever we wanted." Andrea continued, "So a few girls and I traveled to Naples by train, taking a bus along the coast to Amalfi and dining on the beach. My favorite part of the trip was getting to spend the next day sailing along the coast of Amalfi and Capri, swimming and snorkeling in the Tyrrhenian Sea."

A pasta workshop was on the program for the next week. At one of the local restaurants the group made bread and pasta for their lunch, and visited a local winery and butcher shop.

"On our last weekend, we all went to Florence," remarked Andrea. "We visited the Church of Santa Maria Novella, the Florence Cathedral, and saw Michelangelo's David. A day trip to Pisa was next, to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa."

During her last week in Orvieto, Andrea got to have a chocolate workshop with a famous Italian chef, and the group walked down into St. Patrick's well.

Returning home, Andrea said, "It was great to be able to experience the Italian culture and lifestyle and all the amazing food!" The young woman is a graduate of St. Joseph School, EHS class of 2014, and attends Kansas State University where she will be going into her senior year of college.



Andrea Klepper

"High School PSR Attend Steubenville Conference"

By Sharla Thill

PSR teacher, Sean O'Neill, two chaperones, Amy Oelke and Patricia Panning, and nine students gathered to begin their Mission trip and journey to the Steubenville Conference on Wednesday,

July 19th. The campus of Missouri State University was their destination, Springfield, MO.

"The first stop on Wednesday was a tour of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita, Kansas, under the direction of Paul Babisch," says O'Neill. "Upon our arrival in Fredonia, my parents, Kevin and Connie O'Neill, treated us all to lunch at the Pizza Hut."

After arriving at the MSU Campus, Thursday, the group worked at Catholic Charities, picking up trash, weeding gardens and flower beds around Benton Village, Catholic Charities low-income housing.

"We cleaned the Monastery and Lifehouse, a place for battered and homeless mothers," Sean continued. "There we organized storage closets, sorted donated clothes, moved furniture, picked up limbs, and gave some TLC to their massive garden."

Friday morning found the young people at Victory Mission, cleaning and organizing in the warehouse. "We sorted 150 bags of clothes and boxes of other donated items," said Sophomore Luke Wondra, one of the PSR members. "The mission work

was probably one of my favorite things about the trip." Another student, Kyler Doll said, "I really felt that I was helping out and we were making a difference."

The moment came for cleaning up and preparing for the conference that started that evening. "Fr. Chris Martin, the vocations director for the St. Louis diocese and host priest for the weekend, held the first general session," said O'Neill. "Eucharistic Adoration finished off the evening."

Saturday of the conference began with Mass. The boys and girls split to go to their own sessions. O'Neill went on to say, "The boys heard Mike Gormley, as he focused on the story of David and Goliath. Gormley said that being comfortable is not the key to happiness and that virtue is something you are constantly striving to better."

The girls heard from Miriam Heidland, who shared her life story and how she found an identity in Christ, and how other women can too. After lunch, a few students went to the graduated senior's workshop.

Two workshops in the afternoon, "Elevated Hearts: How to Pray", hosted by Fr. Martin, focused on ways a person prays, and "Elevate Social Media", by Paul Kim, who proposed ways young Christians

can use social media for good and witnessing to other teens, rather than using it as a gossip machine.

"The Christian rock music was a highlight for me," Commented Kyler Doll. "I would go to another Conference, I feel like it really strengthened my faith."

"General session speaker, Mike Gormley, presented the topic, "Elevate Your Mind", said youth leader O'Neill. "He encouraged the teens to strive to remain pure of heart and mind, even though it is a struggle in our culture. He focused on the story of the cleansing of the leper."

"Gormley argued that we hunger for freedom from destructive habits, and having community is the key to being successful at this."

"Sr. Miriam led the evening session on the healing of Bartimaeus from the Gospel of Mark. She encouraged teens to have the courage to rise, encounter, and follow Christ just as Bartimaeus had, when he left his comfort zone to reach out to Jesus, which he gladly did."

Sean commented, "Saturday evening was Eucharistic Adoration, one of the highlights of the conference, where the Blessed Sacrament is processed throughout the entire stadium."

As Sunday morning started, Paul Kim, the last keynote speaker, focused on the Transfiguration. His message was that the teens need to take with them their strengthened relationship with God and continue to build on it. After Mass, the group headed back to Ellinwood.

