



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

POPE SAINT PIUS X – FEAST DAY AUGUST 21ST

His name was Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, born June 2, 1835, in the farming village of Riese, Italy near Venice. The oldest boy in a family of nine children, his family called him “Bepi.” We know him better today as Pope Saint Pius X.

His family was poor. His father, Giovanni, was a mailman and died before Giuseppe became a priest. His mother, Margarita, was a dressmaker and lived to see her son inaugurated as Cardinal of Venice. Two of his sisters became religious nuns and served him later in the Archdiocese of Venice.

Young Bepi was first in his class in grammar school. At the age of 11, he told his father that he wanted to be a priest. His father sought the help of the local parish priest to send Giuseppe to a prominent catholic high school some six miles out side of town. At the age of 15, Bepi graduated first in his high school class. Per the custom, Bepi immediately entered seminary in Padua to learn the priesthood and test his vocation. Again, he graduated first in his class and in 1858, at the age of 23, he was ordained a priest and Don (father) Sarto was assigned assistant pastor in the farming village of Tombolo. With the help of his pastor, Don Sarto fostered three important gifts: devotion to the Eucharist, the joy of preaching and love for young people. His masses were reverent; his sermons were thoughtful and touching; and as the oldest boy from a large family, he enjoyed the poor youth of his parish for they reminded him of home.

At the age of 32, he was appointed pastor of Salzano where he remained for another nine years until 1876. Pastor Sarto became prominent for helping poor farmers and cattle ranchers of the area. He funded schools and supported the local hospital when an epidemic of cholera impacted his parishioners. Recognizing the talent and energy of the young priest, the Bishop of Treviso named Don Sarto a Monsignor and promoted him to important positions as spiritual director of the local seminary and chancellor of the Diocese. In Treviso, Monsignor Sarto was in his element – teaching, preaching and administering. He became known for his quick wit and humility. More importantly, the Cardinal saw a man who loved people and destined for leadership. At the age of 51, he was named Bishop of Mantua. Monsignor Sarto protested his elevation to Bishop. He did not want to leave the seminary. He even wrote to

the Vatican and requested reconsideration. The Vatican sent a one word reply from the Pope – “obey!” Bishop Sarto was elevated on November 10, 1884. As Bishop, he cultivated educated and spirit filled priests. Soon, parishes in Mantua were experiencing spirit-filled masses with good preaching.

On June 12, 1893, Pope Leo XIII elevated Giuseppe Sarto to Cardinal of Venice. His first act was to return to his hometown of Riese where he celebrated mass for his aging mother, his family and friends. His mother passed away soon after he left for Venice. During his days as Cardinal, Giuseppe continued to promote more educated priests, enhanced catholic schools and raised money for the sick.

Pope Leo XIII died on August 4, 1903, Cardinal Sarto was reluctantly named Pope after only a four-day conclave, by a margin of 55 out of a possible 60 votes. The humble farm boy told his fellow Cardinals that his name would be Pius. “As I shall suffer, I shall take the name of those Popes who also suffered.” In the Vatican, the Pope made changes that impressed some and irritated others. He wanted to be a less formal and more approachable Pope. Each evening, he invited other priests and workers in the Vatican to dinner. To the chagrin of the Swiss guards, Pius X would often escape the Vatican walls through garden passageways unescorted and visit the sick in local hospitals.

Always an educator, he modernized Canon law and introduced progressive scholarship through the biblical institute of Rome under the Jesuits. In 1905, he lowered the age of receiving the Eucharist for young people, still in effect today. In the last year of his life, Pius X held many private audiences with the poor and sick. It was during these private visits with common people that rumors of miraculous cures began to spread throughout Rome. Among those cured through his prayers were two religious sisters who confirmed the healings after his death and promoted his canonization to sainthood.

On August 20, 1914, Pope Pius X passed to eternal life. The Italian press wrote, “Saint Is Dead.” On his tombstone are the words: “Pope Pius X, poor and yet rich, gentle and humble of heart, unconquerable champion of the Catholic Faith, whose constant endeavor it was to renew all things in Christ...”

saintpiusxnh.org

PARISH NEWS

AHG 6th Annual Smoked Pulled Pork Feed

Saturday, August 22nd from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Serving a Hearty ½ lb of Slow Smoked Pulled Pork,
Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes and Dessert

St. Gregory's Parish Hall

\$10 Donation

Tickets available from an American Heritage Girl or
Ashley Schmitz at 562-7931

~~Supports American Heritage Girls Troop KS-0007~~

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.

