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Dear Friends of St. Michael's,

What a beautiful day in Kansas! It's 54 and mostly sunny. In this Season of Hope, sunshine and warmer temps are some of what gives me hope.

Wishing you a Christmas full of peace, hope, and happiness and hoping you know how appreciated you are all throughout the year.

PARISH HAPPENINGS and OTHER NEWS

90 & Over Club Loses 4 & Gains 1! In less than three months, St. Michael's lost four long-time/life-time members who were 90 or older. They were: Agatha Corbett (96), Don Hasselman (100), John Meyer (90) and Bill Miller (95). However, even though fewer, the club continues with Ed Lindlar who turned 90 on Oct. 21 and Noreen Zumbrunn who turned 91 on Oct. 13.

6th Annual Parish Bazaar A Success! For this year's bazaar, the weather did not cooperate. It was a rainy, damp day which forced the games, popcorn & cotton candy, country store and bake sale to be moved inside. We were able to keep it all within the parish center and not use the modulars and now we know we can do it. We cancelled the bounce house and a few games but otherwise everything went off as usual. The rainy weather limited the number for the smoked brisket/pork loin meal but there are enough leftovers for Bishop Jerry Vincke's welcome meal after Confirmation on February 24, 2019. Some parishioners liked it better having everything inside. The bazaar committee and the weather will make that decision for next year.

Praying the Rosary: In addition to praying the rosary before Mass each Sunday, these are some special times of prayer:

- ❖ Rosary Rally for Traditional Marriage on June 23
- ❖ Public Praying of Rosary on October 13
- ❖ Living Rosary with 2nd-11th grade youth and adults forming a "Living" rosary on October 21
- ❖ 5th Sunday Rosary led by Knights of Columbus Member on the months there is a 5th Sunday.

Preparing for Emergencies & Disasters is a slow process. Two drills were conducted this summer (one each exiting out front doors and back door). Fourteen parishioners were trained on September 23rd as "ushers" and the new back door to the church was installed this fall. Options for smoke detectors for church and parish center continues to be pursued. Hopefully after the first of the year the trained ushers can meet to fine tune their duties and two more drills can be conducted.

The End is in Sight for the Circle Drive Project! The house for the Blessed Virgin Mary statue is placed. The only thing remaining is the last of landscaping which will be completed in the spring (hopefully). The project has taken a lot longer than anticipated but the end results have been worth the wait. A picture will be included with the newsletter—just not sure if it will be in the June newsletter.

Parish Center Renovations Completed! The 52-year-old parish center building has been almost completely made over since 2000, but in the next year or two something will need to be done with the roof. The latest project was the bathrooms with stalls replaced, new stools and sinks installed, and washable paneling installed half way up the walls and remaining surfaces painted. Below is the timeline of the renovations. The renovations from 2009-2011 were done by the school from their use of the building after the tornado.

- ✓ 2000 – Scanlan stained glass window was installed along with display cabinets for historical artifacts.
- ✓ 2001 – Guttering
- ✓ 2002 – New windows & blinds; room dividers in classrooms were replaced by permanent walls.
- ✓ 2004 – Kitchen remodeled
- ✓ 2007 – New folding tables and chairs
- ✓ 2008 – Front entry windows and door replaced
- ✓ 2009 – Side entry doors replaced; new lighting installed
- ✓ 2010 – Three of four heating/ac units repaired or replaced, new tile floors installed
- ✓ 2011 – Carpet replaced; walls painted
- ✓ 2012 – Welcoming environment created
- ✓ 2017 – Sound system installed
- ✓ 2018 – Bathrooms redone

Christmas Traditions Continue at St. Michael's!

- **Christmas Card:** For the 13th year, Jean Scanlan has designed the Parish Christmas Card which is included with this newsletter.
- **Christmas Gift:** The parish is providing Matthew Kelly's book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* for each parish family.
- **Christmas Pageant:** The K-3rd grade youth portrayed the nativity characters; the 4th-6th grade youth were the choir and three 7th-8th grade youth were the narrators for the annual pageant held after Mass on December 16th.
- **Live Nativity:** The 9th-11th grade youth (Confirmation class) portrayed the nativity characters on Sunday, December 16th from 6-7 p.m. Bob Stroda organized the animals which were obtained from people in the area.
- **27th Annual Community Christmas Concert** followed the Live Nativity. Pre-K youth and the Men's Choir from St. Michael's as well as an ensemble from Chapman High and the JC Troubadours interspersed with vocal, piano and organ solos.

Helping Others! Parishioners continue to step up and help others. Some of the ways are by collecting non-perishable food items for Abilene Food Pantry, donating purses for "Purse for Mom" project, and adopting families for Christmas. This year the parish adopted three families. The Parish continues to financially support Maynor, a child in Guatemala and San Lorenzo Mission in Ramah, New Mexico.

MEMORIAL FUND FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

Those enrolled since our last newsletter include:

George Anderton (dec.) Agatha Corbett (dec.)
John Meyer II (dec.) Bill Miller (dec.)

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY NEWS

+**John Meyer II** died August 6, 2018. He is survived by his two sons, John Meyer III and Mark Meyer, one daughter, Sally Shields, 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one brother, George Meyer.