Wondra shared that "The conference was lively and interactive, and I really enjoyed that part. I would definitely go again."

O'Neill said, "Amy Oelke and Patricia Panning were incredible. The teens had the experience because of their support and encouragement."

For more information and to help you get a better idea of what the conference is like, they actually have a highlight video and some of the sessions at this website: <https://steubystl365.com>.



Front Left to Right: Amy Oelke, Kyler Doll, Sarah Hammeke, Jenna Oelke, Kaitlyn Panning, Kennedy Harrington.

Back Left to Right: Patricia Panning, Kayanna Hammeke, Brandon Carr, David Hammeke, Luke Wondra and sponsor, Sean O'Neill.

St. Joseph School News



Teachers & Staff

St. Joseph School is delighted to have all faculty and staff from the previous school year returning for the 2017-2018 school year. Faculty members are:

Robin Doll, K/1;
Jamie Harrington 2/3;
Angie Coleman 4/5;
Cami Thomas, Lyles Lashley, and
Marlene Clayton 6/7/8.

Staff members are: Jamie Komarek, secretary; Kent Robl, custodian; Marcie Liebl, teacher assistant; Kathy Birzer and Rhea Scharzt, cooks; and Bob Marqueling, mass accompanist. This loyal staff is lead by our ever-present Pastor, Father Klein.



WITH A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, we would like to remind everyone to save Box Tops and Best Choice labels for our school. Each box top is worth 10 cents, and for every 1,000 Best Choice labels we send in, our school receives \$30.00. There is a collection box in the gathering space of church where you can drop off Box Tops and Best Choice labels, or you can drop them off at the school. Last year we earned \$644.10 through the Box Tops for Education program, our total earnings since enrolling in the program is \$10,075.83.

Don't forget to shop at Dillons, fill your car up at Zips, use your gift cards at Walmart.

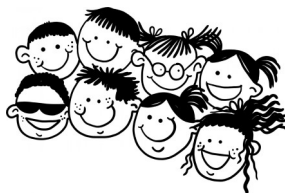
When shopping on line at Amazon, get enrolled in Amazon Smile use it for St. Joseph School.

Thank you to everyone for all your support.

Enrollment

Enrollment for St. Joseph Catholic School was held August 9. The number of students enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year is seventy-three. Last year's enrollment was seventy-one. The average enrollment for the last five years is seventy students so our numbers are looking good!

New students to SJCS include kindergartners Josey Schoenthaler, Mahlik Fischer, Emalie Joiner, Jeslyn Klepper, Lauren Rugan, and Macy Williams along with first grader Justin Glass and fifth graders Aryahn Fischer and Dahlon Fischer. We are delighted to have these new students join all our former students as we begin another successful school year at St. Joseph Catholic School!

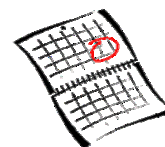


PARISH CLUSTER NOTES

MANY OF YOU follow parish activities on Facebook, but have you also visited our parish cluster webpage? It's got a stream of great photos, from all three parishes. From the site you can download the latest copy of the bulletin or the cluster newsletter. The site will link you to online versions of the homilies, audio and text, and it contains constantly updated features on formation in the faith. It also links you to recent videos, such as Sister Andre's farewell, Vibrant Ministries, and the Saint Joseph School Promotion Video. There is a scrolling calendar, which tells you what is happening in the cluster on any given day. It also links you to the official school website, with its own set of videos, newsletters, and forms.

Where do you find it?
www.stjosephellinwood.com,
www.iccclaflin.com
www.holyfamilyodin.com

School Calendar



September

04 - Labor Day/NO SCHOOL
06 - Dismiss @ 2:15pm
19 - Progress Reports go home

October

03 - Principals Meeting
06 - Grandfriends' Mass 1pm/
Reception
11 - Dismiss @ 2:15pm
SCHOOL
19 - PT Conferences/Dismiss @1pm
26 - Scripture Day/NO SCHOOL
27 - NO SCHOOL

November

01 - Dismiss @ 2:15pm
05 - German Buffett
07 - Progress Reports go home
07 - Principals Meeting
22-24 - Thanksgiving Vacation
26 - First Sunday of Advent

