

MASS INTENTIONS—January 14th—January 22nd

Saturday—5pm Lakkin Keene (John & Sonja Schibi)
Sunday— 8am Dorothy Charles
 (Carl & Donna Treiber)
10am People of St. Patrick's Parish
Monday—7am +Mike & Jan Lind
 (Steve & Julia Wadkins)
Tuesday—8am Father's Day Novena

Wednesday—7am Gertrude McKinney (Family)
Thursday—8am Mike Treiber Family
 (Mary Greenough)
Friday—7am Betty Schettler (John Schettler)
 Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm Chance Ray
Sunday— 8am +Michael Jacquinet
10am People of St. Patrick's Parish



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dick Volmer, Jim VanLeeuwen, Thressa Volmer, Betty Schettler

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!
 Our 2nd graders are preparing to make their first confessions this Wednesday. It is a momentous step in the realm of grace for these children. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the sacrament of God's mercy for the first time.

In just over two months, they will make their 1st Holy Communion, too. Second grade is a big year for sacramental grace! It is always powerful to see the excitement and reverence these children have when they are preparing for these holy moments. It is times like these that I think the Lord's exhortation that we have to be like children to enter the Heavenly Kingdom were meant. We should have a real joy at receiving the Lord, and the older we get, the more reverent we should become, since our knowledge should deepen and our love for Him grow stronger over the years. For many people, that is exactly what happens. But not for all, unfortunately. I found a powerful little poem by St. Peter Julian Eymard on adoring Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament entitled **"Jesus Waits For Us Here With Diving Longing."** It provides some good mediation and examination of conscience material for every reader. St. Peter Julian Eymard is sometimes called the Apostle of the Most Blessed Sacrament because of His love for the Most Blessed Sacrament and his devotion to telling others how great a gift it is to have Emmanuel—God with us—in the Most Holy Eucharist. Here is his poem along with a prayer that all of us will have a deeper love for Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Adore and visit Jesus, abandoned and forsaken by men in His Sacrament of Love. Man has time for everything except for visits to His Lord and God, WHO IS WAITING AND LONGING FOR US in the Blessed Sacrament. The streets and places of entertainment are filled with people; the House of God is deserted. Men flee from it; they are afraid of it. Ah! Poor Jesus! Did you expect so much indifference from those You have redeemed, from Your friends, from Your children, from me? Sympathize with Jesus Who is betrayed, insulted, mocked, and crucified far more ignominiously in His Sacrament of Love than He was in the Garden of Olives, in Jerusalem, and on Calvary. Those whom He has the most honored, loved, and enriched with His gifts and graces are the very ones who offend Him the most by their indifference.

Offer up for this intention all that you have suffered during the day or week that Jesus may be loved and adored by all. Because we ourselves are unable to atone for so much wrong, we unite ourselves to the infinite merits of our Savior Jesus. Receive His Divine Blood as it mystically flows from His Holy Wounds, and offer it to the Father in perfect atonement for the sins of the world. Take His sufferings and His prayer on the Cross and beg the Heavenly Father for pardon and mercy for all. Unite your reparation to that of the most Blessed Virgin at the foot of the Cross or the altar, and from the love of Jesus for His Divine Mother you will obtain everything. With Mary Let us Adore Him! May our Holy Patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Borkenhagen

JUST A REMINDER—Please drop your Stewardship packets in the collection plate at your earliest convenience! Thanks so much!

PARISH NEWS

"E-C-H-O...It's me, "Echo," your baby friend inside my mother's womb. When Mom says I'm "kicking," sometimes I'm dreaming. You know, like when you see a dog dreaming that he's running? I dream about what it'll be like when I'm on the outside. Last night, I dreamed that the world was filled with mountains of fresh, clean diapers. And my job was to fill every one of them. In fact, it was my doody. Get it? My doody...? Oh that was so funny. I would be slapping my little old baby knee about know, but my umbilical cord keeps getting in the way. I've got lots of dreams. Maybe someday, you and I can talk about our dreams. I'd like that, wouldn't you?

The family of Kathleen Hills wishes to thank the parish for all the prayers and support over the years. Thank you for weekly visits with Holy Communion, youth group visits for the shut ins, Altar Society for the funeral dinner, and especially Father Borkenhagen and Sister Bertina for the many years of ministry and friendship to our mother. May God bless you all.
~The Kathleen Hills family

If you'd like a print out of your 2016 Charitable Contributions for tax purposes, please call the Rectory.

2017 **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**—are in the back of the church. Contact the office at 421-6762 if you have questions regarding your envelopes.

