

## April Birthdays

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|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Isabelle Behring    | 16 | Adison Becker     |
|    | Jeremy Demuth       |    | Madilyn Bolen     |
|    | Rosa Diaz           |    | Ciara Hodgkinson  |
|    | Kent Fletcher       |    | Steve Maechtlen   |
|    | Elizabeth Parra     |    | Carrie Pixler     |
| 2  | Logan Chadd         |    | Tyler Stegman     |
|    | Josey Eastes        | 17 | Sam Amato         |
|    | Lillian Gardner     |    | Kami Betzen       |
|    | Araceli Rios        |    | Jamie Hitt        |
|    | Rick Stegman        |    | Charles Miller    |
| 3  | Omar Hernandez      |    | Paul Rush         |
|    | Paula Phillips      |    | Teri Simpson      |
|    | Kris Quint          |    | Melissa Twigg     |
|    | Noe Torres, Jr.     | 18 | Ronald Detwiler   |
| 4  | Curtis Adelhardt    |    | Mike Quint        |
|    | Jose Castillo       |    | Jodi Strohl       |
|    | John Futrell        | 19 | Janice Clarkson   |
|    | Carson Lee          | 20 | Kelly Huff        |
|    | Rochelle Westerhaus |    | Joan Talbott      |
| 5  | Paloma Diaz         | 21 | Gina              |
|    | Dan Gillig          |    | Hommertzheim      |
|    | Diane Rohling       |    | Kate Jackson      |
| 6  | none                |    | Brad Simpson      |
| 7  | Veronica Espinoza   |    | Juan Torres       |
|    | Wade Harrison       |    | Tom Wenrich       |
|    | Robert Lee          | 22 | Lena Hampton      |
|    | Jaime Zapien        |    | Hayden Pixler     |
| 8  | Alec Hampton        | 23 | Diana Barnard     |
| 9  | Domingo Ibarra      |    | Cash Juan Ramos   |
|    | Terry Jochems       | 24 | Travis Audiss     |
|    | Tracy Petz          |    | Jerry Burgardt    |
| 10 | Josie Brenner       | 25 | Garrett Audiss    |
|    | Kimberly Lee        | 26 | Elmer Balderama   |
|    | Edward McGraw       |    | Connie Schartz    |
|    | Brock Montgomery    | 27 | Larry Kiley       |
|    | Eric Ruckle         |    | Doug Melcher      |
| 11 | Mike Koler          | 28 | Braydon Becker    |
|    | Brendan Pribil      |    | Nicholas Koler    |
|    | Charles Rinke       |    | Dalton Prosser    |
| 12 | Matt Hoss           | 29 | Louise Schnittker |
|    | Pat Torres          |    | Jeanette Siemens  |
| 13 | Cole Schmeidler     | 30 | Eadie Monaghan    |
| 14 | Jose Perez          |    | Carol Mott-Renner |
| 15 | Juan Fernandez      |    | Lorraine Prosser  |
|    | Johanna Forssberg   |    |                   |
|    | Anastacio Ibarra    |    |                   |
|    | Bryan Pixler        |    |                   |

## STEPPING STONE EVENTS

### Welcome to our parish

Michael & MacKenzie Clinton, 207 Edgeford Dr. Pratt.

### Baptized in Christ

Michaela Anne Vandervoort, daughter of Stephen and Amanda Vandervoort

Antony Ivan Cruz Diaz, son of Priciliano Cruz Cadena and Lidia Esmeralda Diaz.

### Farewell

Marilyn Kokojan moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Isaac & Shannon Coutre and children moved to Dallas, TX.

*May God bless and be with them.*

## DINNER FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS



Our parish is blessed with over **fifty parishioners who are 80+ years old**. Many of them are still able to be very actively involved in parish events, volunteering for various jobs of stewardship that need to be completed. All of them support us with their prayers. A dinner to honor these special parishioners will be held on **Tuesday, May 7th, at 5:30pm in the school cafeteria**. Our parish is grateful to them for their stewardship of prayer and other assistance.

## *A Journey of Faith*

Seeking and asking, began a journey of faith for Ann Tibbetts, Brandon Forssberg and Elton Bowman. A period of Inquiry was their first step of their journey with a desire to know and learn more about the Catholic Church. After a time of discerning and hearing more about the teachings and traditions of the Church they were accepted into a period known as the Catechumenate with the Rite of Acceptance. Weekly sessions were held to further their understanding of Catholic teachings and time to discern and reflect to continue the journey, to be in Full Communion with us through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Our candidates were recognized by Bishop Brungardt during the Rite of Election/Recognition at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in Dodge City. Shannon Jarmer, Elmer Balderrama and Todd VanWinkel, already members of the Catholic church, also began their preparation for Confirmation. **The Rites of Initiation will be celebrated at the 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass, on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please keep them in prayer and join with us in welcoming them into our community of faith. A reception will be held in the school cafeteria following the Easter Vigil Mass. **All are welcome to attend the reception.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

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>February</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contribution Envelopes	\$26,510.00	\$259,774.28
Other Receipts	10,773.34	125,810.09
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$37,283.34</b>	<b>\$385,584.37</b>
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
School	\$23,021.77	\$218,131.76
Other Expense	14,159.36	146,647.23
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$37,181.13</b>	<b>\$364,778.99</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 102.21</b>	<b>Surplus \$ 20,805.38</b>

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION CORNER



From the clipboard of the  
Religious Formation Director,  
Erin Crouch

Hello and Happy Easter to you all. This is our last month of PSR until the fall. It has been a good year. I would like to invite all the wonderful catechists to our Catechist Appreciation Dinner on May 1st, at 6:00 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Spouses are welcome, as well as, the Religious Formation Commission. It will be a potluck. So bring your favorite dish to share. If we get all deserts that is fine. I can't thank each of you enough but you have my deepest gratitude for all the hard work you put in this year.

