



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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Daily Morning Mass at the Holy Rosary Chapel



I believe that the daily morning Mass at the Holy Rosary Chapel is the best kept secret in our parish. I say this because I believe it to be true. I mean there is no better way to start your day than with the Lord. I have been retired for 3 years after having been a public accountant for 42 years in our fine town of Larned, KS.

My Dad, Vincent Simmons told me years ago that when you retire you just need a good reason to get out of bed each morning. Going to morning Mass is my reason to get up every morning. Many of you may know that I suffer from multiple sclerosis and have been battling it since 2004. Because of the MS my daily activities are limited to reading, exercising and attending daily Mass. I start most of my days by getting up early, showering, and stretching my body before I do a 9 - minute light workout to wake up my body. While I am showering, I say my morning prayers. I then get dressed and eat breakfast while I listen to the daily mass readings on the Amen App. After breakfast I head over to the Holy Rosary Chapel for Mass. On Mondays, Sister Rebecca has a communion service starting at 8:30 AM, since Monday is Father Patrick's day off.

On Tuesday through Thursday, I go to the Chapel for daily Mass at 8:30 AM. The Mass normally lasts only 30 minutes, but I always stay behind and say my daily rosary and more morning prayers, including praying for the sick, those that have lost their spouse, and the souls in purgatory. The Morning Mass is a

beautiful and meaningful service. The closeness of those attending creates a more intimate environment for me. Seeing the morning sun come through the beautiful stained glass windows is awe inspiring. The morning Mass on Friday is held at the nursing home, but I don't attend that one. Instead I pray my rosary and other prayers before I start my day out in the world. After I leave the Chapel on Monday through Thursdays, I go exercise for the rest of the morning. I try to take care of my physical body and my spiritual body.

My parents and my grandma Bird always went to daily Mass, and I try to follow in their footsteps. After my dad's, heart surgery in 1977, you could see my dad walking the streets of Larned while praying the rosary. When it comes to the rosary, I feel if it was good enough for my dad, it is good enough for me. While I was in the hospital in 2017 for my marathon 67 days, I told myself that when I get out of the hospital, I would make a commitment to myself to say a rosary every day for the rest of my life. So far so good on that commitment.

So, parishioners of Sacred Heart, please realize the true gift of the daily Mass at the Holy Rosary Chapel at our beautiful Parish Center. I would love to see the Chapel filled to its capacity every day. There is no entry fee and the rewards are endless. Morning Mass invigorates me for the whole day. Try it, you will like it!

Adult Religious Formation Commission: Kevin Simmons



✠ OCIA ✠

The sessions of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September. If you know of anyone who might be interested in inquiring into the Catholic faith, please extend an invitation. The first several weeks will be spent in answering questions of inquirers and does not mean there is an obligation to join the church. These sessions may also be informational for Catholics who want an update about their faith. For further information, please call Karl Grover at 620-793-2936 or the parish office at 620-285-2035.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



Sunday, August 2nd - 11:30 AM
Parish Center

Hosted by: Liturgy Commission

11th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Join us Friday, September 11, at the beautiful Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City, for a fantastic day of golf and giving back – supporting our Priests Retirement. Don't miss out! For more information contact Sonya at 620-227-1505 or visit communications@dcdiocese.org. To register go to www.dcdiocese.org/dechant-foundation.



COLORADO PEACHES

Our Sacred Heart Youth Group is once again selling 18 lb. boxes of Colorado peaches at \$51.00 per box to earn money for their Youth Group Trips. These peaches are far better than anything you can get at the grocery store. The peaches will arrive mid to late August. If you would like to reserve a box, contact Michelle Kelty at 620-285-7039, a high school youth group member or call the parish office at 620-285-2035.



AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- Aug. 2 ~ August Birthday & Anniversary Blessings, 11:30 AM
- Aug. 4 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 4 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Aug. 6 ~ Holy Hour, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Aug. 11 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 13 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Aug. 14 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Aug. 17 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 18 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 20 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 25 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday, August 15th

Masses:

Friday, August 14th
5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish

Saturday, August 15th
7:00 am at St. Bernard, Belpre

WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS,
HE PUTS HIS
PEACE IN OUR HEARTS.

Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons
Richard Wolf
Rita O'Gwin
Bert Schartz
Darlene Befort
Brenda Martin
Michele Collins
Stan Durler
Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku
Pam Theis
Darlene Orth



Tammy Orth
Karla Graham
Leon Sanders
Ryan Shelton
Clayton Kelty
Sue Haymaker
Trenton Welsch
Kevin Simmons
Bud Johnson
Lee Durler
Denis Gilcris
Ben Kelty

