

The Spirit of St. Joseph Parish

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Immaculate Conception Parish

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Father Terrance Klein, Pastor
Steve Schachle



Timing is Everything



Father Terrance Klein

Allow me to begin by thanking, once again, those who minister in our liturgies. The contemporary Mass can't be celebrated without lectors, altar servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We should all be very grateful to those who give of themselves so that the rest of us can worship as the Church expects. In all of our parishes, we have need of more such ministers.

Here is a small point, but a helpful recommendation none-the-less. Those ministering at a given Mass should try to arrive at the church at least fifteen minutes before the Mass begins. Why? I'll explain.

Before the start of Mass, sacristans are trying to see if we have a sufficient number of ministers or if others must be recruited at the last minute. Each week they have to worry, "Should I be asking someone to step up? What if the person scheduled walks in at the last minute? Will I offend the late comer who has been replaced? What about the person, who so graciously stepped up and now must step down?" Our sacristans don't deserve this dilemma!

Often, some portion of the liturgy will be changed on a given weekend: a baptism will occur; there will be a special blessing; some rite of the RCIA will be celebrated. Arriving fifteen minutes

before the liturgy begins allows the priest to explain the changes to the ministers. This is particularly important with altar servers. Sometimes our Masses begin a few minutes late because the priest has had to await the last person's arrival so that he can explain the small change.

Sometimes ministers come with questions for the priest. They want to know which optional reading we will use, or how to pronounce a word or name. They can't find the priest because he is still at the other side of the church, waiting for the altar servers to arrive because he needs to explain

something new to them.

If all ministers aim to be there fifteen minutes before Mass begins, it's an easier prep and a better liturgy for all of us. But, you might ask, what will I do with those extra minutes before Mass? The answer applies to everyone in our parishes. Nothing prepares any of us for Mass better than a few minutes of silent prayer in the pew. It recollects us and puts us in the presence of the Lord. And, what's more, if you do this toward the front of church, you won't be distracted by those entering at the last moment.

Fr. Klein

A Snapshot of our Parish Finances

by Mel Waite

1. For the past several years, our total income has not kept pace with our total expenditures.

2. This deficit has been driven by a decrease in income and increase in expenses for routine parish operations. The parish has not engaged in any major capital improvement projects, like a major remodel or new construction during this period.

*In 2014 the heating & air systems had to be replaced in both church and rectory.

3. Our analysis revealed that of the 277 registered families or contributors, 132, or 58%, contribute 97% of the offerings.

4. If you break these numbers down further, 21 or 9% contribute 45% or nearly half of the Parish contributions.

5. Almost half our registered members do not contribute to the offering.

6. The School Council and other groups, continue to refine and improve efforts at fundraising for the school.

7. Both the Living Legacy and the Endowment help to fund our school, and the latter has significantly increased its donations this past year.

8. While the Parish is not in an immediate financial crisis, in another 2 to 3 years we will be forced into taking more dramatic measures to meet the parish needs if the present trend is not altered.

9. This may mean not being able to sustain our school or other ministries presently offered.

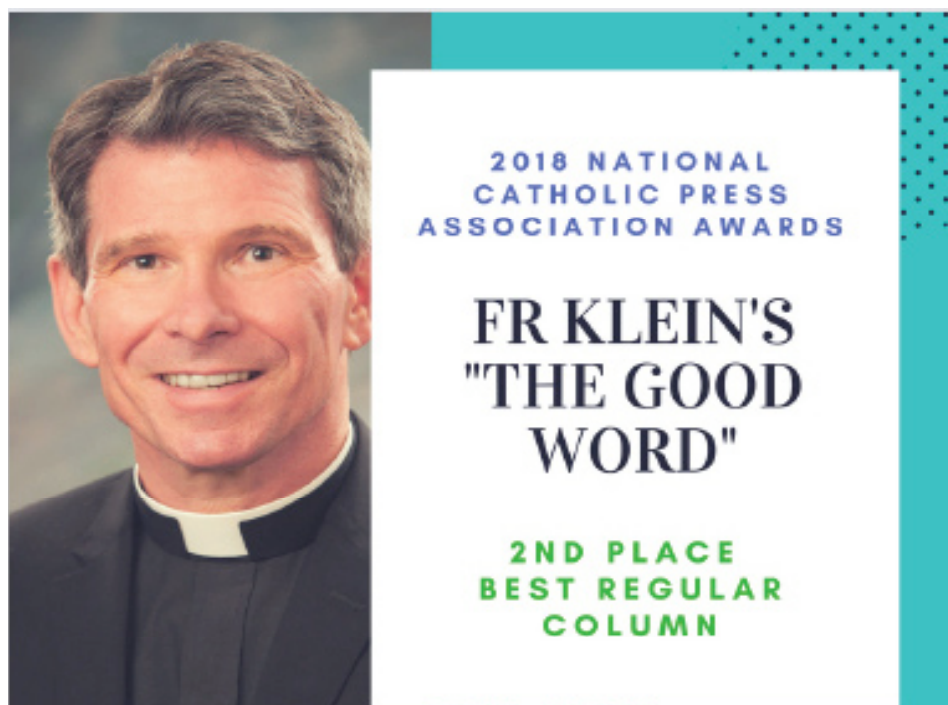
If I often miss Mass or attend elsewhere, do I support my parish through online giving?