December

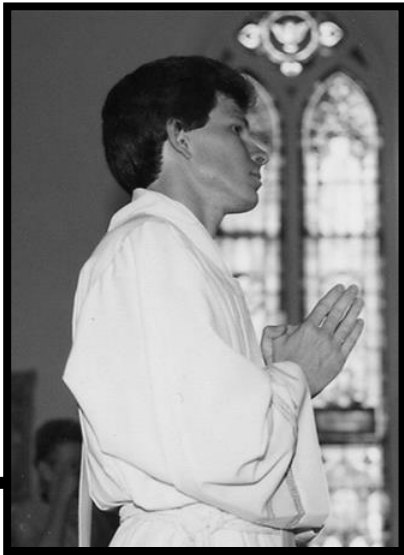
05 - Principals Meeting
06 - Christmas Music Program
06 - Dismiss @ 2:15pm
08 - Immaculate Conception Holy Day

School Calendar Subject to Change



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

Congratulations on your
33RD ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD,
FATHER KLEIN!



DATE OF ORDINATION
JULY 14, 1984

**Thanks for all you
do, Father.
May God Bless you
always!**



Bernard William
KIRMER



“Ben”
1931 - 2017

Bernard William “Ben” Kirmer, 85, died Aug. 1, 2017, at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. He was born Nov. 5, 1931, on the farm in rural Odin, the son of Andrew A. “Andy” and Stephanie J. “Fannie” (Zorn) Kirmer. Ben served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War as a Corporal and rifle instructor. A longtime resident of the Dubuque and Claflin area, Mr. Kirmer was a lifelong farmer and stockman in the Dubuque area and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He had a great love of farming that he passed down to his children, and he helped on the farm until his recent health issues. Ben was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin and a former member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Dubuque. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Odin Council #2630. On June 14, 1958, he married Shirla A. Moore in Larned. She preceded him in death on Feb. 20, 2010. Survivors include, sons, Gary Kirmer and wife Patricia, Alan Kirmer and wife Kathy, both of Claflin, Dennis Kirmer and wife Jan of Hays, and Marvin Kirmer and wife Bobette of Claflin; daughters, Rita Stueder and husband Alan, and Lora Zink and husband Joe, all of Claflin; a sister, Irene Carlisle of Woodward, Okla.; brothers, Andy Kirmer and wife Lyn of Rogers, Ark. and Richard “Dick” Kirmer and wife Nancy of Hoisington; 19 grandchildren, Rachel Dolechek, Megan Niedens, Brogan White, Norel Kirmer, Carson Kirmer, Brandy Kirmer, Kyle Kirmer, Kalee Kirmer, Sarah Stueder, Cindy Stueder, Tim Stueder, Abby Stueder, Nathan Zink, Neil Zink, Nicole Koelsch, Natalie Bieberle, Drew Kirmer, Kade Kirmer, and Benn Kirmer; and 12 great-grandchildren and several more on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a brother, Edwin Kirmer; and a sister, Viola Bennett. A Vigil service and Knights of Columbus Rosary were held at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 4, and a Mass of Christian Burial, celebrated by Father Terrance Klein, was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin. Burial followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Memorials were suggested to the Dubuque Heritage Association or Claflin Ambulance Fund in care of the funeral home.

During the homily, Father spoke about how Ben was self-taught on the guitar and excelled at fast pitch softball. His life revolved around serving others...from working on the farm at a young age to allow his siblings to stay in school...to serving in the Army during the Korean War...to lovingly raising a family. Immaculate Conception extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Ben Kirmer.

♥ UMW Ladies Breakfast ♥

On Wednesday, July 12th, at 9 a.m. the Claflin Methodist Church held their annual United Methodist Women's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. They served a delicious fruit salad and cinnamon roll cake. Hostesses for the event included Pam Atteberry, Joyce Disque, Anne Tennant and Vicki Oeser. Entertainment was provided by Lydia Bailey, who played guitar and sang Christian songs.

The theme for the event was "Hope and Healing." Special guest speakers were Ross Oeser and Ashley Warren, representing 2 of the Oxford Houses in Hutchinson. With much courage, they each shared their testimonies of how the Oxford House program is helping them learn to live new lives through the concepts of Support and Accountability.

