

MASS INTENTIONS—February 11th–February 19th
Saturday–5pm +Larry Best (Corky and Alice Beachner)
Sunday– 8am Nathan Buller Family
10am People of St. Patrick's Parish
Monday–7am +Mike & Connie Perez (Vincent & Juanita Yanez)
Tuesday–8am +Valentine Hernandez, Sr. (Lowell & Tina Wells)

Wednesday–7am Jim & Priscilla Lubbers (Lou Jones)
Thursday–8am Vincent Schibi (John & Sonja Schibi)
Friday–7am +Bob Vernon (Larry & Connie Gudde)
Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday–5pm +Michael A. Forbes
Sunday– 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
10am +Edward Lind



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Felicitas Licup, Dick Marlow,

PARISH NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—As I wrote in our last newsletter, we are very blessed to have such an active school and parish community. So once again, thank you everyone that participated in any of the Catholic Schools Week activities. The PTO Chili Feed made over \$4,400. The students' Walk in Sister's Shoes coin collection brought in \$1,058.85. The food drive for Labette Assistance collected 66 cans of soup, 62 cans of fruit and vegetables, 36 boxes of cereal, 24 jars of jelly, 51 jars of peanut butter, and over 50 other miscellaneous items. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Three new families have transferred into the Preschool and Grade school. Now have a waiting list for PK3 and Daycare. We have officially began Registration for the 2017-18 school year and all classes/ages are open. Anyone interested in the Preschool, Daycare, and/or Grade School can contact us at 421-0710 or school@stpatrikparsons.org or stop by the office any time. Lastly, after 7 years of coaching our middle school Track Team, Sonja Schibi has stepped down as the head coach. She did a wonderful job working with our 7th and 8th graders and we appreciate all she has done for them. We are currently seeking a new head track coach. If you are interested please contact the school office. God Bless, *Emilio Aita*

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

- Sun Feb 12 *RCIA Class 9:15am-12pm
 –First Three Commandments
 *K of C District Hoop Shoot Contest
- Mon Feb 13 *Rosary in the Church 6:30am
 *Stewardship Council Meeting 5:30pm
 *School Council Meeting 6:45pm
 *FertilityCare Services Intro Class 7pm
 –Parish Hall; Sonja Schibi, FertilityCare Practitioner Intern
- Tue Feb 14 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:30pm
 *Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm
- Wed Feb 15 *Rosary in the Church 6:30am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:15pm
 *PSR K-5 5:30pm
 *CYM Meeting–Parish Hall 7pm
 *Bible Study–St. John's Gospel 7pm
 –Taught and Led by Fr. Borkenhagen
- Thur Feb 16 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Bible Study–St. John's Gospel 1pm
 –Taught and Led by Fr. Borkenhagen
 *Altar Society Meeting–Parish Hall 6pm
 –Discussing "Rediscover Jesus" over Greek salads and ginger brownies!
 *Theology on Tap–Pittsburg 6pm
 –"How the Irish saved us from public Confession"
- Fri Feb 17 *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 5:30am
 *Rosary in the Church 6:30am
- Sat Feb 18 *Rosary in the Church 6:30am
 *Latin Mass 7am
 *Cursillo Group Meets–Hall 7:40am
 *Confessions 3:30pm
- Sun Feb 19 *RCIA Class– 9:15am-12pm
 –Commandments 4, 5, 6 & 9
 *Men's Basketball 8:30pm

THE CATHOLIC SIDE

Praised Be Jesus Christ!
 Those of you who read the Parsons Sun might have noticed our name mentioned under building permits this past week. We are getting closer to beginning the work on our Adoration Chapel. I am really excited about this building. Finally, a handicapped accessible chapel where those who cannot get up and down steps will be able to easily access the chapel! It will have a bathroom in it that will double as a safe room. It will be a dignified building that many people will probably think looks like a "first church" type of building. We already have a beautiful high altar to put in the chapel that was made possible by one of our parish families. We have the pews from the old Mercy Hospital in Independence. We have the beautiful statues from St. Mary's. It will be completely secure and well lit, too. It is pretty exciting. If you are interested in helping to donate needed materials, please contact me.

It is a good idea to start thinking about Lent since it is just two and a half weeks away. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the three priorities during Lent. In this day and age, it is good to think about fasting from food, certainly, but also from social media, television, internet, everything on your phone except for calling someone. Maybe instead of writing a Facebook post or tweeting, you could make a resolution to write someone a letter (by hand!) each week. Try to get to daily Mass during Lent. Give up buying something and use the money you save and give it to a charity. There are lots of options for Lent. If you want to have a powerful celebration of Easter, make sure you have a challenging Lent—reminding yourself each day that whatever you choose to do, "Do it for the Lord," as St. Paul says.

