

November Birthdays

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| 1 Humberto Castillo | 15 Thomas Mandl |
| Pat Schwartz | Kelly Mason |
| 2 Sidney Harrison | Jeanne Voss |
| Guadalupe Marqueaz | 16 Ismael Carrasco |
| 3 Kadya Jae Estes | Carlos Garcia-Pedroza |
| Neil Goss | Stanley Hoss |
| Brittany Lambert | Julia Rios |
| Dan Miller | Luis Venegas |
| Amy Olson | 17 Jesse Duran |
| Debra Roberts | Jack Gnad |
| 4 Dalton Hodgkinson | Daniel Marciniak |
| Daniel Quint | Barbara Mason |
| Chandler Voss | Sherri Nickelson |
| 5 Sergio Adame | Bryan Pedroza |
| Jimmie Ellis | Herminia Perez |
| Jennifer Freund | 18 Maria De Santiago |
| Paul Harris | 19 Bryan Barnard |
| Landa Sanchez | Bryan Pedroza |
| Dolores Vonfeldt | 20 Grace Fellhoelter |
| Edgar Zapien | Douglas Reh |
| 6 Martha Ramos | Brenda Venard |
| Charlie Rojas | 21 Lowell Brenner |
| Michael Younger | 22 Michael Clinton |
| 7 Sandra Espino | Tom Garland |
| Paula Van Winkle | Aaron Landry |
| 8 Karen Blasi | Ronald Meier |
| Donna Gerber | James Middleton |
| Joe Kramer | Cecilia Ramos |
| Mary Rome | Francisco Torres |
| Joshua Smith | 23 Becky Eastes |
| 9 Blake Becker | Kyndra Estes |
| 10 Krystal Adelhardt | Julia George |
| Judy Link | 24 Karen Melcher |
| Miranda Mandl | Lyndel Theis |
| Betty Quint | 25 Lori Burkhart |
| Anastin Teasley | 26 James Van Winkle |
| 11 Adalberto Coss | 27 Yolanda Alvarez |
| Martin Ibarra | Eliazar Carrasco |
| Corey McGuire | Judy Hampel |
| Bryan Nickelson | Mary Meier |
| Brylee Richardson | Jerod Theis |
| Raul Angel Rios | 28 Darlene Becker |
| Anastin Teasley | Connie Burgardt |
| Hunter Teasley | Ethan Gillig |
| James Wondra | Lynn Perez |
| 12 Silvia Alvarez | Scott Pfeifer |
| A. J. Amaro | Gary Talbott |
| Cheyenne Becker | 29 Bertha Fischer |
| Bryan Kirby | Jay Sweet |
| Hannah Melichar | Lane Vahsholtz |
| Brayden Powers | Lisa Wiltse |
| John Rojas | 30 Whitney Amaro |
| 13 Mike Reif | Debby Angood |
| Patricia Robertson | Jadyn Tillman |
| 14 Jason Ruckle | Ivan Venegas |
| Joyce Temanson | |

STEPPING STONE EVENTS

Welcome

Michael Clinton, 216 N. Oak St, Pratt.
Chris & Lori Rohling, & daughter, Kynlee, 249 Lake Road, Pratt
Thomas (TJ) & Miranda Mandl, and children, Grayson, Charlie, & Nora, 515 West 10th St., Pratt.

Baptized in Christ

Kynlee Marie Rohling, daughter of Chris & Lori Rohling.
Titus Phillip Behring, son of Ted & Mary Behring.
Jordan Mathew Fernandez, son of Jan Neil & Daisy Tenefrancia Fernandez.
Logan William Pritchett, son of Casey & Kimberly Pritchett.

Died in Christ

Katherine (Cathy) Ann DaVault died October 8th. She is wife to deceased Jack DaVault.
Annabel I. Westerhaus died October 16th. She is wife to deceased Edward Westerhaus, and mother to Rita DeBusk, Mike, Steve, Gregory, & Kevin Westerhaus.

Farewell to those moved.

Ryan & Meranda Jack & family moved to Cape Coral, Florida.

May God bless and be with them.

THANKS TO A LOVING COMMUNITY

Words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, words of comfort and acts of kindness we received during Pat's illness and his passing. To know the love and concern that was shared with us has helped to heal the pain of loss during this difficult time. God bless all. /s/ The Hitt Family

Sacred Heart School

Education Endowment Fund

Gratefully acknowledges the generous donations

made by Family and Friends in memory of

Pat Hitt

Annabel Westerhaus

The interest earned from these funds will be used to continually support our school.

Thank you for your generosity!

Family Members Remembered

During the month of November, Parishioners will have the opportunity to remember and pray for their deceased family members and friends.

Prayer cards (blue) can be found in the clear plastic holders at the end of the pews that hold the stewardship envelopes. Please list your family members and friends you wish to remember on the form and place in the collection basket, or drop off at the rectory mail drop located to the right of the front door. The prayer cards will be gathered and placed near the altar during November to remind us to pray for our loved ones.

FINANCIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2012

The parish fiscal year is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

If anyone has questions, please contact a Finance Council member. They are Linda Gfeller, Haley Fitzsimmons, Rick Klausmeyer, Jennifer Slater, Vince Wilczek, Jim Wessling, Principal, and Vicki Rush, Pastoral Council Liaison.

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contribution Envelopes	\$31,975.83	\$ 95,458.28
Other Receipts	9,832.33	44,396.74
Total Receipts	\$41,808.16	\$139,855.02
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
School	\$23,483.32	\$ 90,990.65
Other Expense	13,455.21	48,520.53
Total Disbursements	\$36,938.53	\$139,511.18
Net Surplus	<u>\$ 4,869.63</u>	<u>\$ 343.84</u>

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CORNER



*From the Clipboard of the
Religious Formation Director,
Erin Crouch*

Happy Halloween and soon to be Happy Thanksgiving!

I wanted to **thank everyone** who came to the Greg Walton Youth event and concert on September 29th. We had low turn out for all of the events but the presentation was great. I would really like to thank Stephanie Becker and family for hosting Greg and Bill during their stay. On that note, we are gearing up for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) for November of 2013. We are just now wrapping up our Bierock fundraiser and will begin our **Discount Card sales**. These cards are \$20 each, we keep \$10 for the youth. They have discounts to local businesses and a few in Hutchinson. The business discounts are mostly different from other discount cards in Pratt. So please support our youth by purchasing these cards. If we can sell all the cards we will have \$4,000.00 in profit to go towards youth events/NCYC.

ATTENTION Parents of High School and 8th grade students, the High School Youth Rally for the diocese is **Nov. 17th and 18th in Dodge City**. The diocese is bringing in Jesse Manibusan to work with the youth. Many of our NCYC students will remember him from NCYC. Jesse is an awesome musician and the youth loved him at NCYC. The deadline for signup is Nov. 9th. The cost for both days is \$25 or you can do just Sunday for \$15.00 plus \$10 for a T-shirt. I am planning to attend both days, and I will leave from the church at 10am on Saturday the 17th. I can take 3 students. I need at least one adult per 8 students. So, if we have 8 students wishing to attend, I can chaperone them, but, I will need someone to drive them out and pick them up. Let me know if you can help with this. I have sign up sheets for the rally, I also sent forms home with the students a few weeks ago during PSR. If you need financial aide with this, please let me know. I don't want a student to miss this due to money. It should be an exciting weekend that the youth will enjoy.

The Thanksgiving dinner by the Women of Sacred Heart (WSH) is Nov. 11th. As always the youth are asked to help. **I am asking the 9th and 10th grade students to bus tables from 12-1pm, and I have the 8th grade class busing tables from 1-2pm. I also need 11th and 12th grade students to drive for take out delivery of meals.** This is a very important ministry in our parish. The WSH support our parish through this one big event each year. Please come, help out, and eat the great food.

First Reconciliation parents, we have the **Reconciliation Centers** for parent and child on Sunday, Nov. 4th at 10am in the school cafeteria. This should take less than an hour. All stations are in English. This is a great chance to talk to your student about the sacrament and learn more about it yourself. Then we will have **First Reconciliation practice** for all students on Friday, November 30th from 4-5pm in the church. **First Reconciliation** is Saturday, December 1st, at 1:00pm in the church, followed with a reception for all in the cafeteria.

On Nov. 21st, we will NOT have PSR due to Thanksgiving. All other Wednesdays are at normal time of 7:00pm.

Religious Formation Commission will meet Tuesday, Nov. 6th from 6-7pm in the rectory.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

ADULT EDUCATION

The 24-week Bible study started meeting on Oct 25th at 7pm in the Rectory meeting room. If you are still interested in this study, please let me know.

On Nov. 7th at 7pm (during PSR) in the school conference room, Patrice Egging will be leading the **Catholicism DVD series by Father Robert Barron**. You will watch the DVD and discuss it. No books are required and it is during PSR. So parents, this is a great opportunity to learn while your students are in PSR. I invite you to attend.

Erin Crouch
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Sacred Heart News

November 2012

Newsletter of the Catholic Community of Pratt County

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us. How appropriate, then, that the Catholic Church offers us November, which begins with All Saints and All Souls.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work. It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the temporal punishments resulting from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven. A soul in Purgatory may suffer, but they ultimately have the assurance that they will enter Heaven when their punishment is complete. Catholics believe Purgatory is an expression of God's love, a desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

We talk about and believe in the Communion of the Saints. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. We should pray for them, that they may be freed from the punishment for their sins and enter into Heaven.

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to pray for the dead. We can start with those closest to us--our mom and dad, for instance--but we should also offer prayers for all souls.

We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us after they have been released from Purgatory. If we live Christian lives, we too will likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity toward the Holy Souls, there now, will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month of November, to offer our prayers for the Holy Souls.

