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Facts about Fasting

by Father Terrance Klein

There has never been a time when the Church didn't enjoin fasting upon us. The gospels tell us that Jesus himself fasted (Mt 4:1-9; Lk 4:1-2), and he gave instructions to his disciples on when and how they should fast (Mt 6: 16-18). He also spoke of the combined power of praying and fasting (Mt 17: 14-21). The Book of Acts reports the early Church fasting at Antioch (Acts 13: 1-3) and Galatia (Acts 14: 21-23). Saint Paul speaks of fasting as a mark of his ministry (2 Cor 6: 4-10; 2 Cor 11: 23-28), and he enjoins it upon his followers (1 Cor 7: 5).

One of the earliest documents that we have, after the New Testament, the Didache (c. 110 ad) speaks of Christians fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. Both of these days are still observed as days of fasting in the Eastern Churches.

Fasting means eating less food or leaving more space between the meals that we take in. This has always been linked to the idea that in fasting we have more to give to the poor.

Abstinence means giving something up. On Friday's the common offering is meat. Contrary to popular legend, this is not a medieval initiative, struck between the pope and fish mongers. We have reference to abstinence from meat very early in the Church's life. Christ died on a Friday, which is why it was chosen as day of fasting and

abstinence. Christians were asked to abstain from anything that "had shed its warm blood for us, as Christ did." Fish (and reptiles) are cold blooded so they could be consumed. There is no obligation to eat fish only to abstain from meat.

The command for Roman Catholics to fast and abstain on all Fridays of the year has never been repealed! However, in 1966 the American bishops said that their Catholics were no longer bound to fast and abstain on Fridays, outside of Lent, under pain of sin, but the bishops asked us to continue to do so in union with the Church throughout the world and the ages. They wrote:

Among the works of voluntary self-denial and personal penance which we especially commend to our people for the future observance of Friday, even though we hereby terminate the traditional law of abstinence binding under pain of sin, as the sole prescribed means of observing Friday, we give first place to abstinence from flesh meat. We do so in the hope that the Catholic community will ordinarily continue to abstain from meat by free choice as formerly we did in obedience to Church law.

Church law still enjoins fasting and abstinence, pointing out that it is a command from God in Sacred Scripture.

Can. 1249 The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance. However, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety

and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence, according to the norm of the following canons. Can. 1250 The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Can. 1251 Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Catholics have always believed in the power of personal sacrifice, that, in union with the offering of Christ, we can offer our lives to God. Yes, there are many positive things that we should do for Lent, and throughout the year. Charity to the poor is given pride of place. But when we pray without asking something of God, only to give thanks and praise and to be with God, we acknowledge that this world is not all there is. The same is true of the many sacrifices the Church enjoins upon us, all the way from celibacy, for some, to fasting and abstinence, for all. God doesn't need our sacrifices any more than God needs our prayers and devotion.



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But, united to the prayer and sacrifice of Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, God the Father receives our personal offerings with love. If your life doesn't look any different from that of an unbeliever who does some good, how deep is your faith in God, and in the salvation Christ promised us?

Besides promoting spiritual health, for healthy people, fasting promotes physical health as well.

1. Fasting is an excellent tool for weight loss.
2. Fasting promotes the secretion of human growth hormone. This promotes muscle growth and helps to burn fat.
3. Fasting is great for normalizing insulin sensitivity. If you consume too many carbs and sugars, you can become insensitive to insulin, which leads to Type II diabetes.
5. Fasting can normalize ghrelin levels. This is the hormone that tells you when you are hungry. After learning the fast, your body will begin to teach you when you are truly hungry.
6. Fasting can lower triglyceride levels. This comes from bad cholesterol. Fasting also doesn't lower good cholesterol.
7. Fasting may slow down the aging process. This hasn't been proven yet in humans, only in animals.



Every Wednesday there are about 20 people signed up to come after mass from 9am to 7pm. This is one way God is calling us to respond to His invitation to come to His house for one hour, thirty minutes or fifteen minutes. Give some time of your day to God. As we become more accustomed to setting time aside we might surprise ourselves and eventually be able to spend an hour. Starting with Lent get in the habit of coming to Mass and Adoration on Wednesdays any time of the day. GOD is inviting you to come visit Him and to pray.



