

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeannie Brown
Corey Degenhardt
Kayla Degenhardt
Eric Johnson
Aaron Pribil
- 2 Olivia Arensdorf
Robert Beaman
Barret Bolen
Ana Fernandez
Barbara Harris
Catalina Ibarra
Melissa McGuire
- 3 Ethan Coutre
Duane Thomas
Sandy Kramer
Valentin Ortiz
Dorene Reeves
Paula De Santiago
Prisciliano De Santiago
Luz Thieme
- 5 Breann Becker
Zackary Nystrom
- 6 Jace Meiklejohn
Rodger Roberts
Coeta Strothman
Jon Svoboda
- 7 Dylan Brown
Reiley Perez
Bryce Stegman
- 8 Mary Cabral
Christopher Coss
Travis Theis
Ashley Warren
- 9 Kristen Beat
Heather Langford
Sharon Dodson
- 10 Dennis Hatzenbuehler
Dana McDiffett
- 11 Mac Brin
Yadira Garcia-Pedroza
Amy Koler
Zachary Pixler
- 12 Christopher Reif
Carter Smith
Bill Soerries
- 13 Ryann Eastes
Sydney Koirth
- 14 Glenna Borho
Drake Evert
Manuel Zapien
- 15 Michael Nall
- 16 Debra McGraw
Donna Pfeifer
Shawn Ramos
- 16 Landen Studer
Ronald Watkins
- 17 Addie Fellhoelter
Elaine Sexson
Jose Zapien
- 18 Shawndra Bare
Stephanie Simmons
Mary Ann Rojas
Marla Stucky
Jane Ward
- 19 Haley Pevoteaux
Katie Quinn
- 20 Anahi Garcia
Kenneth Orem
- 21 Skylar Angood
David Brady
Kaylee Crawford
Pam Ellis
Ted Neuburger
Nicole Reichenberger
Stephanie Reichenberger
Ryan Waters
- 22 Cathy Beaman
Robert Doolittle
Don Prosser
Samantha Rojas
Bob Schmisser
Aquina Stonestreet
- 23 Cheri Theis
Charles Thimesch
- 24 Brooke Fisher
Angela Lykins
Debbie McGreevy
Paul Olsen
Wyatt Ritz
Jeremiah Westerhaus
- 25 Maria Garcia
Faye Graff
Timothy Lambert
Cassidy Starks
- 26 Jan Goertz
Kenny Roberts
Lynn Southard
Ruth Stratford
Dustin Teasley
- 27 None
- 28 Corey Barnard
Dianne Thomas
- 29 Brooklynn Bourgeois
Don Girard
Sharon Keene
Mark Kisner
Mary Wenrich
- 30 Janice Burkhart
Matthew Quinn
- 31 Janice Merz
Jerry Siemens
Sara Simmons
Ann Venard

STEPPING STONE EVENTS

Baptized in Christ

Gary Thomas Curtis, son of Brandon & Nicole Curtis.
Jace Michael Thompson, son of Eric & Stephanie Shanline.

Farewell

Kevin & Cathy Westerhaus moved to Ottawa, KS.
Lucus & Kyla Wiegert & family moved to Beloit, KS.

May God bless and be with them.

A BIT OF HUMOR TO START THE NEW YEAR

HONESTY!

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She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

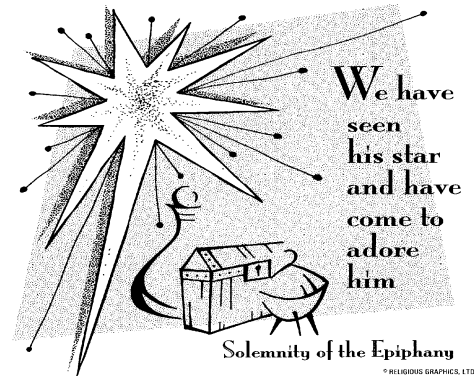
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Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...

Happy New Year... We have just celebrated the birth of Jesus and Mary as the Mother of God. We will celebrate Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus next week. In this year that is awaiting us there will be many more celebrations of our faith. There will also be many celebrations of family events in the families of Sacred Heart Parish and there will be celebrations in our community of Pratt Kansas. We celebrate some events because they are a significant in our lives, we celebrate places and things that have happened in time. Our celebrations help us to remember who we are in relation to the world around us. When we celebrate our faith we are reminded that we are children of God.



- 1. I remember as a child celebrating the liturgical seasons of the church year. I did not always understand why the adults were changing the things around in church, but I do remember the excitement of knowing that the changes meant some particular part of my faith was being put on the pedestal to be celebrated. Each of you and your families will have much to celebrate in this year of 2012. I look forward to being here to help you celebrate the joys and sorrows that will come in this year. In each of the celebrations we will remember our connection to God and to one another as we celebrate life.*

Our main celebration as Catholics is the Mass. I congratulate all of you in the way you are celebrating the Sacrifice that we receive the Eucharist and give praise. Sometimes it is easy for us to get caught up in the how we worship and forget that worshipping that is behind the words that we are using. Even though there was some controversy with the introduction of the translation, I have found that it has been enriching for me to 'be aware of what I am saying' as I celebrate with the new words. Celebrating the fullness of our faith each Sunday as we participate in the liturgy that Jesus gave us. The Second Vatican Council called the faithful to a full, active participation in the liturgy, and so we still are fully able to give of ourselves as we celebrate in the Mass in our daily lives. I am gratified that we celebrate here at Sacred Heart with dignity and sanctity as we all pray together and thank God who created us.

