

**MASS INTENTIONS—Sept 17<sup>th</sup>—Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday—5pm** +Bernard and Jeanie LaForge

**Sunday—8am** +Karen Dodds Mills

(Charlotte Friess, Stacy Cordes, Karie Gaskill)

**10am** People of St. Patrick's Parish

**Monday—8am** Special Intention (Diane Salyers)

**Tuesday—6pm** Sr. Bertina (Fr. Borkenhagen)

**Wednesday—8am** +Larry VanLeeuwen  
(Mr. & Mrs. Jay O'Brien)

**Thursday-Prison Mass** +Pat Journot  
(Mark & Fatima Mall)

**Friday—7am** +Virginia Gudde (Mary Greenough)

Next Weekends Intentions:

**Saturday—5pm** +William & Josephine Habiger

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

**10am** +Connie Perez



Eternal Rest Grant Unto him, O Lord:

**Gary Severt**, husband of Melvetta Severt, father of Geoff Severt, and brother of Brenda Ozier and husband, Bill. And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.

**The Catholic Side**

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Many people wonder about something that is in the bulletin each week; our finances. I have been asked a few times how we make it when so often the weekly amount shows a deficit. Here's the answer: many times throughout the year people bring in their tithes, especially people who tithe yearly, bi-yearly, or quarterly. Those checks are usually deposited immediately. Also, we know from following the actual collections over the years, there are some months that we will struggle (actually, September is usually one of those months) and other months when we do better (December is one of those months). Because of this, we do print the quarterly reports, and of course the yearly report that summarize our financial activity in the parish.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, this year was the first year that I didn't send out a little note asking for extra money to help meet our expenses for the end of the fiscal year. I attribute some of that to more people embracing tithing as a way of donating to the church. I can't thank you enough for your dedication to your parish. I encourage everyone to adopt tithing as part of your stewardship way of life. As Archbishop Paul Coakley used to tell us in the seminary, "God will not be outdone in generosity!"

Pope Francis could very well be called the "Pope of Encounter." Not that other popes haven't encouraged encounter as a way of living the Gospel, but he does so quite regularly, and this past week he did so in his morning homily on Tuesday. It is an excellent challenge for all of us. Here is the story from Zenit.org:

**Pope Francis has urged faithful to stop looking at our phones, and instead really encounter and listen to one another.**

According to Vatican Radio, the Pontiff gave this advice during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Maria, as he warned against bad habits that prevent us, even within our families, from truly listening to others and empathizing with them.

**Overcoming Our Indifference—As the Jesuit Pontiff drew inspiration from today's Gospel reading where Jesus brought back from the dead the only son of a widow, Francis highlighted that "an encounter with Jesus overcomes our indifference. He also lamented that often when people meet each other, "each of them is thinking of themselves, they can see the other person but are not looking at him or her; they can hear that person but are not listening to him or her." "An encounter is something different. It is what today's Gospel proclaims to us: an encounter; an encounter between a man and a woman, between an only living son and an only son who had died; among a joyful crowd because they had encountered Jesus and were following him and a group of people, weeping, accompanying that woman, who had come out from the gate of the city; an encounter between the exit gate and the entry gate, [The sheepfold]. An encounter that makes us reflect on our way of interacting with each other.**

In the Gospel, the Pope continued, we read that Jesus "was moved with pity." When Christ observed something unfortunate, Francis pointed out, he encounters and reacts, never remaining indifferent. "While if we see something sad, we say 'what a shame!' Jesus doesn't pass by, he is moved with pity. He goes up to the woman for a real encounter and then performs the miracle."

**Restoring Dignity—The Pope, reflecting on this Gospel encounter said, we not only see his tenderness but also the fruitfulness of that encounter that restores people and things to their proper place. "We are accustomed to a culture of indifference and we must strive and ask for the grace to create a culture of encounter; of a fruitful encounter, of an encounter that restores to each person his or her own dignity as a child of God, the dignity of a living person. "We are accustomed to this indifference," he continued, noting, "when we see the disasters of this world or small things: 'What a shame, poor people, look how they are suffering,' and then we carry on. An encounter. And if I don't look, it's not enough to see, no, (we must) look - if I don't stop, if I don't look, if I don't touch, if I don't speak, I cannot have an encounter and I cannot help to build a culture of encounter.**

**Even in Our Families—The message from today's reading, said Pope Francis, stems from that encounter between Jesus and his people and we all are in need of his Word and need that encounter with Him. "In our families, at the dinner table, how many times while eating, do people watch the TV or write messages on their cell phones. Each one is indifferent to that encounter. Even within the heart of society, which is the family, there is no encounter. May this help us to strive for this culture of encounter, just as simply as Jesus did so." The Pope stressed to look, listen and meet, rather than just see, hear, and pass by. "Don't just say 'what a shame, poor people,' but allow ourselves to be moved by pity," Pope Francis concluded, stressing, "Draw near; touch and say in the language that comes to each one of us in that moment, the language of the heart: 'Do not weep, and donate at the very least a drop of life.'"**

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

**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 26**—Thousands and thousands of brain cells are growing in Chris's head every day! Soon Chris will have billions of brain cells. I can make a fist and grasp things. My spine is beginning to form to protect my spinal cord. I'm covered by a white cheesy substance that protects my skin. Don't worry; it will come off right after birth. Mom can tell if her baby gets hiccups. "Before I formed you in the womb you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed a prophet to the nations."