All of our men and women serving in the United States Military, our homebound parishioners and those in care homes.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) Clint Bowman | (19) Erica Gonzalez |
| (03) Pam Hutfles | Daniel Kelty |
| Tanner Steinlage | Bryan Stacey |
| (05) Tyson Couchman | (20) Sheryl Giessel |
| Barbara Hammond | Rosemary Heinen |
| (06) Kathy Couchman | (22) Isabella Bowman |
| Kristy Hagerman | Briella Ramirez |
| Marilyn Minson | Curtis Ramirez |
| Luke Steinlage | (23) Zane Fitzsimmons |
| (07) Beverly Burd | Kailani Gonzalez-Renteria |
| Sharon Lessard | (24) Stan Durler |
| Brian Sanders | Mike Prescott |
| (08) Jeff Byrum | (25) Katy Gardner |
| (09) Matt Stucker | Jane Kelty |
| (10) Dallas Koerperich | Mary Rapp |
| Caleb McDonald | (26) Alyssa Clark |
| John Wasinger | Tana Clark |
| (12) John Kelty | Orena Hammeke |
| (13) Jax Johnson | (27) Leeta Degenhardt |
| Terry Palmer | (28) Kambrie Hammeke |
| (14) Joe Colglazier | Erica Houser |
| Karen McAllister | Oliver Whetstone |
| (15) Jennifer McNett | (29) Ashley Garcia |
| Jane Prescott | Henry Snodgrass |
| (16) Anthony Gonzalez | Brooks Steinlage |
| Lori Hammeke | (30) Paul Aistrup |
| (17) Kaius Lang | Avery Gonzalez |
| (18) Priya Denning | Theresa Wright |
| | (31) Dee Myers |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| (01) Jason and Renae Skelton |
| (02) Jerry and Jeanette Johnson |
| Ray and Carol Moeder |
| (04) Troy and Amy Welsch |
| (06) Aaron and Abby Ridder |
| (08) Justin and Tricia Smith |
| (09) Dale and Berny Unruh |
| (10) Larry and Janet Skelton |
| (11) Lynn and Tama Hanson |
| Tanner and Kayla Lang |
| (16) Stan and Lee Durler |
| (18) Mark and Sharon Lessard |
| (19) Philip and Katie Hammeke |
| (22) Paul and Cheryl Skalsky |
| (27) Samuel and Erica Gonzalez |



CONGRATULATIONS!

Larry & Janet Skelton ~ Married 63 years
 Ray & Carol Moeder ~ Married 57 years
 Paul & Cheryl Skalsky ~ Married 56 years
 Stan & Lee Durler ~ Married 55 years
 Jerry & Jeanette Johnson ~ Married 40 years
 Dale & Berny Unruh ~ Married 40 years



NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

	JUNE	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	21,990.51	219,008.35
Special Donations		13,043.00
Endowment		28,632.76
Interest	10.03	2,841.39
Farm	4,070.14	16,223.43
PSR	300.00	20,172.00
Fundraisers		1,327.25
Miscellaneous	1,483.24	26,926.36
TOTAL	\$27,853.92	\$328,174.54
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,070.03	23,672.00
Salaries	12,608.69	167,969.00
Insurance	3,939.00	37,324.00
Utilities	2,341.64	33,076.30
Maintenance	659.87	17,632.96
Improvement		9,860.90
Office	645.53	20,815.39
PSR	3,633.35	24,555.42
Farm		961.89
Miscellaneous	3,593.96	18,124.51
TOTAL	\$29,492.07	\$353,992.37

YTD: (\$25,817.83)

August 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 1 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Ray Colglazier

Eucharistic Ministers

Steve Ehrlich (major) / Tonya Sanders (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / John Wasinger

Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Steve Ehrlich

Sanctuary Cleaning – Amy Froetschner

August 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 2 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

David O'Gwin (major) / Pam Hutfles (minor)

Servers – Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – Tony & Linda Lemuz

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Collection Counters: Jenny Ramsey / Jack Molleker

Sanctuary Cleaning – Amy Froetschner

August 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 8 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Kraig & Amy Froetschner

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Tonya Sanders

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, August 15 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Amy Froetschner (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Kraig Froetschner

Gifts – Toni Novotny / Lee Gilcris

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Saturday, August 22 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Dennis Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Roger & Dee Myers

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, August 29 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major) / Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Ben Ramsey

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

August 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 9 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Amy Simmons / John Kelty

Eucharistic Ministers

Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – Craig Schartz / Mike Tanner

Gifts – Rob & Julie Munden

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Emily Dreiling

Collection Counters: Ray Colglazier / Norman Dreiling

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, August 16 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Berny Unruh

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major) / Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – Clayton Kelty / Daniel Kelty

Gifts – Okey & Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Collection Counters: Kayla Lang / Craig Schartz

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Sunday, August 23 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon McGinness (major) / Berny Unruh (minor)

Servers – Maddy Mull / William Hammeke / Emerson Sullivan

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – David & Rita O’Gwin

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Collection Counters: Kristy Hagerman / David O’Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, August 30 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Clayton Kelty (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Slade Sundahl / Darby Sundahl / Camille Bowman

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – Stephen & Kay Schartz

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – David O’Gwin

Collection Counters: Kathy Couchman / Debbie Steinert

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith