

The **S***pirit of St. Joseph Parish*
214 North Main
Ellinwood KS 67526

Immaculate Conception Parish

310 North Main
Claflin KS 67525

Father Terrance Klein, Pastor
Steve Schachle



A Mother's Life



It was Rose Kennedy who said, "I looked on child rearing not only as a work of love and duty but as a profession that demanded the best that I could bring to it." Like Rose, I have found that indeed motherhood is a profession, and it certainly deserves the best I can bring to it.

What happens at home is central to a child's ability to function throughout his life. Home is where bonding takes place and a child learns to attach to relationships. When a child can attach, that means they learn to trust people. Learning to trust is essential for having healthy relationships throughout life.

A child lived in an orphanage for the first nine years of his life. While it appears that it was a good orphanage, as orphanages go, the reality is that group care is never the same as mothering care. This child doesn't need quality time; he needs quantity time. He needs to know that we're there in the morning when he wakes up and there at night when he goes to bed. He needs to know we'll be there after school and at any sport or music event he participates in. Home is where he is learning to trust, to love, and to be loved.

Home is where a child learns who they are. Each of us is created uniquely

by God. We have unique gifts, talents, and temperaments. Home is the place those are discovered and celebrated.

Home is where we learn who we are. We're not designed to journey through life alone. God created us to have relationship with Him. The most effective place for us to learn that is not at church — it's at home!

Home serves as our base camp. It's where we rest our head every night. It's the place we find clean clothes and a warm meal. It's a place of protection from the world and all that it demands. With all the diverse roles that home plays in our life, someone must be on duty.

There is so much diversity in what goes on at home that an on-site manager is desperately needed. Someone needs to have the time and energy to invest in each member of the family as well as manage all the different facets of home. That's the essence of the job description for Mom, the site manager.



Do What I Can't

Debbie Leads

Make sure to call mama
on Mother's Day
Her birthday and the rest
You know she's sitting by the phone
Wishing you all the best.

She doesn't want to bother you
So she waits for YOU to phone.
She has so much free time now.
Most of it spent alone.

She knows you are very busy now,
With work and kids and wife
She helps you out whenever she can
She is the one who gave you life.

The years go by, so fast they fly
The years just never stop
She has joined the local church and
At local thrift stores she shops.

Luckily you have an organized wife
Who sends the cards you sign
You moved away for job prospects
Not because you wanted
to leave her behind.

She quietly lives her life
Puttering around the yard
Thinking of ways
she could help you
And cherishing your
beautiful cards.

Whenever you think of her,
Please, listen and take the time
Because I would give
everything I have
For just five minutes with
my Mother

Kyle and Christy Nemnich Baby Baptized



Claire Rose Nemnich, daughter of Kyle & Christy Nemnich, was baptized on November 12, 2017 at St. Joseph church. Claire's baptismal gown was made by her great great grandmother Gladys Bishop & previously worn by her mother & her aunt Alicia Bahr. The gown was made of white eyelit.

Her godparents are Kyle Bahr, Christy's brother-in-law from Hays & Lisa Nemnich, Kyle's sister from Hays. After Claire's baptism, Kyle & Christy hosted a lunch for the family at their house in Great Bend.



Pictured with Claire are: Kyle Bahr, Kyle & Christy Nemnich, Lisa Nemnich & Father Klein. Her grandparents are: Kenny & Kelly Studer from Goodland & Ed & Diane Nemnich from Ellinwood & great grandmother Barb Neitzel from Manhattan.

St. Joseph's Bids Farewell to a Lovely Lady

Jeanne Schloctermeier, 71, passed away April 1st, 2018. She was born on February 2nd, 1947 in El Dorado, KS. She lived in Augusta, KS, later moving to Ellinwood where she graduated High School in 1965. Shortly after graduation she married her high school sweetheart Don at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Jeanne worked at Farmers Mutual Insurance in addition to being a farm wife. She truly enjoyed working alongside Don on the farm.

