

MASS INTENTIONS—February 4th—February 12th

Saturday—5pm +Kathleen Hills (The RCIA Team)
Sunday— 8am Sister Bertina Korphage
 10am People of St. Patrick's Parish
Monday—7am +Josephine Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)
Tuesday—8am +Judy Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)

Wednesday—7am +Maria Luveano (Tom & Loretta Forbes)
Thursday—8am +Virginia Gudde (Berniece LaForge)
Friday—7am +Stella (Asebedo) Reese (Gary & Judy Harris)
 Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm +Larry Best
Sunday— 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 10am Nathan Buller Family



Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, O Lord:
Stella M. (Asebedo) Reese, daughter of Joe Asebedo. **Sam Morris**, father of Gene Ele and wife, Tracy and Tammy Brown and husband, James. **Gertrude McKinney**, mother of Marvin McKinney and wife, Gay, Marilyn Ray and husband, Rick, Connie Adams and husband, Tony, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

“E-C-H-O...It's me, “Echo,” – E-C-H-O – coming to you from inside my mother's womb and taking full advantage of the womb service. My meals come out of this little tube 24/7 and I don't even have to chew. No wonder mom feels me jumping around. I'm growing by leaps and bounds. A while back I was growing so fast, I said to myself, “Echo, it feels like you've grown two whole feet.” And sure enough, I looked down and there they were. And I've already got fingers, which is good because mom is always singing lullabies to me and now I have something I can stick in my ears. Uh-oh... I think she's gonna start singing about babies in treetops again. If I ever find myself in a tree top, I'm calling the child endangerment people. The preceding Kansans for Life message was made possible by donations from former babies throughout Kansas. For more information see KFL.org.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE'S —

This year's theme is “This is My Body: Into the Wild of the Masculine Soul” and will be held at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 from 8 am—3pm. Christopher West will be the main speaker at this year's conference. Suggested donation is \$30 for the day. Also, on the evening of Friday March 3rd, Christopher West will present “Life, Love and Mercy” at St. Francis of Assisi, Wichita from 6:30-9pm. Suggested donation is \$10 per person or free for men attending the Men's Conference. For more information, contact Jake Samour at (316) 685-5240 or register at <http://CatholicMenICT2017.eventbrite.com>.

SKATE FOR BABIES—

Hannah's Promise invites you to Skate for Babies on Sunday, February 26th, 2017 at the Silver Wheels Skating Rink from 2-4pm. Cost is \$5 per person. Concessions will be available and there will be door prizes. Come enjoy some awesome christian Music while you skate!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND—

The next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 24th—26th. For couples married five or more years, Marriage Encounter is a weekend retreat designed to help renew a couple's love through communication, intimacy, and a deeper understanding of the sacrament that unites them. For more information, contact Frank and Allison at (316) 650-9593 or visit the website at www.kansas-wwme.org

HOLY FAMILY CAMP 2017—

The 28th Annual Holy Family Camp, a weeklong faith experience for persons with disabilities, will be held June 12th—16th, 2017 at Camp Hiawatha in north Wichita. Come join the faith, fellowship, food and fun! Applications will be available after March 1st. Want to volunteer or be a camp buddy during the week? Contact Christina at 316-269-3900 extension 170.

17th ANNUAL ROMANCE NIGHT—

“Walking in the Path of Love and Life” will be Saturday, February 18th, 2017 at The Ville in Andover, KS. Register online at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/mfi> or call the Office of Marriage & Family at (316)685-5240.

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Wed 3-4am, Thur 3-4pm, Sat 2-3am, Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am, Sun 5-6am, Sun 10-11pm.

Stewarding our Gifts...

“GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE.”
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

You are the light of the world! As a disciple of Jesus Christ, who is the *true and original* source of light in the world, YOU have been given the awesome task of carrying His light to the darkest corners of the Earth. Fortunately, you do not have to work alone; we have all been called to act as stewards of God's light... sharing it with the hungry, the oppressed, and the homeless... allowing it to reveal the truth to those living in ignorance and sin. “Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall be quickly healed.” Isaiah tells us that by doing God's work, our truest purpose can be attained, and our pain (perhaps from sin?) can be relieved. The light of God within us all draws others into His love. Much like a city set on top of a hill, the light cannot – and SHOULD not – be concealed. The Church and its people are meant to act as a beacon, so let that light shine!!

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

Sun Feb 5	*RCIA Class –Dignity of the Human Person	9:15am-12pm
Mon Feb 6	*Rosary in the Church *MS League Basketball Tourney –St. Paul *Ultreya—Parish Hall –Bring a friend and a dish to share	6:30am 5pm 7pm
Tue Feb 7	*Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets *Parish Council Meeting	7:30am 5:30pm 6:30pm
Wed Feb 8	*Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets *PSR K-5 *Middle School EDGE *CYM Meeting—Parish Hall	6:30am 5:15pm 5:30pm 6pm 7pm
Thur Feb 9	*Rosary in the Church *MS League Basketball Tourney –St. Paul *Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	7:30am 5pm 6:30pm
Fri Feb 10	*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 *Kapaun's Men—Parish Hall *Rosary in the Church	5:30am 6:30am
Sat Feb 11	*Rosary in the Church *Latin Mass *Cursillo Group Meets—Hall *Church Cleaning *Confessions	6:30am 7am 7:40am 8am 3:30pm
Sun Feb 12	*RCIA Class— –Intro to Morality; Natural Law *Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Competition—School Gym *Men's Basketball	9:15am-12pm 1pm 8:30pm

THE RESTORATION OF THE IMAGINATION—

The Prairie Troubadour presents its 2nd Annual Symposium February 17th and 18th at the Liberty Theatre in Fort Scott, KS. Anthony Esolen, Professor at Providence College, will present The Catholic Imagination, Kevin O'Brien will present J.R.R. Tolkien on Fairy Tales, and Dale Ahlquist, President of the American Chesterton Society, will present G.K. Chesterton on Art. Chris Check On Technology and Alan Hicks' Education by the Muses will also be presented. Register online at WWW.PRAIRIETROUBADOUR.ORG.

