

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 1 Kinley Curtis<br>Steven Huff<br>Michael Nystrom   | 18 Matthew Futrell<br>Luis Gutierrez<br>Timothy Quint   |
| 2 Martha Fernandez<br>Darren Hodgkinson<br>Bertha Parra<br>Lupe Zapien                                  | 19 Rose Gamblin<br>Tom Becker<br>Will Fellhoelter<br>John Neumann<br>Hannah Page<br>James Southard      |
| 3 Kelly McDermeit<br>Adam Piland  | 20 Camdon Nickelson   |
| 4 Mary Clarkson<br>Chloe Cannata<br>Barbara Maier<br>Fred Sullivan                                      | 21 Monika Castillo<br>Daylen Chadd<br>Dan Petz  |
| 5 Megan Austin  | 22 Cathy Blasi<br>Devon Evert<br>Nathan Schmeidler<br>Robert Stephens<br>Spence Sullivan                |
| 6 Evodia Ibarra<br>Erika De Santiago<br>Ava Simmons   | 23 Lindsey Sullwiler<br>Megan Osner<br>Clara Mae Petz<br>Joni Siemens                                   |
| 7 Jesus Acosta<br>Alan Pribil<br>Quinn Marie<br>Thibault  | 24 Scott Alberg<br>Daniel Beat<br>Brenna Stegman  |
| 8 Elee Hampton<br>Patricia Ibarra<br>Amy Rambat<br>Aaron Wessling                                       | 25 Patrice Egging<br>Kimberly Roberts   |
| 9 Oscar Balderama<br>Janice Carroll<br>Ashley Koirth  | 26 Danny Bolen<br>Zoe Hart<br>Mike McFall<br>Sean Noel<br>Vicki Pevoteaux<br>Trudy Smith<br>Nicole Voss |
| 10 Jorge Espinoza<br>Alyssa Neumann   | 27 Skye Bare<br>Misty Bourgeois<br>Kelsy Huff<br>Allen Petz<br>Sarah Schmidtberger                      |
| 11 Ashley Goertz<br>Heather Teasley   | 28 Viviana Corona<br>Roger Harris<br>Perla De Santiago  |
| 12 William Temanson   | 29 Trayton Audiss<br>Jadon Koehler<br>Marvin Schmidtberger<br>Martha Strong                             |
| 13 Garrett Beat<br>Jeff Shumway   | 30 Pinki Liska<br>Brooke McDermeit  |
| 14 Adam Brundage<br>Esmeralda Flores  | 31 Florence Neises<br>Ryan Pinkall  |
| 15 Susana Acosta<br>Megan Jarmer<br>Megan Klausmeyer<br>Joshua Koler<br>Carly Simpson<br>Buddy Stephens |   |
| 16 Lucas Baker<br>Nathaniel Baker<br>Wesley Vahsholtz   |   |
| 17 Emmalee Zeelie<br>Ty Montgomery<br>Judy Trabert<br>Emmalee Zeelie                                    |   |
| 18 Maria Botello<br>Don Blasi   |   |

## STEPPING STONE EVENTS

### Baptized in Christ

Elin Jane Forssberg, daughter of Brandon & Jacquelyn Forssberg.

### Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil, March 30, 2013

Brandon Forssberg, Ann Tibbetts, and Elton Bowman.

### Confirmed in Christ at the Easter Vigil

Shannon Jarmer, Elmer Balderrama, James Van Winkle, Brandon Forssberg, Ann Tibbetts and Elton Bowman.

### Convalidation of Marriage at the Easter Vigil

Brandon Forssberg and Jacquelyn Horn Forssberg.

### Died in Christ

Michael Troy Meyers died April 10, 2013, He is father to Megan Meyers and Chelsie McBee. Son of Ken Meyers and deceased Shirley Grady. Brother to Tamie Pina and Brent & Brad Meyers.