Our regular PSR classes are on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th of April. We will have Mass at 7:00pm opening PSR on April 3rd. Our end of the year parties are on April 24th. The plan right now is for the K-5th graders to go to the skating rink from 7:00-8:30pm, the Middle school students (6-8th) will go to the Teen Center. They are to bring a finger food, drinks will be provided. The High School will come to the school.

Our big event for April and early May is the sacrament of First Communion. Parents and students are invited to First Communion Centers activity on Sunday, April 7th from 9:30-10:30am, right after Mass, to learn together more about the Eucharist. On Friday, May 3rd at 4:00pm, ALL First Communion students have practice **in the church**. On Saturday, May 4th at 10:00am is practice for parents and students. On Sunday, May 5th during the 8:30am Mass, we celebrate the sacrament of First Communion. A photographer will be available to take pictures during the receiving of the sacrament and also after the Mass for family pictures.

This year the week of June 24-28th, we are inviting in a Totus Tuus team from the Wichita Diocese. The 1st-6th grade (2013-2014 grade) will go from 9:00-am -3:00pm Monday through Friday. The Youth (7th-High School) will meet from 7:30pm-9:45pm in the evenings, Monday through Thursday. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade will meet separate from the High School. I will need volunteers for during the day. I need 4 adults for each day during the week and also 1 or 2 to help in the kitchen. I will need host families to feed the team each evening, Monday thru Friday. We would like to do a potluck with the parish on Saturday, June 22nd, following the 5:30pm Mass, to allow parishioners to meet the team. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me. Parents be on the look out for enrollment forms. This should be an exciting opportunity for the students. Cost will be \$10 per child or youth.

NCYC discount cards are still available to purchase through me. We would also like to request anyone willing to sponsor a bus seat or part of one for \$170 to please contact Erin. We are taking 40 people this year and at \$600 per person, it is a lot of money. We will have a NCYC youth gathering on Sunday, April 28th, here in Pratt, from 2:00-5:00pm at the school. All youth and sponsors attending are invited. This is an effort to make this a journey of prayer and pilgrimage and not just a cool trip.

Have a wonderful Spring.  
God Bless.

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# *Sacred Heart News*

April 2013

Newsletter of the Catholic Community of Pratt County

## **FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

I am headed home for Easter after morning Mass. Even though we do not all get together because of distance, it is good to be with those who can make it and “keep in touch” with family. Mom is still with us and lives with my youngest sister, so that is usually where the major events take place, or at another sister’s house who lives close by. I hope you were able to enjoy Easter and the family that you have close too.

I am thinking that Easter is a family celebration as we the ‘family of God’ celebrate how ‘one of our own’ rose from the dead to bring life to all of us. Jesus came to be one like us in all things but sin, therefore He is able to lift us up with grace that we need each day.

In my early days of priesthood there was a couple who came to me saying that they knew something was wrong in their marriage but they could not figure out the problem. I spoke to them about communication and understanding one another and having God in their communication and relationship. It has been so long ago that I do not remember the details but I do remember that they were satisfied that they would be able to have a better marriage with God present.

We celebrate Easter because God cared enough to communicate with us on our own level, sending the Son to tell us about God. One message that was communicated is that God cares enough to allow the Son to die for us and then of course rise from the dead and show us that we can have new life. That is what we do when we lift someone up, we let them know that we want them to have new life. Each of us can ask what we have done recently to lift someone up. We too are made in the image of God and have the ability to help someone close to us to see that God is with us.

As we feel the joy of spring and new life around us in the trees and flowers, we can also sense the new life in those that we have lifted up. In turn we are lifted knowing that someone else has been affected by our care and concern.

May the Lord Bless each of us in the Easter season  
...May we rise with Him.

Your Pastor,

**Father Floyd McKinny**



## THANK YOU

Our family would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers as we continue to battle our illness. Thank you for your support at the recent chili dinner before we started the treatment at Cooks Specialty Clinic Hospital. We have made two trips to Forth Worth hospital and will return again in 8 weeks. We are making slow and steady progress so far! "Just what the Dr. ordered." ☺

Again, thank you so much for all your support, thoughts and prayers for our family.

Sincerely /s/ Roger, Kris, Kaylee, Krystal Adelhardt, and Kimberly & Casey Pritchett



## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Thank you for the generous response to the "Easter Flower Offering" envelope that was included in your March-April contribution envelope packet. A total of \$1,089.00 was collected, representing 46 envelopes returned. Funds were used for the Easter lilies, palms, other live flowers, and refurbishing the 3 statues in church. The Liturgy Commission appreciates your stewardship.

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### **Donor**

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*Lead us to  
that Easter joy*



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