Unlike "halfway houses" – which are governmentally run, Oxford Houses are run as a democracy in which the residents vote on how the house is run and pay all of the expenses, such as rent and utilities. The residents attend 3 meetings a week and participate in 12-Step programs. Each resident must follow the house rules in order to remain in the house. The philosophy of the houses is "Grow or Go!"

In this area of Kansas, there are two Oxford House in Great Bend (one for women and one for men), six in Hutchinson, and two in Salina.



Approximately 50 ladies attended, representing 15 area churches:

- Claflin United Methodist Church
- Immaculate Conception Church
- Zion Lutheran Church of Claflin
- Hoisington United Methodist Church
- Bushton UMC
- Salem UMC
- Holy Family Church of Odin
- St. Mary's Church of Holyrood
- Holyrood United Church of Christ
- St. Peter Lutheran Church of Holyrood
- Prince of Peace Church of Great Bend
- Wilson Methodist Church
- Concordia Lutheran Church of Hoisington
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Dighton Christian Church

Immaculate Conception Church members in attendance included Carol Herter, Kathy Kirmer, Marcie Liebl, Judy Oberle, Sandi Oberle, and Nancy Schartz. Marcie Liebl said, "The fellowship was wonderful and the speakers were awesome!"



ABOUT OXFORD HOUSE

"Oxford House is a non-profit concept in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. The philosophy behind Oxford House is three-fold:

- Self-help is the bedrock of recovery
- Disciplined democracy is key to living together
- Self-support builds efficacy in sobriety comfortable enough to avoid relapse

A recovering individual can live in an Oxford House for as long as he or she does not drink alcohol, does not use drugs, and pays an equal share of the house expenses. The average stay is about a year, but many residents stay three, four, or more years. There is no pressure on anyone in good standing to leave."

Information obtained from www.oxfordhouse.org

Double Baptism at Immaculate Conception

Jett William Miller & Murray Michael Hoffman Baptized



After Mass on Sunday July 16th, Father Klein baptized Jett William Miller, son of Colby and Nicole Miller, and Murray Michael Hoffman, son of Devin and Morgan Hoffman, before family and friends. Jett William is the grandson of Bill and Tami Miller and Tracey and Kelly Hoffman. Murray Michael is the grandson of Tracey and Kelly Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Fletchall.



Top Photo left to right: Jett's Godparents (Braden Miller & Candra Miller), Father Klein, Parents (Nicole Miller holding Jett William and Colby Miller); Bottom Photo left to right: Murray's Godparents (Dereck & Danielle Hollingshead), Father Klein, Parents (Morgan Hoffman holding Murray Michael and Devin Hoffman).

Sister Andre's Contact Information

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International**

We love them both...

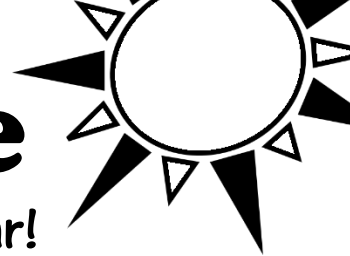
**1420 Wilson Street
Great Bend, KS 67530**

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**UPDATED HOURS:
Tuesdays 1 PM → 3 PM
Wednesdays 10 AM → NOON
Thursdays 5:30 PM → 6:30 PM**

After hours are by appointment. Please leave a message and they will call you back!

CarePortal Update



ICC Has Been Meeting CarePortal Needs For One Year!

June 24 2016

→ Immaculate Conception registered and became an active CarePortal church

July 19 2016

→ Orientation Training Completed

July 28 2016

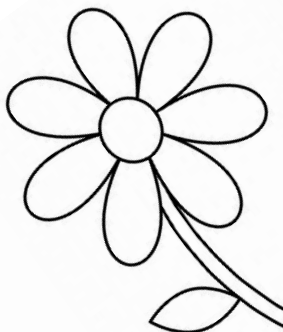
→ Barton County launched as a CarePortal county – and the first need was posted!



