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



November 2016

Dear Parishioners,

**“Elephant and Donkey got You Down? Trust in the Lamb.”** As we are now hours away from the election, I find this phrase to be very fitting for our country. What a privilege we have in being able to vote (some people will never get the chance to do so in their *lifetime*), and yet, how many of us are actually excited about the potential outcomes? It’s difficult to look at the list of those running for office...and we may find ourselves even asking the question: “How could it have come down to this?” And yet, here we are. We’re entering a time in our nation’s history where the future may seem scary or worrisome, not to mention uncertain.

And that’s exactly why we must keep our hope in the Lamb – our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord never abandons us, even in the darkest of times, for He is the Light of the World. As Jesus Himself tells us: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span...So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteous, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.” (Matthew 6:25-27, 31-34)

This election is a reminder for us that we **MUST** put our trust more in God and less in ourselves. But it’s also a reminder, that we must keep our faith as our foundation! Jesus is calling each of us to be strong in our faith, courageous in living out our faith, and bold in standing up for our faith, regardless of the election outcomes. As Archbishop Charles Chaput (the Archbishop of Philadelphia) once said: “The time for easy Christianity is over. In fact, it never really existed. We’re blessed to be rid of the illusion. We need to be more zealous in our faith, not more discreet; clearer in our convictions, not muddier; and more Catholic, not less.”

And so I encourage everyone to pray and make sacrifices for our country this week, especially on Monday and Tuesday. Whether that be praying the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet, spending time with the Lord in the Church or Adoration Chapel, fasting or giving something up that you enjoy...let’s join together in praying and making sacrifices for our country and for those who will soon take office...that we may be a people, a country rooted more fully in God. **“Elephant and Donkey got You Down? Trust in the Lamb.”**

In Christ,

**Father Michael Linnebur,**  
Pastor



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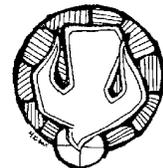
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Glory  
to the Father



the  
Son



and  
the Holy Spirit



## PRAYER REQUESTS

We have had 63 requests for prayer this past month.  
Please continue to pray for those fighting or recovering from illness.



Todd Clements  
Fred Ysusi  
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  
Pete & Angie Zaragosa's niece, Nicole  
Anna Ford's sister, Margaret Hess  
Marguerite Geiger's dad, Don Robertson  
Special intention  
Linda Orth  
Martha Hendrix's sister  
Tom Fredrick's daughter, Janet  
People of Haiti  
Flo Honas' daughter in law, Linda  
Everyone in Humboldt  
Gary Friederich's friends, Gary & Candy  
Sister Agnes Lero  
Scott McKinney and his wife, Erin  
Thad & Valerie Busse's daughter, Tori  
Ralph Berthot  
Crespin & Maggie DeLaTorre's friends, David & Mary  
Cecil & Kathy Watt's niece, Rita Schawe  
Janet's friend, Tony  
Viki Brown's mother, Jenny Umbarger  
Michael Horgan's dad  
Bill & Irene Boaz's friend, Dana  
Sandy Lingerfelt  
Evelyn Tait  
Jaime Prideaux's friend Rita

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## PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Oliver Ortiz,, September 29, 2016

Henrietta Flowers, October 6, 2016

Benny "Bo" Muninger, October 26, 2016

Ed Smith died October 28, 2016

Marty Phelan, October 31, 2016



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**



# St. Patrick Catholic School Newsletter

November, 2016

St. Patrick Catholic School assists families in an environment of excellence and stewardship in forming children in the Catholic faith to become disciples of Jesus Christ who know, love and serve God.