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**—"Everyone serves the good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." *John 2:10* Every morning our students pray a Decade of the Holy Rosary together. The auction committee also prays a Rosary together before each meeting, asking Jesus to bless our work. The above quote comes from my favorite decade, the *Wedding Feast at Cana*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Luminous mystery. Here Jesus, because His mother asked Him to, blesses the work of the caterers and the family hosting the party. Well for 10 years now, the Lord has also been blessing the work of so many dedicated volunteers and families. Now it's possible that I used to watch too much David Letterman, but with our theme "A Decade of Blessings" I couldn't help but provide a couple Top 10 Lists:

- + Installed commercial grade WiFi Network
- + Purchased two classroom sets of Laptops and three classroom sets of iPads
- + Formed a quality Lunch Program by collaborating with local businesses
- + Implemented *Virtue Based Restorative Discipline*, a Catholic based bully prevention program
- + Doubled the size of Preschool by separating classes for three and four year olds
- + Opened Daycare and LatchKey, child care now available daily until 5:30pm
- + Renovated the Gymnasium
- + Governor's Award for State Test Scores
- + St. Thomas Aquinas academic award from the Diocese of Wichita
- + St. Robert Bellarmine Awards (over a two-year period we received ten of these awards)

Something our Lord teaches at the Wedding Feast is that the best is yet to come, the party keeps going. So Thank You so much for being here tonight and supporting us for many future Decades of Blessings.

Thanks so much and God Bless,  
*Emilio Aita*

**NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY**— More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. St. Patrick's will participate in the Parsons Life Chain at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> and Main from 2-3:30p.m. For more information, call Sonja at the Rectory or visit <http://LifeChain.Net> for more info.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**—The St. Pius X Newman Club invites you to their September Theology on Tap meeting, Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at McCarthy's Pub, 221 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

**HANNAH'S PROMISE CHARITY EVENT**—Please join Hannah's Promise on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for their 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Lisa.hpplc2015@outlook.com). You may also go to [www.hannahspromise.com](http://www.hannahspromise.com) or like us on Facebook.

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

Sun Sept 18	*RCIA— <i>The Existence of God</i> —Church/Parish Hall	10/11am
Mon Sept 19	*Parish Library Work Evening	6:30pm
Tue Sept 20	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Parish Council Meeting —Parish Hall	6:30pm
Wed Sept 21	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 PSR	5:30pm
	*Confirmation Mass	6:30pm
	*CYM hosting Conf. Reception	7pm
Thur Sept 22	*Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	6:30pm
Fri Sept 23	*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 24	*Rosary	6:30am
	*Latin Mass	7am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7:40am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun Sept 25	*RCIA Class—The Holy Trinity	9:15am
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm

**KAPAUN'S MEN GROUP**—will meet every Friday morning from 5:30am-6:30am in the Parish Hall. **WHO WE ARE:** Taking as our model the life of Father Emil Joseph Kapaun, a courageous Catholic Priest, Army Chaplain, and Leader of Men, Kapaun's Men are committed to fighting the great spiritual battle that rages around us. We seek to grow in virtue and answer God's call to holiness as a band of brothers, lifting one another up and helping one another become better husbands, fathers, leaders and friends. **OUR MODEL:** Through a format of prayer, formation and discussion, we seek to foster five essential characteristics exhibited by Father Kapaun which are important in any man's life: Fellowship, Conversion, Faith, Leadership and Accountability.

**SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!**

*Adorers are needed for the following hours:*

**Mon 11am-12pm, Wed 3-4am, Fri 1-2am,**

**Sat 4-5pm (every other weekend),**

**Sat 10-11pm, Sun 5-6am.**

**Call the Rectory to reserve an hour.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your Gifts to God & Parish:

September 10<sup>th</sup>—September 11<sup>th</sup>

**Needed: \$17,081.46 Received: \$14,213.00**

**Altar Servers:**

Sept 24—5pm L Wolgamott/C O'Hara/B Brungardt  
Sept 25—8am I Reitemeier/R Barger/M Bogner  
10am A Farris/Dawson G/O Feess/L Forbes

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Sept 24—5pm Steve Ramsey  
Sept 25—8am Cindy Dhoooghe  
10am Mark Martin

**Lector:**

Sept 24—5pm Nick Pfeifer  
Sept 25—8am John Schibi  
10am Daniel Schibi

**Offertory Gifts:**

Sept 24—5pm Ray and Lori Nolting  
Sept 25—8am Dan & Teresa Bogner/Millie Bogner  
10am Joe and Laura Stringer

**Ushers:**

Sept 24—5pm T & B Westhoff/M McKinney  
Sept 25—8am Aaron & Terri Saye/P O'Hara  
10am Vincent and Mary Schibi

**Money Counters:**

Sept 24&25—Cathy Schibi and Lori Nolting  
Lou Ann Jones and Marjorie Troy