

The Spirit of St. Joseph Parish

214 North Main , Ellinwood, KS 67526

Immaculate Conception Parish

310 North Main, Claflin, KS 67525

Father Terrance Klein, Pastor

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Bringing Back the Bells

By Father Terrance Klein



The use of bells in Christian worship dates back to Fourth Century, when the first edifices to be constructed as churches proper were being built. Before the Peace of Constantine, Christians met for worship in structures that weren't built to be places of worship, such as homes or catacombs. The use of bells spread considerably during the Middle Ages, because they created a way for those in the fields to know the time of day. Monks knew when it was time to come in and to pray, and, by the close of the Middle Ages, the bells were often rung, more elaborately, at 6:00 am, Noon, and 6:00 pm, inviting the laity to honor the Incarnation of the Lord by praying the Angelus. In Ellinwood, the bells still do this, because the system is electronically controlled.

In both the Eastern and Western churches, bells were also used during the divine service in order to add prominence to those parts considered to be more sacred. Bells were also believed to scatter the power of demons. For centuries after the collapse of the Roman Empire, the Church in the West continued to celebrate the liturgy in the Latin language, even though ordinary people no longer spoke the tongue. By the dawn of the modern era, most people came to Mass to say their own prayers, from prayer books or using rosaries, while the priest prayed the Mass, in Latin, on behalf of the people.

During the Middle Ages, and

into the modern period, bells were rung at the epiclesis, the calling down of the Holy Spirit onto the gifts (when the priest extends his hands over them), and at the words of consecration, spoken by the priest over the bread and wine. The thought was that Jesus became present on the altar when these words were pronounced by the priest, not before and not after. People, saying their own prayers, were thus alerted to look up at what was happening at the altar, in another language.

As English Protestants rejected the Catholic belief in the Real Presence of the Lord in Holy Communion, they ridiculed it as magical by making fun of the words the priest said over the bread. Hoc est enim corpus meum (This is truly my body). If said fast enough, and with a slur, this became hocus pocus, a term we still use for magical nonsense, not knowing its anti-Catholic origin.

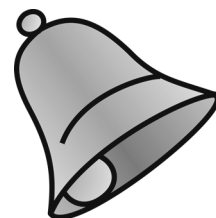
Part of the reasoning behind returning the liturgy to the vernacular, the local language, was so that people could see that everyone prays together at the Mass, the highest worship we have as Christians. The priest presides over, or leads, this prayer. Catholics, and many other Christians, still believe in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, though there is less confidence that the precise moment that this happens can be determined. Many theologians consider the entire Eucharistic prayer as an indivisible whole.

The Second Vatican Council didn't legislate anything about the bells, though the majority of dioceses in the United States

discontinued their usage as unnecessary. Yet with each year that passes, more and more parishes and dioceses are returning to the practice of ringing the bells during the Eucharistic Prayer.

We certainly don't need bells to tell us what the priest is saying, but the bells continue to express the sacredness of the action. And we live in an era when the sacred seems to be shrinking, even disappearing from our common life. Even well-meaning Christians think that the Eucharist, or Mass, is more for our moral instruction than an extraordinary, and truly miraculous, way, by which our Lord has chosen to be present in our midst. How can one know that the God, whom earth and heaven adore, is present in our midst, and still occasionally miss Sunday Mass? Perhaps a greater emphasis upon its sacred character is needed in our time.

After numerous and long-repeated requests, and following consultation with all three pastoral councils, we will begin using the bells during the Eucharistic prayer at the start of the new liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent. We train servers in the fall months, and it seemed best to wait until this can be done again this year. No doubt there will be some glitches. Change is never easy, though it is an unavoidable part of life. Fr. Terrance Klein



Wirth Family Bring Cooper for Baptism

By Pam Wirth



Dalton and Kari Wirth bring their son, Cooper Wirth to be baptized.

Cooper Robert Wirth was baptized at St. Joseph's Church on October 1, 2017 after the 10:30 Mass. Cooper's parents, Dalton and Kari Wirth and his big brother Tucker welcomed him to their family on July 27, 2017.

Deacon Keith Hoffman from Kansas City, Cooper's Great Uncle, performed the Baptism and also assisted at the 10:30 Mass. Godparents were Katrina Menges (Aunt) a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Clafin and Kyle Beck(Uncle) from St John The Evangelist parish in Hoisington. Cooper's grandparents are Allan and Ann Beck, Clafin and David and Pam Wirth Ellinwood. Also great grandfather, Gene Beck from Hoisington along with many other family members in attendance came to celebrate Cooper's Baptism.

We welcome Cooper to our Catholic family.
May God bless him always.



We Welcome the Staton Family to St. Joseph's Church

By Sharla Thill

When you see them at Mass, please welcome the Staton family, Nathan and Emily, and their three children, Chioggia, 4, Cabrini, 2, and Brisco, five months, to our church community.