Lent begins February 14th. Insert in Bulletin Sunday was the Catholic Up Date, February 2018 heading Living Out Lent Today. For the next six weeks, we are journeying through the desert toward the oasis that is Easter and the Feast of the Resurrection. This season is an opportunity to step away from familiar routines and see life from a new vantage point. It's a chance to look inside our hearts and outside our comfort zones, a chance to give God the space to reshape us in his image. The more focused we are during the journey, the greater our joy will be when Easter arrives

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself ***"am doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"***



Cadet Class of 2018 Altar Servers

New Servers: Father Klein installed a new class of servers at the weekday mass on January 26. The new servers are: Aryahn Fischer, Dahlon Fischer, Cooper Gunn, Nathan Hammeke, Kaleub Haynes, Braden Lewis, Elizabeth Monaghan, Cayman Rowan, Bryce Steffan, and Ava Thill.

Parish Member Mary Ann Brungardt Celebrating 100 years



On January 29th St. Joseph celebrated Catholic School Week with the students and grand friends. Mary Ann is pictured with her grand friend, 7th grader, Brittan Dutton, son of Meredith and Justin Joiner.

Mary Ann Thill Brungardt was born on Jan 28, 1918 in her family home at Dubuque, Kansas. She had three older brothers Frank, Nick and Paul and three older sisters, Francis, Catherine and Eleanor. She was later joined by a brother Leonard and a sister Anna Lee. When she was seven years old her mother died from injuries in a car accident. Her father died four years later. The three older brothers stayed on the home place and Leonard went to Ellinwood to live. Anna Lee went to live a mile from their home place and Mary Ann moved to Ellinwood and lived with John and Mayme Kowalsky. John and Mayme had two daughters Claudine and Mildred.

Mary Ann has been a member of St Joseph Church since 1929. She graduated from St. Joseph School and Ellinwood High School.

She worked for Stephan & Isern dry goods.

She met Ben Brungardt in Hays and they were married in 1946.

In 1960 Ben and Art Hickel opened the Ellinwood Packing Plant where she worked.

Ben and Mary Ann have two daughters, Sally Ann and Susan. After

Ben died in 1966 she worked as a cook at St Joseph School and the High School.

Mary Ann operated the Dairy Queen in 1973.

Mary Ann now has four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She began caregiving when Grandpa Brungardt was ill in Hays. Mary Ann gave her Time, Talent and Treasure to family and friends all her life.

She has been blessed with a wonderful family and caring friends. She always said she didn't know what she would have done without the Stickneys.

Mary Ann says a secret to a long life is having family and friends close by.

On January 27, 2018 Mary Ann celebrated her 100th Birthday, surrounded by her family and friends. Many traveled from out of state to celebrate with her. Great food, beautiful decorations, and loving memorabilia adorned the parish center. Mary Ann, was her beautiful self, and greeted every guest. Such a wonderful day for a lovely lady.

Many people have touched her life, as she has touched many in her lifetime.

A Grandmother's Prayer

"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged."
(Proverbs 17:6)

I give you thanks, Heavenly Father,
that enjoy the blessing
of being able to see my
children's children.
They are so dear to me
because in them I see
my own children
when they were young.
What marvels You have
wrought to bring me to
this place in life --
how You have preserved
me through the trials
both in my life
and my children's.
Gracious Father, You have
given me, through
my grandchildren,
the hope that life
springs eternally new.

May never cease to
appreciate Your overwhelming
goodness mirrored in their faces.
Amen.



Mary Ann surrounded by friends and family at her 100th birthday celebration.

School News & More



Alumna Rachel Doll came back to her Alma Mater to share her fond memories of SJCS, but more importantly, to share what she loves about being Catholic. She also shared her experience of being involved in the campus ministry life at Ft. Hays State University.

On Thursday we hosted a Chamber Coffee and on Friday welcomed students' grandparents for mass and lunch.

HELLO
SPRING
HELLO
MARCH

LENT COMES EVERY YEAR and it's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the best version of ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

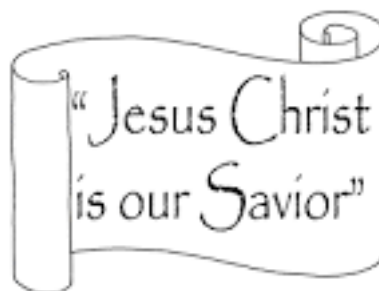
This Lent, do something different. Join our parishes for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with Inspirational Videos, Practical Tips and Encouraging Stories. Are you ready to have your best Lent ever? Sign-up at DynamicCatholic.com/40Days.