Survivors include her husband, Don, daughters, Jamie and Jill. Six grandchildren, Lacey, Austin, Lindsey, Daniel, Raegan, and Rachel; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, David.

Funeral Mass was held April 5th at Sts. Peter & Paul Church with Father Terrance Klein and Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial followed at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

The entire St. Joseph Community sends our sympathy and prayers to Don and his family.



*A Mother's touch,
There's magic in a Mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile.
There's love in everything she does
to make our lives worthwhile.
We can find both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes.
Her laughter is a source of joy,
her words are warm and wise.
There is a kindness and compassion
to be found in her embrace,
and we see the light of heaven
shining from a Mother's face.*



In Loving Memory
Jeanne Schloctermeier
Feb. 2, 1947
April 1, 2018



Seven Second Graders make their First Communion



Steve Schachle confirmed on Holy Saturday.



These little angels made their First Communion Sunday April 8, 2018.

Pictured are back row: Jocelynn Joiner, daughter of Justin and Meredith Joiner, Ayla Ritchie, daughter of Brandon and Jill Ritchie, Father Terry Klein, Lexi Steele, daughter of Kristen Steele, Josie Heter, daughter of Ryan and Nancy Heter, Teacher, Mrs. Harrington.

Front row: Eleanor Joiner, daughter of Derek and Stephanie Joiner, Lexi Thomas, daughter of Josh and Camie Thomas, Ashlyn Gray, daughter of Holly Bowyer. Congratulations to all of these fine girls and their parents.



At right: Meredith Joiner confirmed on Holy Saturday. Daughter Jocelynn received First Communion April 8.

RCIA Group more to come!



Here is a shot of our newest parishioners, Tenelle Neust and with sponsor Melanie Zink. Andrew Cherry and wife/sponsor Sarah Cherry, Kelly Penner and sponsor, Danielle Carroll, Nancy Heter and Ryan Heter with sponsor Georgia Lloyd. More to come next month on each new RCIA member.

First Holy Communion

The Second Grade PSR Class have been working hard preparing for their First Holy Communion. Teacher Tamara Dody and helper Sarah Cherry, have been teaching the children about making a good confession, learning their prayers and the Blessed Sacrament. First Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday April 8th at both Immaculate Conception Church in Claflin and Holy Family Church in Odin.

Ryan Cherry is the son of Andrew and Sarah Cherry. He likes playing basketball, building Legos, playing with his brother and playing monopoly with his family. He is excited to make his First Communion, "I want to participate in the Eucharist so I can have the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Melanie Harrison is the daughter of Ryan and Darah Harrison. She likes horses and books. She is excited for her First Communion, "because she'll get to dress up fancy and get to do the body and blood."

Richie Hayes is the son of Richard Hayes and Christina Hayes. His favorite things are raspberries, football, Legos and Super Mario Brothers Games. He is excited about First Communion, "because it's good to be friends with God."

Lynden Hekele is the daughter of Beau and Char Hekele. Her favorite things are vanilla ice cream, riding bikes and playing with friends. She is excited for her First

Communion, "because my mom and dad will be proud of me."

Madison Henning is the daughter of Travis and Shelli Schmidt and Brandon Henning. Her favorite things are volleyball and hamburger helper. She is excited to make her First Communion, "so I can take communion to be closer to God."

Alli Klima is the daughter of JD and Shawna Klima. She likes gymnastics, neon pink, cats and softball. She is excited for her First Communion, "because she is "Just Excited."

Broc Klima is the son of JD and Shawna Klima. He likes baseball, neon orange, Nintendo Switch Fortnite and ferrets. He is excited for his First Communion, "Can't wait it's my first one."

Scott Lamatsch is the son of Greg and Sonya Lamatsch. He likes meat, football, Green Bay Packers and hunting. He is excited to make his First Communion, "it's awesome to be closer to God."

Adessa Prosser is the daughter of Jessie and Wendy Prosser. Her favorite things are horses, rodeo, steak and playing and talking. She is excited to make her First Communion, "I get to go to church and become closer to God and learn more about being a good Catholic."



Two Seniors from St. Joseph Graduating 2018



Kayanna Hammeke, daughter of Clinton and Karrie Hammeke, is a 2018 graduate of Ellinwood High School. She plans to attend Kansas State University, pursuing a degree in public administration. Excited to continue her education, Kayanna is not thrilled with the idea of leaving those close to her. St. Joseph School played a large role in her life even after 8th grade. With all the accolades she received in High School, the sky is the limit for this brilliant and talented young lady. Good luck at K-State and we wish you all the best.



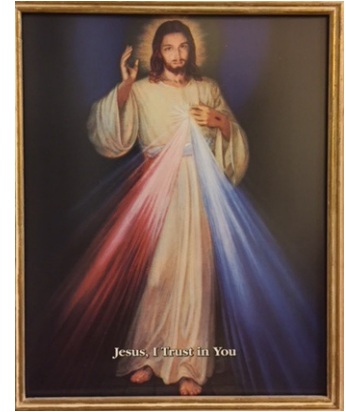
Katelyn Reh, daughter of John and Kathy Reh is a 2018 graduate of Ellinwood High School.

Planning to attend Fort Hays State University; she will major in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine.

She attributes her success in high school to her Catholic education. Holding many offices and receiving many awards, definitely prepared Katelyn for this upcoming journey. If anyone could make this all happen, she truly can.

Onward and upward, Katelyn, you are one of the best.

Woodhaven Residents Receive Special Gift



A framed picture of Divine Mercy, "Jesus, I Trust in You", is placed above the bed of each Catholic resident of Woodhaven.

Private donations made this possible.

Divine Mercy Prayer
Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion
inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us
and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments
we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to
Your holy will,
which is
Love and Mercy itself.
Amen!!

Reichuber Family Members Corrected



Pictured Left to Right: Leon, Gerald, Pat and Arnold with Mother, Frances. We omitted Gerald's brother Arnold, in last month's newsletter. We apologize for this error.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2018						
		1 Mass 8:15am [C]	2 Mass 8:15am [E] SJS Spring Music Program 7pm	3 Mass 8:15am [C]	4 First Friday Mass 8:15am [E] Mass 10:00am [C]	5 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
6 6th Sun. Of Easter Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	7 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	8 Mass 8:15am [C] Parish Council 7pm [C]	9 Mass 8:15am [E]	10 Mass 8:15am [C]	11 Mass 8:15am [E]	12 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
13 7th Sun. Of Easter Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E] Happy Mother's Day!	14 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	15 Mass 8:15am [C]	16 SJS End of School Year Mass 8:15am [E]	17 Mass 8:15am [C]	18 Mass 8:15am [E]	19 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
20 Pentecost Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E] SJS 8 th Gr. Graduation	21 Mass 9:30am Hospital Finance Council Meeting 7pm [E]	22 Mass 8:15am [C]	23 Mass 8:15am [E]	24 Mass 8:15am [C]	25 Mass 8:15am [E]	26 Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5:00pm [E]
27 Trinity Sun. Mass 8:00am [O] Mass 8:30am [C] Mass 10:30am [E]	28 Mass 10:15am Woodhaven	29 Mass 8:15am [C]	30 Mass 8:15am [E]	31 Mass 8:15am [C]		

PROM MASS 2018

On Saturday April 7, 2018, students from Central Plains High School, some from different denominations, joined together for Mass and prayer at Immaculate Conception Church before they headed off to Prom! The young men looked handsome in their tuxes and the young ladies looked beautiful in their dresses. They are such a great group of kids!



Doris K. Smith

Doris K. Smith, 87, died March 25, 2018, at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born June 19, 1930, on the farm in rural Claflin, Ks, the daughter of Frank J. and Louise (Zecha) Miller.

