

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Sandra Arnett | 17 Cambry Melcher |
| Konnor Reid | Jake Ritz |
| 2 Crosby Eastes | Ayden Stegman |
| Danny Meyers | 18 Monica Baker |
| Sydney Pifand | Kenneth Meyers |
| Vicki Romero | 19 Maisy Fields |
| Kami Mae Theis | Cordell Freund |
| 3 Lainey Ritz | Elizabeth Westerhaus |
| Molly Webb | 20 Linda Hlavachick |
| 4 Rick Klausmeyer | 21 Benito Espino |
| Rick Neuburger | Melany Hernandez |
| Katie Page | Eldoris Kiley |
| Susan Pixler | Michael Winkel |
| Dean Simon | 22 Socorro Acosta |
| Mica Stapleton | J. Manuel Ibarra |
| Susan Wilczek | Cheryl Nystrom |
| 5 Thomas Hampel | Evan Pribil |
| Jill Hodgkinson | Cooper Venard |
| Juan Ramos | 23 Megan Gamblin |
| Ryan Rojas | Jim Hearn |
| 6 Blake Bare | Shon Fields |
| Austin Barnard | Ed Tatro |
| Jesus Perez | 24 Griselda Castillo |
| 7 Robin Langford | Bobbie Eastes |
| Jonathan Pedroza | Brandon Forssberg |
| Ross Robins | Tina Helen |
| Alan Schnittker | Martha Hunter |
| 8 Raeann Hitt | 25 Grady Eastes |
| Isabella Staab | Floyd Hatfield |
| Cheryl Wenrich | Taylor Ibarra |
| 9 Stephanie Becker | Jacob Tawzer |
| Ruth Leckner | 26 Shawna Burkhalter |
| 10 Nancy Kisner | Jeremie Estes |
| 11 Julie Cannata | Victor Graf |
| Terri Olsen | Jodi Stephens |
| Jeff Slater | Steve Strecker |
| 12 Reynaldo Cabral | 27 Margie Allphin |
| Rita Hitt | Camryn Buck |
| Marsha Kile | Easton Burgardt |
| Maylea Menchaca | Randy Burgardt |
| Norma Voss | Virginia Ibarra |
| 13 Connie Meyers | Connie Olson |
| 14 Christine Baker | 28 Kimberly Evert |
| Estela Coss | Carlos Garcia |
| Beau Eastes | Tammy Peterson |
| Marvin Pfeifer | Roxanne Sanchez |
| 15 Gary Tapia | Stephen Westerhaus |
| 16 Jusfin Goertz | Doug Will |
| Sean Kirby | 29 Mattie Kaiser |
| Karen Kumberg | Kevin Strohl |
| Anna Lamatsch | 30 Gage Angood |
| Nicole Strecker | Michaeline Fox |
| 17 Shannon Gnad | Cathy Neuburger |
| Zachary Ibarra | Kurt Talbott |
| Sarah Jackson | 31 Amber Ladenburger |
| | Efran Reyes |

STEPPING STONE EVENTS

Welcome to the Parish

Matthew (Matt) and Marie Houtwed, Cunningham.
Jim and Berdeen (Bernie) Newland, West River Road, Pratt.
Christina Roberts, 630 N. Oak St., Pratt.

Baptized in Christ

Madelyn Renee Johnson, daughter of Eric & Jamie Johnson.

Died in Christ

Earline Goetz died February 10, 2013. She is wife of deceased Ralph Goetz, and mother to son, Joe Goetz, and daughter, Louise McKinian and grandmother to two grandchildren.

Farewell

Linda Covey moved to Dodge City.
Ed & Lisa Wiltse moved to Dighton.

May God bless and be with them.

✓ **SAVE THE DATE**

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL
DINNER/AUCTION/RAFFLE
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, APRIL 6th
K of C Hall**

**Social Hour - 6:00pm
Dinner - 7:00pm
Auction - 8:00pm**

**Dinner Tickets will be sold a the door
\$20 - per person
\$35 - per couple**

Dinner will be beef brisket, twice baked potato, with chocolate truffles for your sweet tooth.

Besides the wonderful auction items, a raffle is included. Items are a Beef Bundle, IPAD 2, and a Sacred Heart School Scholarship. You purchase tickets for the item you wish to win. School students will be out selling raffle tickets soon. There will be three winners. One for each of the three items will be drawn at the dinner. Get your tickets NOW!

Come Enjoy a Fun and Relaxing Evening!!!

Sacred Heart News

March, 2013

Newsletter of the Catholic Community of Pratt County

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Dear Parishioners,
Continued from last month.....

Scrutinies and Penance

The elect deal with sin through the Scrutinies and through the waters of the font; the already baptized deal with sin through the Sacrament of Penance. The same kind of reflection that enables all members of the community to share in the Scrutinies can lead the baptized to celebrate this Sacrament of Reconciliation to renew their baptismal commitment.

Lent is the primary time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, because Lent is the season for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. Those who experience the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should find themselves standing alongside the newly baptized at Easter filled with great joy at the new life God has given all of us.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for the elect who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer.

Fasting: Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "...let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (*Liturgy*, # 110).

Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. Thus fasting, too, is linked to living out our baptismal promises. By our Baptism, we are charged with the responsibility of showing Christ's love to the world, especially to those in need. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering. Abstaining from meat traditionally also linked us to the poor. Avoiding meat while eating lobster misses the whole point!