DAY of FASTING and ABSTINENCE

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Remember Red Wheel pickup date is March 6, 3:30 - 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

Each year, we hold some type of collection to benefit others. This year, we held a Penny War in which students brought in \$588.32 for the Ministerial Alliance to use to help those in need in our Ellinwood community. Kindergarten/1st Grade Won this year.



Every-other-year we host a Scholastic Book Fair. This year's Book Fair netted \$2,655.54 in sales. We earned \$1,300 worth of free books for holding the book fair!

Make the Best of Every Day

Victor & Mary Rose Oberle - ICC's Longest Married Couple

What does it take to have a long, successful marriage? "Be patient. Forgive. Pray!" These are the perfect words spoken from Mary Rose Oberle when she was asked what advice she could give young couples today. This sentiment comes from 64 years with the same man by her side. We wanted to know how and when it all started.

In 1953, Dwight D. Eisenhower was president. *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* and *Shane* was playing at the box office, while *That's Amore* and *Crying in the Chapel* were on the radio. The first TV Guide was published. Sir Edmund Hillary was the first man to crest Mount Everest. However, back in our small part of the world, Victor Oberle & Mary Rose Wondra were starting their life together at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin.

Victor was born the 7th child of Anton & Lena (Feist) Oberle, and attended Holy Name School near Bushton before serving in the Army from 1950 to 1952. Mary Rose came along the 3rd of 10 children born to Alfred & Regina (Kirmer) Wondra, and she graduated from Odin High School in 1952.

Fund raising dances at the Holy Family parish hall were a common occurrence in the 1950s. Then, on one fateful evening, Victor, with his "Bushton Boys" (including Urban & Paul Oberle plus Willis Bieberle), drove over to check things out...and the rest is history.

April 14th, 1953. It was a chilly, cloudy Tuesday morning when Reverend Cornelius Leunissen united the pair with Paul Oberle and Leo Wondra standing for Victor, while Ann and Rita Wondra, in long dresses (one in light green & one in lavender), stood beside Mary Rose, holding her red rose bouquet. The couple honeymooned in Denver before returning to their little house in Ellinwood where Victor worked in the oilfield.

They only lived in Ellinwood for about 2 years before moving to Claflin to raise their family in the same house that they still live in today at the corner of Albrow & 3rd Street.

Victor worked for 20 years at Tinkel Sand before starting Oberle Sand & Gravel in 1977, while Mary Rose worked at the



local grocery store and then at the Claflin Post Office. Although both have long been retired, Mary Rose still volunteers for the ICC Altar Society, the Claflin Community Senior Birthday Coffee, and The Red Cross Bloodmobile when it comes to town. She also enjoys spending her free time doing embroidery and word puzzles, while Victor likes a quiet game of solitaire or a round of checkers. For so many years, you would see Victor riding his bike around town getting exercise and enjoying the weather. I seem to remember times when I thought he was crazy because it wasn't that warm outside!

The couple has been blessed with 4 children – Richard, Patty, Ray, and Christine. The family tree has since grown to 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Patty & Dave Schmidt's family includes Tami (Christopher) Tully, Eric (Denise) Schmidt, and Travis (Shelli) Schmidt. Great grandchildren include Madison, Gavin, Justin and Ethan Tully; Maryn and Rhett Schmidt; and Madison Henning, McKenna and Marissa Schmidt.

Ray & Sandi Oberle's branch of the family tree includes Emily (Hunter) Peterson, Nicole (Tyler) Ball, Rebecca Oberle, Kaylyn Oberle, and Jake Oberle. Great grandchildren include Kaycee, Elliott, and Tate Peterson; and Samuel Ball.

Christine & Quentin Robl reside in Salina and have three children – Megan Robl, Jared (Ashley) Robl, and Tanner Robl.

Unfortunately their oldest child, Richard, passed away 7/21/1974 at the age of 20 when he was in the service.

Mary Rose also had more words of guidance - to make the best of every day. When I pressed Victor for his words of advice for young couples, he answered "*FIGHT! Ask me how many fights we've had! ONE – and it's still going on!*" After the laughter quieted down, Mary Rose told me I not dare put that in the newsletter...but I knew I had to include it, because it proved to me that maybe one of the best pieces of advice they have shown (by example!) was to keep humor in your life.

Time & Talent

A Treasure at Immaculate Conception

Definition of music: vocal or instrumental sounds (or both) combined in such a way as to produce beauty of form, harmony, and expression of emotion.

Lois Steiner, Organist and Pianist at Immaculate Conception, is a vital part of our parish. Most of the time she hides out in the choir loft! Sometimes we see her at the piano in the front of church. Lois plays music for weekend masses, Holy Days, special occasions and funerals at ICC.

Lois's love of the piano began at an early age. A friend of her grandmother heard that Lois wanted to take piano lessons. She offered to sell her piano to Lois's parents for \$25, which allowed Lois and her sister to take piano lessons. Lois took piano lessons from Ella Prosser all through grade school and high school. Ella loved giving lessons and one of her goals was to have more church organists. Lois thought she paid 75 cents a lesson when she first started. The girls always had piano recitals, and Lois wanted to get as good as the older girls. Lois loved listening to them. Her mother always made sure they had practice time.

Lois Steiner started playing the organ when she was in the seventh grade. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were at the Odin School. If you took piano lessons the nuns would get you started on the organ by seventh or eighth grade. Sister Helen Joseph was her mentor. At the time there were no girls' sports, so there were several girls taking lessons. They all rotated playing on week days and in the summer. Mrs. Fred Beck, the main church organist, was glad to work them into the schedule. Lois started her teaching career in the Catholic School at Pratt and quickly became their church organist. She loved doing the music



for the children and had a children's choir for funerals and special occasions.

When Lois and Jerry left Pratt, they moved to Grinnell Kansas and later to Claflin. When they started raising their family, there were already active church organists, so Lois took a break from church music. She eventually got involved in the church choir and later became the choir director. After not playing for about eighteen years the need arose for an organist, and she really had to practice to get back in the swing of things. Lois said, "Thank goodness I slowly improved."

Advent and Christmas are her favorite seasons for church music. Lois's favorite songs are the ones the congregation really sing out on like "Jerusalem My Destiny" and "Sing Out Earth and Skies." Lois has favorite songs for each season of the church year. All the priests she has worked with at Claflin, have wanted music as an important part of the liturgy. Singing is another form of prayer and is an easy way to be an active participant in the Mass.

Lois (Jenisch) married Jerry Steiner on July 22, 1972 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin. They have two sons. Chris Steiner is married to Tammie and they live in Claflin. Their children are Bryce, Kaycee, and Mollie Jo. Shawn Steiner is married to Heather and they live in Dodge City, Kansas. They have two kids, Tatum and Easton.

Lois would like to recruit another keyboard person to help out at least once a month or to relieve her when she has family events. ICC can always use more cantors as well. Surprise Lois and volunteer to help with our music at ICC! Thank you, Lois, for giving your gifts of Time and Talent to ICC!

"One thing that always comes to mind is she loves picking out music for mass that she knows is a familiar song that most people know and will more than likely get everyone singing during mass. She loves watching Cantors get excited about their favorite music because it shows during mass when they're singing."

Emily Ney

"It is always so great to work with Lois! She is extremely talented and dedicated, and I always love talking to her during rehearsals. She is truly an inspiration to me and many in the community."

Kaylyn Oberle

"One of the things I admire most about Lois is how she keeps the youth involved in the music ministry. She pairs up the young cantors to make them comfortable and she was always great working with Tim."

Darlene Demel

"Caring and prepared are two of my favorite words when I think of Lois. She has been a pleasure to work with and brings a joy to each time we get together."

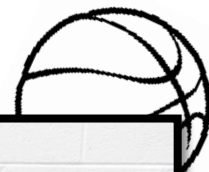
Jane Dreiling

It's Cool to be Catholic

On Wednesday, February 7th, the 9th thru 12th grade high school PSR class became role models and teachers to the younger PSR students. They split into small groups and each group made their own lesson plan and activity and presented it to a grade school class. Each group taught about forgiveness and lent. The high schoolers had fun developing relationships with the younger children.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition



On Tuesday January 23, Kyle Hickel and Rick Hickel of the Claflin Council held the Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at the CPHS gym. There were four participants in this year's competition. Competing in the 9 year old boys division were Nolan Owens and Brandon Werdahl. Nolan won by making 8 out of 15 free throws. In the 10 year old boys division was Paxton Dody, making 8 out of 15 baskets. Emma Hickel was the only girl participant, competing in the 12 year old division, also making 8 out of 15 free throws. All the Winners moved on to compete at the District Free Throw Contest in Great Bend on Sunday February 4, 2018. Congratulations to all of the participants! Pictured left to right: Participant Brandon Werdahl, winners Nolan Owens, Paxton Dody and Emma Hickel.