**KANSAS
CHILDREN
SERVED:
2,334***



**KANSAS
FAMILIES
SERVED:
1,081***



**NEEDS ISSUED LOCALLY IN THE PAST YEAR: 47
NEEDS MET BY CAREPORTAL CHURCHES: 45
NEEDS MET BY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 14**

LOCAL CAREPORTAL COUNTIES & NUMBER OF CHURCHES ENROLLED:

- BARTON COUNTY: 12 CHURCHES
- RICE COUNTY: 1 CHURCH
- RENO COUNTY: 31 CHURCHES/SMALL GROUPS
- STAFFORD COUNTY: 0 AT THIS TIME



**ACTIVE
KANSAS
CHURCHES:
202***



**WAITING
KANSAS
CHURCHES:
39***

**1,254 CHURCHES
have already served
13,041
CHILDREN
in 13 states**

CarePortal is currently active in 13 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas.

CarePortal now has permission to expand to all 50 states, but that growth is only made possible through donations to cover the operating expenses (technology and costs of hiring the CarePortal staff that trains new churches and volunteers to help spread the programs to more churches, counties, and states). County Coordinators and church point persons are volunteers who donate their time.

Still have questions?

Contact Sandi Oberle

ICC Point Person
Barton County CarePortal
Coordinator

sandio@hbcomm.net
620.587.9913

How are the operating expenses and expansions funded?

Each enrolled church is asked to give \$100 per month to support the operating expenses of CarePortal. More if they can, less if they need to. All churches are welcome and no church will be turned away, even if they are unable to give.

Community Partners (Businesses) are also invited to step forward to support CarePortal in a variety of ways, including sponsorship and donations. When a church cannot give the entire suggested \$100 per month, businesses and/or individuals are welcome to donate the remainder, as has been the case at Immaculate Conception for 2017. There are two ways to donate towards the operating expenses:

Online at:

www.careportal.org/give

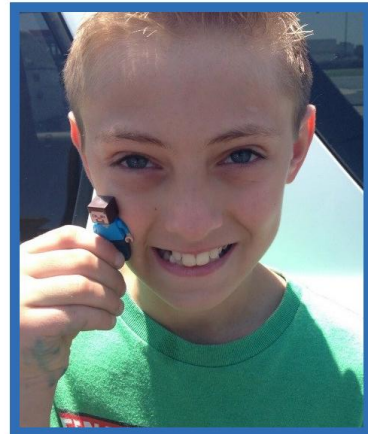
By mail:

**Global Orphan Project / CarePortal
Attn: South Central Kansas
CarePortal
3161 Wyandotte Street
Kansas City, MO 64111**

*Stats are from starting date of CarePortal Launch of March 1, 2015. Waiting Churches are church which have joined CarePortal and are awaiting their Orientation Training. For further information on CarePortal, go to www.careportal.org.



Please Join us in Prayer for Christopher



Personable and friendly, Christopher, 11, communicates well with adults, particularly men. Although he can be shy at first, he'll happily introduce himself and shake your hand. Communicating with his peers, however, is harder for Christopher because he missed his first two years of school. Fortunately, he's smart and loves to read, so he's now progressing well in his studies.

Christopher enjoys Minecraft and playing with Legos. He's a skilled builder. He's also creative and likes to draw pictures and do arts and crafts.

Affectionate and caring, he wears his heart on his sleeve. His younger brother has already been adopted by their maternal grandmother, but Christopher has little contact with his birth family. He needs his own forever family to help him heal from trauma and begin to see his own God-given worth. He needs a family willing to participate in family therapy with him as he matures.

Christopher would thrive best in an active two-parent home with a strong father figure. He wants a dad who enjoys taking him fishing, to car races, and to other father-son activities. The best home for him would be one in which he is the only child, in an area with therapeutic resources. Mostly, Christopher needs patient parents - people he can count on to stick with him as he heals and grows.

O God of Mercy and Comfort:

Your child, Christopher, has already been through a lot in his short life. The fact that he has remained loving and kind is a testament to the power of your grace and mercy. Please send him patient and understanding parents to guide and support him as he learns to overcome the trials of his past. Bless him with an abundance of your comfort and give him a family worthy of his trust.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Francis Community Services

509 E. Elm Salina, KS 67401

www.st-francis.org

(Select the "Prayer" link in the top menu bar)

Birthdays & Anniversaries – September 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

