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



January 2017

Dear Parishioners,

A Happy New Year to you all! It's hard to believe that 2017 is already here! And yet, as we turn the page on the calendar, we often ask ourselves what we can do differently...we even make New Year's resolutions. Those words may strike fear in some people, and yet we make these resolutions to change ourselves for the better, to help improve our lives of health and well-being.

As the New Year begins, people make New Year's resolutions to for all sorts of things, such as beginning a diet, exercising more or at least starting to exercise, by making the leap to quit smoking, or to cut back on this or that...

And yet, as we begin this New Year, it's easy for us to forget one area of our lives which we may really need to re-evaluate, and maybe make New Year's resolutions for – that being our spiritual lives. After all, we're not called to sit still in our faith, but rather to seek Him, to draw closer to Jesus in this New Year. How can you grow closer to God in this upcoming year of 2017?

Maybe it could be making the commitment to read Scripture on a daily basis...

Maybe it could be making an extra effort to work on a particular temptation or sin that's currently in your life...

Maybe it could be setting the goal of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary on a daily basis...

Maybe it could be making the commitment to spend time with the Lord each week in the Adoration Chapel...personal time with Jesus Himself!

And the list can go on and on! And so, as we begin this New Year, as we try to determine how we're going to improve our health and our very selves, let's take the opportunity to also examine our spiritual lives and our relationship with God. How can you grow closer to God in this upcoming year of 2017? Let us take this question to heart, that we may truly become more the people God has created us to be. May God bless you and your families in this New Year!

In Christ,

Father Michael Linnebur, Pastor

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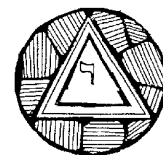
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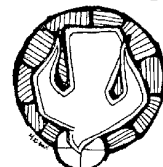
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Glory
to the Father



the
Son



and
the Holy Spirit



PRAYER REQUESTS

We have had 44 requests for prayer this past month.
Please continue to pray for those fighting or recovering from illness.

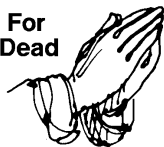


Fred Ysusi
Todd Clements
Cecil & Kathy Watt's daughter, Marcia Freeman
Julia Peter's niece, JJ O'Toole
Tricia Reid's brother in law, Jerry Keene
Josh & Tara Hill's daughter, Emma
Former parishioner, Mary
Charlie Boaz
Dick & RoAnn Severt's son
Donald & Lila's grandson, Anthony
Jeremy Gant
Cecil Watts
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 friends, John & Kathy
Anna Huerter
Barb Sigler's brother
Maxine Gates' granddaughter, Debra
Don & Linda Wolken's brother in law, Don
Linda Ward's niece
Rebecca Mendoza
Anna Ford's sister, Margaret Hess
Teresa Wilson
Garold Burghart's sister, Ann
Tim Brazil
Sandi Lingerfelt
Charlene Arthur
Dale Cook
Special Intention of Jaime Prideaux
Susan Ellis' friend, Lisa
Lanny Cooper
Lanny & Cyrilla Cooper's niece
Crespin & Maggie DeLaTorre's son, Phil
Carla Kepley's friend
Ethan Kepley and his family
Child in our parish
Marsha Gean
Special Intention for parishioner and her family

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Pray For
The Dead



Vicki Sallee, December 10, 2016
Glenn Hartwig December 11, 2016
Don Robertson, December 11, 2016
Evelyn Tait, December 13, 2016
Jim Hoffman, Sandra Gouvion's brother, December 16, 2016
Sandy Beins' mother, December 28, 2016





Knights News for January 2017

By John Busse

Knight Family of the month is John & Janie Reichert. John & Janie are Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and John serves on the church financial committee.

Pro-Life baby crib is set up in the entrance of the church for donations to "Birthline".

Free Throw contest January 22nd at 1:00p.m. For girls & boys ages 9 thru 14 in the gym.

Enchilada roll on Friday evening January 27th. Need cooks at 8:00a.m. and rollers at 5:30p.m.

Our Council won the "Colombian Award" for 4 activities in each of 5 categories.

Thank you to all the men who helped deliver the Poinsettias to the sick and shut-ins.

Thank you to both the men and their wives who helped sack the candy for the Parish Christmas program.

This has been a brief mention of the activities for January, a summary of activities from last year will appear later with more of what to expect for the first half of this year.

BAPTISMS

Wade Otto Geffert, son of Shawn & Kaylee (Classen) Geffert,
born October 27, 2016 and baptized on December 17, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Dylani Gray Borjas, daughter of Derek & Chelsi (Springer) Borjas,
born on April 22, 2014 was baptized on December 18, 2016 at St. Patrick Catholic Church.





St. Patrick Catholic School Newsletter

January 1, 2017

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.