Beginning on the 10th of April, we are going to do a parish-wide consecration to the Blessed Virgin. It will culminate on the 13th of May—the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The consecration we will use is Fr. Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory. It is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus through Mary. The books will be available around the end of Lent (the day to begin is Monday of Holy Week). I will explain more later.

As we draw closer to Lent, I want to ask everyone to keep in your prayers our catechumens and candidates. The catechumens are those who are seeking the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. The candidates are those who are already baptized in the Trinitarian formula who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church along with the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. All of this will take place at the "Mother of all Vigils," the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Our catechumens and candidates have spent almost every Sunday since the beginning of September studying and learning more and more about the Holy Catholic Faith. As they come closer to entering the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, they can use our prayers. Also, I would encourage those of you who go to the Holy Mass at 8am or 10am to come downstairs afterwards and meet the catechumens and candidates. Soon they will be new members of our parish, so it is a great way to welcome them and let them put some names with faces.

Finally, you can see in the insert our financial report for the first 1/2 of the fiscal year. We had several IRA roll-over gifts that helped our December collections. Unfortunately, when Christmas falls on a Sunday, the general collection amount is not quite the same as when it is on a weekday. As you know, we aren't rolling in the dough, but we are scraping by. I ask you, if you are not already doing this, to prayerfully consider tithing as your normal way of giving. If you talk to people who live stewardship as a way of life, at the end of the day, they will never tell you they regret the support they give to the Lord and His Church through tithing (nor will He ever be outdone in generosity).

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP



How the Irish saved us from public Confession:
How to make a good Confession

Father Jason Borkenhagen has served as a priest for the Diocese of Wichita for over 15 years and currently is the Pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parsons, KS.

Speaker:
Fr. Jason Borkenhagen

SAME GREAT PROGRAM NEW LOCATION

GUADALAJARA
Messias Grill

1602 S. Broadway St.
Pittsburg, KS

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

SOCIAL HOUR 6:00PM

SPEAKER 7:00PM



Theology on Tap is a monthly meeting of Catholic young adults. We meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith, make friends and build community.

We invite you to join us for a pint and a prayer.

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, 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."
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

If you have ever visited the Sistine Chapel in Rome, you have seen the famous ceiling panel depicting God reaching out to touch the outstretched finger of Adam. But did you notice that just below the ceiling, there is a series of perhaps lesser known paintings? Along one side of the chapel is a sequence of paintings illustrating pivotal scenes from the Old Testament. Along the opposite wall of the chapel are paintings that portray Jesus fulfilling each of those moments from the Old Testament. In today's gospel, Jesus assures the disciples that he did not come to abolish (end/dismiss) the Law they had studied all of their lives. Rather he came to fulfill the Law - he came to put it into effect and make it real! Time and time again, the life and teaching of Jesus brings the ancient Jewish Law into the present. And that continues to be true today! How often are we guilty of interpreting the commandments to meet our situation? Jesus clarifies the very definite meaning of those laws handed to Moses ages and ages ago, and he goes on to give practical application of those laws in modern life, not only for his disciples, but also for us today.

SKATE FOR BABIES—Hannah's Promise invites you to Skate for Babies on Sunday, February 26th at the Silver Wheels Skating Rink from 2-4pm. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for families with 4+ kids. Concessions will be available and there will be door prizes. Come enjoy some awesome christian Music while you skate!

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
 February 4th–February 5th
NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$21,075.00

Altar Servers:

Feb 18—5pm Ka Waun/Ky Waun/L Wolgamott
 Feb 19—8am I Reitemeier/M Bogner/C Buller
 10am A Farris/Dawson G/L Ortiz/O Fees

Extraordinary Ministers:

Feb 18—5pm Bill Wheat
 Feb 19—8am Phyllis Pracht
 10am Tracy Holzem

Lector:

Feb 18—5pm Steve Ramsey
 Feb 19—8am Jeff Perez
 10am Leslie Keller

Offertory Gifts:

Feb 18—5pm Bill and Connie Wolgamott
 Feb 19—8am Mike and Janice Dulohery
 10am David and Robie Martin

Ushers:

Feb 18—5pm P Yanez/W Cupp/D Moreno/B Allen
 Feb 19—8am R & B Barger Family / O'Hara
 10am Martin/Heppler/Schibi/Alexander

Money Counters:

Feb 18 & 19—Ray and Becky Jacquinot
 Pat and Janet Leech

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 Imagination 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.