

MASS INTENTIONS—Sept 10th—Sept 18th

Saturday—5pm +Rose Lopez

Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish

10am +Brian Bergkamp

Monday—7am +Bob Greenough (Mary Greenough)

Tuesday—8am Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday—8am Toni Habiger (Mike & Florence Keal)

Thursday—8am Rick Ray (Marilyn Ray)

Friday—7am +Loretta Severt (Jim & Carol Forbes)

Next Weekends Intentions:

Saturday—5pm +Bernard and Jeanie LaForge

Sunday—8am +Connie Perez

10am People of St. Patrick's Parish

PARISH NEWS

"IN THE BEGINNING..."(A journey through the development of a child—a parallel of Christ being formed in the womb from March 25th-December 25th) **Week 25**—I'm really beginning to bulk up. I gained 6 ounces this week! I think most of it was muscle but also some bone mass and some organ development. My taste buds allow me to distinguish bitter, sweet and sour. My lungs have developed so well, I'm now officially considered viable. Chris could live outside the womb. Each parent contributed 15,000 genes that determined not only what Chris looks like but how Chris interprets tastes, Chris's athletic abilities, allergies, health, and much more. *"Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast."*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—

10th Annual SPCS Auction
"A DECADE OF BLESSINGS"
 Please be sure to get your RSVP's turned in—cost is \$35 per ticket. We have lots of great items and some fun new twists. It's shaping up to be another great event and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there.
 Some other school events coming up:
 Parent-Teacher Conferences—September 20th and 22nd
 PTO Meeting September 27th
 Thanks so much and God Bless,
Emilio Aita

"A DECADE OF BLESSINGS"—It's hard to believe but the 10th Annual School Dinner and Auction is one week away. If you would like to attend, but missed the RSVP deadline, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. Tickets are \$35 per person.

SHAUN AND ASHTON HILL'S LAKEHOUSE—

Attend the SPCS Auction for a chance to bid on the Hill's ultimate lakefront home in Osage Beach. It has 6,000 sq. ft. of living with 90' of lakefront. There are six bedrooms (and can sleep 20), four bathrooms, an outdoor kitchen, three levels of decks, a huge game room, a sunken hot tub, card tables, slot machines, and much more!

ANOTHER GREAT VACATION OPPORTUNITY—

Attend the SPCS Auction for a chance to bid on a getaway to Point Royale in Branson, MO. Enjoy a three night stay at the condominium which has two bedrooms, two baths, a pull out sofa bed and access to the indoor and outdoor pool, tennis court, fitness center and golf course!

THEOLOGY ON TAP—The St. Pius X Newman Club invites you to their September Theology on Tap meeting, Thursday, September 22nd at McCarthy's Pub, 221 E. 3rd Street in Pittsburg, KS. Social Hour will begin at 6pm with the speaker to follow at 7pm. This month's speaker is Coach Kevin Muff. Coach Muff is the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Pittsburg State University. He will speak on "Faith and College". Theology on Tap is a monthly meeting of Catholic Young Adults 18 and older. The group meets in a comfortable setting to explore the faith, meet new people and to build community.

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Wed 3-4am, Fri 1-2am, Sat 10-11pm,
Sun 5-6am, Sun 9-10am, Sun 4-5pm.
Call the Rectory to reserve an hour.

HANNAH'S PROMISE CHARITY EVENT—

Please join Hannah's Promise on Tuesday, September 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for their 3rd Annual Fall Charity Event. This will be held at the Parsons Foursquare Church, 98 Main. Doors will open at 6p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. David Gittrich from Kansans for Life will be the speaker. The cost is \$10 per plate. If you would like to attend you may mail a check to Hannah's Promise at 1706 S. 21st. Please put the number of people attending in the memo section of your check. Reservations must be made by September 20th. If you have questions about this event or would like to learn more about ways to help at Hannah's Promise please call Lisa Johnson at 620-778-0339 or email at Lisa.hpplc2015@outlook.com. You may also go to www.hannahspromise.com or like us on Facebook.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

- Sun Sept 11 *First RCIA Mass/Meeting **10/11am**
 –Church/Parish Hall
 *Confirmation Class VII—Parish Hall **1pm**
 *Parish Picnic & Inflatables! **4pm**
 –Bring a chair and come relax and enjoy your parish family!
- Mon Sept 12*Ultreya—Parish Hall **7pm**
 –Joe Stringer will be the witness speaker. Bring a friend and a snack to share!
- Tue Sept 13*Cursillo Group Meets **5:30pm**
 *FertilityCare Services Intro Class **7pm**
 –Parish Hall; Sonja Schibi, FertilityCare Practitioner Intern
 *Knights of Columbus Meeting **7pm**
 *School Council Meeting **7pm**
- Wed Sept 14*Cursillo Group Meets **5:15pm**
 *K-5 PSR **5:30pm**
 *Welcome Back Jr-High "EDGE" **6pm**
 *Confirmation Class VI **7pm**
 –Students, Parents & Sponsors Attend; We will be practicing for the actual Confirmation Mass taking place next Wednesday
 *CYM **7pm**
- Thur Sept 15*Altar Society Meeting **6pm**
 –Parish Hall; Welcome Back!!! We will be discussing the first 31 pages of "Rediscover Jesus" over chef salads and sundaes! All ladies of the parish...hope to see you there!
 *Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass **6:30pm**
- Fri Sept 16 *Kapaun's Men—Parish Hall **5:30am**
 *Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church
- Sat Sept 17 *Rosary **6:30am**
 *Latin Mass **7am**
 *Cursillo Group Meets **7:40am**
 *Confessions **3:30pm**
 *"A Decade of Blessings" **6pm**
 –SPCS 10th Annual Dinner and Auction
- Sun Sept 18 *RCIA Class—The Existence of God **9:15am**
 *Men's Basketball **8:30pm**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your Gifts to God & Parish:
September 3rd–September 4th
Needed: \$17,081.46 Received: \$14,206.00

