

Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



AUGUST 5, 2018

THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

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Church Website:
www.sacredheartpratt.com

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday: 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: On the Fourth Thursday of every month at the Ministry of Praise Mass or by appointment.



NOTICES

ADULT EDUCATION

Formed.org parish code: VFMVGH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists Wanted: I will be looking for catechists for the PSR year again. We will have a meeting for catechists on August 29th at 7pm in the main office building. We will have a Protecting God's Children session for new catechists, new adults (those just turned 18), or anyone who will ever work or want to work with students in later August, watch the bulletin for details or let me know you are interested and I can put you on a list.

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Geri Henning, Jerry Keene,
Doug Melcher (father of Tracie Brady), Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer), Jack Gardner (father of Linda Johnson), Cliff Dipman (brother of Norma Voss), Lenus Gaider, Kari Eastes - cancer
Madison Hunt, (a young student)—another tumor found—not able to operate for some time.

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of July 22, 2018 Number of envelopes – 65

Envelopes	\$4,425.00
Loose Collection	<u>236.52</u>
Total Receipts	\$4,661.52
Required Budget	<u>7,000.00</u>
Net Deficit	<\$2,338.48>

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$27,227.51
Required Budget	<u>28,000.00</u>
Net Deficit	<\$772.49>

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments.

All submissions must be emailed to:
sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

VISION STATEMENT

As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Advertiser of the Week



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Bulletin Announcement:

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS As you prepare to travel this summer, please be reminded that there are lists of all ministers on the long table behind the last row at church. These lists of ministers can assist you in finding a substitute if you are out of town this summer. Please take one home.

New Pastoral Council Members Announced

The Pastoral Council is pleased to announce their selection of Kelly Gallagher and Rick Stegman to the Pastoral Council for a term of 3 years each, with an option to renew the term once. Their term begins in July. They join Dan Gillig, Julie Scott, Jim Ellis and Marcos Avila. The Council thanks Christine Brenner and Vicki Rush for their service of 6 years each. Their stewardship to the parish is appreciated. The Pastoral Council assists the pastor in making wise decisions for the good of the whole parish.

COOLING FANS NEEDED!!!

With the extreme heat, the Pratt Hope Center would appreciate fans for their clients in need. New or good used working fans would be welcomed. You may drop them off at the church office or take them directly to the Hope Center, 314 S. Main St., Pratt. A reasonably priced fan can be purchased at Dollar General or Walmart. Think how much you enjoy you're A/C unit at home! Another way for stewardship as Pope Francis urges.

PARISH PICNIC NOTE:

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 19 in the area of the West Shelter House in Lemon Park. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Water and table-service will be provided. There is playground equipment in the area and games will be available. Gathering will begin around 4:00 p.m. with the meal at 6:00. If we have inclement weather the picnic will be moved to the school cafeteria.

Volunteer Needed: We need a volunteer to wash and iron purificators. This is a job which can be done once or twice per month. If you are interested, please call Chris Himmelwright (672-8100)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings, we see two groups of people with one thing in common: they have each received very generous gifts from God, but can't see those gifts for what they are! In the first reading, the Israelites have been freed from slavery (an answer to their prayers!), but they are now lost in the desert and are complaining about their suffering and starvation. In His generosity, God gives them another sign of His loving presence in the form of manna from Heaven. Some might say they are undeserving of the gift, but God knows it is signs like these that will renew their faith in Him. In the passage from John's Gospel, we see the disciples floundering -- they want to do God's will, but are unsure of how to do so. Like their ancestors in Israel, they request a sign from God. They don't understand that Jesus IS the sign they are seeking. They don't understand the depth of the gift they have been given! In both cases, God has given them all they need for both physical sustenance and spiritual sustenance, yet they ask for more. A key aspect of true stewardship is recognizing the gifts God has given us! This requires discernment and conversations with our Lord, and it requires a mind that is open to the fact that the gifts you have received may not necessarily be the gifts we request. Our lives are filled with blessings!! We need to discover them, share them, and rejoice in them!!

PSR Enrollment information: I have enrollment forms on the website and in the office for PSR. We are switching the K-6th grade curriculum this year to a program recommended by the Diocese. The curriculum will be through RCL Benzinger. Our PSR Welcome night will be September 5th. I invite all families/parish members to the 5:30pm Mass and then to a Potluck afterwards in the cafeteria. I will have enrollment forms available then and you can pay for your PSR fees as well. Erin Crouch

NCYC interest: Attention all 8th-11th grade students if you are interested in attending NCYC please let me know. I will start the list of those going and you can help with Bierocks in November to help with fund raising. Erin Crouch

Calendar of Events

August 2018

6 Church Office Closed

7 5:15pm Mass in St. John

**8 4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration
5:30pm Mass**

**9 8:00am Mass
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle
6:30pm Finance Council**

10 8:00am Mass

**11 4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass**

**12 8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass/Refreshments
10:45am Mass in St. John**



7 Gertrude Smith

8 Berniece Hansen by Hitt-Hansen Family

9 Mary Alice Smith by grandkids

10 Floyd Hattfield by Ruth Menzer

11 (Sat. eve.)

Georgetta Pashoff by Hattfield Family

12 (Sunday)

Pratt – Rose Haen by Ruth Menzer

St. John – Pro popolo

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August, 2018

Week 2

SATURDAY, Aug. 11th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Luke Kumberg, Lynn Southard
Commentator: Glenna Borho
Cross Bearer: Daniel Ellis
Servers: Joseph Kiley, James Kiley
Euch. Ministers: Martha Hunter
VOLUNTEER, Cecilia Peltier
Mary Schmidtberger, Trevlyn Detmer
Greeters: Trevlyn & Lonnie Detmer
Gifts: Trevlyn & Lonnie Detmer
Ushers: Bryan & Diane Barnard
Sacristan: Kim Evert
Rosary Leader: Mary Schmidtberger

SUNDAY, Aug. 12th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Gene Cannata
Commentator: VOLUNTEER
Cross Bearer: Kyndra Estes
Servers: Jenna Haas, Ryan Haas
Euch. Ministers: Kay Jean Bowman
Kim Lee, Steve Westerhaus
Bryan & Susan Pixler
Greeters: Julie & Shon Fields Family and
Mayra Tresnor
Gifts: Mike & Sarah Jackson Family
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Rick Stegman
Sacristan: Kay Schnittker
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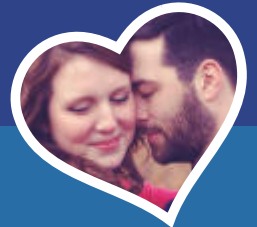
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