Doris was a graduate of Claflin High School. On Feb. 22, 1949, she married Francis Harold Smith, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Odin, Ks. He preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1991. A lifelong resident of Claflin, she was a homemaker. Doris was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Altar Society. She was a former member of the Daughters of Isabella and a member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include, two sons, Mark H. Smith and wife Maria Emma of Buford, Ga., and Gerard L. Smith and wife Marsha of Salina; sisters, Teresa Dolechek of Hoisington, Marie Hoss and Rita Doll, both of Claflin, and Roberta Prosser, of Hoisington; three grandchildren, Thomas Smith and wife Maggie, Brittan Smith, and Gabriel Smith; and two great grandchildren, Malcolm and Inara Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sons; and a daughter; two brothers, William and Martin Miller; and a sister Leona Leiker.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, celebrated by Fathers Terrence Klein and Meinrad Miller. Burial followed at the Claflin Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Kans for Kids or Clara Barton Hospital Foundation in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, PO Box 146, Hoisington, Kansas 67544. Immaculate Conception Parish extends our deepest sympathy to the Smith Family.



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PSR Tradition at Immaculate Conception

Wednesday April 4th, high school PSR teachers Christina Hayes and Lindsey Bogner took the students to see the movie, "I Can Only Imagine." The faith-based movie taught lessons of forgiveness and the power of God in one's life.





Mission: Honoring human potential through service, advocacy and invitation, in the spirit of the Gospel, so that every person experiences hope and fulfillment.

Catholic Social Services began in Great Bend in 1965 through the efforts of Bishop Marion Forst and Fr. Walter Weiss. In 2015, the name was changed to Catholic Charities. The organization follows the seven principles of Catholic social teaching, providing services for people in need, regardless of faith. Their funding comes from several sources: The Annual Appeal (in December), grants, United Way, Vibrant Ministries, and through their primary fundraiser, The Annual Wine Tasting Event. Sponsors and auction donations are always needed for this event.

There are hundreds of Catholic Charities agencies all over the country. Most of them are affiliated with the national organization, Catholic Charities USA. In Kansas, there are four different Catholic Charities Agencies: Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, Catholic Charities Diocese of Wichita, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, and Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas. Each of these agencies is an independent, self-governing entity. In our local area, Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas has offices in Great Bend, Garden City and Dodge City, and serves the 28 counties of Southwest Kansas.

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas offers many services, but is probably best known for its adoption services. In the beginning, all adoptions were "closed adoptions", but now only "open adoptions" are offered. All members of the adoption triad - couples, adoptees, birthparents, siblings and adoptive families - are served by providing comprehensive information, ongoing emotional support, and search and reunion assistance. For more information on adoption, visit <http://www.adoptionassociationks.org/>, a website that is a collaboration between three of the Catholic Charities agencies in Kansas. Catholic Charities also works closely with Birthright of Great Bend to assist expectant mothers. Donations of new car seats and other baby items are needed!

The Non -Food Pantry was originally developed at the Great Bend office, but is now also available in all three offices. It provides personal & household items to those

in need. The hours for the pantry are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1-5pm. The pantry welcomes donations. Feel free to stop by and pick up handy magnetic refrigerator commitment cards to help remind you to donate some of the following items on a monthly basis: cleaners, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body soap, diapers or baby wipes. Your generosity makes a difference!

Even though there are three different locations in the Southwest Kansas region, they strive to operate as one office, providing the same services across the region - traveling as needed in order to make that happen. A few of the services include:

- Free pregnancy support for all women regardless of age, income, marital status or religious affiliation
- Individual, family, group and marriage counseling, as well as addiction counseling and relapse prevention
- Immigrant & Refugee Support (education, paperwork for employment, citizenship, emergency assistance, etc)
- Disaster Response (Hoisington, Greensburg & Pawnee Rock/GB tornadoes, Great Bend & Liberal flooding, etc)
- Referring some needs to other local agencies, such as Emergency Aid, The Dream Center, the Family Crisis Center, and the Salvation Army, to aid those in need.

Through the years this organization has been instrumental in developing many programs in the Great Bend area: Mental health services, the girls and boys homes, GED program, low income housing, Birthright, and the Family Crisis Center. This has been accomplished through years of commitment and compassion for all God's children.