*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**

<h3 style="text-align: center;">EVENTS TO REMEMBER</h3> <p>Nov. 6      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Mass</p> <p>Nov. 9      Picture Retake Day</p> <p>Nov. 11     Veterans Day</p> <p>Nov. 20     Close of <i>Year of Mercy</i></p> <p>Nov. 21-25   Thanksgiving Break - No Classes</p> <p>Nov. 21-22   Teachers: Regan Catechetical Institute/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</p> <p>Dec. 4      Christmas Program</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">CAUGHT BEING VIRTUOUS</h3> <p>Being virtuous is a constant theme at St. Patrick Catholic School and an integral part of our discipline system: Virtue Based Restorative Discipline. In honor of this, students have the opportunity to be "Caught Being Virtuous." When caught, a student is given a paper recognizing the virtue they were caught in and that paper is then put in a drawing. Once a week a name is drawn and the winner is given a \$5.00 gift certificate. All students receiving recognition have their slip posted on the wall. Please take a look when visiting the school. Many virtuous acts have been recognized.</p>
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<h3 style="text-align: center;">Kids Voting USA</h3> <p>Students at St. Patrick Catholic School will be participating in the Kids Voting USA mock election on Tuesday, November 8. Voting booths will be set up in the Parish Center and classes will be voting for their favorite candidate. This will be a great educational opportunity for our students on the voting process.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Shut the Principal In</h3> <p>On November 10, students will have the opportunity to shut Mrs. Durand in her office by filling the doorways to her office with canned goods. If they succeed, students will earn the opportunity to wear a school t-shirt, or hoodie with jeans on November 11 for Veteran's Day. All canned goods will be donated to the food pantry.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Patrick, pray for us!</p> 
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### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Students at St. Patrick Catholic School were given two unique educational opportunities. On Tuesday, October 18, students in grades Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> attended ***Kid Power Operation Lunch Line in 3-D*** at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center in Iola. Students learned about the digestive system, healthy eating, and exercise.

On Friday, October 21, students were able to take to the pumpkin patch at SEK Landscape Center in Chanute for some outdoor exercise and activities. Such activities included a bounce house, pit of corn, corn maze, tires to climb, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, ring the horse, water duck race, hayrack ride and fishing. The time ended with a snack and apple cider. We would like to extend a special thank you to the PTO for paying the admission fee for our students and to Miss Mica for purchasing each student a special gourd.

### ROPES COURSE

Mrs. Hager's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attended the *Ropes Course* at Greenbush on October 11. These team building activities coincide with the virtue chosen as the overall theme at St. Patrick Catholic School - UNITY.



## Knights News for November 2016

By John Busse

**Knight of the Month** for November is Fred & Selene Hummer. Fred has held three officer positions and has been committee chairman for many years. He currently helps Cecil Watts with the coffee & donuts on the first Sunday of each month. Fred also works at the Bargain store for the Knights. Fred is a 4th Degree Knight.

**November is the month** that we remember our deceased members and we will do that on November 13th prior to the 10:00am Mass. Cecil Watts will call the roll of the members we lost this past year. He will light a candle in their remembrance and also a larger candle for all the Knights we have lost in previous years.

**Food Drive to the month of November.** We are asking each Knight to bring can goods or non-perishable items to the church sometime during the month of November. This is to help out our St. Patrick Food Pantry during this great time of need. The food pantry has really been hit hard the last few weeks and supplies are short. You will be called once as a reminder in the next few days. We hope to have a truck available in front of church to carry it to the rectory.

**Tootsie Roll Drive** was a big success this year, it was better than last year. A big thank you to all those who gave and a special thanks to the men who collected for this worthy cause. We voted to give the proceeds to Tri-Valley again this year.

**Youth Committee** has made preparations for the Parish Christmas Party. Manuel Aquilar has purchased the candy to be sacked out at a later date and is preparing to hand them out with his elves at the party when Santa arrives.

**Knights Christmas Party** will be held on December 10th after the 5:30pm Mass. A dinner will be served so we will need a head count. We ask that you bring some type of dessert. We will also have a white elephant gift exchange this year. Re-gift that fruit cake or those wild socks (tie), and come to have fun!

**We will be introducing a new insurance agent** possibly as early as this month. If you have insurance issues, you can still call John Schibi in Parsons and he can help you out. John has taken another position

**The council donated** a Cross Bow to our Church & School auction and it brought a little over the stated value. Thank you to the buyer and good luck hunting!



## THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

By Duane Knapp

The month of November provides a huge opportunity for each of us to renew our commitment of striving to be a good Steward and a Disciple of Christ.

Over the next few weeks, our Stewardship Renewal Packets will be distributed. Father Linnebur and the council revised the Time and Talent form as well as the Ministry Guide Booklet. We feel they better represent our Parish and they are family oriented. There are areas where all members of the family may offer their gifts.

Father Linnebur has given an excellent series of talks regarding Time, Talent and Treasure as well as the impacts Stewardship can have for our Parish Mission. He also advised us of concerns regarding our Church Plant and staffing concerns for our School in the upcoming year.

Members of our Parish will offer their experiences on how Stewardship has impacted their lives during the Lay Witness Talks.

Commitment Sunday arrives on the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. This is the date you are asked to turn in your completed Stewardship Renewal Forms. This is your parish and your opportunity to take ownership in promoting our love for family, friends and our community. I hope each of you will offer up your gifts for our Parish and I want to thank each of you who are currently active to the Stewardship Way of Life. All gifts are welcome and will be joyously received.