Confirmation

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, August 18****8:15am**~ Living and deceased members of
Peter Sekul Family**Wednesday, August 19****12:05pm**

† William Schwindamann

Thursday, August 20**12:05pm**

† Judy Bohning

Friday, August 21**8:15am**

† Bernard Schneider

Saturday, August 22**5:30pm**† Carol Slupianek
~ St. Gregory and St. Malachy
Parishioners**Sunday, August 23****7:00am**

† Charles and Virginia Ring

10:30am~ Living and deceased members of
Elmer and Isla Schwarz Family**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****Saturday, August 22****4:30-5:15pm**

Confessions

6:00-8:00pm

AHG Pulled Pork Feed, Parish Hall

LEAVEN ASSESSMENT

We recently completed our annual parish roster review with the Archdiocese. They use this information to calculate St. Gregory's Leaven assessment. Our last assessment was approximately \$9,000. We pay this assessment with monies received from the giving envelope marked "Leaven" and pay the rest from the general operating fund. In 2019, we drew approximately \$7,000 from the general operating fund to pay the assessment. Actual cost for the yearly subscription is \$21. Our giving envelopes, which have not been updated for the past several years, suggest a donation of \$18. Please consider increasing your donation to cover the actual cost.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for August 9th \$ 16,854.31

(\$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)..... (\$ 1,220.00)

Estimated Outstanding Expenses \$83,272.25**Total Parish Liability \$964,845.47**

Total Contributions to Date \$7,451,420.05

(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

Please welcome

Breckyn Marie,***Haidyn Elizabeth,******and******Kreux Maddox,***children of Brett Finkbiner and Trisha (Carlson) Finkbiner,
who were baptized Saturday, August 15th
at St. Gregory's.**BAZAAR DONATIONS**

Thank you to all who responded to our request for a donation in lieu of the usual Church Bazaar. Your generosity in supporting St. Gregory's Church and School is deeply appreciated. The COVID-19 guidelines increased expenses to open the school, notably with the sanitation initiatives and personal protection equipment required. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office and made payable to St. Gregory's Altar Society. Also, you can put your donation in the weekend Mass collection basket: please put in a separate envelope marked for the Bazaar. Again, we appreciate your continued support of our Church and School.

MOBILE RESOURCE BUS

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas will be at Lincoln Center on August 25th from 10:00am-2:30pm. They offer a variety of resources and support, including case management, budget coaching and some emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities (appointment only). They provide services including food, clothing, diapers, personal hygiene items and seasonal items (no appointment). Please call Lincoln Center at 785-629-8300 or the Resource Bus Hotline at 913-433-2039.

AREA NEWSAnnual Golf Tournament sponsored by
Hanover and Washington Knights of Columbus**Friday, August 21st****Shotgun start at 9:00am**

Teams of 4

Entry fee is \$25 per person including the meal

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

*"Sometimes we forget just how powerful God is.
We spend so much time dwelling on the mountain
standing before us that we lose sight of the fact that
God is infinitely bigger than the mountain."*

Gary Zimak

Stop Worrying & Start Living



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



We are excited to welcome our students Back to School!!

The first day of school for all **K-6 grade students** will be **Wednesday, August 26th from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.** Then Thur. August 27th and Fri. the 28th, all K-6 students will attend from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The first day for **3 year old preschool** students both AM and PM will be **Thursday, August 27th.**

The first day for **4 year old preschool** students both AM and PM will be **Friday, August 28th.**

PTO School Calendars - The uncertainty of the '20-'21 school year and events has made planning very difficult. We know many of you rely on your PTO calendar to be informed of school activities and celebrations. With the

uncertainty of these events, the PTO committee felt it best to not go forth with printing school calendars for our annual fundraiser this year. We felt the calendar would be too unpredictable to print hard copies if things need to be rescheduled. With the reliance of those calendar sale funds, we have decided to go a different route this year. In the past you may have been a follower of our free Google Calendar with the purchase of a physical calendar. This year we are testing the sole function of this digital calendar and hope you find it just as helpful to stay up to date in real time editing by our team. With every \$15 donation the owner's email address will be added to our Google Calendar for easy viewing by phone, desktop or tablet. Contact any St. Gregory student or stop by the school office for more information.

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 17 Gary West
Aug 18 Renee Hoffman, KayeLynn Kroeger
Aug 19 Tycen Wright, Nathan Gudenkauf, Melvin Sedlacek
Aug 20 Barb Kickhaefer, Jaxon Feldkamp, Mike Bussmann, JoAnn Shum, Richard Wilson
Aug 21 Dana Kirkland, Barrett Schell, Janet Wassenberg
Aug 22 Lucas Dankenbring, Jim Ladner, Shea Kramer
Aug 23 Jack Lott, Melanie Shepherd, Keri Byers, Charlton Holthaus

ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 17 Michael and Jane Keating
 Scott and Lynn Kracht
 Alan and Amy Detimore
 Ryan and Angie Wassenberg
Aug 18 Raymond and Katherine Pacha
 Frank and Brenda Staggenborg
Aug 19 Francis and Connie Vering
 Dan and Ronda Wassenberg
Aug 20 Mike and Randy Stech
 Philip and Amanda Cohorst
Aug 21 Pat and Kelly Schotte
Aug 22 Randy and Kathi Jones

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.

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

FOSTER CARE MINISTRY FAIR

There are currently 7,500 children in Kansas foster care and approximately 2,000 foster families. The need is expected to grow due to effects of pandemic and as vulnerable children come back into the public eye when schools open again this fall.

Foster Care Ministry Fair

Thursday, August 27, 9:30am-11:30am

Offered via Zoom AND in-person at:

Savior Pastoral Center, Keleher Conference Room
 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City KS

Zoom registrants will receive a link before the event

[Registration Required](#)

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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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