Emily, a stay-at-home mom, grew up on a farm in Arkansas City. She is the youngest of six siblings. She attended college at K-State, with a major in Ag Ed. For five years, she worked in ministry at St. Isadore's Student Center in Manhattan.

Nathan grew up in Derby, Kansas, the youngest of four children. He attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. Nathan works at the Oneok facility outside of Bushton.

After her stint in Manhattan, Emily moved to Winfield, where she taught boot camp, "Nathan's sister trained me for the job, and happened to mention she had a brother she thought I would like." The rest is history and the couple got married August 2012. The family moved to

Ellinwood three months ago.

"We liked the town," Emily remarked, "and glad they had a Catholic School.

On September 17th, they brought their baby boy, Brisco, for Baptism at St. Joseph Church with Fr. Terrance Klein officiating. Brisco wore a long white gown, made by Emily's aunt. His sponsors are Robyn and Charlie Marshall of Chicago, Illinois. Robyn is a longtime friend of Emily's.

Parents of the couple are Quentin and Carolyn Bergkamp of Arkansas City, Kansas, and Nathan's parents are John and Ruth Ann Staton of Derby, Kansas.

In their spare time, Emily enjoys running, playing guitar and reading. Nathan loves to hunt. As a family they like to go fishing, and enjoy their two dogs, Jacquelyn and Allison.

We are happy to welcome the Staton family to our St. Joseph's Church family.



New members of St. Joseph Church are Emily and Nathan Staton, Brisco, Chioggia and Cabrini.



We Remember Lorraine Petz and Bertha Achatz



Lorraine Petz

By Family Members

Lorraine Petz, age 96, lived in Ellinwood all of her life.

She grew up on a farm north of town. She lived with her siblings and grew up doing normal things that farm kids do. She did grow up in a family who loved dancing and she and her siblings were able to attend the dances with their parents Edwin and Margaret Petz. Many a wedding dance would find Lorraine and her brother Raymond on the dance floor. It was always told that people would throw coins out when the two of them danced. That love for dancing and music remained with Lorraine throughout her life. She drove until she was 95 years old and always had Charlie Pride, Elvis, the Glenn Miller Band, Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, or any big band or country music sound going in the car and at home.

Lorraine's Ellinwood nieces and nephews grew up close to their "Aunt Rainy" as they all lived close by. She lived with her mother Margaret after the loss of (husband and father), Edwin. She lived with her mother until her mother's death in 1986. Many of her nieces and nephews were out of state or in other parts of Kansas, so she became a close part of Ray's family. She and her brother Frank spent many a Christmas and most any holiday or event with the Ellinwood Petz family. They all have memories of exciting aggravation (a marble game) and card games that were a part of many a gathering. Memories are vivid of the competitive nature of those games.

Her nieces, Kay and Carmen, as

young teens, took many a road trip to Oklahoma to visit her only sister, LaVerna Herdt, and the nieces and nephew who resided there.

Aunt Rainy drove and there was always "a story to be told" about the trip. The "exits" through Oklahoma City were always a challenge and there were times Tulsa signs could be seen.

As adults, the nieces, and on occasion, a nephew would drive and take Aunt Rainy for those visits. Without a doubt, the stories continued. The story content was now not so much about "directions" but rather about the "stops for snacks," or the lack of those stops! Many fond and funny memories exist.

During her mid life years, Aunt Rainy also took several trips to Branson, Mo. with her Oklahoma nieces, Sherry and Karen. Her favorite shows were Elvis (impersonator) and Charlie Pride. They always had front row seats, to be up close and personal, and got passes for pictures and autographs after the shows. Another hobby and pastime of Lorraine was playing Bingo. She was always so elated to tell of a Bingo win!!

Aunt Rainy liked going to Hudson, Kansas for chicken dinner as long as can be remembered. She often went with Raymond and Bernice, and always when brother Bob ventured to Ellinwood. More recently, it was always a request to nephew Ken to make that little Sunday run with her.

McDonalds pancakes became an absolute must any time of day in her last year. Until she was no longer able, she wanted to go get those pancakes. When family made those frequent visits to Woodhaven in her last year of life - a highlight for Rainy was to have Kay (Thompson) take her for an outing and it always included pancakes.

She would light up when any of us came to visit. She continued to enjoy visiting, playing games, and getting out until the very end. All of her remaining family members feel blessed to have had her in their lives for such a very long time. Her humor, her little sayings, and her bright smile when we came to say hello will be missed.



Bertha Achatz

Bertha Birzer Achatz was born on February 20, 1927, the daughter of Joseph and Mathilda Birzer. She grew up on a farm one and ¾ mile east of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, where James and Leona Birzer raised their family.

She was the 17th child of 18 children. By five years old, Bertha remembers her Dad praying the Angelus in German. Bertha feels her Dad gave her the faith, always went to Mass and made First Fridays. There were so many kids that they could not all go together. John Schloctermeier took them some of the time. One time after a church service they forgot James.