Prayer: FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

My Jesus, by the sorrows You suffered in Your agony in the Garden, in Your scourging and crowning with thorns, in the way to Calvary, in Your crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken; I ask you, deliver them from the dire torments they endure; call them and admit them to Your most sweet embrace in paradise.

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Eternal rest....

In Christ,

Father Floyd McKinney

SAINTS of
HEAVEN 
PRAY FOR US!



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TO EVERYONE!**

ANNUAL PARISH TURKEY DINNER

Sponsored by the Women of Sacred Heart

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Serving: Noon until 2:00pm

**Sacred Heart School Cafeteria
330 North Oak St., Pratt, KS**

Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed white potatoes and gravy, vegetable, jello, hot roll, pie or cake, coffee, iced tea, or water.

Prices: Adults - \$7.50 Children-ages 4-9 - \$3.50 and 3yrs. & younger - Free

Carry-Out Meals Available: Call 672-3687 between 9:30am - 11:30am that day to leave your order. Our youth, Junior Confirmation students, will deliver meals between the hours of 11:30am - 1:00pm. Prices for these meals are the same as above.

Adult & Children's Raffle: There are many nice prizes on each. Raffle tickets are 6 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 for a single ticket. Adult tickets are included in this newsletter. Purchased tickets may be dropped off at the rectory office or leave in the mail drop on the right side of the rectory front door, or bring tickets to the raffle booth before 1:00pm on Sunday, November 9th, the day of the dinner. Drawing will be around 1:30pm.

Country Store will offer theme gift baskets and containers of products to be purchased at Silent Auction. Also, craft and home-made baked goods will be available. **This is a good opportunity to begin your holiday shopping for family and friends.**

COME ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!!!

ANNUAL PARISH TURKEY DINNER – NOVEMBER 11th

ADDITIONAL NOTES

GIFT BASKETS - There is still time to put together a gift basket for the Silent Auction for the Annual Turkey Dinner and Country Store. The committee will put the basket together if you have items you would like to contribute. Leave the completed baskets or items to use at the church office.

BREAD for DRESSING - It would help increase our profits and lower the cost of food if anyone would like to donate a loaf or two of bread for the dressing. Leave it at the school or in the vesting room of the church by Friday afternoon, November 9th.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP - MEN AND WOMEN - In the October newsletter you received a copy of the Women of Sacred Heart circles and chairpersons. It would help if you would call your chairperson and let them know when you could help. They will also be calling for pies and cakes. If you can help in the kitchen, please call Gina Hommertzhaim, 672-3373.

For more information call Rita Hitt, 672-2614.

SOCIAL JUSTICE — STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

It is that time of year again for our Social Justice Committee's 11th Annual Christmas Drive. Each year we have joined with the Chaplaincy Department at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility in an attempt to make the Christmas holiday a little brighter for inmates incarcerated at the facility by providing Christmas packages. We are soliciting donations of items from the list below or monetary donations which can be used to purchase items for these packages. Christmas is a very lonely time in prison and the packages provided are really appreciated by the inmates, as nothing can be sent to them at Christmas time. Since funds for this project cannot be obtained from state resources, we must rely on your generosity. This is our chance to show those men that we do believe in them and encourage them to turn their lives around. As we learned in Matthew 26: 34-44, "The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." I would encourage you read these verses.

Where assistance is needed is as follows:

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Small candy bars, Chips (individual size), Cheese/peanut butter crackers (small packages), Cookies, Cupcakes (i.e. Little Debbie's that are individually wrapped), Bars of soap (regular size), Bags of individually wrapped hard candy, Men's deodorant.

Please donate whatever you feel appropriate. If you prefer to donate monetarily instead of actual items, checks should be made payable to "Inmates Benefit Fund-Christmas" and may be dropped off at the church office or may be given to Tom Garland 672-5897. With the monetary donations, the Chaplains will purchase some of the needed items. We will be providing a drop box near the church entrance in which you may drop off your Christmas items or you may call Tom Garland, 672-5897 for pick up. Our deadline is Sunday, December 16.

THANKSGIVING

SAINTS OF
HEAVEN 
PRAY FOR US!

Count Your blessings!

At times it seems difficult to be thankful. But once you stop to think about what you have and who you are, being grateful seems the most natural thing in the world. Most of us simply don't take time to count our blessings. If we did, our hearts would daily sing in gratitude. And, how much more grateful must we feel for our spiritual riches. We are by adoption children of God. We are sons and daughters of the Maker of the Universe! How can we for even one fleeting moment grouse ungratefully? We can not. We must be grateful always and everywhere

UPCOMING HOLYDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

In the church envelope packet that you recently received, you will find an envelope dated **December 4th** for the **Christmas Flower offering**. We will be purchasing Poinsettia plants again this year "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a loved one. Place your envelope in the collection basket.



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