Altar Servers:

Sept 17—5pm J O'Hara/L Gilmore/O Feess
 Sept 18—8am A Nibarger/E Wheat/C Westhoff
 10am J Forbes/L Forbes/Ky Waun/Ka Waun

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sept 17—5pm Teresa Bogner
 Sept 18—8am Jane Alexander
 10am Doug Holzem

Lector:

Sept 17—5pm Steve Ramsey
 Sept 18—8am Sophia Zetmeir
 10am Lupe Ponce

Offertory Gifts:

Sept 17—5pm Brian and Julie McIntosh
 Sept 18—8am Jim and Judy Vitt/Sherry Seibert
 10am Bill and Denise Sears

Ushers:

Sept 17—5pm W Cupp/P Yanez/V Yanez/I Ritz
 Sept 18—8am R & E Montee/J Simon/M Crabtree
 10am G & K Haynes/M & F Mall

Money Counters:

Sept 17&18—Sue O'Brien and Vera Parish
 Pat and Janet Leech

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Today we remember in a special way all of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on our country 15 years ago. It is an event that I suspect all who are old enough to remember, remember exactly what they were doing when they heard the news. This past spring I had the opportunity to tour the 9/11 Museum in New York City. It was a powerful memorial to that awful day. I spent over two hours there, and only got through 1/2 of the museum (it was closing, so I had to leave). There was one exhibit particularly that I couldn't bring myself to leave. When you enter this part, it has pictures of every person who died in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Then, you enter into a smaller room, and they project the picture on the wall, along with the name and where the person was from, and then the voice of a relative or a friend comes on the speaker and tells something of that person. It was so humanizing! That might sound strange, but that is a powerful way to drive home the reality that it wasn't just 3,000 people who died that day, it was someone's mom or dad, brother or sister, husband or wife, son or daughter, uncle or aunt, friend. Another part of the museum that I found most powerful was the part where you could here survivors talk about getting out of the towers. There was one lady who said she saw a fireman about 19 years old running up the stairwell. She stopped him and begged him to come down, there was nothing he could do. She said all I could think about was his mom and dad, and how he could never survive if he went up there. He looked at her and said, "Lady, this is my job. I've got to go up there." Were braver words ever spoken?

The Parish Picnic is a perfect way to commemorate this day. It is a time to come together in a way that helps us strengthen our bonds with one another over a meal. It is a great opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners, meet some new ones, and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. It is a civilizational thing to do. It helps to combat the tendency in our nation to withdraw into our own enclaves. I hope you can be there. We will have the inflatables for the kids, and all you need to bring is a chair to sit on, if you want to sit. Before we eat, we will have a special prayer for our nation and for those who died on 9/11.

On a related, but different note, I want to encourage parents of our high schoolers to make sure they participate in Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM). It is the only opportunity that we have for our high schoolers to gather as Catholics, to have fellowship with each other and to learn more about the Faith. I know it is tempting for some to think it isn't that important. But it is. Our kids live in a toxic environment (so do we, for that matter). Most of their time is spent in a culture that goes directly against the teaching of Christ in almost every way. CYM is at least a chance to try and counteract that with Truth. If learning about the Faith isn't that important now, how will the Faith be that important to a young man or woman when its time to go to college? If its something they can skip in high school, they might logically deduce that it is okay if they skip after high school, too. A lack of knowing the Faith might be part of the reason that fallen-away Catholics are the 2nd largest group of people in the nation, after Catholics.

This week, you might see another priest around St. Patrick's (no, I'm not going anywhere). A friend of mine from seminary, Fr. Peter O'Leary will visit for a week beginning Tuesday. Fr. O'Leary is a priest of the Diocese of Burlington, VT. Obviously, with a name like O'Leary, he should fit right in here at St. Patrick's (although, German priests seem to be the norm since Fr. Finnegan—Fr. Steinberger, Alderman, Kerschen, Schemm, Wachter, & Borkenhagen). Fr. O'Leary is excited to visit—this will be his first time in Kansas. Welcome him warmly when you see him (because it is probably already cold in Vermont!).

Finally, this week on Wednesday, we will celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross followed by Our Lady of Sorrows on Thursday. Remember in your prayers one of our native sons, Fr. Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C. CSC is Latin for *Congregatio Sancti Crucis* - Congregation of the Holy Cross. These two days are feast days for their order, so remember Fr. Jarrod on these days with a prayer—I'm sure he will appreciate it.

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.
 Peace in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Borkenhagen

WELCOME BACK, "EDGE"—Students grades 6-8th...this is for you! EDGE starts this Wednesday, September 14th at 6pm. Registration forms can be found on the parish website under Faith Formation>PSR.

Alice Schettler would like to thank the people of St. Patrick's for all of their prayers!