Growing up, sister, Kate, drove a Model A Ford and Bertha would have to get out and push it when it would die.

What was it like growing up in a family of eighteen? Bertha said she hardly remembers the older ones, because there was 23 years between the oldest and the youngest.

Bertha, met Milton Achatz and were married on November 18, 1947. They lived in Sts. Peter & Paul area, where they raised five boys.

Milton passed away on October 23, 2016.

Bertha will be remembered for her beautiful China Painting. She and her sister, Inez, painted from 1972 to 2007. Bertha had to give it up because of her eye sight.

Bertha died at Ellinwood Hospital on September 30, 2017.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bertha Achatz.

Remembering Friends & Family



Robert (Bob) Merritt

On Saturday 9th, Bob Merritt moved from Waco, TX to Ellinwood after living in the Lone Star state for over 50 years. His plan was to live with his sister, Janice Knop and her husband Don, until he closed on the home he had purchased here in Ellinwood. His son Craig, wife Carrie, and grandsons, Coit and Cason weren't far behind as they arrived the next day with all of their belongings to move into their newly purchased home. This was fulfilling a dream for both father and son.

Bob was born to Clyde and Clara Merritt on February 7, 1938. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School for 8 years and was active with the church as an altar boy. He also attended and graduated from Ellinwood High School where he was active in both basketball and football, and also had the honor of being crowned Homecoming King his Senior Year. After graduating from Emporia State University and marrying Gloria (Austin) Merritt, they relocated to Dallas, TX where they both began their careers and eventually started a family with the arrival of Craig and then Cindy. While Dallas provided many

opportunities, Bob always missed living in the small-town community of Ellinwood. His son Craig also shared his passion to eventually leave the hustle and bustle of the city and move to Ellinwood.

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, four days after his arrival home, he was tragically hit and killed by a motorist while riding his bicycle. He will be deeply missed by all of his family.



Sept. 12, 2017 Tuesday

Today I experienced one of the greatest tragedies I have ever been through! My Uncle Bob Merritt had his life taken from us late this morning due to a bicycle / car collision that occurred out by the Ellinwood Cemetery. He is my mother's (Janice Knop) brother.

He usually rode his bicycle about 15 miles every day and although he was 79 years young, he was in amazing physical health. Bob was a very positive, gentle, kind man that enjoyed his family and especially his grandson's Coit and Cason. Both Bob and his son and daughter-in-law had sold their homes in Texas and were moving to Ellinwood after being in Texas for many, many years. His son Craig and daughter-in-law Carrie Stadelman Merritt, as well as their boys Coit and Cason are just now unpacking from moving to Ellinwood.

Please join me in saying prayers for my family during this difficult time. Thank you!

Janice Knop's daughter
Debbie McCormick

In Loving Memory



*May Angels fly with you
wherever you roam and
guide you back safely to
family and home*

November 2, 2017



Mass at Cemeteries:

8:15am—Claflin

12:15pm—Ellinwood

4:00pm—Odin

**Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day
with Family and Friends!**



Remember our Service

Men & Women

Veterans Day

November 11



To our men and women in
uniform... past, present and
future,

God Bless you and

Thank You!

Enjoying a Visit After Mass



Sharing a few moments following Sunday Mass are Angie Hammeke, left: Jean and Harold Miller, at right, Jim and Marilyn Sauber

Friends Who Have Moved Away

John and Phyllis Gannaway came home on September 30th for a visit and celebration of birthdays.

Many of John's 1960 Classmates came to join them and wish them well.

If you want to drop John and Phyllis a note their address is
2709 Powderhorn Drive,
Kansas City, MO 64154

Many of Gloria and Bob Robbins friends know they have recently moved to Wichita. If you would like to drop them a note, their new address is:

1655 S. Georgetown Apt 229,
Wichita, KS 67218

Ladies Receive Certificate of Appreciation

At the October meeting of Daughters of Isabella, Immaculate Conception Circle #744, Regent Jolene Rziha presented to Eileen Huslig (Jerome), a Certificate of Appreciation for 40 years of Faithful Membership. Mary Ann Brungardt was honored for 70 years of faithful membership as well.

Eileen commented that the friendships over the years and charity work of the D of I were especially meaningful to her. Eileen has been the Birthright Representative of D of I for many years. The object of the Daughters of Isabella is to unite all Catholic women into a fraternal beneficial social society in order to promote friendship and establish a bond of unity and truth that will be of mutual interest in time, trouble, and distress, "Unity Friendship And Charity".

Altar Society Meets

Hello Altar Society members! I hope that you are enjoying fall. Please find attached the Minutes of the Sept 5th Altar Society meeting. Thanks to Angie Hammeke for filling in for secretary Rosemary McCrary.

As Altar Society members, we will be concentrating on evangelizing through the ministry of hospitality. Our first goal is to make all those who come to worship at St. Joseph's welcome. We are asking that everyone greet others with a warm smile, and introduce yourself to anyone that might be new to the parish.