How much am I really giving to the Church?



Ladies of St. Joseph Catholic Church gather together for coffee after the Wednesday and Friday Morning Masses.

Shown here are Sharla Thill, Judy Komarek, JoAnn Roth, Rosemary McCrary, Joy Schlochtermeyer and Angie Hammeke.



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Thanks

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mark Kennedy of Ellsworth and Emily Seiwert of Great Bend, who were married at Immaculate Conception Church on May 26, 2018.

Mark is a Trust Officer at Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. in Ellsworth, Kansas. Emily is a photographer and owner of Images by Emily Photography. Emily and Mark met on a blind date that neither one of them wanted to go on! They love any and all outdoor activities, hiking in the mountains, chasing sunsets to capture the next great picture, and Mark loves to play golf!

This newly married couple decided to join Immaculate Conception Church because they purchased property outside of Claflin and are in the process of building their new home. Their previous parish was St. Bernard's of Ellsworth.

Welcome to our parish family, Mark and Emily Kennedy!

“God gave me the talent...”

Broken or missing fingers, scuffed elbows & knees, chipped & scratched garments along with broken Magi gifts – Carol Herter has seen it all when fixing religious statues for several area churches. St. Catherine's in Dubuque was one of the first churches to use her talents but over the years she's worked on pieces from Holy Name in Bushton and St. Mary's in Holyrood besides those here at Immaculate Conception in Claflin.

Patch, let dry, patch more & sculpt a little then let dry again, repeat...just the beginning process to bring some of these items as close to their original condition as possible. Old plaster is not easy to deal with, but Carol has honed her skills as good as anyone can!

At 12 years of age, Carol's mom - Dolores Doll - held a home party where someone came to their house & set up a ceramic painting event & she was hooked. Something about those angels & the fact that she could create something so beautiful really stuck with her. In Catholic School she had always loved working with the plaster molds but ceramics was a whole new world!

When her youngest son, Donnie, started kindergarten, Carol started going to classes in the area - including Hoisington (where she completed her first nativity), to the back of a dress shop in Holyrood. Back then it seemed like small ceramic shops were all over the area but when she connected up with Valetta Kaiser in Great Bend is when she really started to get deeper into the art. Traveling to Denver together to receive national certification more than once for different techniques, she laughed remembering the time they filled up a van plus a pull behind U-Haul full of ceramics before heading home!

As times changed & shops became fewer & farther between, Carol decided to buy her own kiln then have

a few people over to paint to help cover the cost of her expense. I don't think anyone could have imagined the number of Claflin & surrounding community people who would pass through her home over the years. “Belinda & Kim Connell were 2 of my very first painters but the one I remember with fondness was Debbie Buehler. We ladies were young enough & strong enough back then that we could carry her in the wheelchair up the 5 steps to get into my house. We all laughed as we told her if she wasn't nice to us we'd give her a rough ride next time. I made a lot of friends through ceramics over the years.” At her peak she was holding 3 sessions a week.

Once again, time kept rolling - with her & more moms working outside the home, plus kids being involved in more activities, evening and free time got scarcer. The one-time popular craft dwindled in popularity. “The improvement in resin pieces really made a negative impact. You can buy great pieces in store or on-line cheaper than what you can make it now. It's just more readily available & they don't look like the cheap

plastic resin used to look.” Even supply stores with good mold detail are hard to find. The last ceramic trip she made was all the way out to Ulysses!