**May God bless and be with them.**

## DINNER FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS



Our parish is blessed with over 40 parishioners who are 80+ years old. Many of them are still involved in parish events, volunteering for all sorts of jobs that need to be done. All of them support us with their prayers. **These parishioners will be honored at a special meal on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the school cafeteria.**

## SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

**Women of Sacred Heart has a \$400 Scholarship to offer to any female of the parish who plans to attend Pratt Community College or any Catholic college, this fall.**



Perhaps you are a mom who desires to further your education, or a grandmother thinking of returning to the workforce, you too are welcome to apply. The applicant must be a registered member of the parish. The applicant must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for the first semester in order to receive the second semester payment. Applications (pink color) can be found in the brochure rack in the church entrance. **Applications must be turned in by July 1, 2013** to Lorraine Prosser or the church office. For further information, please contact Lorraine Prosser at 672-7359 or the church office at 672-6352.

## GRADUATION HUMOR

Graduation: a ritual event where they award you a diploma, in the hope that you will have learned enough to be able to read it.

A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success.

Wearing colorful Converse high-tops beneath your graduation robe is a great way to tell your classmates that this is just the first of many horrible decisions you plan to make with the rest of your life.

## FINANCIAL REPORT - MARCH 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, liaison from the Pastoral Council.

	<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contribution Envelopes		\$38,933.05	\$298,707.33
Other Receipts		8,241.84	129,079.43
Total Receipts		<u>\$47,174.89</u>	<u>\$427,786.76</u>
	<u>Disbursements:</u>		
School		\$22,499.68	\$240,631.44
Other Expense		14,211.62	160,886.37
Total Disbursements		<u>\$36,711.30</u>	<u>\$401,517.81</u>
Net Surplus		<u>\$10,463.59</u>	<u>Surplus \$ 26,268.95</u>

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION CORNER



From the clipboard of the

Religious Formation Director  
Erin Crouch

Thank you for a great year this year. I would like to extend a special thank you to my catechists. **The catechists are invited to our annual Appreciation Dinner at 6pm on the 1st of May.** We will have a potluck dinner at the Knight of Columbus Hall.

Our big event in May is First Communion. Practice for all First Communion students is Friday May 3rd from 4-5pm in the church and then practice for students and parents is 10am on Saturday the 4th in the church. **First Communion will be celebrated during our 8:30am Mass on Sunday May 5th.** I want to thank our two catechists, Linda Conkle and Jim Wessling for their hard work this year. Please pray for the students as they receive Jesus for the first time.

**Sunday, May 12th**, during our 8:30am Mass we will **celebrate our graduates.** All High School and College graduates are invited to wear their cap and gowns to Mass and sit up front. Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass. Congratulations on a job well done and good luck in the future.

**Totus Tuus will be the week of June 22-28th. All K-5th graders from this year are invited to the day time program from 9am-3pm Monday through Friday.** Registrations will be mailed in early May and the cost is \$10 per students. **All 6th-11th grade students are invited to the youth program from 7:30-9:45pm Sunday through Thursday that week.** We will end with a pool party at the Cantata's which will be earlier than 7:30pm on Thursday. Cost here is also \$10 per student. Please keep up to date with the information via the bulletin and the website. I hope your student can attend. This will be a great part of the summer.

**All 5th-8th grade students are invited to the Diocesan youth camps in June this year.** A registration form is available online at [www.dcdiocese.org/youth](http://www.dcdiocese.org/youth), look for the Summer Youth Camp registration. Deadlines are May 24th for the 5th/6th grade camp and June 7th for the 7th/8th grade camp. These are a faith filled experience. Please consider participating.

**Calling all Sophomores and older to Teens Encounter Christ (TEC).** We have two TEC weekends this summer. One in **July on the 6th-8th in Garden City and then one here in Pratt on August 3rd-5th.** This can be a very spiritual weekend and it will be right here in our parish. You can sign up on the diocese's website at [www.dcdiocese.org/youth](http://www.dcdiocese.org/youth).

**On May 11th the NCYC youth are hosting a Disc Golf Tournament as a fund raiser for our trip.** We would gladly take donations for individual chip bags, cookies, pop, and water to use for the lunch included in the registration. The cost to play is \$25.00 per person and includes the option of playing individual and with a team. **Registration is at 9:30am at May Dennis Park** and play will begin for individuals at 10am. We will offer lunch of hamburger, chips, cookies, with pop or water. Then team play will be at 1pm. Please come out and support the group.