For more information contact Rebecca Ford at the Great Bend office at phone number (620-792-1393), by email at rford@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org, visit them on Facebook, or at their website at the address: <http://catholiccharitiesswks.org/>

Protective Homes



At times, authorities have to make the very difficult decision to remove a child from their caregiver. The moment that decision is made, a complex series of events is triggered and a child is removed from what is familiar and placed into the unknown.

Protective Homes is an opportunity for you or your family to care for these children for a few hours or up to 3 business days immediately following this traumatic event. The goal of Protective Homes is to help children transition through these critical 72 hours with responsible people, who are willing to provide care, stability, and predictability in the midst of their crisis. This is an opportunity to help children while not being a licensed foster care home.

The Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center of Barton County, headed by Marissa Woodmansee, is the lead agency in this collaborative effort between public and contracted agencies and faith communities. The **Global Orphan Project**, the mother ship of CarePortal (www.goproject.org) is the facilitating agency in the process.

Becoming a Protective Home is a simple process:

- 1. CONTACT:** Hallie Cable via phone or text at (620)200-1659 or by email at Hallie@goproject.org
- 2. APPLY:** Complete and submit the online application. <https://careportal.org/churches/enroll-my-home/>

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY May 15, 2018 for the first training session.

A background check will be completed for you (and all of those in the home over the age of 18) and driver's licenses will be verified.

- 3. VISIT:** A professional will visit your home to verify the following safety measures are in place:
All firearms locked; ammunition locked separately (if applicable)
 - Working carbon monoxide detector near bedrooms
 - Home is free of significant clutter/debris
 - Home is in good repair
 - In-ground pool is fenced (if applicable)

- Home has access to telephone (cell phone) at all times
- List of emergency contacts is clearly posted

Sleeping Space Requirements include the following:

- Available sleeping space for the number of children you are willing to take
- Sleeping space is finished (cannot be an unfinished basement, attic, closet, garage, laundry room, etc.)
- Sleeping space must have two exits in case of emergency
- Working smoke detectors in each sleeping space
- If children are sharing space, the children must be biological siblings or within 3 years of age
- Adequate beds (Air mattress, pull out bed, or a mattress on the floor are acceptable options)
- For children 18 months and under you will need to have access to a crib (no drop side cribs)

4. ATTEND TRAINING: on Saturday, June 2, 2018. If there are 2 parents in the home, both must attend. You will be provided details each step of the way. As a volunteer Protective Home you will be able to specify the maximum number of children that you will be able to care for (groups of siblings need to be placed together) and the ages that you think would be best for your home (0-5, 6-11, 12-18).

Initiating the Protective Home process means that you and the other adults in your home will be deemed "appropriate" and will be on a list of families to be notified when a home is needed for a child. You will need to be willing to accept a call at any time, day or night, but you reserve the right to say "yes" or "no" based off of the information you receive, or your current availability. During the time a child is in your home you may be asked to provide transportation to and from appointments and court hearings.

Being a Protective Home will require you to trust in God and be vulnerable with those in your network (family, friends, and those in your church) as you ask for their support and help as you ***live God's calling to care for the vulnerable as He has cared for you.*** What a wonderful ministry for Churches to wrap their hearts around and support Protective Home families!

Thanks for your willingness to open your home!

Birthdays & Anniversaries – May 2018

Immaculate Conception Church

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Robert & Nancy Beck
- 15 Richard & Mary Lou Letourneau
- 30 Kevin & Rachel Dolechek