Compensation? “When another church asks me how much I charge I always tell them – “I could use the prayers more than money!”” Several times though, they

have paid her with gifts in kind or a small donation to let her know they appreciate the work she does.

Carol still has a passion for painting ceramics but will admit that arthritis in her fingers & hand has made the detail work harder. “God gave me the talent & I'm just giving some back.”



Honoring ICC's Graduating Senior Class Of 2018



Immaculate Conception's graduating seniors came to Mass in their caps and gowns on Graduation Day, Sunday May 13, 2018. From Left to Right; Lee Letourneau, Mikayla Menges, Emily Hitschmann and Anthony Oberle. Congratulations to the Class of 2018 from Immaculate Conception Church! May all your dreams come true!

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

TIME ✓

Is a Treasure

Marcie Liebl is hanging up her dust cloths and putting away the vacuum after cleaning the Lord's house for the past 12 years. Thank you for all your time and hard work making Immaculate Conception Church look nice for weekly and weekend mass.



Gloria Hickel



Gloria A. Hickel, 79, passed away in Great Bend, Kansas, on May 19th, 2018. She was born on February 18th, 1939 in Great Bend, Kansas to Wilfred and Bertha (Koehler) Thill. She was a lifetime Ellinwood and Claflin area resident, growing up in Ellinwood and moving to Claflin later in life. Gloria married Charles Hickel on Feb. 20th, 1960 in Ellinwood. He passed away Feb. 18th, 1979.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and altar society in Claflin, Kansas, and former member of St. Peter and Paul Church.

Survivors include sons, Thomas Hickel (Rita), Donald Hickel, James Hickel (Sheryl); daughter, Deborah Mills; brother, LeRoy Thill (Sharla); sister, Dorothy Wilson; and sister in law, Gertrude Hickel. Other survivors include 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; brothers, Jerry and Bill Thill; granddaughter, Jackie Mills; and great-grandson, Levi Kohn.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 23rd, at St. Peter & Paul Church north of Ellinwood, with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial followed at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery. A Rosary/Vigil Service was held on Tuesday, May 22nd 7 p.m. at St. Peter & Paul Church. Memorials were suggested to St. Peter & Paul Heritage Association, or to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Altar Society in care of Minnis Chapel, PO Box 246, Ellinwood, KS 67526.



Baptism At ICC

On Sunday May 20th during Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Anistyn Doris Robl, daughter of Troy and Courtney Robl, received the Sacrament of Baptism. From left to right; Holding Anistyn is her godfather, Andy Robl, Father Klein, Courtney Robl and Troy Robl. Courtney and Troy have two other children, Ashtyn and Austyn.

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule

July 2018

Sunday July 1, 2018

- Lectors: Nancy Liebl, Kent Praeger
- Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Oberle, Laurie Feist, Doris Feist, Cindy Stueder, Joe Jordan
- Gift Bearers: Lee and Jamie Bieberle
- Greeters: Kevin and Jamie Liebl
- Servers: Tagen Davis, Jacob Oberle
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

Sunday July 8, 2018

- Lectors: Toby Holmes, Darah Harrison
- Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Musgrove, Dawnya Hickel, Nancy Liebl, Rita Stueder, Carmen Johnson
- Gift Bearers: Janie Haxton and Dee Krier
- Greeters: John and Lori Koester
- Servers: Peyton Dody, Tyler Holmes
- Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Sunday July 15, 2018

- Lectors: Richard Rugan, Laura Schlessiger
- Eucharistic Ministers: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Francis Soukup, Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes
- Gift Bearers: Jon and Jane Oeser Family
- Greeters: Leon and Judy Oberle
- Servers: Isaac Heredia, Peyton Ryan
- Sacristan: Joy Hertach

Sunday July 22, 2018

- Lectors: Don Zink, Lori Koester
- Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Miller, Bill Thomas, Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Peggy Feist
- Gift Bearers: Ryan and Darah Harrison Family
- Greeters: Pete and Michelle Oberle Family
- Servers: Maryssa Menges, Callie Zink
- Sacristan: Joan Miller

