

## St. Michael's Parish Family

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Dear Friends of St. Michael's,

It is the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, the latest date for the newsletter in the 17 years I've been at St. Michael's. It's been a busier time these last couple of months—more than usual which you will read about below.

I hope you are enjoying the summer and can find time for rest and relaxation. I am planning that along with a retreat in July—not too many days away.

Peace,

### PARISH HAPPENINGS and OTHER NEWS

#### Three Celebrations in Three Months!

- ❖ **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** Fr. John's 76<sup>th</sup> birthday (January 15<sup>th</sup>) was celebrated with coffee, juice and rolls after Mass.
- ❖ **February 19<sup>th</sup>** Marita was "appreciated" for her years of service at the parish with "Irish Blessing" sung at Mass, soup lunch, gifts, and kind expressions by parishioners.
- ❖ **March 11<sup>th</sup>** Fr. John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood was celebrated at Solomon with Mass and a reception.

**Weather Cancellation and Delay:** Due to icy roads, Mass was cancelled on January 15<sup>th</sup> and delayed Fr. John's birthday celebration until the following Sunday (see above).

**Plan B on Christmas Day:** Due to Marita being under the weather, Fr. John lead the Chapman Valley Manor Service and Rodger Jacquet made sure the church was ready for Mass.

**Easter Vigil:** Alyssa Danielle (Mustard) Wendel made a profession of faith, was confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Her sponsor was Patsy (Sherraden) Chamberlin.

**Parishioners Change Residences:** Wilma Anderes, former parishioner, and Charlene (Dreiling) Herrman, parishioner, are now residents of Chapman Valley Manor. Dave Sites, parishioner, is now a resident of Valley View Nursing Home in Junction City.

**Finance Class Offered!** Joel and April Calovich facilitated a seven-week course "7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free" (a Catholic guide to managing your money) for St. Michael's Parishioners. Two individuals and two couples participated.

**Methodist Minister Retires after 21 Years at Chapman!** Rev. Ken Trickle and his wife, Mary Anne, were honored on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> with a reception by their parish for the community. The Trickle's are retiring in Salina.

**Life is Precious** and St. Michael's continues to support life by paying for parishioners, Chris Tassin and her two granddaughters, Harmony and Kristalyn Trimm, to join others from the Diocese on a pilgrimage to Washington, DC for March for Life and by handing out "Precious Feet" lapel pins.

**Stewardship** is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year! Jake Kelly shared his Stewardship story. Of the 106 parish family units, 66 returned at least one form and 53 returned all three forms—time, talent and treasure with a the 53 invited to a "Thank You" meal.

#### **Knights of Columbus—The Old and the New!**

- **Old:** Pro-Life Baby Shower, "Pennies from Heaven" collection, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, Hoop Shoot, Pancakes and Sausage breakfast and Scholarships for Seniors—Geneva Fink and Taylor Lexow each received \$250.
- **New:** The Founder's Day/Ladies Night Out included Mass with Stations of the Cross and a catered meal from Chapman Food Mart at the Parish Center.
- **New:** On Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Lent), there was a Fish Fry to benefit Troop 48 boy scouts going to summer camp.

#### **Red Carpet Treatment for BAK (Bike Across Kansas)**

when the bikers (non-motorized) arrived in Chapman on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

- ✓ 12 bikers and supporters from Larned were housed in one of the modular classroom buildings and two bikers from Kansas City area were housed in the other modular.
- ✓ The parish house was used by those in modulars for showering and laundry.
- ✓ Tents were set up by bikers on the parish property (wherever there was shade)—behind the church, between church and house, in front of the house, and by the playground.
- ✓ The church was open with guided tours from 4:30-6:45 p.m.
- ✓ Mass was celebrated at 7:00 p.m. (the regular weekday Mass time) with a concelebrant (priest from south of Topeka who was biking) and with a biker as lector and several joining other parishioners in the congregation.
- ✓ Breakfast was served to around 250 bikers on Thursday morning starting at 5:30 a.m. as a fundraiser for NCCY. (More about that below.)

#### **Preparing Breakfast for 450!** How do you do this?

- ✓ Donations—eggs, sausage, and milk.
- ✓ Parishioners cut up fruit, prepared yogurt parfaits, cooked egg mixture for burritos and set up tables & chairs on Wednesday afternoon.
- ✓ Parishioners made up breakfast casseroles and donated home-made cinnamon rolls.
- ✓ CYO had a lock-in overnight and helped make up the burritos and helped serve the breakfast.
- ✓ Parents of NCCY youth and other adults also helped in the evening, overnight and in the morning with burritos, washing fruit, making coffee, serving and clean-up.
- ✓ Leftovers—juice, milk, parfaits, fruit and cinnamon rolls were served to parishioners after Mass on June 18<sup>th</sup> and burritos were available for donation. NCCY youth and their parents served and cleaned up.

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

+**Otis Branson**, brother of Naomi Larouche, died the end of December.

+**Mary (Humbargar) Shipman Bailey**, mother of Patty and Mike Greene (former parishioners), died the first part of January.

+**Raymond Warner**, father of Dave and Jean Warner, died January 19<sup>th</sup>.

+**Brandon Stroda**, son of Terry and Steve Miller and Bob Stroda, died May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

+**Dwayne Riekeman**, father of Terry and Steve Miller, died May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth News!

- ❖ Five youth—Shaun Blocker, Paige Howard, Elizabeth Morgan, Madison Smith and Jackson Wasyk and sponsor, Brenda Blocker attended the Diocesan CYO (Catholic Youth Convention) in Salina April 8 and 9.
- ❖ Seven youth—Shaun Blocker, Paige Howard, Alex Hoelscher, Elizabeth Morgan, Isabel Porres, Talor Warner and Josh Zumbrunn and sponsors, Brent and Brenda Blocker, are planning to attend NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in November. They have been busy fundraising by helping with Knights of Columbus pancake and sausage breakfast, bussing tables at Freddy's Steakburgers in Junction City and helping prepare and serve breakfast for BAK (Bike Across Kansas) participants.
- ❖ Chapman Junior/Senior Mixed Ensemble shared their musical talent with the parish on April 23<sup>rd</sup> singing two songs. Geneva Fink, parishioner, is a member.
- ❖ Seven youth made their First Communion on May 7<sup>th</sup>. They are: Levi Engstrom, Alison Gavillan, Lilliann Roy, Olivia Roy, Mandi Simenson, Matthew Smith and Jax Warner. The youth read the petitions for the Prayers of the Faithful and displayed pictures corresponding to the song "*In Remembrance of Me*" as a meditation.
- ❖ Geneva Fink, daughter of Mike and Toni, and Taylor Lexow, daughter of Lynn and Vicki, were the two high school graduates this year. They were honored at Mass and at a reception on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an ecumenical gathering of the Chapman Community. Long-time sponsors, the Methodist church, requested that the Methodist, Nazarene and Catholic churches rotate hosting VBS. The Nazarene church will host next year and St. Michael's will host in 2019. The three churches will share the expense equally. Those attending: Justin Blocker, Ethan, Alyssa, Brody & Elias Calovich, Callie & Madison Cook, Lowry, Bennett & Abram Fisher, Cheyenne Kelly, Kasen & Cannon Krinhop and Victoria Morgan. Youth helpers: David Morgan & Paige Howard and adult helpers: Sara Cook, Jill Hummel, Jenny Larson and Judy Smith.

1<sup>st</sup> "Annual" St. Patrick's Cemetery Appeal was a HUGE success. The goal of \$4,000-\$5,000 to meet annual expenses was tripled thanks to the generosity of those who have family buried at St. Patrick's or plan to be buried there upon their death.

Discernment for Parish Pastoral Council Members had a different twist this year. For the first time in at least 17 years, of the 30 discerned candidates, no-one felt called to stay in the process. Parishioners were asked to prayerfully discern on their own and two parishioners (previously discerned by parishioners) came forward. Roger Krinhop and Jan McCormick are the two new members.

A New Parish Directory will be printed this Fall. Over half of the parish had their pictures taken the first part of June. It's been 5 years since the last one—lots of changes especially with new families and children.

## New Housing for Map Board at St. Patrick's Cemetery!

New corkboard was installed to hold the map and alphabetical list of burials. The board is now enclosed in a building which is big enough for people to stand in—out of the weather—and also protects the board from weather damage. This was made possible by a memorial from the Margaret Gargan family on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in October, 2015,

### MEMORIAL FUND FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

Those enrolled since our last newsletter include:

Dan Zumbrunn (dec.)

Andy Schuler, Jr. (dec.)

### ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY NEWS

+**Neva (Taylor) Clennan** died January 4, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Larry, four sons, Randy, Richard, Jeffrey and Anthony, one daughter, Jacqueline, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild, one brother, Jack, and three sisters, Clara "Mert", Sharon, and Kathy.

+**Andrew "Andy" J. Schuler, Jr.** died January 16, 2017. He is survived by three daughters, Joan, Julie and Janice, four sons, Kent, Mark, Steven and Andrew III, 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild, and niece he raised, Charlene.

+**Charles "Tom" Lovelace** died January 30, 2017. He is survived by wife, Kathleen (Ryan) Lovelace, two daughters, Cindy and Christy, two sons, Charles III and John, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and one brother, John.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Bethanie Tharman** and **Matthew Krinhop**, son of Roger and Coleen (Zumbrunn) Krinhop, were married on June 24, 2017.

### NEW MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

- **Carter William** and **Cooper Alan**, twin sons of Todd and Marci (Diehl) Smith, were baptized on January 8, 2017
- **Greyson River**, son of Benjamin and Desiree (Zumbrunn) Gilliland, was baptized on February 19, 2017.
- **Ryle Howard**, son of Lynn and Keisha Langvardt, was baptized on March 19, 2017.
- **Maizy Marie**, daughter of Cole and Mindy Krinhop, was baptized on June 18, 2017.

### New Parishioners:

- Ashley Tonn and son, Cooper Vahsholtz.
- Nick and Shasta Acheson and daughters, Addison and Kinsey.