September Birthdays

- 1 Madison Henning
- 3 Connie Miller
- 4 Marion Bahr
- 4 Jeff Dohrman
- 7 Darryl Demel
- 8 Marie Hoss
- 8 Pete Krier
- 10 Anne Beck
- 10 Carol Herter
- 11 Troy Letourneau
- 12 Carson Kirmer
- 13 David Schmidt
- 15 Carmen Johnson
- 15 Mary Lou Letourneau
- 17 Shawna Klima
- 18 Richard Frisbie
- 20 Bradley Johnson
- 21 Karter Beck
- 22 Brandi Demel
- 23 Drew Kirmer
- 23 Breanne Steinert
- 25 Austyn Robl
- 27 Laura Schlessiger
- 28 Emily Ryan
- 28 Maryn Schmidt
- 30 Margaret Frisbie
- 30 Kylee Kasselmann

September Anniversaries

- 2 James & Barbara Musgrove
- 3 Lawrence & Joan Miller
- 3 Kent & Elizabeth Praeger
- 5 Darren & Melanie Siems
- 9 Alan & Kathleen Kirmer
- 10 Doug & Karen Hickel
- 12 Brian & Mary Praeger
- 28 Fred & Karlynn Beck

September Birthdays

- 1 Kim Scharz
- 3 Jace Broce
- 3 Rita Feist
- 3 Terry Siefers
- 3 Madge Yarmer
- 5 Jayce Christiansen
- 5 Braden Lewis
- 7 Kiley Troyer
- 8 Steve Billinger
- 8 Danielle Steele
- 9 Rachel Doll
- 9 Maria Habiger
- 9 Ron McCrary
- 9 Amy Oelke
- 9 Lisa Reser
- 9 Yvonne Strecker
- 9 Quincy Williams
- 10 Judy Haynes
- 10 Joe Schulte
- 11 Larry Siefers
- 12 Susan Batchman
- 12 Joanie Wise
- 13 Don Feist
- 13 Jeffrey Klepper
- 13 Brandon Ritchie
- 13 Caylee Rowan
- 14 Lois Hammer
- 15 Jean Miller
- 15 Kevin Scharz
- 16 Sharon Gatton
- 16 Kristen Wondra
- 17 Jackson Joiner
- 19 Jenny Kasselmann
- 19 Jonathon Mason
- 20 Ronald Bieberle
- 20 Frances Rome
- 21 Millie Menges
- 22 Clarence Lenhart
- 22 Tom Snell
- 23 Alyvia Batchman
- 23 Ava Thill
- 24 Tania Wirtz
- 25 Ethel Ringwald
- 25 Aftyn Ritchie
- 25 Connie Roth
- 26 Chad Steffan
- 27 Debra Brockel
- 27 Steve Miller
- 27 Laura Strecker
- 28 Adaline Billinger
- 28 Jean Doll
- 29 Jamie Harrington
- 29 Eleanor Jahay
- 30 Lynda Wood

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September Anniversaries

- 3 Jerome & Eileen Huslig
- 3 Don & Rosie Joiner
- 3 Tony & Cheryl Klepper
- 3 Damian & Melissa Tudor
- 4 James & Lisa McMullen
- 10 Aaron & Kathy Birzer
- 12 Brian & Sharon Scharz
- 15 Don & Janice Knop
- 15 Gary & Kim Scharz
- 16 Ron & Mary Cunningham
- 16 William & Kay Linden
- 19 Nick & Laura Strecker
- 20 Nick & Theresa Younker
- 21 Clarence & Carol Lenhart
- 21 Ron & Connie Potts
- 21 Rod & Danielle Weber
- 21 Dan & Melanie Zink
- 23 Lloyd & Lynda Wood
- 28 Chris & Vicki Batchman

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

September 2017

Sunday September 3, 2017

- Lectors: Laura Schlessiger, Darah Harrison
- Eucharistic Ministers: Laurie Feist, Carmen Johnson, Rita Stueder, Jim Oberle, Doris Feist
- Gift Bearers: Toby and Sheri Holmes Family
- Greeters: Leon and Judy Oberle
- Servers: Paxton Dody, Brianna Hickel
- Sacristan: Joan Miller

WEEKDAY **Schedule**

Sunday September 10, 2017

- Lectors: Janet Hitschmann, Janell Hubbard
- Eucharistic Ministers: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Bill Thomas, Bridget Letourneau, Nancy Liebl
- Gift Bearers: Richard and Janel Rugan Family
- Greeters: Gene and Doris Feist
- Servers: Brynna Hammeke, Tyler Holmes
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