Please join us for a rosary at the church Grotto this Friday, Oct 13th at 7 pm, as this is the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by an estimated 70,000 pilgrims who had traveled to Fatima, Portugal in anticipation of Our Blessed Mother's promised miracle. You might want to bring a chair, jacket and flashlight. If weather is bad, the rosary will be held inside the church.

Thanks to all of you who have worked or brought items for meals for the recent funerals. May God bless you!

The Annual German Buffet

Nov 5, 2017

From 5pm - 7pm

Adults \$10.00

Children \$5.00

Five and Under
Free



Eileen Huslig & Jolene Rziha

St. Joseph School News



Seventh & Eighth Graders Enjoy Visit to Sts. Peter & Paul Church

St. Joseph Seventh and Eighth Graders enjoyed seeing Sts. Peter & Paul church after Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017. Mrs. Clayton pointed out the difference of going to confession years ago compared to today.

Shown in the picture to the side are: Shaun Weber, Tyler Stuhlsatz, Grant Klepper, Ison Dauber, Colby Heinz, Cayden Rowan, Cody Zink, Daniel Hammeke, Madison Schlochtermeyer, Karson Harrington, Cale Batchman and Britton Dutton.



One of the largest group of grandfriends ever, gathered at the Parish Center following Mass on October 6th, to meet and greet their new student for this school year. Visiting together are Josalynn Zink, 3rd grade, and her grandfriends Joni and Louis Pivonka; and across the table, Geraldine Menges and her grandfriend, Cooper Gunn, 5th grade.

Kindergarteners and First Graders Enjoy Show and Share



The horses were brought by Matt Dillon for his daughter Leighton Dillon's show and share. The Kindergarten and First grade classes were treated to the opportunity to pet them.

Avery Schartz



September 30th, Avery was playing on the playground at Vets Park in Great Bend with her two cousins Payton and Parker. Avery lost her grip while going across the monkey bars, she dropped and heard a pop in her left leg. The X-ray revealed that she fractured her Tibia. Avery was out of school a few days getting adjusted to the long cast. She has now mastered hopping down the stairs on one foot and enjoys being pushed around in her wheel chair by the other students.

\$500 Cash (ICC Altar Society)...Haylee Hollingshead
 \$250 Gift Certificate (Millers' of Claflin)...John Powell
 \$100 Cash (Classic Well Service)...Stetson Musgrove
 \$100 Cash (Claflin Pump and Supply)...Ryenne Hekele
 \$100 Gift Certificate (Bob's Service Center)...Jim Oberle
 Oak Wood Item (Paul Oberle)...Frank Hertach
 Oak Wood Item (Paul Oberle)...Kim Connell
 Oak Wood Item (Paul Oberle)...Richard Frisbie
 Oak Wood Item (Paul Oberle)...Gene Beck
 Oak Wood Item (Paul Oberle)...Joan Miller
 Oak Wood Item (Paul Oberle)...Tim Stueder
 Oak Wood Item (Paul Oberle)...Judy Oberle
 \$100 Cash (Mark & Kim Connell)...Henry Soukup
 \$50 Cash (Hornet Lawn Service)...John Powell
 \$50 Cash (Kirmer Electric)...Patricia Schmidt
 \$50 Cash (Paul's Backhoe & Roustabout)...Pete Krier
 \$100 Cash (First Kansas Bank)... Haylee Hollingshead
 \$50 Cash (Nicholson Ricke Funeral Home)...Charlene Achuetz
 \$50 Cash (Oberle Sand & Gravel)...Brian Carroll
 \$50 Cash (Besthorn Oil & Gas)...Tony Zink
 \$50 Gift Certificate (Pistol Pete's)...Rita Stein
 \$25 Cash (Kaiser Trash Service)...Jenny Kasselman
 \$25 Cash (S&H Lumber)...Emma Hickel
 \$50 Cash (John & Connie Miller)...Karlyn Beck
 \$50 Cash (Stueder Farms)...Kathy Rolfs
 \$50 Cash (Central Prairie Coop)...Tracey McKenna
 \$50 Cash (Wildcat Pump & Supply)...Greg Van Oster
 \$100 Cash (RJM Oil)...Inga Debes
 \$25 Gift Certificate (Odin Store)...Jim Oberle
 \$25 Gift Certificate (Odin Store)...Paul Oberle
 Mary Kay Basket (Sue Jacobs)...Randy Demel
 XOXO Gift Certificate (Lori Koester)...Ardyn Miller
 XOXO Gift Certificate (Lori Koester)...Fred Beck
 \$50 Cash (K&T Liebl Service)...Inga Debes
 Mane Place Gift Basket...Rose Ann Wondra
 Mane Place Gift Basket...Jake Schlessiger
 Floral Arrangement(Kathy Krier)...Charlene Achuetz
 Soap Gift Basket (Dee Krier)...Dawnya Hickel
 \$25 Cash (C&R Auto)...Courtney Feldbauer
 Quilted Table Runner (Gracie Demel)...Shelby Baker
 \$100 Cash (Alfred & Sue Hammeke)...Myra Habiger
 \$25 Cash (Harrison Electric)...Kelly Hoffman
 \$50 Cash (Mobile Imaging)...Paxton Dody
 \$50 Cash (Musgrove Petroleum)...Callie Zink
 \$25 Gift Certificate (Bailey's Food Bin)...Colton Zink
 \$25 Gift Certificate (Bailey's Food Bin)...Leon Oberle
 \$50 EPPI Certificate(John&Laura Schlessiger)...Kelly Hoffman
 \$50 EPPI Certificate(John&Laura Schlessiger)...Nancy Beck
 R&F Gift Basket (Jessie Habiger)...Don Steinert
 \$30 Premier Jewelry Gift Certificate (Darlene Demel)...Nathan Farmer
 Homemade Christmas Tree Skirt (Joy Hertach)...Myra Habiger
 Food Basket (Joy Hertach)...Logan Kirmer
 Beauty Counter Basket (Nicole Miller)...Nancy Schartz
 \$25 Gift Certificate (Squeegy's)...Tenley Keeton
 \$25 Gift Certificate (Squeegy's)...Dereck Hollingshead
 \$50 Cash (R&J Family Farms)...Rita Stueder
 Video Door Bell (H&B Cable)...Fred Beck
 Crocheted blanket & basket (Jane Dreiling)...Logan Kirmer
 Ceramic Bunny (Sister Andre)...Margaret Frisbie
 Cross Stitched Picture (Sister Andre)...Karlyn Beck