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!
Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Wed 3-4am, Tues 10-11am,
Thur 3-4pm, Sat 2-3am,
Sat 5-6pm (every other weekend),
Sat 6-7pm (every other weekend),
Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am, Sun 5-6am.

MRS. O'BRIEN'S GUIDE TO THE GOLDEN RULE!—Straight from the stage in Chicago to Independence, KS this comedy is sure to leave you laughing all the way home! Mrs. O'Brien, a former nun, has recently got her own show on cable television and she is letting her viewers know how she feels about everything from their red lipstick to their iPhones. The event is January 28th at 7:30 pm. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew Catholic School. Tickets are \$30 and include appetizers and beverages during intermission. For ticket info. contact St. Andrew Catholic School (620) 331-2870.

MARCH FOR LIFE—Please start praying for the St. Patrick Catholic Youth Group, sponsors and Fr. Borkenhagen as they prepare to leave for Washington D.C. for the March for Life. This year's march is taking place Friday, January 27th

Thank You from Hannah's Promise—Thank you for the Christmas gifts. It was great. I really appreciate it. I loved it, thank you again from the bottom of my heart. I can't say thank you enough anyway. God Bless you. And Happy New Year.

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this early part of the church year we hear the proclamation by the prophet Isaiah of the Messiah and his mission on earth. Isaiah revealed that the Messiah would be more than a deliverer of the Israelites; He would be a light to the nations. In the Gospel of John the words of John the Baptist acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Isaiah and John the Baptist proclaimed the messages revealed to them by God in order to convince people to turn to the Lord and prepare themselves for the Kingdom of Heaven. In our world today we hear the same words spoken to the Israelites and to the Jews and the message is the same. The time is now to live for the Kingdom of God! May we share the message with joy that God's glory is among us.

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
 January 7th—January 8th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$13,244.00

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

Sun Jan 15	*RCIA Class - Anointing of the Sick; Redemptive Suffering; Reconciliation	9:15am-12pm
Mon Jan 16	*Rosary in the Church *Parish Library Work Evening -Parish Hall	6:30am 6:30pm
Tue Jan 17	*Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets *PTO Meeting—Parish Hall	7:30am 5:30pm 7pm
Wed Jan 18	*Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets *K-5 PSR *First Confessions *CYM Meeting—Parish Hall	6:30am 5:15pm 5:30pm 6pm 7pm
Thur Jan 19	*Rosary in the Church *Altar Society Meeting—Parish Hall *CHEER FOR LIFE PERFORMANCE -Halftime of Boy's A Game— Gym *Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	7:30am 6pm 6pm 6:30pm
Fri Jan 20	*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 *Rosary in the Church	6:30am
Sat Jan 21	*Rosary *Latin Mass *Cursillo Group Meets—Hall *9 Days for Life Novena Begins *Confessions	6:30am 7am 7:40am 3:30pm
Sun Jan 22	*RCIA Class *Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition—SPCS Gym	9:15am-12pm 1pm

100th Birthday Celebration—Family and friends are invited to a 100th birthday reception for Gertrude McKinney hosted by her eight children on Saturday, January 21st, from 1-3pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. No gifts requested but cards are welcome. Happy Birthday, Gertrude!

PRAY WITH THE BISHOPS—The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place January 21st–29th. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

There will be a Columbian Home Meeting after Council 643 meeting on January 24th. There will be important issues to discuss. Also, the Fourth Degree Assembly #2496 will host an Exemplification on Saturday, March 25th. If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree, this is a perfect opportunity to do so in Parsons. The cut off date to join is March 10th.

Altar Servers:

Jan 21—5pm E Wheat/L Wolgamott/L Gilmore
 Jan 22—8am R Barger/I Reitemeier/C Buller
 10am Farris/Dawson G/L Forbes/D Ortiz

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jan 21—5pm Bill Wheat
 Jan 22—8am Don Alexander
 10am Sherri Martin

Lector:

Jan 21—5pm Scotty Zollars
 Jan 22—8am Megan Rexwinkle
 10am Daniel Schibi

Offertory Gifts:

Jan 21—5pm Jesse and Donna Scoggins
 Jan 22—8am Bob and Pam Burzinski
 10am Peter and Bethany Kendrick

Ushers:

Jan 21—5pm T & B Westhoff/M McKinney/P Yanez
 Jan 22—8am Montee/Simon/Crabtree/O'Hara
 10am Martin/Heppler/Schibi/Alexander

Money Counters:

Jan 21 & Jan 22—Jody and Joan Thompson
 Steve and Ruth Farrell