CLAFLIN

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Stag

Saturday, March 24th 2018
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
ICC PARISH CENTER

MOUNTAIN OYSTERS
SMOKED SAUSAGE
AND ALL THE FIXINGS

WE CAN'T
WAIT TO SEE
YOU THERE!

DO YOU WANT *To Fast This Lent?*

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Source: Pietrafitness.com

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY at 5 pm March 29, 2018

- Lectors: Don Zink, Darah Harrison
- Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Musgrove, Joe Jordan, Nancy Liebl, Jim Oberle, Doris Feist
- Gift Bearers: Janie Haxton and Dee Krier
- Greeters: Leon and Judy Oberle
- Servers: Molly Steiner, Maryn Schmidt, Paxton Dody
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

GOOD FRIDAY at 3 pm March 30, 2018

- Lectors: Toby Holmes, Lori Koester
- Eucharistic Minister: Todd Liebl
- Greeters: Jim and Lisa Ryan Family
- Servers: Devin Ryan, Emily Ryan, Peyton Ryan
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

EASTER SUNDAY at 8:30 am April 1, 2018

- Lectors: Richard Rugan, Kent Praeger
- Eucharistic Ministers: Rita Stueder, Laurie Feist, Frances Soukup, Cindy Stueder, Carmen Johnson
- Gift Bearers: John and Laura Schlessiger Family
- Greeters: Jon and Jane Oeser
- Servers: Lawson Oeser, Lexi Oeser, Lauren Oeser
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

If unable to fulfill your ministry duties,
Please find a replacement or call the Sacristan.

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

March 2018

Sunday March 4, 2018

- Lectors: Richard Rugan, Lori Koester
- Eucharistic Ministers: Peggy Feist, Dawnya Hickel, Nancy Liebl, Joe Jordan, Doris Feist
- Gift Bearers: Lee and Jamie Bieberle
- Greeters: Toby and Sheri Holmes Family
- Servers: Isaac Heredia, Peyton Ryan
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

Sunday March 11, 2018

- Lectors: Toby Holmes, Darah Harrison
- Eucharistic Ministers: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Rita Stueder, Cindy Stueder, Jim Oberle
- Gift Bearers: Rick and Dawnya Hickel
- Greeters: Marvin and Bobette Kirmer
- Servers: Tagen Davis, Brett Liebl
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Sunday March 18, 2018

- Lectors: Don Zink, Laura Schlessiger
- Eucharistic Ministers: Laurie Feist, Barbara Musgrove, Bill Thomas, Frances Soukup, Carmen Johnson
- Gift Bearers: John and Lori Koester
- Greeters: Kevin and Nancy Liebl Family
- Servers: Peyton Dody, Callie Zink
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

Sunday March 25, 2018 ~ PALM SUNDAY

- Lectors: Kent Praeger, Nancy Liebl
- Eucharistic Ministers: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Joan Miller
- Gift Bearers: Ryan and Darah Harrison Family
- Greeters: Pete and Michelle Oberle Family
- Servers: Maryssa Menges, Jacob Oberle, Tyler Holmes
- Sacristan: Joan Miller

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call the Sacristan.

WEEKDAY Schedule

Thursday March 1

- Lector: Don Zink
- EM Bill Thomas, Carla Liebl

Friday March 2 (First Friday)

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

Tuesday March 6

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Bill Thomas, Carla Liebl

Thursday March 8

- Lector: Don Zink
- EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

Tuesday March 13

- Lector: Jane Steinert
- EM: Bill Thomas, Carla Liebl

Thursday March 15

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

Tuesday March 20

- Lector: Don Zink
- EM: Bill Thomas, Carla Liebl

Thursday March 22

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

Tuesday March 27

- Lector: Nancy Schartz
- EM: Bill Thomas, Carla Liebl

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Holy Thursday
7:00pm - March 29

Lector1: David Gonzales
Lector2: Karla Gonzales

Eucharistic Ministers: Curtis Wolf
 Lori Billinger
 Mel Waite
 Ed Schlochtermeyer
 Jerome Huslig

Accompanist: Leon Sobba

Cantor:

Servers: Drew Heinz
 Jonathon Mason
 Caylee Rowan
 Kiley Troyer

Good Friday
12:00pm - March 30

Lector 1/Passion: Stephanie Joiner
Lector 2/Passion: Terri Huslig
Passion: Larry Drees

EM: Sharla Thill

Accompanist: Leon Sobba

Cantor:

Cross Bearers: Andrew Cherry
 Ryan Heter
 John Clayton

Servers: Daphne Doll
 Kennedy Harrington

Holy Saturday
8:00pm - March 31

Lectors: John Clayton
 Kent Robl
 Catherine Strecker
 Mary Tudor
 John Sturn
 Mary Waite
 Ellen Shanteau

Eucharistic Ministers: Melanie Zink
 Joy Schlochtermeyer
 Paul Schlochtermeyer
 LeRoy Thill
 Sharla Thill

Accompanist: Leon Sobba

Cantor:

Servers: Madisyn Schlochtermeyer
 Logan Panning
 A. J. Bowyer
 Karson Harrington

Easter Sunday
10:30am - April 1

Lector1: Jerome Huslig
Lector2: Rosie Joiner

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Heinz
 Rod Weber
 Danielle Weber
 Marcella Birzer
 Lori Hammeke

Accompanist: Leon Sobba

Cantor:

Servers: Luke Wondra
 Sarah Hammeke
 Erin Hammeke



March 2018
Daily Eucharistic Ministers

2 - Gerry Menges, JoAnn Roth
 7 - Joy S., Sharla Thill
 9 - Kirk Bressler, Glenda Heinz
 14 - Angie Hammeke, JoAnn roth
 16 - Sharla Thill, Joy S.
 21 - Kirk Bressler, Angie Hammeke
 23 - Joy S., JoAnn Roth
 28 - Sharla Thill, Glenda Heinz
 30 - Good Friday



SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

March. 3 - Jason & Heather
 Schlochtermeyer Family, Paul Huschka,
 Vernon Robl

March 10 - Millie Menges, Steve & Amy
 Oelke Family, Angie Hammeke

March 17 - Jeff Klepper Family, Glen &
 Kathy Hertel

March 24 - Josh Komarek, Jamie
 Komarek, Joni & Louie Pivonka,
 Connie Potts, Colton Potts

March 31 - (Holy Saturday) Volunteers
 Needed

SUNDAY, 10:30AM MASS

March 4 - HS PSR Students

March 11 - Leon & Marilyn Reichuber,
 Monte & Robin Doll Family, Jeff &
 Sandy Roth

March 18 - Kim Ward, John & Marlene
 Clayton, Gerry Menges, Mark Menges,
 Ed Schlochtermeyer

March 25 - Richard & Jean Doll Family,
 Tony & Cheryl Klepper

April 1 - (Easter Sunday) Volunteers
 Needed

Weekday Servers: Week of Feb. 25 Aryahn Fischer, Shaun Weber

March 3 & 4

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

David Gonzales

Karla Gonzales

10:30am Sun.

HS PSR Student

HS PSR Student

EM

Jerome Huslig

Rosie Joiner

Ellen Shanteau

John Clayton

Angie Hammeke

Sharon Gatton

Kent Roth

Marcella Birzer

Jalayne Ewing

Catherine Strecker

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Madisyn Schlochtermeyer

Haley Rugan

HS PSR Student

HS PSR Student

Sacristan

Karen Kramp

JoAnn Roth

Weekday Servers: Week of March 4 - Dahlon Fischer, Kiley Troyer

March 10 & 11

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Ellen Shanteau

Stephanie Joiner

10:30am Sun.

Art Huslig

Mary Waite

EM

Millie Menges

Joe Schulte

Melanie Zink

Lori Billinger

Kim Heinz

Mike Moeder

Ed Schlochtermeyer

LeRoy Thill

Sharla Thill

Mary Tudor

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Cayman Rowan

Caylee Rowan

Cooper Gunn

Lane Klepper

Sacristan

Rosemary Robl

Karen Kramp

Weekday Servers: Week of March 11 - Kaleub Haynes, Jonathon Mason

March 17 & 18

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Steve Billinger

Derek Joiner

10:30am Sun.