Sunday September 17, 2017

- Lectors: Richard Rugan, Lori Koester
- Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Musgrove, Dawnya Hickel, Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Joan Miller
- Gift Bearers: Janie Haxton and Dee Krier
- Greeters: Kirk and Aaron Schneweis
- Servers: Lauren Oeser, Lawson Oeser
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Sunday September 24, 2017

- Lectors: Kent Praeger, Toby Holmes
- Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Kathy Krier, Carmen Johnson, Laurie Feist
- Gift Bearers: Rick and Dawyna Hickel
- Greeters: Todd and Carla Liebl Family
- Servers: Peyton Ryan, Devin Ryan
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

Friday September 1

Lector: Jane Steinert

EM: Kathy Krier, Jim Oberle

Tuesday September 5

Lector: Kathy Krier

EM: Carla Liebl, Joan Miller

Thursday September 7

Lector: Nancy Scharz

EM: Bill Thomas, Kathy Krier

Tuesday September 12

Lector: Jane Steinert

EM: Jim Oberle, Carla Liebl

Thursday September 14

Lector: Kathy Krier

EM: Joan Miller, Bill Thomas

Tuesday September 19

Lector: Nancy Scharz

EM: Kathy Krier, Jim Oberle

Thursday September 21

Lector: Jane Steinert

EM: Carla Liebl, Joan Miller

Tuesday September 26

Lector: Kathy Krier

EM: Bill Thomas, Jim Oberle

Thursday September 28

Lector: Nancy Scharz

EM: Kathy Krier, Carla Liebl

September 2017
Daily Eucharistic Ministers

1 - Gerry Menges, Angie Hammeke
 6 - Kirk Bressler, Sharla Thill
 8 - JoAnn Roth, Glenda Heinz
 13 - Kirk Bressler, JoAnn Roth
 15 - Sharla Thill, Angie Hammeke
 20 - Glenda Heinz, Kirk Bressler
 22 - Angie Hammeke, JoAnn Roth
 27 - Sharla Thill, Glenda Heinz
 29 - Kirk Bressler, Angie Hammeke



SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

Sept. 2 - Yvonne Strecker, Paul Huschka, Louie & Joni Pivonka

Sept. 9 - Jeff & Gwen Klepper Family, Millie Menges

Sept. 16 - Jamie Komarek, Josh Komarek, Glen & Kathy Hertel, Larry & Joan Drees

Sept. 23 - Nancy Jenisch, Connie Potts, Colton Potts, Charlie & Denise Joslin

Sept. 30 - Jason & Heather Schlochtermeyer Family, Vernon Robl

SUNDAY, 10:30AM MASS

Sept. 3 - David & Karla Gonzales, John & Marlene Clayton, Tony & Cheryl Klepper

Sept. 10 - Nick Younker, Robin & Monte Doll Family, Leon & Marilyn Reichuber

Sept. 17 - Kelly & Kristen Wondra, Ron & Rosemary McCrary

Sept. 24 - Sharon Gatton, Angie Hammeke, Richard & Jean Doll Family

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

Sept. 2 & 3

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Derek Joiner

Catherine Strecker

10:30am Sun.

John Sturn

Linda Sobba

EM

Millie Menges

Sharon Gatton

Jason Schlochtermeyer

Melanie Zink

Rosie Joiner

Marcella Birzer

Mel Waite

Curtis Wolf

Kirk Bressler

Ed Schlochtermeyer

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Sacristan

Caylee & Caden Rowan

Larry Drees

Cody Zink, Kyler Doll

Rosemary Robl

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

Sept. 9 & 10

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Yvonne Strecker

Heather Panning

10:30am Sun.

Mary Tudor

Dennis Habiger

EM

Glenda Heinz

Jerome Huslig

Paul Schlochtermeyer

Amy Oelke

Steve Oelke

Mike Moeder

Jalyane Ewing

Kent Roth

Rick Thomas

Lori Thomas

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Sacristan

Monica Hammeke, Ashtin Klepper

Millie Menges

Daphne Doll, Kennedy Harrington

Kelly & Kristen Wondra

Weekday Servers: Week of Sept. 10 - Brayden Williams, Grant Klepper

Sept. 16 & 17

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Ellen Shanteau

Karen Mitchel

10:30am Sun.

