

# THE CARPENTER

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH - HAYS, KS.

## Friary Renovation Update

Fr Fred Gatschet

Hopefully this edition of *The Carpenter* finds everyone settling into their summer routines. Most of us don't really slow down, but we do "shift gears" a little, so the change in activities is welcome.

We are still pushing ahead full steam on the Friary Remodel. As of this writing our parishioners have generously contributed \$105,700.00 toward the total cost of \$660,000.00. As I had noted earlier, at this point we are taking a low profile approach to the fundraising. It is my hope that our parishioners will simply see the need for this project, and give as they are able.

It is important that everyone understand that we are not undertaking this project just so the parish staff and I can have new office space. The current Parish Service Center building has a lot of empty office space in it as well as two more stories that are not being used at all. While the building is meticulously maintained, it is deteriorating before our eyes from disuse. The Friary Remodel is part of a much larger plan for the parish to get out from under some of these buildings that are only forcing us to throw good money after bad to keep them limping along.

As you hopefully remember, the ultimate goal for the Parish Service Center building (former St. Joseph Grade School) is to turn it over to a developer and have it converted into apartments for the elderly. This thankfully will not cost the parish anything, and we will have one less building to heat, cool, clean, repair, and maintain. Renovating the Friary and moving the parish offices back there is one step in allowing this to happen.

Some questions that surfaced through the Parish Council regarding the project are:

- ◆ *When will all of this go out for bids?*  
We will put the project out for bids when we have around \$350,000.00

raised. The reason for this is that with that much raised, we can draw the remainder out of parish reserves and get going with the project. As future donations come in, we will replenish the reserves. A company will usually only honor a bid for a period of 3-6 months, due to rising material and labor costs. We cannot really put the job out on bid until we are ready to pull the trigger and move ahead with it in earnest.

- ◆ *What if the cost goes over the estimate?* There is about a 10% cushion figured into the \$660,000.00 estimate for that contingency. If it were to go

much over that cushion, we would have to re-evaluate parts of the project and see if some costs could be cut.

- ◆ *Our collections last year exceeded the budget by over \$100,000.00. Where is that money now?* Some of it was used to help pay for the tear down of Marian Hall (the former convent). The rest of it was put in our reserves. If needed, it will be drawn upon to help with the Friary Remodel.

I was pleased to see these questions come up through the Parish Council. This shows that the Council is doing its job in helping keep me current on what folks are thinking and questions they have. My sincere thanks to all who have generously donated to the project.



### MASSES & SACRAMENTS

**Saturday:** 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)  
LifeTeen Mass - 1st & 3rd Sat.

**Sunday:** 7:30am  
10:30am - Choir Mass (Sept - May)  
Liturgy for Little Ones (Sept - May)  
Campus Center 9:00am & 6:00pm

**Weekdays:** St. Joseph - Mon. - Fri. 6:30am  
Campus Center - Mon - Thurs. 5:45pm  
*(When FHSU is in session)*

**Holy Days:** 5:30pm Vigil, 6:30am, 12:05pm,  
5:30pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Joseph - Saturdays at 3:45 - 4:30pm  
Thurs. before first Fridays at 4:00pm  
or by appointment.  
Campus Center - Mon. - Thurs. 5:15 pm  
Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 pm  
*(When FHSU is in session)*

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office.  
Baptism Class is generally first Monday  
of the month.

#### Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact Parish office no later  
than six months prior. Couples expect-  
ing a traditional Catholic Wedding are  
expected to be living a traditional  
Catholic lifestyle.

#### Sacrament of Anointing:

Please contact the parish office.

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**Hays, Ks. 67601**  
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**stjoseph@ruraltel.net**

## RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Jeanne Riedel

You're doing your spring cleaning and come across a shoe box filled with old holy cards, prayer books, rosaries, and various other religious items. What do you do with them? Throw them in the trash? Close the box and put it back in the closet? For me I usually close the box and put it back in the closet.

