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Good News from St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's



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Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from the rectory! It's hard to believe that we've already begun the month of September, but with that in mind, I'd like to share a story with you that I've found to be inspiring.

There once was a married couple named Nikola and Drona Bojaxhiu, who lived in Skopje, Macedonia (in the former Yugoslavia). They gave birth to 5 children; however, tragedy struck twice...and in the end, only 3 of the children survived. The youngest, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu, was born on August 26, 1910. At the tender age of 8 years old, Agnes experienced the pains of losing her father, when Nikola died suddenly. And yet, she and her family were deeply rooted in their Catholic faith, and it was her Catholic faith, and specifically her relationship with Jesus Himself that would become the center of Agnes' life as she grew older.

As a child, Agnes "was fascinated with stories of missionary life and service. She could locate any number of missions on the map, and tell others of the service being given in each place." And yet, it wasn't until the age of 18 that Agnes felt called to become a religious sister. After much prayer, she chose to join "an Irish order, the Sisters of Loretto, a community known for their missionary work in India. When she took her vows as a Sister of Loretto, she chose the name Teresa after Saint Thérèse of Lisieux." Eventually, Sister Teresa was sent to Calcutta, India, where she taught at St. Mary's High School (a high school for girls) for many years...even becoming the principal of the school. And yet, this missionary sister in Calcutta...this teacher and principal...contracted tuberculosis. She was sent away for rest and recuperation, but it was this journey "away" from Calcutta that would ultimately bring her back.

During her train ride to Darjeeling (where she was supposed to regain her health), Sister Teresa received what she described as "the call within the call." She felt God calling her back to Calcutta, not to teach, but to serve the "poorest of the poor" in the slums and streets of the city. She was granted permission to leave the Sisters of Loretto, and later was granted permission to begin a new religious order called the Missionaries of Charity...where everyone grew to know her as Mother Teresa...the saintly nun who sought to love those who were orphaned, abandoned, dying, unwanted and unloved...the Nobel Peace Prize winner who advocated for the unborn and for an end to abortion.

And while Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997...her memory, her love, and her work have continued on to this day. So much so, that as of today, September 4, 2016, she is now known as *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*, as she is canonized a saint by Pope Francis in Rome. "And now," as Paul Harvey was known to say, "you know the rest of the story."

Let us ask St. Teresa of Calcutta for her prayers, that we may have the courage to love those who need love the most. May God bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Father Michael Linnebur, Pastor

"Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right there where you are — in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools. ... You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, just rejected by society — completely forgotten, completely left alone." — Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Excerpts taken from:

<http://blog.americancatholic.org/mother-teresa>

<http://www.ewtn.com/motherteresa>



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Glory
to the Father



the
Son



and
the Holy Spirit



PRAYER REQUESTS

We have had 52 requests for prayer this past month.
Please continue to pray for those fighting or recovering from illness.



Ed Smith
Julia Peter's niece, JJ O'Toole
Cecil & Kathy Watt's daughter, Marcia
Josh & Tara Hill's daughter, Emma
Trisha Reid's brother in law, Jerry Keene
Former parishioner, Mary
Charlie Boaz
Dennis & Joyce Quick's daughter, Heather
Dick & RoAnn Severt's son, Eric
Glenn Hartwig
Donald & Lila Bloemer's grandson, Anthony
Jeremy Gant
Cecil Watts
Cryilla Cooper's nephew, Gerald Bienhoff
Bob & Inez Kuestersteffen's daughter, Jeanne
Ruthie Zimmerman's grandson, Camdon DeWitt
Father Gene Grabner
Gary & Wanda Friederich's great grandson, Caden
Patty Ungles cousin, Jerry Walker
Michael Horgan's aunt
Sherri Watson's nephew, Andy Rausch
Betty Butler's great grandson, Keenan
Rachel Mueller
Don Papst

Chris & Jean Flores' great niece
Verla Bryant's daughter, Tammy
Jack Haight
Rosalie Wilkinson
Marge Neely's friends, John & Kathy
Anna Huerter
Barb Sigler's brother
Maxine Gates' granddaughter, Debra
Don & Linda Wolken's brother-in-law, Don
Rebecca Mendoza
John & Linda Ward's niece
Rita Roush's sister, Marty Phelan
Pete & Angie Zaragosa's niece, Nicole
Fred Ysusi
Lanny Cooper's friend
Cryilla Cooper
Marty Phelan
Evelyn Ellis' friend, Julie
Sandy Beins' friend, Lori
Evelyn Tait
Pat & Susan Ellis' son Riley
Janalin Hood's friends husband
Maggie DeLaTorre



Aurora Elaine Kepley, daughter of Ethan & Haley (Endicott) Kepley,
was born on June 22, 2016 and was baptized on August 27, 2016.



Parker Douglas Klaasen, son of Douglas & Gail Klaassen and
Iridian Vargas Cervantes, daughter of Jesus & Maria Cervantes Vargas
were married August 13, 2016 at St. Patrick Catholic Church.



Jean Nicaise, the mother of Mary Durand, August 28, 2016

Jim Godinez's friend, August 29, 2016

Agnes Paulie, August 29, 2016

Enjoy your **Labor** weekend!
Day!



THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

By Duane Knapp

In the month of September, the Wichita Diocese asks us to look forward to our commitment to being good Stewards. In November, we are asked to commit our Time, Talent and Treasure to GOD and our faith family. This is a commitment that will encourage a growth in our faith.

The month of September should be a prayerful time for us to review our past years' efforts to expand GOD'S Kingdom and how we have impacted the lives of our sister and brothers. A new Stewardship Theme will be introduced. New challenges will be offered within our Parish. The next few months will provide each of us opportunities to grow as Disciples of Christ. Jesus is our perfect model of Stewardship.

As we move forward to making that commitment in November, I ask that each member of our Parish prayerfully offer your Time, Talent and your financial support to GOD and to our Church family. Each of us has been gifted by GOD-gifts meant to be shared. To quote Bishop Kemme, "There is nothing we have; nothing that is not a gift. Everything we have is founded in the loving generosity of the Creator."

What will be your response?



Music Ministry

By Sallie Knapp
Music Director

A few weeks ago, Father spoke to us about our parish needing more people to accompany the music at Mass. We know that the Diocese of Wichita is a stewardship diocese, and we depend on each person to give their time and share their talent and treasure for the benefit of our parish. As Father stated, the music ministry is in need of your time and talent. We can always use more people to cantor, to be in our choir and to play the piano, organ or guitar at Mass. We need you to consider sharing this talent. We all expect to have someone lead us in our sung prayers, but that is getting more and more difficult as our numbers decrease. Please think about sharing your gift and joining the music ministry. It is an important ministry and one that is very satisfying. Please contact me at 433-1207 to learn more.

All of our church musicians are great stewards of their time and talent. Thank you musicians for all you so generously give!

**"Take my hands and make them as your own, and use them for the service of your name."*

Thank you!



St. Patrick Altar Society

By Judy Farrell

Dear Ladies of St. Patrick Catholic Church,

September marks the end of summer and time to resume our busy lives. St. Patrick Altar Society will start our regular monthly meetings with bringing a sack lunch starting at noon (or shortly after) on Sept. 12th. We have some new projects to discuss. We need you to come and be aware of all the wonderful works that the ladies of St. Patrick Altar Society are doing. God bless each and everyone of them. The parish needs your stewardship even it its baking a cake, cookies or your time to come to the kitchen when you are called to help at a dinner. Please try to come to the meeting Sept. 12th and be a member of a very important part of our parish!

Thank you!



St. Patrick Catholic School Newsletter

September 1, 2016

St. Patrick Catholic School assists families in an environment of excellence and stewardship in forming children in the Catholic faith to become disciples

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
Sept. 4	First Sunday Holy Mass Canonization of the Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta	10:00 AM
Sept. 5	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL	
Sept. 14 & 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30 – 7:30PM
Sept. 16	NO SCHOOL	

LOCKED DOORS

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in adhering to new policy with locked doors. For the protection of our students, all doors will remain locked during the school day. All K – 6 visitors must enter through the front door on Malcolm Street and sign in through the office.

Kinder – 6th grade drop-offs will be at 7:30 AM at the front door on Malcolm Street. Preschool will continue to use the southwest Parish Center door.

Kinder – 6th grade pick-ups will be at the front door on Malcolm Street and the northwest door by the music room. Preschool will continue to use the southwest Parish Center door.

Extended Day students will be picked up at the southwest gym door. Please knock to be allowed in by the supervising adult.

VIRTUS TRAINING

All parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, adults and volunteers are asked to complete a Virtus Training to help create a safe environment for all our children. A Virtus Training will held at St. Patrick, Chanute, on Sunday, September 18, beginning at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. The Facilitator is Dennis Peters. Please sign up by emailing school@stpatrickchanute.org, calling 620-431-4020 or just walk in on the day of the training.

ACCELERATED READER

After collaborating with the teachers, the following rules have been established:

- AR reading does not begin until the first day of school. (Any books read over the summer do not count unless reread during the school year.)
- Book levels will be under the discretion of the teacher.
- Testing will be done in the classrooms during the day or immediately after school if arrangements have been made with the classroom teacher.