Art Huslig

LeRoy Thill

EM

Jean Klepper

Rosie Joiner

John Clayton

Angie Hammeke

Curtis Wolf

Mary Tudor

Ed Schlochtermeyer

Lori Billinger

Rod Weber

Danielle Weber

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Sacristan

David & Danielle Hammeke

Karen Kramp

Haley & Kiley Troyer

Tammy Troyer

Weekday Servers: Week of Sept. 17 - Britton Dutton, Shaun Weber

Sept. 23 & 24

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Stephanie Joiner

Charlie Joslin

10:30am Sun.

Mary Waite

Steve Billinger

EM

Amy Oelke

Steve Oelke

Kim Heinz

Jason Schlochtermeyer

Melanie Zink

Catherine Strecker

LeRoy Thill

Sharla Thill

Kirk Bressler

Jalayne Ewing

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Sacristan

A. J. Bowyer, Drew Heinz

Louie & Joni Pivonka

Mason Doll, Luke Wondra

Geraldine Menges

Weekday Servers: Week of Sept. 24 - Emma Nienke, Colby Heinz

Sept. 30 & Oct 1

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Rosie Joiner

Jerome Huslig

10:30am Sun.

Kent Roth

John Clayton

EM

Ellen Shanteau

Yvonne Strecker

Glenda Heinz

Jean Klepper

Jerome Huslig

Mike Moeder

Mel Waite

John Clayton

Angie Hammeke

Lori Hammeke

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Sacristan

Jonathon Mason, Logan Panning

Louie & Joni Pivonka

Karson Harrington, Wittney

Hammeke

Geraldine Menges

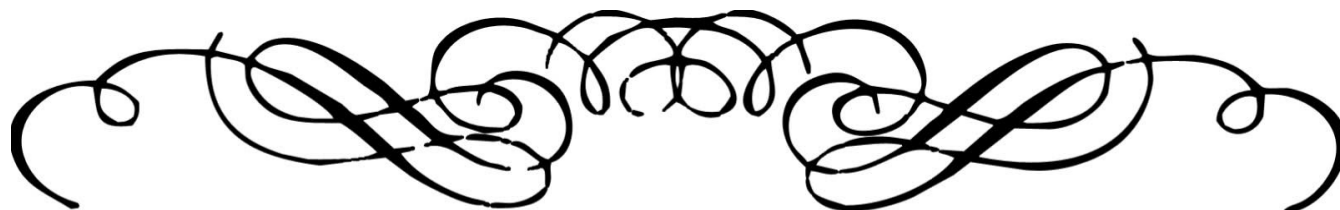
Weekday Servers: Week of Sept. 30 - Karson Harrington, A. J. Bowyer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2017 						
					1 First Friday Mass 8:15am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	2 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
3 22nd Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	4 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	5 Mass 8:15am [C]	6 Mass 8:15am [E]	7 Mass 8:15am [C]	8 Mass 8:15am [E]	9 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
10 23rd Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E] KofC Awards Breakfast [E]	11 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	12 Mass 8:15am [C]	13 Mass 8:15am [E]	14 Mass 8:15am [C]	15 Mass 8:15am [E]	16 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
17 24th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	18 Mass 9:30am Hospital Finance Council Mtg 7pm [E]	19 Mass 8:15am [C]	20 Mass 8:15am [E]	21 Mass 8:15am [C]	22 Mass 8:15am [E]	23 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
24 25th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	25 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	26 Mass 8:15am [C]	27 Mass 8:15am [E]	28 Mass 8:15am [C]	29 Mass 8:15am [E]	30 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]

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Immaculate Conception Altar Society
Annual Fall Luncheon

**Mark your calendars to participate in the annual Altar Society
Fall Luncheon & Fun Afternoon, on Sunday, September 24th!**

The Meal will begin at 11:00am with our signature roast beef meal served until 1:00pm. Tickets for the meal are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for 12 and under. Games for the children and adults will include the cake wheel, fish pond, bean bag toss, face painting, and bingo.

Make sure you find an Altar Society member to purchase raffle tickets, or come and purchase them at the door. The raffle tickets sell for \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or a book of 12 for \$10.00. There will be a variety of prizes to win, including a \$500.00 cash prize. You never know, this may be your year to win!