Did you know that St. Joseph Church will take those items and either keep them for others or will dispose of them for you?

St. Joseph Parish started taking religious items in the fall of 2015. It started after Fr. Fred was approached by someone wondering how to dispose of a broken rosary that had been blessed. Fr. Fred said he would take the rosary and dispose of it properly. People usually bring in items that they cleaned out of their deceased parents' home and don't know what to do with. A lot of broken rosaries, old prayer books, and religious medals that are no longer useable are brought in. These items are taken to the cemetery and buried.

When items come in, pictures are taken and posted on the parish facebook page and also in the church bulletin. All the items are kept in a room at the parish office and anyone can come in and look to see what is available. When people bring items in a lot of the time they leave with some other item. A lot of rosaries were brought in over a period of time so Kevin placed them in a basket along with "How to Pray the Rosary" booklet, and put them in the back of church during October which is the month of the rosary. The rosaries were gone within a few weeks.

Kevin said that a couple from Victoria called and said they had a statue of St. Joseph they wanted to bring in. When they brought the statue in, it was five feet tall. The oddest thing that has ever come in was a whiskey decanter of St. John Paul II the Great. Someone that collects decanters saw it and was able to add it to his collection.

So, if you ever have something you want to donate, or are just curious as to what items St. Joseph's has, you are welcome to come in to the parish office and take a look.



## Maryknoll Lay Missioners to Visit



Cecilia Espinoza born in Chile. In 1985 along with her husband, Sam and with their three children they joined the Maryknoll Lay Missioners. They worked on a Maryknoll

pastoral team that attended three large rural parishes in the rural southern Diocese of Linares in Chile. Together they have been involved in pastoral programs of the high schools where their children attended and the family pastoral of the Linares diocese. Cecilia currently works in NY at the headquarters of Maryknoll Lay Missioners as a Manager of Always a Missioner program and Friend Across Borders.

Cecilia will speak at all Masses at St. Joseph Church and Comeau Catholic Campus Center July 2 -3 to share her experience of mission life as a part of the Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan 2016. The second collection will be taken to support Maryknoll Lay Missioners. Your kind welcome and generous support is most appreciated.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners is a Catholic organization inspired by the mission of Jesus to live and work with poor communities in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, responding to basic needs and helping to create a more just and compassionate world.

To learn more, visit [www.mklm.org](http://www.mklm.org).





## PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT.....

### BRANDELS ANTICIPATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Ruth Firestone

Jayne and Michael Brandel and their children, one of the bright, young families of Hays and St. Joseph Parish, plan to move to Morgantown, West Virginia at the end of the school year. Even though they are looking forward to moving, they will also miss us. They have flourished here and, as Michael remarked, they “wonder what the Lord has in mind” for them now.

The Brandels moved to Hays over Memorial Day weekend in 2009, right after Jayne received her doctor’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Kansas and joined the faculty of FHSU. In these seven years she has worked with numerous patients, taught many students, obtained several grants, and now serves as chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Jayne, eager to work in a doctoral-granting department, has accepted an appointment as Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

The church was being painted in summer 2009, so Mass was held in Kennedy Cafeteria. This enabled liturgist/organist Kevin Rupp to hear Michael Brandel singing. The rest is history. Michael joined the Liturgy Commission immediately, and then became Choir Director. Like Jayne, he is a fine administrator, having served last year as Pastoral Council Chairperson and this year with Dorothy Stieben as Co-chairperson.

It is clear, though, that family comes first for both Jayne and Michael. They are vitally engaged in rearing six amazing young people. Tabitha, Jessica and perhaps also Lydia are gifted in music. Tabitha sings, Jessica plays bassoon, and Lydia, who came to Hays as a newborn, likes to sing along with the choir while sitting in the pew. Don likes to study history. Twins Sophia and Annika are doing well in third grade. They all agree that they will miss the welcoming atmosphere of Hays, as well as their friends and good times at school and church. Going to public school will be a change for them, but, as Michael pointed out, “There is a Catholic presence in Morgantown.”