Charlie Joslin

Heather Panning

EM

Amy Oelke

Steve Oelke

Jason Schlochtermeyer

Curtis Wolf

Jean Klepper

Mel Waite

Kirk Bressler

Mark Panning

Lori Hammeke

Jaylayne Ewing

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Nathan Hammeke

Monica Hammeke

Brayden Lewis

Wittney Hammeke

Sacristan

Larry Drees

Tammy Troyer

Weekday Servers: Week of March 18 - Elizabeth Monaghan, Britton Dutton

March 24 & 25

Lector 1

Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Jerome Huslig

Sharon Gatton

10:30am Sun.

Kent Roth

John Clayton

EM

Joy Schlochtermeyer

Paul Schlochtermeyer

Yvonne Strecker

Glenda Heinz

Ellen Shanteau

Angie Hammeke

Rick Thomas

Lori Thomas

Rod Weber

Danielle Weber

Accomp/Cantor

Servers:

Colby Heinz

Brayden Williams

Bryce Steffan

Shaun Weber

Sacristan

Millie Menges

Kirk Bressler

Weekday Servers: Week of March 26 Caylee Rowan, Karson Harrington

Birthdays & Anniversaries - March 2018

Immaculate Conception Church

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Melinda Kasselmann
- 2 Layne Bieberle
- 3 Gary Bittner
- 5 Matthew Demel
- 6 Arlene Strube
- 8 Trent Musgrove
- 9 Jonah Schlessiger
- 14 Cameron Hekele
- 14 Brett Liebl
- 14 Dana Weber
- 15 Bonnie Jeffery
- 17 Jeff Schneweis
- 18 Shelli Schmidt
- 19 Kori Hammeke
- 19 Rebecca Oberle
- 20 Catlin Miller
- 21 Taylor Hertach
- 23 Jane Dreiling
- 23 Richard Hickel
- 24 James Clifton Musgrove
- 24 Sheila Oeser
- 25 Richard Letourneau
- 25 Urban Oberle
- 25 Kirk Schneweis
- 26 Richard Hayes
- 26 Adam Liebl
- 28 William Miller
- 29 James Beck
- 29 Lois Joiner
- 30 Thomas Huslig
- 30 Charlee Schlessiger
- 31 Kylie Holmes

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Douglas & Janell Hubbard
- 10 Jeremy & Angela Liebl
- 17 Marvin & Bobette Kirmer
- 18 James & Sheryl Hickel
- 3 Douglas & Janell Hubbard

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Anthony Helfrich
- 2 Irene Kimpler
- 2 Madisyn Schlochtermeyer
- 2 Bill Zink
- 3 Kyle Albers
- 3 Monte Doll
- 3 Joyce Schulte
- 4 Jeff Roth
- 5 Mel Waite
- 6 Jesse Broce
- 6 Doug Ewing
- 6 Ashtin Klepper
- 6 Lane Klepper
- 6 Jason Schlochtermeyer
- 9 Helen Hickel
- 9 Lana Kimpler
- 9 Karen Mitchel
- 10 Stacey Ward
- 12 Michael Birzer
- 12 Cheryl Klepper
- 13 Mahlik Fischer
- 13 Daniel Hammeke
- 13 Kathy Hines
- 13 Heather Panning
- 13 Matt Troyer
- 14 Karen Rugan
- 14 Lauren Rugan
- 15 Don Joiner
- 17 J.P. Kasselmann
- 19 Linda Sobba
- 19 Danielle Weber
- 19 Bill Williams
- 21 James McMullen
- 22 LeRoy Thill
- 23 Kyle Nemnich
- 23 Remi Thomas
- 24 Ethan Schlochtermeyer
- 25 Carol Schartz
- 26 Bradyn Christiansen
- 26 Audrey Lewis
- 26 Macy Menges
- 28 Gerald Reichuber
- 29 Bernetta Oberle
- 29 Cayman Rowan
- 30 Mason Doll
- 31 Theresa Younker

St. Joseph Church

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Chad & Lori Steffan
- 3 Joe & Joyce Schulte
- 5 Dan & Donna Mason
- 12 Larry & Sherrie Siefers
- 24 Mark & Tracy Menges

Baptism at Immaculate Conception



On Sunday February 4, 2018, Father Klein baptized Connor Lee Thornton, son of Brett and Brandy (Steinert) Thornton. Connor's Godparents are Brenda and Tim Pflughoeft. Grandparents are Don and Jane Steinert of Claflin. A brunch was held for family afterwards. Congratulations Connor and welcome to the Immaculate Conception Parish. Pictured left to right: Brenda Pflughoeft, Brandy Thorton holding Connor, Father Klein, Brett Thorton and Tim Pflughoeft.