



PASTOR MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

With school and Religious Education underway, it is also time to think about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In the four years that I have been at Our Lady of Perpetual Help we have welcomed 6 people into the Church. Last year we did not have anyone inquire, but I have a lead on several people for this year.

As I tell people at the very beginning, you are just inquiring into the Catholic Church. I do not ask you to sign on the bottom line because it is a discernment process. You are seeing if this is what God is calling you to do.

I am looking at Sunday October 6 as the first session of RCIA. We will begin at 1:30pm in the parish hall. If you know of someone who is wanting to join the church, someone thinking about joining the church, or even a life-long Catholic who would like to know a little more the church, then this session and the ones following are for you.

Please pray about this wonderful invitation and know that you are very much welcome to attend.

God Bless, Father David

“The most important thing to keep in mind about the R.C.I.A is this: it is not merely a new way to prepare adults for baptism; baptism is only one step. The goal of the process is full communion, which means ‘full, conscious and active participation’ (Second Vatican Council, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14) in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.”

RCIA brochure

SACRAMENTS

Baptism-Parents who wish to have their child baptized please contact the Parish Office for information and appointment.

Matrimony-A six month preparation process is required. Please contact the Parish priest for information regarding scheduling and preparation.

Anointing of the Sick-Please contact the Parish Office to inform them of anyone in the hospital or homebound in need of communion or anointing.

Holy Orders-Contact the office of Vocations in the Chancery, 785-827-8746.

Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the **Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330)**, the **KBI Crime Hotline (1-800-KSCRIME)** or **Clergy-**

Abuse@kbi.ks.gov. The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.

For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides an **Abuse Response Hotline(1-785-825-0865)**; an **Abuse Response Email** (reportabuse@salinadiocese.org); and an **Abuse Response Online Submission Form**

(www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security). Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors, which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sept. 8-Kickoff Mass and Potluck Cookout at City Park at 5pm.

Sept. 15-Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass.

Sept. 29-1st Grade Class Mass at 9:30am Mass.

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019

Parish Mission: “To recognize that we are ALL one Body in Christ and to help one another get to heaven by serving God in ALL we do.”

KNIGHTS’ NEWS

OLPH-Meetings 4th Tues. of the month at 8:30pm.

Sept. 15-Breakfast after 9:30am Mass. Menu: biscuits and gravy, breakfast casserole, rolls, fruit, coffee, and orange juice. The proceeds go to replacing the cemetery fence.

Sept. 29-Breakfast after 9:30am Mass.

The council and other church members donated \$4,364.34 to the cemetery tractor. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/KofC1142Concordia](https://www.facebook.com/KofC1142Concordia)

Family of the Month: Bob and Lorene Steimel

Knight of the Month: Gary Fraser

Aurora-Meetings 1st Tues. of the month at 8pm.

Parish Council: Members: Cheryl Madden & Kim Reynolds
Finance Council: Members: Joan Fraser, Tammy Mansfield, Joe Reedy, & Ron Wondra
Knights of Columbus: Mike Blochlinger, Grand Knight K of C Field Agent: Adam B. Bruna-adam.bruna@kofc.org
Altar Society: Sue Peltier, President

Parish Staff:

Fr. David Metz
Glenda Schreiber-Bookkeeper/Liturgy
Lori Adam-Secretary
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Office Hours:

Mon.– Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Mass Times:

OLPH: Weekday Masses: Tuesday— Friday 7:15am
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 9:30am
Aurora: Weekday Mass: 1st & 3rd Tues. 6:30pm
Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am

Confessions:

OLPH: Wednesday and Friday 6:40am-7:00am
Saturday 4:00-5:00pm
Aurora: 1st weekend 7:30-7:45am

Eucharistic Adoration:

OLPH: Monday 7:45am-Tuesday 7:00am
Aurora: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7-8pm

RCIA:

Sunday

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday 3:00pm

If you are new, have returned or moved from the parish, or changed your address please let us know at the parish office.

Weekly Contributions: \$1,735.00

MASSSES:

Monday Sept. 9-NO MASS 7:45am: ADORATION
Tuesday Sept. 10-7:15am:+Irene Barton
Mass at Mt. Joseph-11:00am:+George DeBauche
Wednesday Sept. 11-7:15am:+Diane Weber
Thursday Sept. 12-7:15am:+Loretta Demars
Friday Sept. 13-7:15am:Special Intention
Mass at Marquis-10:00am:+Barbara Tracy
Saturday Sept. 14-5:30pm:+Jerry Crough
Sunday Sept. 15-Aurora: 8:00am:+Jerome & Patricia Letourneau
OLPH: 9:30am:For Our Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 8-RE Kickoff Mass & Potluck Cookout/5p
Sept. 9-Finance Council Meeting/6:30pm
Parish Council Meeting/7:30pm
Sept. 11-RE CLASSES/7pm
Sept. 14-Brichalli/Fellows Wedding
Leiker Ordination
Sept. 15-Knights' Breakfast after 9:30am Mass
Catechetical Sunday 9:30am Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, September 14, 5:30pm

Servers: John Strait, Macon Farha

Reader: Vicki Demars

Cantor: Folk Group

Musician: Marcia Mauch

EMHC: Tim Bombardier, Tammy Mansfield, Sue Brummer

Greeters: Greg & Janice Hattan

Ushers: Leland Cote, Dan Koch, Clayton Peterson

Sunday, September 15, 9:30am

Christian & Anna Widen

Ted Lillie

Sr. Betty Suther

John Paul Breault

Don & Sharon Kling, Tony Meyer

Garry & Agnes Moore

Mark Cote, Max Peltier, Jack Widen

Please pray for: James Anderson, Mike Benjamin, Meritt Brown, Sam Budreau, Ernest & Evelyn Charbonneau, Laura Collette, Jesse Copple, Mary Dibbell, Lydia Feldhauser, Louise Forman, Eli Hale, Alice Faye Hanson, Alice Jaster, Joe Jaster, Dr. Paul Jaster, Kolbie Kalivoda, JoAnn Kempton, Richard Loeffler, Barbara Longnecker, Aubrey Kay Lott, Judy Miles, Virginia Schmitt, Debra Rupert Sjolander, Debbie Thoman, Nancy (Mahon) Zrubek, all who are ill, lonely, disabled, in homes and hospitals; and **service personnel serving overseas:** Cliff Caron.

Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months and then will be removed unless the parish office is notified that they need to remain on the list.

Call to Share: Here is an update on the campaign. We have reached 105% of our targeted goal of \$35,000.00. We have had 108 individuals or families pledge \$36,843.00. At some point in your life, one of these ministries will serve you, or someone you love, so please consider making a gift or pledge.

Cemetery tractor: The tractor we have purchased will have a pull behind mower and bucket for varied uses. The total cost of the tractor is \$23,860. If you would like to make a donation please contact the parish office.

Sacristans: We are in need of a couple of volunteers to be Sacristans for the 9:30am Mass. If you are interested please call the parish office at 243-1099.

Mass Intentions: Until we can get all the Mass intentions rescheduled from losing a Mass every weekend we will only be able to take 5 Masses per person per year. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Altar Society Dues: Altar Society Dues of \$2.00 is now due.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: *You are called by name. If you are struggling with your abortion decision come and see what Jesus has prepared for you. Give yourself His "gift" of a retreat weekend.* **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. Next retreat: October 4-6, 2019. 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383). rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org Confidential.**

ALL HANDS (and open pocketbooks) ON DECK! We owe approximately \$28,000 for parish insurance and this is how we pay for it. The Church bazaar is **Sunday, October 13.** Solicitation will begin soon for 12 high-end items for the oral auction so if you are approached, please respond generously. We are also accepting quality, new items or monetary donations for the silent auction. These new items or cash can be dropped off at the parish office, the committee will take it from there. The success of the Bazaar depends on YOU doing your part. PLEASE keep in mind, this is how we pay for insurance on the parish buildings. Whatever you give will always come back on you two-fold! Thank you for your generous support!

OLPH Bazaar Committee

Climate Action for Peace: Join us for the annual celebration of the International Day of Peace on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 2-4:30pm. This year's theme is "Climate Action for Peace". Enjoy non-denominational fellowship and prayer, international refreshments, good conversations, and thought-provoking discussions with members of the community. Free and open to the public. Hosted by the Sister's of St. Joseph.

Join us for a retreat on September 28, 2019 at Sacred Heart Parish, Atwood, KS (9-4:30pm) where you will recognize Christ in your experiences, and use the tools you receive to announce the faith of the church, and assist those whom you are catechizing to recognize the presence and **work** of God in their lives.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass: A cordial invitation is extended to couples celebrating first anniversaries and those ending in 0 or 5 this calendar year to join us for the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and reception, with the Most Reverend Gerald Vincke, Bishop of Salina. **Masses will be Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 3pm at St. Joseph Parish in Hays, KS or Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3pm at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish in Salina, KS. DEADLINE** for reservations is September 23, 2019. You can register online at salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 785-827-8746 ext. 24.

All are invited to participate in the Diocesan Choir for the Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Michael Leiker on Saturday, September 14 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. If interested in singing for this event, kindly RSVP to Preston Sauers by email: psauers@shcathedral.com or telephone: (785)810-8217.

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast at least once a month after the 9:30am Sunday Mass. The breakfasts will start in September and the proceeds will go to replacing the cemetery fence. Any Knights that can help, please call or text Deputy Grand Knight Jim Harbert at 620-842-7096.

There will be a RE Kickoff Mass and potluck cookout at the City Park East Shelter House on Sunday, September 8 starting at 5pm for all religious education students, teachers, and their families. Come and join us to get the religious education year started and bring your lawn chairs.

Fr. David will be recognizing and blessing the catechists for the 2019-2020 religious education year at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, September 15.

Fr. Joseph Kieffer and classmate will be leading an 11 day pilgrimage to Alpine Europe including the famous Passion Play of Oberammergau from June 15-25, 2020. If interested, please email him at frjoseph.kieffer@gmail.com or call 785-337-2289. Space is limited.

Check out our new CDs and Books in the connecting link.

RESPECT LIFE MASS: Join Bishop Vincke Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6:30pm for a Respect Life Mass at St. Edward Church in Belleville, KS to open October as Respect Life Month. The keynote address will be presented by Chuck Weber, Executive Director of Kansas Catholic Conference at 7:15pm. A light reception will follow.

OLPH Altar Society met August 29. The scheduled Aug. 27 meeting date was moved to 29th due to another meeting in the hall on the 27th. Two thank-yous received. Outreach sent 4 cards. Altar Society served Bloodmobile meal Aug. 29. The CNB Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 12 needs donations of pumpkin pies and pecan pies; let Mary Schmidt know if you can donate a pie. Bazaar is Oct. 13. Each Circle is to ask for 7 pies. In addition Circles #1-#6 (June–November groups) need to ask for 1 cake each. It was reported nice items are being acquired for the auctions. A new Chair is needed for the Church/Altar Committee; duties include washing altar cloths. Refreshments served by Circle #3. Next meeting will be September 24, Co-Chairs Circle #4, Jolene Cote and Mary Newton. Mary Jane Hurley, secretary