In Morgantown, Tabitha will be in her junior year in high school, but she is not certain she will like being in a much larger school. Jessica will begin high school and is looking forward to this and their new house. Don hopes living in a larger community will provide more resources for studying the history and culture of the area. Sophia and Lydia will enjoy hiking in the hills and woods around Morgantown with Ginny their dog. Annika is happy that she will have a room of her own.

Jayne, Michael, Tabitha, Jessica, Donald, Sophia, Annika and Lydia Brandel will be missed. Missed not only by the many friends and acquaintances they have made here, but also by all who have benefitted from their contributions to our community. There is, of course, no doubt that the Lord has only good in store for them. We, too, hope that life will be at least as good for them in Morgantown as it has been in Hays.

## CEMETERY NEWS

Fr. Fred Gatschet

We are still very actively searching for a suitable piece of property to use to start a new cemetery for the Hays Catholic Community. There are a lot of variables that make this search particularly challenging. First, we do not want the land to be too far out of town. (Remember, when the current cemetery was started, it was “way out” north of Hays!) Second, we would certainly prefer that there be a paved road giving us access to it. It cannot be in a flood plain, for obvious reasons. And it needs to be priced right.

Planning for the future is another challenge. Our current cemetery is about 15 square acres and has seen to our needs thus far. We had somewhat arbitrarily decided on trying to acquire around 30 acres for the new cemetery, thinking we want to buy into the future as far as we can. On the other hand, around 30% of our funerals anymore are cremations, and that number is sure to grow. The new cemetery will certainly include a niche wall—a columbarium—for cremation urns. Some folks prefer to bury urns in the ground, which is also perfectly acceptable. But with cremation, at least at this point, appearing to be the future trend, do we really need 30 acres?

As you can see, there are no clear answers here at this point. I only share these thoughts with you so that you know the discussions that have been going on at this point.

If anyone has a suggestion as to a piece of property that might serve our needs, please do not hesitate to bring it to my attention or to contact Tony Dreiling, our business and cemetery manager.



## “WHAT SHALL I WEAR TO CHURCH”

Fr. Barry Brinkman

Every summer of every year in practically every parish there is a subject that comes up without fail and its appearance is as certain and inevitable as that of dandelions in summer. The subject is one of church attire or the clothes people choose to wear to attend Mass during the hot summer season. It is subject on which no one is at a loss for an opinion. Let me present the two main perspectives or points of view that are most commonly expressed.

One viewpoint is the belief that attending Church or coming to the celebration of the Eucharist is a special event unlike any other during the week. Because of the specialness, holiness and sacredness of what is taking place during Eucharist, it is only an appropriate response to dress up or wear more formal clothes to such a celebration. People who hold this perspective have been raised with the belief that jeans, shorts, t-shirts and other very informal clothes or attire is not appropriate and scandalous to wear at Mass. One expression of respect and honor to God is what a person chooses to wear, and beachwear or clothes more suitable for outdoor chores is not a very good way to give honor and glory to God especially when preparing to receive a holy sacrament.

The other viewpoint is the belief that clothes do not make the person. That is to say, clothes do not define what's in a person's heart and soul. A person cannot be judged interiorly by what they wear exteriorly. It is enough that a person's heart and soul be open to God and that they are attempting to live a Christian life. What a person wears is secondary and unimportant compared to where their heart is. According to this point of view, God does not so much care about clothes as about what's inside a person. How this perspective plays out in practical terms is that clothes in which a person might mow the grass or go to a ball game are also appropriate for Mass. What is most important is that a person is honoring the Sabbath day by attending Mass and being active.

So what is the answer? What is appropriate attire and what is not? What is acceptable and what is unacceptable dress for attending church? These seemingly simple questions however point to even a deeper question of who judges or determines that is “appropriate” attire in church? Whose standards or criteria of judgment do we follow? Mine? Yours?