+**George Anderton, Jr.** died September 7, 2018. He is survived by one son, John Anderton, three daughters, Catherine Dugan, Anne Warren and Susan McCown and nine grandchildren.

+**Lori Knox Corbett** died September 9, 2018. She is survived by two daughters, Heather Siegrist and Chelsea Knox, one son, Wade Corbett, three grandchildren, mother, Agatha Corbett, five sisters, Mildred Fink, Judith Klocke, Mary Zimmerman, Gerri Hall, and Donna Bathurst, four brothers, Wayne Corbett, Kenneth Corbett, Raymond Corbett and Daniel Corbett.

+**Anita Lorson** died September 16, 2018. She is survived by five sons, Tom Lorson III, Bill Lorson, John Lorson, Rick Lorson and Bob Lorson, three daughters, Kathy Howell, Cynthia Robitaille and Diane Harvey, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

+**Agatha Reinert Corbett** died September 21, 2018. She is survived by five daughters, Mildred Fink, Judith Klocke, Mary Zimmerman, Gerri Hall, and Donna Bathurst, four sons, Wayne Corbett, Kenneth Corbett, Raymond Corbett and Daniel Corbett, 26 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren, four great, great grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, 16 step great-grandchildren and one sister, Veronica Slothower.

+**Don Hasselman** died September 28, 2018. He is survived by two sons, Bill Hasselman and Gary Hasselman, four daughters, Donna Pitts, Janet Bower, Judy Sanford and Sheila Hummel, 20 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one sister, Esther Galyean.

+**Brian O'Connor** died March 4, 2016. He is survived by one son, Sean O'Connor and cousin, Jim Forrer.

+**Bill Miller** died November 4, 2018. He is survived by two sons, Chris Miller and Tim Miller, two daughters, Carole Skibbe and Jeanne Murray, three sisters, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

NEW MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

- **Della Paige**, daughter of Daniel and Abby (Poland) Anderes was baptized on August 26, 2018.

New Parishioners:

- Matt & Kari Barnes and children, Emily, Colin & Dylan.
- Lance & Ashley Berland and children, Jonathan, Joseph, Jackson & Grace.
- Greg & Elizabeth Butler and children, Hannah & Ethan.
- Battle & Robin Summerville.
- Randi Won and children, D.J. and Jazzmin.
- George & Martha Zurmely, Jr.

The Chapman Senior Center Is Relocating to the parish center for January and February while renovations are being completed at their facility. Since this does not interfere with the use of the parish center, we are glad to offer our facility to the community and glad it meets their needs. One of which is a serving line.

Men's and Women's Organizations!

- The Knights of Columbus continue to be active with the Labor Day raffle and booth, Tootsie Roll Drive in October to benefit developmentally disabled and pancake and sausage breakfast on November 11th.
- Ladies of St. Michael's continues to head the Red Cross Blood Drive, provide bingo prizes for Chapman Valley Manor and provide funeral lunches. They donate all proceeds to charitable causes. In January they will have a soup lunch and bake sale to benefit the Chapman Senior (Community) Center renovations.

Religious Education News!

- **Catechists** for this year are: Becky Kelley (Pre-K), Courtney Morgan (K-1st), Abby Anderes (2nd), Tim Zumbrunn (3rd-4th), Janice Carroll (5th-6th), Marci Smith (7th-8th), Sara Cook (9th-11th), Vicki Simenson (adults) and Laurie McLaughlin (DRE).
- **Confirmation** is scheduled for February 24, 2019 for ten youth. The youth are Ashlynn Bledsoe, Nicole Blocker, Joseph Mitchell, David Morgan, Elizabeth Morgan, Harley Pelfrey, Dawson Richardson, Jackson Wasyk, Emily Wolfe, and Joshua Zumbrunn. They have been busy completing service hours, making presentations to Religious Education students on their chosen saint, preparing questions for a panel discussion that included a parent or sponsor and Fr. John and portraying the characters for the Live Nativity. After the new year they will finalize their letter to Bishop Vincke, be interviewed by parish pastoral council members, and attend a retreat.
- **First Reconciliation** was December 2nd for five 2nd grade youth preparing for their First Communion on May 5, 2019. The youth are Tristan Gilliland, Kasen Krinhop, Carter Smith, Cooper Smith, and Hannah Zumbrunn.

Deaths of Family and Friends of St. Michael's:

- Lori Grof of Pawhuska, Oklahoma died on June 22nd. She is the sister of Janice Scales.
- Marilyn Anderes of Elmo, Kansas died on July 18th. She is the grandmother of Daniel Anderes.
- Diane James of Louisville, Kentucky died on August 11th. She is the sister of Naomi Larouche.
- Darrow Hooper of Dallas, Texas died on August 18th. He is the brother-in-law of Marvin Dreiling and Charlene Herman.
- LaVerna Kirm of Salina, Kansas died on August 23rd. She is the mother-in-law of Dan Diehl, grandmother of Marci Diehl Smith and step-grandmother of Michael Diehl.
- Rosa Acree of Virginia died on November 11th. She is the sister of Naomi Larouche.
- Mary Jean Dreiling Hooper of Dallas, Texas died on December 6th. She is the sister of Marvin Dreiling and Charlene Herman.