Sunday July 29, 2018

- Lectors: Nancy Liebl, Darah Harrison
- Eucharistic Ministers: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Joe Jordan, Laurie Feist, Barbara Musgrove
- Gift Bearers: John and Laura Schlessiger Family
- Greeters: Marvin and Bobette Kirmer
- Servers: Paxton Dody, Maryn Rose Schmidt
- Sacristan: Dee Krier

WEEKDAY Schedule

Tuesday July 3

- Lector: Kathy Krier
- EM: Jim Oberle, Carla Liebl

Thursday July 5

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

Friday July 6 (First Friday)

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

Tuesday July 10

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

Thursday July 12

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

Thursday July 26

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

Tuesday July 31

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

Thursday August 2

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

Friday August 3 (First Friday)

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

July 2018
Daily Eucharistic Ministers

4- JoAnn Roth, Angie Hammeke
 6 - Gerry Menges, Kirk Bressler
 11 - Joy S., Sharla Thill
 13 - Jim & Veanna Roussea
 18 - No Mass
 20 - No Mass
 25 - No Mass
 27 - JoAnn Roth, Glenda Heinz



SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

July 7 - Jason & Heather
 Schlochtermeyer Family, Jamie
 Komarek, Josh Komarek

July 14 - Paul Huschka, Millie Menges,
 Steve & Amy Oelke Family

July 21 - Mark Menges, Joni & Louie
 Pivonka, Yvonne Strecker, Larry &
 Joan Drees

July 28 - Glen & Kathy Hertel, Connie
 Potts, Colton Potts, Vernon Robl,
 Angie Hammeke

SUNDAY, 10:30AM MASS

July 1 - Nick Younker, Robin & Monte
 Doll Family

July 8 - Tony & Cheryl Klepper,
 Ed Schlochtermeyer, Leon & Marilyn
 Reichuber

July 15 - Jeff & Sandy Roth, Richard
 & Jean Doll Family

July 22 - Charlie & Denise Joslin, Jeff
 & Gwen Klepper Family

July 29 - Sharon Gatton, John &
 Marlene Clayton, Geraldine Menges,
 Kim Ward

Weekday Servers: Week of July 1 - Bryce Steffan, Drew Heinz

July 7 & 8

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Jerome Huslig
 Rosie Joiner

10:30am Sun.

Larry Drees
 Heather Panning

EM

Jean Klepper
 Millie Menges
 Ellen Shanteau
 Joe Schulte
 Yvonne Strecker

Mike Moeder
 Ed Schlochtermeyer
 Mark Panning
 Lori Hammeke
 Kirk Bressler

Accomp/Cantor
 Servers

Braden Lewis
 Kiley Troyer

Emma Nienke
 Ava Thill

Sacristan

Karen Kramp

Kent Robl

Weekday Servers: Week of July 8 - Cooper Gunn, Madisyn Schlochtermeyer

July 14 & 15

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Steve Billigner
 Karen Mitchel

10:30am Sun.

Kent Roth
 Catherine Strecker

EM

Curtis Wolf
 Sharon Gatton
 Angie Hammeke
 Mark Menges
 John Clayton

Jalayne Ewing
 Mel Waite
 Kim Heinz
 Joy Schlochtermeyer
 Paul Schlochtermeyer

Accomp/Cantor
 Servers

Drew Hienz
 Coby Heinz

Britton Dutton
 A. J. Bowyer

Sacristan

Marilyn Schartz

Kirk Bressler

Weekday Servers: Week of July 15 - No Weekday Masses

July 21 & 22

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

David Gonzales
 Karla Gonzales

10:30am Sun.

Art Huslig
 John Sturn

EM

Lori Billinger
 Melanie Zink
 Jerome Huslig
 Jean Klepper
 Joe Schulte

LeRoy Thill
 Sharla Thill
 Chad Steffan
 Lori Steffan
 Ed Schlochtermeyer

Accomp/Cantor
 Servers

Cocy Zink
 Brandon Carr

Bryce Steffan
 Kyler Doll

Sacristan

Millie Menges

JoAnn Roth

Weekday Servers: Week of July 22 - Haley Rugan, Shaun Weber

July 28 & 28

Lector 1
 Lector 2

5:00pm Sat.