Your neighbors? The bishop? Miss Manners? We all have differences in our opinions of what is “appropriate” and “not appropriate”. What is judged appropriate by one person is not seen as appropriate by another person. So by what standards so we judge? Gets complicated, huh? Perhaps that's why this is a topic everyone likes to talk about because you can talk your neighbor into a circle of confusion quite easily.

I would suggest to you that the two viewpoints I briefly summarized both have a kernel of truth that can lead us toward a common direction. It is true that salvation and God's love is not determined by what a person wears; a person cannot be judged on their clothes alone. However, that is not to say that what a person chooses to wear is unimportant. Clothes are one expression of a person -- they are not neutral in reflecting a person's attitudes, values or feelings. What a person chooses to wear is an expression and makes a statement whether a person is aware of it or not (and whether they like it or not.) Clothes make a statement. For example, if I wear cut-off shorts and a tank-top to a wedding banquet it makes a statement about my attitude towards the bride and groom, the other guests and the whole event. An extreme example but it makes the point.

The tradition of wearing more formal or dressier clothes to Church comes from the early centuries of the Christian Church. In the early centuries, after an adult was baptized at Easter they were given a new white garment to wear. This white garment was a sign and symbol of how they were putting on Christ and was a reflection of how they now belonged to a new family, to Christ's family and were now a member of the Christian community, the Body of Christ. Many decades later this tradition slowly evolved into people wearing new clothes on Easter Sunday (the Easter bonnet, and new Easter suit or dress). And because each Sunday is really a celebration of Christ's resurrection and our own, it became a tradition to “dress up” for every Sunday Eucharist.

Traditions or customs do change, and many have changed but the truth of what we celebrate each Sunday at Mass does not. We are literally celebrating how we are invited to share in Christ's resurrection by living our lives now in, with and through Christ. And Christ calls us into a family, into a community to experience

this offer of salvation. And one expression of Christ's loving presence is the Sacred Scripture and the living Eucharist, his body and blood. It is certainly a special occasion, even a loving encounter at special moments.

This short reflection may not change anyone's opinion about what is appropriate attire for attending Sunday Mass. The intent is to simply raise the awareness that clothes may not determine the character or worth of a person but they are an expression of what a person values and considers important; they are an expression and sign of what a person considers a priority in their life. That is why on occasions that have special significance and meaning for us, we express that by how we prepare ourselves mentally, emotionally, spiritually and even bodily. So the real question becomes: Is the celebration of the Eucharist by the parish community one of those special occasions of significance for you? And if it is, how is it reflected in your life inwardly and outwardly?



**BAPTISMS**

**Gentry Dean Hager**

Son of Garrett & Anna Marie Hager

**Benjamin Francis Marintzer**

Son of Cody & Karen Marintzer

**Miden Thomas Pfannenstiel**

Son of Jeremy & Kelsi Pfannenstiel

**Adler Joseph Rebel**

Son of Derek & Maranda Rebel

**Collin Francis Schippers**

Son of Nathan & Amber Schippers

**Peter Joseph Schroeder**

Son of Gordon & Mary Schroeder

**IN MEMORIAM**

Lucy C. Hertel

Vera Rohr

Mary Lou Schmidt

Arsenius J. Wasinger

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

Kevin & Aimee Albin Family

Cletus & Quannah Gross

Garrett & Ann Marie Hager Family

Tim Kerschner Family

Joelle Lehman

Robert & Trudy Leikam

Joan Staab

Zachary & Debbie Stadelman

**WELCOMING NEW PAISHIONERS**

Welcoming new parishioners to St. Joseph Church is something that Diane Klaus and Carolyn Herman take very seriously. The Family Life Commission began this ministry a number of years ago, but when the Commission died from lack of interest, Diana knew that she had to take this up and make it her personal ministry. With the help of Carolyn Herman, the two ladies come into the parish office about every other month to prepare welcome baskets to new members of the parish. The items that are placed in the baskets can vary each time depending on what is available. Each basket contains at least a 8-day votive candle, a bottle of holy water, a blue book of Catholic Devotional Prayers, a parish calendar and various other prayers and brochures about the Catholic Schools. The baskets are put together with loving care and are presented to new members of the parish.