Immaculate Conception

ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE WINNERS

Coming Up...
CLAFLIN

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL BREAKFAST
SUNDAY**

NOVEMBER 26th 2017

7:00AM – 12:00PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH CENTER

FREE WILL DONATION

**BISCUITS & GRAVY, HAM, LIVER
SAUSAGE, SCRAMBLED EGGS,
HASHBROWNS**

Veterans Day

November 11, 2017

Marion Bahr
Army 1951-1952
1st Calvary in Korea
Rank: PFC
Artillery

Anthony Hertach
Air Force Academy graduate - 2009.
Two deployments - Iraq War.
Currently Serving
Captain in Maintenance
Stationed at Lewis/McCord Base.

John Herter
Army 1958-1959
7th Armored Division
Rank: Specialist 4th Class
Mortar Gunner
Berlin Crisis

Joe Jordan
Army 1970-1972
5th Special Forces
Rank: Sergeant
Combat Engineer
Reserves – 21 Years
12th Special Forces
Rank: E7
Sergeant 1st Class

Lawrence N. Liebl
Army 1942-1946
Battery C 915th Field Artillery Battalion
Rank: Corporal
Medical Technician/Clerk
European Theater of Operations

Jim Oberle
Army 1963-1965
40th Armored Division
Rank: Specialist 4th Class
Turret Mechanic

Leon Oberle
Army 1960-1962
9th Engineer Battalion
Rank: E4
Combat Engineer
Berlin Conflict

Paul Oberle
Army 1955-1957
8th Armored Division
Rank: Corporal
Supply Clerk

Urban Oberle
Army 1953-1955
1st Army Division
Rank: E4
Ordinance/Maintenance

Victor Oberle
Army 1950-1952
#216th Chemical Service Company
Rank: PFC
Korean War

Bill Thomas
Army 1952-1954
AAA Gun Artillery Division
Rank: Sergeant
Anti-Aircraft Large Guns
Korean War, Sergeant

We honor the veterans of Immaculate Conception Church.

Thank you to all veterans and reservists, and those currently serving this great nation.
Thank you to the people who made this page possible by providing information.

Quilts of Valor

United States Army Korean War veteran Victor Oberle recently received a Quilt of Valor. The quilt top was made by Judy Burnette, and the quilting was done by Amy Schartz Mellor. Victor served in the Army during the years 1950-1952.

As a member of the 216th Chemical Service Company, he observed the testing of atomic bombs in the Nevada desert. He served in the Army Reserves for 5 years and is a member of the American Legion Post #180 of Great Bend. Victor has been a member of the Immaculate Conception parish since 1960.

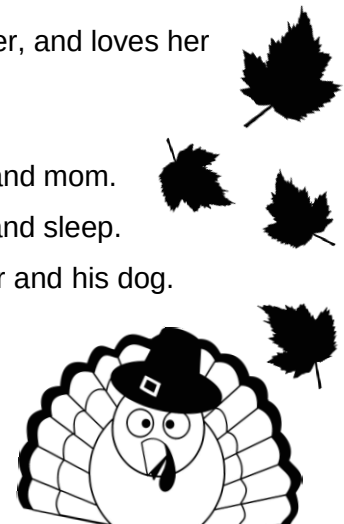


ONE NATION + Under God

United States veteran Lawrence Liebl recently received a Quilt of Valor. The quilt was made by Anne Beck. Lawrence served in the Army during the years 1942-1946. He served in the European Theater of Operations (Battery C 915th Field Artillery Battalion) as Corporal Medical Technician/Clerk.

The first Grade PSR class, taught by Kristi Beran, took a moment to think about what they are thankful for this Thanksgiving:

- **Zoey Bogner**, daughter of Mark & Lindsey Bogner, is thankful for family and her brother, and loves her Grandpa & Grandma, Connie & Linus.
- **Prycen Dody**, son of Jason & Tamara Dody, is thankful for life, dogs and cats.
- **Layton Hoffman**, son of Adam & Alesha Hoffman, is thankful for dogs, life, God, dad and mom.
- **Dexter Klug**, son of Gavin & Kiley Klug, is thankful for his dog Brutus, life, happiness and sleep.
- **Brody Pflughoeft**, son of Tim & Brenda Pflughoeft, is thankful for God, family, weather and his dog.
- **Ashtyn Robl**, daughter of Troy & Courtney Robl, is thankful for family, food and home.
- **Jake Schlessiger**, son of John & Laura Schlessiger, is thankful for life, mom, daddy,
- Charlie, Jonah, & Jude.



Sister Mary Renee

Kirmer

Sister Mary Renee Kirmer entered her eternal rest Sept. 20, 2017. She was 81 and had been a professed Adorer of the Blood of Christ for 57 years. She was born near Spearville, Kan., on Dec. 28, 1935, the sixth child of Frank and Albina (Penka) Kirmer, and baptized at St. John the Baptist Church. Her family later moved to Dodge City, Kan., where she played softball, tennis and basketball. She was valedictorian of her 1953 Dodge City High School graduating class, and later worked there for five years as the principal's secretary. She graduated in 1963 from Sacred Heart College, earning a bachelor's degree in business and theology. She earned a master's degree in business administration at Notre Dame University in 1970, and a master's degree in spirituality from the University of San Francisco in 1993. Sister Geneva Diller, ASC, her former teacher, corresponded with her for nine years, encouraging her. Renee said that the Spirit moved her to investigate a religious vocation. She entered the Adorer community in Wichita, Kan., in September, 1958. She professed her first vows July 1, 1960, and her permanent vows July 1, 1965.

She did most of her ministry in Wichita as director of Aspirants, high school teacher, Sacred Heart College director of records and admissions, provincial councilor, pastoral team member, pastoral associate, chair of personal finances, and director of several diocesan



***"Live like there is no tomorrow...
Love like you have never been hurt,
Dance as though no one is watching you."
(A quote found on Sister Renee's desk)***

planning committees. She served on the boards of Villa Maria in Mulvane Kan.; St. Joseph Villa in David City, Neb.; Wichita Diocesan Board of Education and Newman University Board of Directors.

Renee felt interaction with the people in the parish setting was full of blessings. She was pastoral associate at St. Mary's Cathedral for 19 years. As her farewell gift, the parish bought her a plane ticket to Rome so that she could attend the canonization of the Adorers' founder, St. Maria De Mattias, in May 2003. She served as pastoral associate at Immaculate Conception Church in Claflin beginning in October 2003.

In 2008, she took on the ministry of welcoming women who were considering a vocation with the Adorers. Returning to the Wichita Center in 2012, she helped sisters with budgeting, and volunteered at Newman University's registrar's office, Botanica, and the Lord's Diner, and served as a board member of the Center of Hope. Each of these roles seemed to deepen her belief in God's ever-present love.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Margaret Ann, Magdalen and Berneda; brothers, Norbert and Herman. Survivors include sisters, Anita Kirmer and Carolyn (Dennis) Brogden, both of Wichita; sister in law, Darlene Kirmer; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends; Sisters of the ASC Community.

The Welcoming and Wake Service were held on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Sept. 25, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., all at Chapel of the New Covenant, Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Wichita Center. Interment was at the Community Cemetery of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Wichita. A memorial fund was established for the retirement of Sisters, ASC, 1165 Southwest Blvd., Wichita, KS 67213; Center of Hope; The Lord's Diner; Newman University.