**Have a safe and blessed summer.**

Erin Crouch,  
Director Religious Education  
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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Is Jesus important enough to you to set aside one special hour each week to be with Him? Just one hour once a week is all that He is asking. This is a simple matter of putting first things first. "In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." (Prov. 3:6)

Imagine the President, the Cardinal, or the Pope wanting you to set aside one specific hour each week to be with them. You would feel like the most important person in the world. You would be overjoyed. You would tell all of your friends about it. You would be faithful every week in

keeping your appointed time. You would let nothing interfere with your meeting with someone so important as the President, the Cardinal or the Pope. Should you treat Our Blessed Lord with any less dignity?

Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Wednesday, opening at 1:00pm and continues through the afternoon and evening closing at 7:00pm. Parishioners are encouraged to sign-up for an hour each week. If you could make it the same specific hour each week would be appreciated. It is the goal of the Adoration Committee to have two or more persons praying each hour. Alternates are needed as well. There is a sign-up sheet on the table next to the north holy water font in church. If you have questions call Tina at the church office 672-6352.

# Sacred Heart News

May 2013

Newsletter of the Catholic Community of Pratt County

Dear Parishioners,

Are you smarter than a second grader... Since we have First Communion at the beginning of this month, maybe it is a good time to review some of the things that we should remember.

Some of us are old enough to remember when **fasting before communion** was from midnight so that we could receive at the morning Mass. About the time we began having Sunday Mass on Saturday evening, the three hour fast was proclaimed. Finally, because the church leaders felt it was so important for everyone to have the opportunity to receive communion, the current rule of only one hour of fasting was begun. We still keep in mind why we are fasting and for whom we are preparing to receive.

The **Tabernacle** is where the **Blessed Sacrament** is reserved so that people may come to church and adore, pray, and spend time with Our Lord present. The reservation of the Eucharist started when there was a need to have the Blessed Sacrament available for those who are homebound and cannot make it to church. **Ciborium**...is the 'cup with a lid' that is used to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. It is good to remember that we receive Christ completely even though we may only receive The Body of Christ because His completeness is contained in the Consecrated Host or Consecrated Wine.

The **Sanctuary** is the focus of liturgical action. I say focus because in most churches the baptismal font is at the entrance of the church and baptism is of course a liturgical action. In the sanctuary we see the altar, ambo, tabernacle, credence table, celebrant's chair and in our church the Ambry. The **altar** is where the continuing sacrifice of Christ takes place at each Mass. The **ambo** is where the Word of God is read and preaching takes place. The **credence table** has the more practical use of holding the vessels that will be used at the Mass. The Ambry is where the Holy Oils are placed, or put on display. The **Holy Oils** are used for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick and also some blessings.

You see one of the **lectors** (those who read the scriptures at Mass) carrying in **the Book of the Gospels**. Since this book is another symbol of another presence of Christ at Mass it is carried in procession and placed in prominence on the Altar. As we listen to the history of Christ with the parables, miracles and sayings of Jesus, the Gospel reminds us of what was and what needs to happen if we want to continue to build the kingdom. Just as the bread is consecrated then broken and shared so too the Word of God is proclaimed to be shared with all.

As we see the children of our parish receiving Holy Communion for the first time, we can be reminded of what receiving communion means to us. Do we take it for granted, or do we take time to think of the many graces that we can receive. Each of us needs to prepare for our own communion each time we receive, being aware that our participation is guided by our faith.

God bless each of you.

**Father Floyd McKinney**



*A BLESSED  
MOTHER'S  
DAY  
TO ALL*

*MOTHERS!  
May 14th*

**Summoned home!**

**The call has sounded  
Bidding a soldier his warfare cease  
And the song of angels resounding  
Welcomes a warrior to eternal peace.**

**Praise the Lord**

**From earthly struggles  
This brave soul has found release  
Strife and sorrow over  
The Lord's true faithful soldier  
Has been called to go from the ranks  
below**

**To the conquering host above.**

**In Memory of (continued) Donor**