*A May welcome basket is ready for delivery to a new St. Joseph family*



*Carolyn Herman and Diana Klaus prepare the welcome baskets for May.*

**ST JOSEPH COMMUNION CLASS - 2016**



On Sunday, April 10th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the parish celebrate First Holy Communion: **First Row (left to Right)** Kinslee Newell, Anna Cappuccio, Bailey Barnes, Mariella Dreiling, Karlee Crispin, Rachel Staab. **Second Row (Left to Right)** Gunner Weigel, Isaac Purinton, Pierce Schoenberger, Parker Linenberger, Jacob Schaffer, Blaise Staab, Christopher Gnad. **Third Row (left to right)** Deyton Schmidtberger, Jared Herl, Easton Alexander, Caden Staab, Ethan Rupp, Izaac Fox. **Four Row (left to right)** Eli May, Drew Wellbrock, Clayton Walters, Father Fred, Jesse Staab.

**Christian Mothers Altar Society Report**

**EXPENSE REPORT OF 2015**

**RECEIPTS:**

Dues.....\$450.00  
 SCCW.....\$63.00  
 Donations.....\$120.00  
 No Bake Food Sale.....\$ 1038.00

**EXPENSES:**

Masses for Deceased Members.....\$60.00  
 SCCW.....\$63.00  
 Altar Expenses – Donated by the Altar Society/Christian Mother.....\$1904.66

Total:.....\$2027.66

**Balance on Hand as of 12-31-2015**

Amount:.....\$1283.06

## BACKPACKS FOR KIDS DONATIONS

First Call for Help is needing school items for children in our County. Items may be brought to the Parish Service Center and placed in the large box located just past the first set of door to the office. Items needed are:

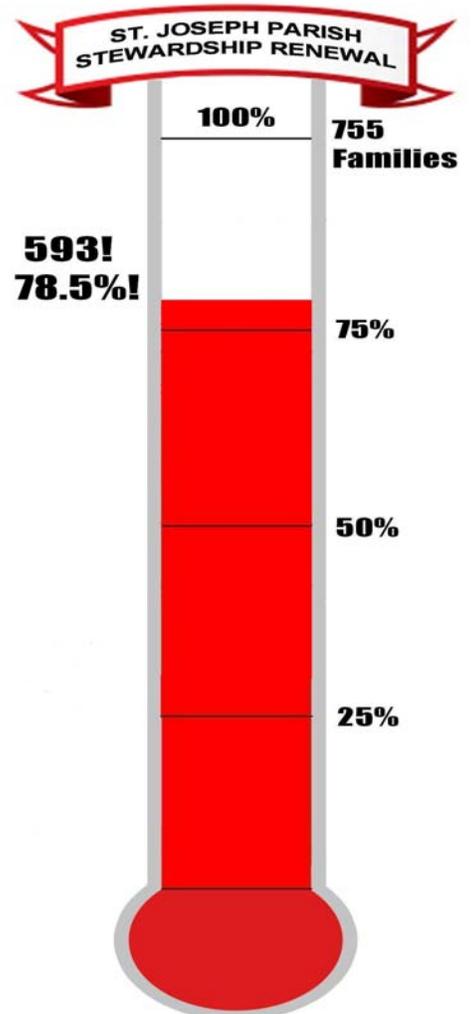
*Reams of Copy Paper*  
*Watercolor Paints (primary colors)*  
*Hygiene Products*  
**NEW Backpacks Medium & Large**  
*Cash Donations*  
*Tab Index Dividers*  
*Highlighters*  
*Dry Erase Markers*  
*Ruled Notecards*  
*Plastic School Boxes/Pencil Bags*  
*1" 3-Ring Binders*  
*Notebook Paper (Wide & College Ruled)*  
*Boxes of Facial Tissue*  
*White Liquid Glue*  
*Pencil Eraser Tips*  
*Large Pink Erasers*  
*8 or 10 Pack Washable Markers*  
*Scissors - blunt and pointed*  
*12-pack Colored Pencils*  
*Glue Sticks (No Gel)*  
*12" Ruler*  
*24-pack Crayons*  
*1-subject spiral notebooks (Wide & College-ruled)*  
*Composition Notebooks*  
*Pocket Folders*  
*Pencils (regular & mechanical)*  
*Pen (blue, black, & red)*  
*Combination locks*  
*Earbuds*

## 2016-2017 Stewardship Renewal Process

The St. Joseph Stewardship Commission is praying that all parishioners had wonderful spring with all the plentiful rain that we were blessed with. Thank you to everyone who returned your stewardship renewal forms. This helps the parish to know who will help with the various ministries. By making your check mark by the ministries that you are willing to help with, or by writing in new ministries, you are making an annual commitment to God and to St. Joseph Parish. To date, the parish office has received **593** Renewal Forms out of the 755 forms that were mailed out. That is a total of **78.5 %** of the parish.

Those who renewed their commitments should have received a certificate of appreciation in the mail with your ministries highlighted and also the Prayer for Stewardship. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "The promotion of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure."

Again, thank you for returning your stewardship renewal forms. We appreciate your response. We would like to invite you to pray with us as a community for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



## Prayer for Vocations

*Heavenly Father,  
 bless our diocese with the grace  
 of many vocations to the  
 priesthood and religious life.  
 Through the intercession of  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
 grant to those you have called  
 the willingness and generosity of spirit  
 to give themselves in devoting  
 their lives and their talents  
 to the service of our Lord and to his Church.  
 Increase the faith of all within our diocese,  
 and particularly the faith of those  
 you have called and will continue to call  
 to serve your people.  
 Help each of us be good stewards  
 of the gift of our vocation.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Salina Diocesan Catholic Men's  
 Conference

**Come Follow Me**



**Curtis Martin**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
 1805 Vine St Hays, KS

**August 13, 2016**  
 8:30 to 4:00

Registration: online [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org)

**SCHEDULES**

GB=Gift Bearers, US=Ushers  
HB=Homebound, GR=Greeters

GB/US/GR - Please be sure to sign in next to your name in the white binder on the back counter.

**June 11 & 12 (2)**

- 5:00 - GB: Brett & Erica Bittel  
US: Ed Heronema, Robin Wasinger, Ralph Wellbrock, **Usher Needed**  
GR: Shane & Mona Dreiling Family
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Liz Schmeidler  
US: Vernon Gross, Mel Pfannenstiel, Jerry Rome, Steve Dreiling  
GR: Jerry Kaiser
- 10:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Mike Gnad  
US: Jeremy Coulter, Leon Richmeier, Troy Haas, Doug Ptacek  
GR: Christopher & Kathleen Brungardt

**June 18 & 19 (3)**

- 5:00 - GB: Joyce Dinges  
US: Joseph Billinger, James Fieler, Eric Haas, Mayton Kaiser  
GR: Michelle Dunnagan
- 7:30 - GB: Anthony & Breanna Taylor Family  
HB: Lisa Vonfeldt  
US: Vern Gross, Mel Pfannenstiel, Jerry Rome, Zachary Stadelman  
GR: Michael & Laura Sadeghi
- 10:30 - GB: Joseph & Sandra Dintino  
HB: Troy Haas  
US: Wilbert Pfeifer, Leon Wolf, Sam Banda, Jon Schmeidler  
GR: Scott & Amy Casper Family

**June 25 & 26 (4)**

- 5:00 - GB: Ralph & Patty Wellbrock  
US: Ed Heronema, Robin Wasinger, Ralph Wellbrock, **Usher Needed**  
GR: Tate & Amy Kershner Family
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Irvin Leiker  
US: Jacob Sack, Jeff Sack, Zachary Stadelman, Michael Brull  
GR: Anthony & Breanna Taylor Family
- 10:30 - GB: Robert & Ila Ruder  
HB: Lila Staab & Vicky Walker  
US: Jim Dinkel, Jeremy Coulter, Leon Richmeier, Doug Ptacek  
GR: Danielle Craig-Stahl Family

**July 2 & 3 (1)**

- 5:00 - GB: Shane & Mona Dreiling Family  
US: Joseph Billinger, James Fieler, Eric Haas, Layton Kaiser  
GR: Kim & Michelle Rounsley Family
- 7:30 - GB: Nick & Kelli Flax Family  
US: Michael Brull, Joe Desch, Nicholas Flax, Derek Gray  
GR: Kevin Splichal Family
- 10:30 - GB: Eddie & Carolyn Herman Family  
US: Eric Augustine, Leon Wolf, Sam Banda, Jon Schmeidler  
GR: Lucas & Lacy Dreiling Family

**July 9 & 10 (2)**

- 5:00 - GB: James & Jean Fieler  
US: Ed Heronema, Robin Wasinger, Ralph Wellbrock, **Usher Needed**  
GR: Travis Wierman
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Irvin Leiker  
US: Vernon Gross, Mel Pfannenstiel, Jerry Rome, Steve Dreiling  
GR: Gloria & Joe Desch
- 10:30 - GB: Brian & Vicky Walker Family  
HB: Mike Gnad  
US: Jeremy Coulter, Leon Richmeier,

Troy Haas, Doug Ptacek  
GR: David & Terri Lenser

**July 16 & 17 (3)**

- 5:00 - GB: John & Lisa Flynn Family  
US: Doug Ginther, James Fieler, Eric Haas Layton Kaiser  
GR: John & Tara Garcia Family
- 7:30 - GB: Zachary & Debbie Stadelman  
HB: Lisa Vonfeldt  
US: Vern Gross, Mel Pfannenstiel, Jerry Rome, Zachary Stadelman  
GR: Jerry Kaiser
- 10:30 - GB: John & Rhonda Dopita Family  
HB: Abby Staab  
US: Wilbert Pfeifer, Leon Wolf, Sam Banda, Jon Schmeidler  
GR: John & Julie Fitzthum Family

**July 23 & 24 (4)**

- 5:00 - GB: Mike & Lori Hertel  
US: Ed Heronema, Robin Wasinger, Ralph Wellbrock, **Usher Needed**  
GR: Craig & Brenda Stoecklein Family
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Liz Schmeidler  
US: Jacob Sack, Jeff Sack, Zachary Stadelman, Michael Brull  
GR: Michael & Laura Sadeghi
- 10:30 - GB: Allen & Ellen Schmidt  
HB: Lila Staab & Vicky Walker  
US: Jim Dinkel, Jeremy Coulter, Leon Richmeier, Doug Ptacek  
GR: Carolyn & Eddie Herman/Shirley Dinkel

**July 30 & 31 (1)**

- 5:00 - GB: Tate & Amy Kershner Family  
US: Knights of Columbus Members  
GR: Clay & Jennifer Brown Family
- 7:30 - GB: Vern & Jeanne Riedel Family  
HB: Alan Leiker  
US: Steve Dreiling, Vernon Gross, Michael Brull, Joe Desch  
GR: Gloria Desch
- 10:30 - GB: Aaron & Tara Gillespie  
HB: Norma Arnhold  
US: Jim Dinkel, Leon Wolf, Sam Banda, Eric Augustine  
GR: Kim Schmeidler Family