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

January 28th—January 29th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$10,878.01

Altar Servers:

Feb 11—5pm K Nance/B Chavez/Z Collins
 Feb 12—8am E Wheat/A Nibarger/C Westhoff
 10am J Forbes/Z Johnston/I Mann/D Ortiz

Extraordinary Ministers:

Feb 11—5pm Vicki Templeton
 Feb 12—8am Tom O'Hara
 10am Mark Martin

Lector:

Feb 11—5pm Nick Pfeifer
 Feb 12—8am Sophia Zetmeir
 10am Allison Colson

Offertory Gifts:

Feb 11—5pm Tom and Beth Westhoff
 Feb 12—8am Max and Cindy Dhooghe
 10am Dan and Amy Manners

Ushers:

Feb 11—5pm M & J Carson/T & B Westhoff
 Feb 12—8am C & S Johnson/Crabtree/Simon
 10am Keith and Leslie Keller

Money Counters:

Feb 11 & 12—Rob and Ellie Montee
 Lou Ann Jones and Marjorie Troy

THE CATHOLIC SIDE

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

The March for Life 2017 was probably the best one I have participated in over the last 20 years that I have been going to the March. This year, when we got to Washington, D.C., we didn't have the imminent threat of 30" of snow, so right off the bat things were better than last year. We actually arrived at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, where James Schibi goes, and had Holy Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the high altar. The chapel is stunning since it was restored about seven years ago. After the Holy Mass, the pilgrims headed into Emmitsburg for breakfast before returning to the Mount to visit the National Shrine of the Grotto of Lourdes. It is a beautiful outdoor sanctuary in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the oldest one in the nation, too. After praying in the grotto, the pilgrims had a brief tour of the seminary before heading back into Emmitsburg to visit the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We picked up Deacon Labenz at the seminary and he joined us for the rest of the day and all of the next, too. At the shrine, they learned about our 1st American-born saint and had the opportunity to walk the grounds she walked and visit the building that she lived and worked in while laying the ground work for Catholic Schools in the new nation. After this, we headed into D.C. to the hotel.

The next day, we headed to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Land. It is one of my favorite places to visit in D.C. It is built as a replica of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem (although it is a bit nicer than the real one). Every year on Good Friday night, they have a “Burial of Christ” service that is absolutely stunning. I had the opportunity to go there while I was in the seminary once. The Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulcher come in their regalia and they take down the corpus of Christ and process with it to the sepulcher. It is accompanied by readings, preaching, and beautiful chanting. The pilgrims had time to tour the shrine before we had Holy Mass and then headed down to the March for Life.

When we got to the mall, we headed for security. This is the first time there was security to get into the rally before the March. This was because there was another first, Vice-President Mike Pence and his wife and Kellyanne Conway were coming to speak at the rally. They headlined what turned out to be, in my opinion, the best speeches I have ever heard at the March for Life rally. Usually, they drone on and on (and on and on) and you can hardly wait for them to stop speaking so we can start marching. This year it was different. After the vice president and Kellyanne Conway, we heard from Mia Love. She is the first African-American Republican woman to be elected to the House of Representatives. Many of our kids were really impressed with Representative Love. Hers was a powerful speech. When the speeches ended, we started marching. One of the coolest things during the March happened just as we were getting started. We began to pray the rosary. Usually, if I remember, I have the bull horn. This year it wasn't working, so I didn't bring it and I forgot to buy a new one. So my cupped hands were the only bull horn I had. As we began, you could hear the prayer spread, until it seemed like the whole section around us had joined in praying. It really was awesome. It was a moving way to begin the March.

The hardest part of the March for Life is when you see the pictures of aborted babies. Nothing drives home the point more forcefully than seeing tiny body parts of what are clearly human babies! Every year I take kids to the March, many of them comment on how awful those pictures are and if that is the reality, and it is, how can this be allowed? Good question!

The day after the March, we headed up to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Holy Mass. This is actually my favorite church in D.C. Cardinal O'Malley calls it a, “Catechism in Stone.” It is a beautiful edifice built in honor of the patroness of our country to give honor and glory to the Most Holy Trinity. We had Holy Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. From here, we headed across the Potomac to Arlington National Cemetery. Every time I go to D.C., if I have time, I go to Arlington. I always visit President Kennedy's grave and then head over to the most moving place in the cemetery—the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It almost brings tears to your eyes to witness the solemnity and precision that goes with the guarding of the tomb and the changing of the guard. It is almost liturgical. As Catholics, it should be a powerful reminder of how important solemnity is in the Holy Mass.

From here, we headed back into the District to visit the Holocaust Museum or the Smithsonian Museum of American History. After each group visited their respective museum, we met up again and went into the National Archives. Here they had the opportunity to see the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America. This is another one of my favorite D.C. places to visit. It was a fitting end to the March for Life pilgrimage to see the document that began our nation on the promise of Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, especially since we were marching for those who are unjustly deprived of their right to life. All in all, I would say it was a power-packed pilgrimage that touched our hearts and hopefully moves us to a more profound and committed witness to the sanctity of life. May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. St. Joseph, protector of the Church, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, protectress of life, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Borkenhagen

P.S. Starting Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 7pm I will teach a Bible study on the Gospel of St. John. It will be offered Thursday afternoons at 1pm as well. It will last until the sixth week of Lent. I hope to see you there!