Almsgiving: It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving, the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

God bless each of you.

Father Floyd McKinney

Ready yourself
for the Easter
Glory

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FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY 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.

Receipts:	January	Year-to-Date
Contribution Envelopes	\$27,088.50	\$233,264.28
Other Receipts	8,726.75	115,347.17
Total Receipts	<u>\$35,815.25</u>	<u>\$348,611.45</u>
Disbursements:		
School	\$24,486.95	\$195,109.99
Other Expense	25,874.53	132,488.77
Total Disbursements	<u>\$50,361.48</u>	<u>\$327,598.76</u>
Net Deficit	<\$14,546.23>	Surplus \$ 21,012.69

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CORNER



From the Clipboard of the
Religious Formation
Director, Erin Crouch

Hello and Welcome to Spring (well almost). March is starting off at a run for Religious Education with the celebration of Confirmation for our 8th grade class. **Confirmation Mass will be at 1:00pm on Sunday March 3rd.** All candidates and sponsors are asked to meet at 12:40pm in the school cafeteria to line up and walk together over to Mass. We have 16 students receiving the sacrament this year.

We will have regular PSR classes from 7-8pm on Wednesday nights in March with an exception for March 20th. **March 20th is the Wednesday during Spring Break and PSR classes will be closed.**

The **Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally is scheduled for March 24th** (last Sunday of Spring Break) from 10:00am - 5:15pm in Dodge City at the Cathedral. I have forms for you to sign up or you may go to <http://www.dcdiocese.org/youth> and sign up on the right side of the page. I have some adults willing to go, so let me know if you are interested in attending. This is open to all 6th - 8th grade students.

The Wichita Service Camp applications are in my office for any High School student wanting to attend the service camp this summer, June 16th - 21st. The registration form and a \$50 deposit is due to me by March 15th. You can see more at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/newmanservicecamp>

NCYC parents we are having a meeting on March 13th at 8pm to finalize discussion on fund raising for the next six months. This will be after PSR, like before, in the school cafeteria.

RFC meeting is March 6th from 5:45-6:30pm in the rectory.

ADULT EDUCATION NOTES:

The Adult DVD series on Catholicism will be canceled the night of March 20th, due to Spring Break.

We will also continue our Bible Study series for Adults on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00pm.

The Book Club will continue on Sundays, but at 1:30pm, instead of 2:00pm, in order to give more time for discussion. There are two exceptions, Sunday, March 3rd due to a 1:00pm Mass with Confirmation and also March 31st which is Easter Sunday.

We have two Lazy Lenten Learnings in March at 3:00pm. Sunday March 10th, **the topic is on "Mixed Faith Marriages"**. Colleen Newman from Great Bend is coming to share her life in a Mixed Faith Marriage. I invite all parish members with similar marriages to come share and support each other.

Then our March 24th topic will be on **"Same Sex Attraction"** by Chuck Weber. Chuck is a film producer from Wichita who is filming a series for EWTN on the Catholic groups Courage and EnCourage, which are support groups for those with same sex attraction and also their families.

So please plan to attend some of the adult education opportunities to make this a great Lent.

I hope all have a blessed Lent.

Erin Crouch
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Friday, March 1, 2013

Dear Brother Knights and Parishioners,

Earlier this month, the world learned of Pope Benedict's decision to retire from the Papacy, effective today.

As he steps down from his role as the leader of our Church, and in the days of transition that follow, our thoughts and prayers are with Pope Benedict XVI, who has worked so hard in leading the Church, and has always been such a good friend to the Knights of Columbus. We wish him all the best in his retirement. In addition, we pray for all those cardinals who will take part in the conclave, and for the pope's successor, that God may inspire them as they carry out the mission with which they are entrusted.

Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore has written a Prayer for the Church in this time of transition. I ask you to please commit to pray this prayer daily until the Church has a new pope, and to encourage your brother Knights and fellow parishioners to do the same.

We have developed a website for this campaign: PrayerfortheChurch.com. In addition to sharing the prayer itself, please share this site with your council and your parish. The site will allow individuals to add their names to the list of those praying for the Church daily, and will assist them in sharing the prayer and their commitment with family and friends.

I ask that you also encourage those brother Knights and their families that are on Twitter to show their prayerful support by using the hashtag #prayerforthechurch. If you're on Facebook, you can also pledge to pray and encourage your friends to do the same with our [Prayer for the Church facebook app](#).

Visit facebook.com/knightsofcolumbus for more information.

The names of all those who pledge to pray this prayer will be brought to the Installation Mass for the new pope.

Knights have long been supporters of the Church and the pope, and during this time of transition our prayers are especially needed. This prayer and corresponding campaign provide Knights and all Catholics an opportunity to show their solidarity with the Church through prayer.

Thank you for your assistance and for your prayers for Pope Benedict XVI, for the Church, and for our future pope in this time of reflection and preparation.

Fraternally,

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

O Lord Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of Your Church, we thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI and the selfless care with which he has led us as Successor of Peter, and Your Vicar on earth.

Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church on the rock of Peter's faith and have never left Your flock untended, look with love upon us now, and sustain Your Church in faith, hope and charity.

Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us, a new Pope for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and lead us faithfully to You, who are the same yesterday, today and forever.

Amen.