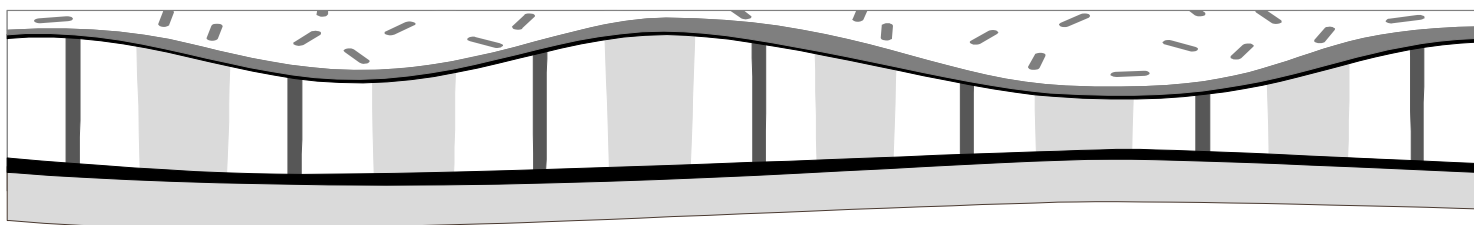
MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Logan Panning
- 3 Ron Strecker
- 3 Rick Thomas
- 5 Grant Klepper
- 5 Gilbert Schartz
- 5 Jenna Snell
- 6 Catherine Hammeke
- 6 Christopher Rugan
- 7 Dan Zink
- 8 Jeslyn Klepper
- 9 Mathew Hammeke
- 10 Brisco Staton
- 11 Vivian Klepper
- 12 Monica Hammeke
- 12 Cabrini Staton
- 13 Gary Grubb
- 13 Melissa Tudor
- 15 Isaiah Steele
- 15 Amber Zink-Quesenbury
- 18 Rachel Strecker
- 19 Jared Oelke
- 19 Cody Zink
- 20 Josh Komarek
- 20 Leah Steffan
- 21 Jamie Rowan
- 22 Kent Robl
- 22 Nicklaus Strecker
- 23 Craig Robl
- 23 Marc Waite
- 24 Kynlee Doll
- 26 Steve Hammeke
- 26 Keaton Lewis
- 26 Lauren Thill
- 28 Paul Huschka
- 28 Andrew McGlynn
- 29 Kala Moeder
- 30 Julia Clemons
- 30 Addilyn Joiner
- 31 Mike Moeder

St. Joseph Church

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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



Fr. Klein is Turning 60!!

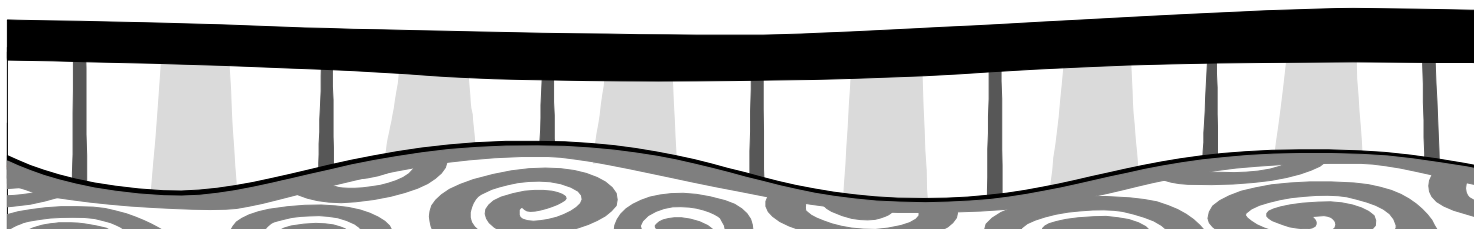
Let's honor him with a
card shower!

Parishioners are invited to send Fr. Klein
cards, letters, or a favorite story

June 1, 2018

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Italian Dinner

June 3, 2018 • St. Joseph Parish Center

Social 5:30 followed by Dinner at 6:00

Dinner includes your choice of

LASAGNA or CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

with tossed salad and homemade rolls and homemade dessert.

Coffee, Tea and Water will accompany the meal.

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

Cost of Meal - \$35 per person or \$60 per couple

ADULTS ONLY

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

Tickets will be available at Church, the Parish Office

or Contact any Living Legacy Committee Member

(Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available starting May 12th & 13th)