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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The Protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

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PARISH NEWS

Picnic on the Patio

Come join us for a picnic on the church patio to welcome Fr. Quentin to St. Gregory's on Saturday, September 12th at 6:30pm. Brats and hotdogs will be served by the Altar Society. There will also be seating available in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

CCD Classes

CCD for students in grades K through 6th grade will begin in September. Classes meet from 4-5pm every Wednesday. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Allyson Lauer at 713-1760 or allysonlauer@yahoo.com.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults class will begin in October. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more about the Catholic Faith, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Gregory Rummage Sale Cancelled

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the decision has been made to cancel the St. Gregory Rummage Sale and not participate in the Highway 36 sales this year. We hope to bring it back next year.

Confirmation Registration

Confirmation classes will begin soon. All Catholic 7th and 8th grade students should register for Confirmation. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Please contact Allyson Lauer at 713-1760 or allysonlauer@yahoo.com for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 8

8:15am † Jim Schramm
† Leonard Haeefe

Wednesday, Sept. 9

12:05pm † Alicia Keegan

Thursday, Sept. 10

12:05pm † Catherine Price

Friday, Sept. 11

8:15am † Barbara Nordhus

Saturday, September 12

5:30pm † Juanita Hogan
† Jim and Irene Joyce

Sunday, September 13

7:00am ~ St. Gregory and St. Malachy
Parishioners

10:30am † Bill, Irene and Jeanne Sandmann

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 9

11:00am - noon Adoration

Friday, September 11

8:45am-9:45am Adoration

Saturday, September 12

4:30-5:15pm Confessions
6:30pm Picnic on the Patio

ALTAR SOCIETY

Due to Labor Day, the September Altar Society meeting has been moved to **Tuesday the 8th at 5:30pm**. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by Fran Grauer.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for August 30th \$ 5,497.00
Parish Soft On-line Giving for August \$ 480.00
(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principle Balance (as of 8/07/20)..... \$882,793.22
Donations (since 8/01/20)..... (\$ 2,170.00)
Estimated Outstanding Expenses \$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability \$963,895.47
Total Contributions to Date \$7,452,370.05
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Gregory Catholic School is seeking a Part-Time Teacher's Aide to begin as soon as possible. Full Job Description and the Application for Employment can be found on our school website at the following address: <https://www.stgregorychurch.org/st-gregory-catholic-school>. Turn completed job applications into the school office. Call 562-2831 with questions or email kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org

VIRTUS TRAINING

All adults are protectors of children. As an adult, it is your role in the community to keep our eyes and ears open, and to report any suspicious activity to appropriate authorities. Virtus provides a wealth of information to assist you in this quest.

In light of the current health conditions, the *VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training* is available Online. At this time, the requirement to attend a Virtus workshop live session is suspended and the option of the online version of the module is being offered in lieu of the live training. Individuals wanting to attend a session will be offered the option of the online module at the time of registration. To register go to www.virtus.org. Click on REGISTRATION, click View list of sessions, select Kansas City in Kansas and begin the registration process.

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Has all of that “togetherness” from weeks of unplanned stay-at-home orders exposed some rough edges in your relationship? Have you discovered that your communication skills aren’t as good as you thought they were? Are the two of you adrift in the uncertainty of the future? Be not afraid, for our Lord has promised to make all things new! Join us on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Sept. 18th - 20th, 2020**. This will be a traditional, in-person experience at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. The option for a **Virtual Weekend Experience, Nov. 13th - 15th, 2020** will be offered in conjunction with the scheduled traditional, in-person weekend. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wmme4youandme.org, or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net.



Planned Giving Brief: Have your plans changed during this difficult time? Socio, political, and economic changes in our society may have caused the need to provide and protect your family with a Will or Trust. With a trust your heirs will avoid probate and working with an estate planning advisor you can be very creative in structuring your bequests to maximize your financial resources for giving. Learn and explore ways to plan at CatholicPlannedGiving.org.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



School Rosary - Knowing that prayer will support us through this challenging year and knowing that we only have to ask and our Mother Mary will watch over us and guide us, we have decided that once a week our school will pause from the normal routine of the day and together we will pray a Rosary. Each Monday at 3:10 in the afternoon, Mrs. Farrell will be leading a Rosary over Facebook Live. You can join the school in prayer at that time or you can pray along at your convenience anytime throughout the week. Together let us join in prayer to lift up our school community and all those in need through these challenging times.

Grandparents Day - Friday, Sept. 18 - This year, to ensure the safety of our students and their grandparents, the Grandparents Day event will be a virtual event and we will not be inviting grandparents to join us at the school. More details to come.

Volunteers Needed - In all of the uncertainty that this year brings, one thing we know is we can't do it without our dedicated and caring volunteers. This year, regular/scheduled school volunteers* are still welcome in our school and classrooms as long as the volunteer feels comfortable being in the school environment. We are in need of volunteers to help with office activities and small or individual student academic groups. **We especially need volunteers to help serve lunch from 11am-1pm daily.** If you have been a volunteer in the past and are interested in volunteering again this year or if this is the first year you would like to volunteer, please email kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org or call the school office at 562-2831.

*All volunteers will be required to wear a mask while on the school campus and will have their temperature checked upon arrival each day.

PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Andy Kwapnioski, Bob Ballman.

Long Term Health Issues: Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering, Zena Allen, Sami and Jack Kirkland, Lora Stohs, Alan Wassenberg.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“How coachable are you? Do you love being coached or do you resist? One thing about the saints, they loved being coached. So do the best athletes. The ‘best’ in an industry love being coached. It’s a paradox of life: to be the best at something, you need the humility to accept coaching. The saints were incredibly coachable. Are you?”

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CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Sept 7 Tyler Warren
Sept 8 Waylon Byers
Sept 9 **Helene Glynn (101st), Mary Weickert (80th)**
 Marguerite Talbot, John Smith, Isaac Hight, Tiegan Barry
Sept 10 Jake Lauer, Irish Bussmann
Sept 11 Larry Wassenberg, Jeff Schell, Marshall Schell
Sept 12 Liz Frese, Hadley Schotte, Andrew Crownover, Alex Bogdan, Mara Friedrichs

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 7 John and Tami Sedlacek
Sept 8 Shane and Joan Hartner
 Josh and Lori Snellings
Sept 10 Michael and Ashley Lyhane
Sept 13 Matt and Emily Wassenberg



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Cemetery: Frank Staggenborg at 562-8047

Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office

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Baptisms: See website for information

Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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