**August 6 & 7 (2)**

- 5:00 - GB: Elizabeth Kreutzer Family  
US: Joseph Billinger, James Fieler, Eric Haas, Layton Kaiser  
GR: Shane & Mona Dreiling Family
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Karen Marsell  
US: Michael Brull, Joe Desch, Nicholas Flax, Derek Gray  
GR: Jerry Kaiser
- 10:30 - GB: Tim & Gail Staab Family  
HB: Andy Mattison  
US: Eric Augustine, Leon Wolf, Sam Banda, Jon Schmeidler  
GR: Allen & Ellen Schmidt

**August 13 & 14 (3)**

- 5:00 - GB: Greg & Diane Mick Family  
US: Ed Heronema, Robin Wasinger, Ralph Wellbrock, **Usher Needed**  
GR: Michelle Dunnagan
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Irvin Leiker  
US: Vernon Gross, Mel Pfannenstiel, Jerry Rome, Steve Dreiling  
GR: Anthony & Breanna Taylor Family
- 10:30 - GB: Stacy & Jennifer Johnson Family  
HB: Mike Gnad  
US: Jeremy Coulter, Leon Richmeier, Troy Haas, Doug Ptacek  
GR: Tim & Jessica Speno Family

**August 20 & 21 (4)**

- 5:00 - GB: James & Mary Murphy  
US: Joseph Billinger, James Fieler, Eric Haas, Layton Kaiser  
GR: Tate & Amy Kershner
- 7:30 - GB: Cody & Karen Marintzer  
HB: Lisa Vonfeldt  
US: Vern Gross, Mel Pfannenstiel, Jerry Rome, Zachary Stadelman  
GR: Kevin Splichal Family
- 10:30 - GB: Jon & Kim Schmeidler  
HB: Troy Haas  
US: Wilbert Pfeifer, Leon Wolf, Sam Banda, Jon Schmeidler  
GR: Craig & Rachel Staab Family

**August 27 & 28 (5)**

- 5:00 - GB: Steve & Sue Schmidt  
US: Ed Heronema, Robin Wasinger, Ralph Wellbrock, **Usher Needed**  
GR: Christy & Alex Schwartz  
GB: Gary & Joyce Sack  
HB: Liz Schmeidler  
US: Jacob Sack, Jeff Sack, Zachary Stadelman, Michael Brull  
GR: Jackie Creamer
- 7:30 - GB: Leon & Marilyn Richmeier Family  
HB: Lila Staab & Vicky Walker  
US: Jim Dinkel, Jeremy Coulter, Leon Richmeier, Doug Ptacek  
GR: Jerry & Ann Weber / Mike Moore

**September 3 & 4 (1)**

- 5:00 - GB: John & Roberta VonLintel  
US: Joseph Billinger, James Fieler, Eric Haas, Layton Kaiser  
GR: Kim & Michelle Rounsley Family
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Alan Leiker  
US: Michael Brull, Joe Desch, Nicholas Flax, Derek Gray  
GR: Gloria Desch
- 10:30 - GB: Richard & Joanne Yost  
HB: Norma Arnhold  
US: Eric Augustine, Leon Wolf, Sam Banda, Jon Schmeidler  
GR: Ben & Toni Whitmer Family

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## **Blessing for Independence Day**

There is a saying, "To those whom much is given, much is expected." That saying is from "Uncommon Wisdom of John F. Kennedy: A Portrait in His Own Words." That saying should sum up our thoughts as we celebrate the founding of our country. As we look at our history, we may easily see that much has been given to this country, and many have sacrificed to make sure we have kept those gifts. However, our faith informs us that a gift reaches its ultimate good only when it is given away freely.

We have many gifts, and our country has a long tradition of giving many gifts to other nations. Moreover, sometimes it seems as if those gifts are not appreciated. Nevertheless, we continue to give. Let us pray for this great country of the United States of America:

God our Father, from whom all good gifts come,  
we are thankful for rest and food.  
Grant that, in all we do or say,  
we keep your goodness always in our thankful hearts.  
We entreat you to bless all those who work to keep us safe,  
and ask your blessings on all those who work  
to share our blessings with others around the world.  
We ask all this in the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus.  
Amen.



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