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11*

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Dec. 21-Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL/NO CHILDCARE
Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day (Due to school not being in session and families traveling, St. Patrick Catholic School will not be leading First Holy Sunday Mass this month.)
Jan. 3	Teacher In-service
Jan. 4	Classes and Childcare resume DREXEL: Walk in Sister’s Shoes Begins
Jan. 16	No School Pre K – 6th Grade: Teacher in-service Professional Development Day
Jan. 17	School Spelling Bee
Jan. 23-26	Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appointment
Jan. 24	Neosho County Spelling Bee
Jan. 27	Kansas Quiz Bee
Jan. 28	Family Bingo Night
Jan. 29 – Feb. 4	Catholic Schools Week and First Sunday Holy Mass

DREXEL WALK IN SISTERS SHOES

The Drexel Walk in Sisters Shoes begins January 8th with the students walking during PE class on February 1st. You are welcome to join the students in the walk.



IT’S “BEE” TIME

Students will be buzzing in January.

These busy bees will begin with the All School Spelling Bee on January 17 at 1:00 PM. Winners will then advance to the Neosho County Spelling Bee on January 24 at 1:00 PM in the St. Patrick Catholic School Gym.



But don’t forget the Kansas Quiz Bee on January 27th and the Religion Quiz Bee on February 3.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 31 – February 6, 2017

A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, FACEBOOK AND SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS.



During the month of January, we encourage you to donate baby and pregnancy supplies such as: diapers, formula, and items of clothing to benefit babies and the mothers-to-be

who have chosen

"THE RIGHT TO LIFE".



Thank
You
Knights
Of
Columbus

A play pen will be located in the vestibule of St. Patrick Catholic Church throughout the month of January for the baby shower donations.



THE STEWARSHIP WAY OF LIFE

By Duane Knapp

We should be *thankful* for our many blessings during the holiday season. During Christmas time we are aware of the precious gift GOD gave us by sending his Son to earth out of his love for each of us.

As we moved through Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus at Christmas, were you aware of the many acts of Stewardship that occurred in our parish? Many of you may have attended the School/PSR Christmas program. Christmas caroling at local nursing homes was a gift to the clients. A penance service was offered which included two (2) confessors from outside our parish. How beautiful our church was decorated for Christmas Masses. A great deal of energy and effort was provided to give all of us that gift. Our music ministers spent numerous hours of practice to provide the music which we hope was an inspiration for you. Our youth always do a great job assisting Father on the altar. Each of them deserve a "Great Job" from each of us. And Father, we can never thank him enough for all he gives to this Church and our School.

These are all examples of Stewardship. As a community, we offer whatever gifts GOD has given us to make each of these activities happen. They are enjoyed by many and at the same time they build faith in each of us. What a lot of us are unaware of are the number of our parishioners who are supporting these activities behind the scenes. To those I say "Thank You, Thank You".

At St. Patrick Catholic Church, we not only want your participation in the life of our Church and School but we need it. To those of you who have committed your gifts through our Stewardship Renewal, please know your commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure is critical in the life of our Church. For those not yet committed, it's never too late to bring forward your gifts. May GOD truly bless each member of St. Patrick Catholic Church.



Christmas Poinsettias!

Jim Haight by Olive Haight
 Teresa Boyd by Bob & Mary Manley
 Kenneth Hendrix & Teresa Willis by Martha Hendrix
 Helen Anderson by John & Janie Reichert
 MaDonna Cully by Bob & Martin Cully
 Gertrude Hoffman by Ron & Sandra Gouvion
 Merle & Evelyn Kelly by Dick & Sharon Kelly
 Joe & Clara Menke by Jim & Edna Morris
 Paul Standfast by Audrey Standfast
 John & Dorothy Bambick, Dick & Patricia Sharp by Liz Bambick Sharp
 Betty Boaz by Bill & Irene Boaz
 Richard & Bonnie Flowers by Ron & Leann Flowers
 Bill Bordewick by Ron & Leann Flowers
 John, Toni & Bernie Alonzo by Nick & Sandy Alonzo
 Charles & Larry Doudna by Nick & Sandy Alonzo
 Harold & Lorean Cook & Ron Fleming by the Fleming Family
 Eustacio, Soledad & Raul Quirarte by Fidela Godinez
 Janis Hamlin by the VanHouden Family
 June Greve by Jim & Linda Greve Edson
 Unborn Babies by Eric & Kim Holmes
 Deceased Members of Harvest House by Harvest House
 Paul Haight by Joan Haight
 In Honor of Anna Huerter by Bob Huerter
 Merle & Iva Harner by Edward Harner
 Delpha & Lawrence Dietrich by Allen & Pat Wilhite
 Gertie & Lester Wilhite by Allen & Pat Wilhite
 Marty Phelan & Jerry Frederick by Bob & Val Frederick
 Bob & Betty Nold by Stephanie Schomaker
 Steve & Mary Isaac by Mary Saxton
 Mike & Pam Setter by Andrew & Mary Setter
 Theresa & George Riebel by Wayne & Cindy Riebel
 Deceased Family Members by James & Mary McCullough
 Deceased Jay and Vernon Families by Rosemarie Jay
 Gary & Patricia Brooks by Cindy Jaro

Thank you to everyone!

We have a card for you at the entrance of both churches, after Mass
 on The Baptism of the Lord (January 9th) please take your Poinsettia home!