Ellen Shanteau
 Stephanie Joiner

10:30am Sun.

Sharon Gatton
 Dennis Habiger

EM

Glenda Heinz
 Rosie Joiner
 Amy Oelke
 Steve Oelke
 Jason Schlochtermeyer

Catherine Strecker
 Kent Roth
 Rod Weber
 Danielle Weber
 Marcella Birzer

Accomp/Cantor
 Servers:

Cayman Rowan
 Caden Rowan

David Hammeke
 Daniel Hammeke

Sacristan

Joni & Louie Pivonka
 Jim & Veanna Rousseau

Leon & Marilyn Reichuber

Weekday Servers: July 29 - Braden Lewis, A. J. Bowyer

Birthdays & Anniversaries - July 2018

Immaculate Conception Church

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Christina Hayes
3 Mollie Steiner
7 Alan Kirmer
7 Taylor Siemsen
9 Kelly Hoffman
9 Mikayla Menges
10 Brianna Hickel
10 Devin Ryan
13 Doris Feist
13 Michael Menges
14 Amanda Ney
15 Brad Miller
17 Melanie Harrison
17 Sheryl Hickel
18 Tracey Hoffman
19 Donella Zink
20 Roy Demel
20 Bobette Kirmer
20 Nancy Liebl
21 Samuel Feist
22 Rachel Dolechek
22 Jerald Steiner
24 Haylee Hollingshead
25 Paul Scharzt
25 Rhett Schmidt
26 Susan Weber
27 Karen Hickel
27 Richard Rugan
28 Paul Oberle
28 Jim Ryan
29 Kim Connell
29 Patricia Haley

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

9 Dereck & Danielle Hollingshead
20 Chris & Tammie Steiner
21 Dennis & Jane Dreiling
22 Kyle & Melinda Kasselmann
22 Jerry & Lois Steiner
23 JD & Shawna Klima
25 Richard & Janel Rugan
28 Troy & Bridget Letourneau

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Kevin Clair
1 Cohen Gunn
2 Robert Thomas
2 KellyAnn Williams
3 Justin Joiner
4 Darian Haynes
5 James Sauber
6 Angela Hammeke
8 Gary Scharzt
8 Bryce Williams
8 Kaitlyn Wondra
10 David Hammeke
10 Donna Mason
11 Haley Batchman
11 Debbie McCormick
11 Scott Reser
12 Ethan Thomas
14 Bryce Steffan
15 Mike McQuade
16 Alexandria Gonzalez
16 Jeff Huslig
19 Chris Batchman
19 Delores Hauser
20 Joni Pivonka
20 Kim Ward
20 Jerry Wirtz
21 Nancy Jenisch
21 Richard Rondeau
21 Curtis Wolf
22 Karrie Hammeke
22 Mark Siefers
22 Tammy Troyer
22 Damian Tudor
24 Mike Mitchel
24 John Sturn
25 Andrea Klepper
25 Mason Panning
25 Jason Quesenbury
25 Gene Rugan
26 David Gonzales
26 Forrest Williams
27 Tracy Williams
27 Luke Wondra
28 Janice Birzer
28 Sharon Scharzt
28 Aiden Thomas
29 Sarah Cherry
29 Dan Hines
29 Scott Klepper
29 Kaitlyn Panning
30 Kirk Bressler
30 Dan Mason
31 Paula Bieberle

St. Joseph Church

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2 Monty & Catherine Strecker
8 Sean & Lesli O'Neil
15 Bill & Tawnia Zink
16 Mike & Marguerite Feist
16 James & Marilyn Sauber
20 Richard & Linda Kasselmann
20 Mark & Ruthann McQuade
20 Josh & Cami Thomas
21 Mel & Mary Waite
22 Jerry & Debbie Wirtz
24 Kent & Staci Robl
27 John & Kathy Reh
28 Andy & Joanie Wise
30 Joseph & Susan Curtiss



MARION BAHR

United States Army Korean War veteran Marion Bahr was awarded a Quilt of Valor from Golden Plains Quilts of Valor on April 27, 2018, at the American Legion Post 180 in Great Bend. Serving as a Private First Class in Korea, he remembers temperatures reaching -40 degrees. The quilt top was made by Valeda Hitschmann and was quilted by Amy Schartz Mellor. Thank you, Marion, for your service.