Birthdays & Anniversaries – November 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Lee Bieberle
1 Tully Jeffrey
3 Lori Koester
4 Alli Klima
4 Broc Klima
4 Kurt Strube
5 Todd Liebl
6 Kathleen Kirmer
9 Darlene Demel
10 Kendall Liebl
11 Steve Schachle
14 Tracey McKenna
15 Curtis Kaiser
15 Colton Zink
18 Gertrude Hickel
18 Mara Kay Jenisch
18 Sydney Rugan
18 Bryce Steiner
18 Kaycee Steiner
19 Tamara Dody
19 Kade Kirmer
21 Michelle Oberle
21 Elizabeth Praeger
23 Sheri Holmes
23 Lee Letourneau
23 Brandon Steinert
23 Roxann Stiles
24 Katrina Menges
27 Steven Moran
28 Lauren Oeser
29 Kent Praeger
29 Rita Stueder
30 Jennifer Hitschmann
30 Nolan Wirth

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Pete & Lois Krier
5 Alan & Rita Stueder
5 Dick & Louetta Feist
15 Larry & Marcie Liebl
21 Brad & Cathy Miller
22 Kevin & Nancy Liebl
28 John & Carol Herter
28 Jon & Jane Oeser
29 Kevin & Nancy Wirth

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Brian Schartz
1 Rod Weber
2 Tom Komarek
3 Larry Klepper
4 Elaine Wendel
4 Robert Williams
4 Dalton Wirth
5 William Linden
6 Connie Potts
7 Connor Birzer
7 Leon Reichuber
8 Joan Schwartz
8 Macy Williams
9 Lindsey Zink
10 Larry Clair
10 Mark Panning
11 Mark Hammeke
11 Doyle Merriman
14 Ron Rapp
15 Kelly Wondra
16 Aaron Birzer
16 Ron Potts
16 Derek Schartz
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17 Daniel Knop
17 Carol Lenhart
17 Kim Morgenstren
18 Vernon Hammeke
18 Lake Lyman
18 Roy
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23 Bonnie Tyson
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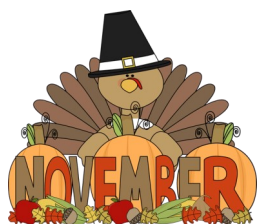
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9 John & Connie Roth
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18 Chad & Kimberly Heinz
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23 Gilbert & Lorene Schartz
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ORPHAN SUNDAY **November 12, 2017**

Each November on Orphan Sunday, Christians all around the world stand for the orphan. God calls us to care for the most vulnerable. Thirteen years ago, Bishop Aaron Blake did just that. He asked his church to stand for every foster child in their county, sparking the beginning of the **Stand Sunday** movement for the U.S. foster children.

Orphan Sunday is a time to pray, give, and care. God invites his people into the transformational power of simple, humble decisions to "love your neighbor." As a church in the CarePortal network, Immaculate Conception Church has met 19 CarePortal needs to aid 52 children in the foster care system!

***"Defend the cause of the
fatherless."
Isaiah 1:17***

How can I Help?

Become a foster parent. There is a *huge* shortage of foster homes. When a child is suddenly removed from their home and placed in the foster care system, an opening in a foster home may be hard to find. Sometimes, these children have to sleep overnight in a St. Francis office under the supervision of a worker until a home can be found for them.

Support foster families. Donate a meal or other needed items when they receive a sudden placement of a foster child. Donation funds or items when CarePortal Need Requests are issued are amazing blessings. ICC members have given amazing support through this.

Help deliver items when ICC meets a CarePortal Need. This is a very humbling and an important way to step out of our comfort zone and spread the love of Christ to others.

The possible ways to help are endless. No one can do everything, but we can *all* do something!

November 2017
Daily Eucharistic Ministers

1 - JoAnn Roth, Angie Hammeke, Kirk Bressler, Joy S., Marcella Birzer
 3 - Gerry Menges, Glenda Heinz
 8 - JoAnn Roth, Sharla Thill
 10 - Joy S., Kirk Bressler
 15 - Angie Hammeke, Glenda Heinz
 17 - JoAnn Roth, Joy S.
 24 - Sharla Thill, Glenda Heinz
 29 - Angie Hammeke, JoAnn Roth

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23 - 8:30am

Lectors: Art Huslig
 John Clayton

EM: Kirk Bressler
 Mary Tudor
 Marcella Birzer
 JoAnn Roth
 Kent Roth

Servers: Jonathon Mason
 Logan Panning



SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

Nov. 4 - Millie Menges, Vernon Robl, Jason & Heather Schlochtermeyer Family

Nov. 11 - Angie Hammeke, Joni & Louie Pivonka, Yvonne Strecker, Glen & Kathy Hertel

Nov. 18 - Paul Huschka, Larry & Joan Drees, Connie Potts, Colton Potts

Nov. 25 - Jeff & Gwen Klepper Family, Nancy Jenisch

SUNDAY, 10:30AM MASS

Nov. 5 - Richard & Jean Doll Family, David & Karla Gonzales

Nov. 12 - Monte & Robin Doll Family, Kelly & Kristen Wondra Family

Nov. 19 - K of C

Nov. 26 - John & Marlene Clayton, Tony & Cheryl Klepper, Ron & Rosemary McCrary

Weekday Servers: Week of Oct. 29 - Caylee Rowan & Daniel Hammeke

Nov. 4 & 5

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Charlie Joslin
 Yvonne Strecker

10:30am Sun.