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FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2012

The parish fiscal year began July 1, 2012 and continues 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.

Receipts:	November	Year-to-Date
Contribution Envelopes	\$35,677.00	\$156,757.78
Other Receipts	7,808.21	66,296.60
Total Receipts	\$43,485.21	\$223,054.38
Disbursements:		
School	\$23,286.62	\$140,168.99
Other Expense	18,656.71	92,667.58
Total Disbursements	\$41,943.33	\$232,836.57
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ 1,541.88	<\$ 0,782.10>

DELICIOUS FORMATION CORNER



From the Clipboard

of Erin Crouch, DRE

Happy New Year to all. I hope your Christmas was full of Christ and love. **PSR classes will resume on January 16th beginning with Mass at 7:10pm.** Then on January 23rd, **Ellsworth prisoners** will be here to have pizza with the students at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria and then will visit the classrooms. This is with regular scheduled programing for PSR the rest of January.

Confirmation students and sponsors or parents are encouraged to attend the **Rite of Enrollment** during the 8:30am Mass on January 13th. The Confirmation Rite of Enrollment for students is to make a commitment with the parish to go forward with Confirmation preparation. Parishioners are asked to pray for the students.

Catechists are invited to attend one of two Interactive Television presentations on "**Marriage and Family: The Call to Love and Life**". The two classes are the same and are offered on Wednesday, January 9th from 6-9pm with a light meal provided or on Saturday, January 12th from 9am-noon with coffee & rolls provided. The ITV room is located in the church basement entering off the alley behind the church. There will be no PSR on that Wednesday the 9th.

Adult Religious Education: The Adult Catholicism DVD session will resume in January on 9th in the school conference room. Please watch the bulletin or website for changes on this or contact Patrice Egging for specifics. The Adult Bible study will resume on Jan. 3rd at 6:30PM at the home of Ken and Jackie Woodruff. We welcome people to drop in, it is an amazing learning tool.

Religious Formation Commission will meet on January 2nd at 5:30pm in the rectory.

Have a good January.

Erin Crouch, Director of Religious Education

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NCYC Update: We have around 45 people wanting to attend NCYC in November 2013. The youth are currently **selling Discount cards** for \$20 each. The cost of the trip is \$600 per person. I have included the list of the discounts below to give you an idea of what they are. They are all for local Pratt businesses with two in Hutchinson. Please contact the church office (672-6352) if you would like to purchase a card. They are good for one year. If we sell all the cards we can generate \$6,000 towards our trip.

DISCOUNT CARDS



CHRISTMAS FLOWEROFFERING

The Christmas Flower Offering was very successful. Forty-nine families donated a total of \$1,220. The proceeds were used towards the purchase of the poinsettias and other Christmas decorations that were used in the church by the Liturgy Commission for Christmas decorating. The church was very festive looking! Thank you to all who donated to the flower fund.

Listed below are the donors.

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THANK YOU to ALL who helped prepare the church for Christmas!

Thanks to Lonnie Detmer who crafted the base for our Nativity. And thanks to Jim Pecinovsky for help with the trees. Thank you to the PSR students who helped; especially, Alec and Bryn Hampton Eadie Monaghan, Lauren Voss and Spencer Sullivan. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

The Liturgy Commission



Sacred Heart News

January, 2013

Newsletter of the Catholic Community of Pratt County

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year... we hear this as we begin anew each year... We can look back and see the things that we cannot change but wish we could, the things we have changed and are thankful that we could change them, or maybe even the things that we did not change because we did not know we could. As we look to the future, we will again come across the same or similar situations. Will we change the things we can? Will we try to make our little corner of the world a better place? I hope I have the knowledge to understand the things I can or should change and the wisdom to know what the things are that I should leave just the way I find them.

As we begin this New Year, there will be some new year's resolutions made. Some will have serious intentions of living those resolutions, and others simply make the resolutions because of some tradition. I have given up on resolutions and simply hope that I can continue to do my best to make my life better for those around me. After all, the resolutions we make are to help us to improve our lives; if we do not have a good 'resolve' to live our resolutions then they will not come to fruition.

As we come to Mass each weekend this year we have an opportunity to renew our lives as we participate with the community. Our prayer life is made more perfect as we join with the community to honor and praise our God. By being part of the community each week we are letting others know that we have a resolution to live our faith, to make ourselves part of the community. Throughout this coming year the community is more community because each of us is a part of it. Each of us has our place in the community and our presence is missed when we are not here.

It is with community in mind that I want to thank all of you who are helping us to move forward. Even though each one of us are only a small part of the community, we all have a part to play in making us who we are as a community of Sacred Heart. If you know of someone who is 'away from the community', you can invite them, or let me know and I can give them an invite to return to the fold this year. Let that be our resolution, to build this community of faith.

Father Floyd McKinney



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