Linda Sobba
 Mary Waite

EM

John Clayton
 Angie Hammeke
 Melanie Zink
 Jean Klepper
 Glenda Heinz

Catherine Strecker
 Marcella Birzer
 Joy Schlochtermeyer
 Paul Schlochtermeyer
 Ed Schlochtermeyer

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Kyler Doll & Haley Troyer

David & Kayanna Hammeke

Sacristan Rosemary Robl

JoAnn Roth

Weekday Servers: Week of Nov. 5 - Jonathon Mason, Kiley Troyer

Nov. 11 & 12

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Stephanie Joiner
 Ellen Shanteau

10:30am Sun.

LeRoy Thill
 Rosie Joiner

EM

Rick Thomas
 Lori Thomas
 Jason Schlochtermeyer
 Rod Weber
 Danielle Weber

Mary Tudor
 Jalayne Ewing
 Lori Billinger
 Kent Roth
 Lori Hammeke

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Grant & Ashtin Klepper

Mason & Daphne Doll

Sacristan Karen Kramp

Tammy Troyer

Weekday Servers: Week of Nov. 12 - Drew Heinz, Brayden Williams

Nov. 18 & 19

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Karen Mitchel
 Sharon Gatton

10:30am Sun.

Steve Billinger
 John Clayton

EM

Glenda Heinz
 Jean Klepper
 Millie Menges
 Joe Schulte
 Yvonne Strecker

Jerome Huslig
 Mike Moeder
 Kirk Bressler
 Steve Oelke
 Curtis Wolf

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Shaun Weber, Brandon Carr

Erin & Sarah Hammeke

Sacristan Millie Menges

Kent Robl

Weekday Servers: Week of Nov. 19 - Madisyn Schlochtermeyer, Haley Rugan

Nov. 25 & 26

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

David Gonzales
 Karla Gonzales

10:30am Sun.

Heather Panning
 Kent Robl

EM

Rosie Joiner
 Ellen Shanteau
 Angie Hammeke
 Melanie Zink
 Lori Billinger

Marcella Birzer
 Steve Oelke
 Amy Oelke
 LeRoy Thill
 Sharla Thill

Accomp/Cantor

Servers Monica Hammeke & Caden Rowan Cody Zink & A. J. Bowyer

Sacristan Marilyn Schartz

Kelly & Kristen Wondra

Weekday Servers: Week of Nov. 26 - Emma Nienke, Shaun Weber

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

November 2017

Wednesday November 1, 2017 – All Saints' Day at 7pm

- Lectors: Richard Rugan, Toby Holmes
- Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Oberle, Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Doris Feist, Kathy Krier
- Gift Bearers: Rick & Dawnya Hickel
- Greeters: Leon & Judy Oberle
- Servers: Brett Liebl, Lawson Oeser
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

WEEKDAY Schedule

Sunday November 5, 2017

- Lectors: Nancy Liebl, Lori Koester
- Eucharistic Ministers: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Rita Stueder, Bill Thomas, Bridget Letourneau
- Gift Bearers: Ryan & Darah Harrison Family
- Greeters: Kirk & Aaron Schneweis
- Servers: Devin Ryan, Peyton Ryan
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Sunday November 12, 2017

- Lectors: Janet Hitschmann, Darah Harrison
- Eucharistic Ministers: Laurie Feist, Carmen Johnson, Barbara Musgrove, Jim Oberle, Doris Feist
- Gift Bearers: Janie Haxton and Dee Krier
- Greeters: Toby & Sheri Holmes Family
- Servers: Anthony Oberle, Jacob Oberle
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

Sunday November 19, 2017

- Lectors: Kathy Krier, Don Zink
- Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Liebl, Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Dawnya Hickel, Joan Miller
- Gift Bearers: Jon & Jane Oeser Family
- Greeters: Marvin & Bobette Kirmer
- Servers: Lexie Oeser, Lauren Oeser
- Sacristan: Joan Miller

Sunday November 26, 2017

- Lectors: Kent Praeger, Laura Schlessiger
- Eucharistic Ministers: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Kathy Krier, Rita Stueder, Bill Thomas
- Gift Bearers: Richard & Janel Rugan Family
- Greeters: John & Lori Koester
- Servers: Tyler Holmes, Brynna Hammeke
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Thursday November 2

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Carla Liebl, Joan Miller

Friday November 3

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

Tuesday November 7

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Jim Oberle, Carla Liebl

Thursday November 9

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

Tuesday November 14

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

Thursday November 16

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Carla Liebl, Joan Miller

Tuesday November 21

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

Tuesday November 28

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Kathy Krier, Carla Liebl

Thursday November 30

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

Thanksgiving Mass at 7pm

Wednesday November 22

Lectors: Toby Holmes

EM: Kathy Krier, Nancy Liebl

Servers: Molly Steiner, Callie Zink

Gift Bearers: Chris Steiner Family

Greeters: Todd Liebl Family

Sacristan: Dee Krier