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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021

### VOLUNTEER VOICES

At this most joyful time of year, our hearts are drawn to the Savior and our eyes to the beauty of the space that celebrates His birth. In the weeks leading to Christmas, volunteers placed the beautiful decorations throughout the church for all to enjoy. In past years, many have volunteered their time and talents for this project and we thank them even though we don't have a list of all names. Those that were so giving of their time this year were Lynn Bruna, Judy Claeys, Mark and Renee Hoffman, Lynn Runnebaum, Ron Grauer and Loren Wassenberg. An important part of decorating is placing the manger at the front of the church just beyond the communion rail. It is a historical piece in that it was originally in our "landmark" church, and also the previous church. Over the years many families have taken their children to pay homage to the Christ child in his manger.

We are also blessed to have a manger scene grace the outside of the building on the east side. This was generously donated by the Theresa Wassenberg family. The responsibility of placing it each year rests with a group of K of C members including Gary West, Butch Schmitz, Dan Faulkner, Mickey Schmitz and Tim Ackerman. Brian and Greg Strunk furnish the straw each year. It sends a



beautiful message for all who drive by on the East side of the church.

These are just two instances of volunteers working behind the scenes to enrich our worship space at this most holy time of year. Volunteers for these projects are always welcome, so keep that in mind for the Christmas season 2021.

### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Altar Society Meeting Canceled**

The Altar Society Meeting for January has been canceled. Reminder to please use the envelope in your packet to pay the Annual Dues of \$10. We would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

### VIRTUAL Trivia Night

The 4th Annual Trivia Night will be a virtual event this year. All you need is an internet connection and Zoom. Get your team together and mark your calendars for

Saturday, January 16th \$250 per team of up to 8 people 6:30pm - Login 7:00pm - Trivia Starts

To register or for more information, please contact Lori Haefele at 562-9214 or lhaefeledpt@yahoo.com.

#### **Knights of Columbus Meeting**

There will be a K of C meeting on Thursday, January 7th. Rosary will be said at 6:30pm with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

### All Night Adoration

There will be All Night Adoration in memory of Roe vs Wade, throughout the night of January 16th. All those in charge of calling parishioners, please start lining up Adorers for this solemn night of prayer. We still need three people to call Altar Society circles! Please give a specific time when called so we know all times are filled! Questions or want to be added to the list of Adorers? Call 562-6484. Thank you to all those who say yes when called.

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

† Allen and Gert Holle

t Joleen Fisher Cohorst

† Dorothy Moser

Tuesday, Jan. 5

8:15am

Wednesday, Jan. 6 12:05pm

Thursday, Jan. 7

12:05pm

Friday, Jan. 8

NO MASS

Saturday, Jan. 9

5:30pm

† Charles Ring
~ The People of the Parishes of

 The People of the Parishes of St. Gregory and St. Malachy

Sunday, Jan. 10

7:00am 10:30am † Lynn Hermesch

~ Living and deceased members of Sylvester and Angela Pitsch family

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 6

11:00am - noon Adoration

Thursday, Jan. 7

**6:30pm** Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, Jan. 8

**NO ADORATION** 

Saturday, Jan. 9

4:30pm - 5:15pm Confessions

### BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

Please welcome Reid Mitchell Shepherd,

son of Mitchell and Jill Shepherd, who was baptized Saturday at St. Gregory's.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the prayers. I am happy to be returning to my classroom! ~ Anna Fragel

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope for December 25th \$ 5,112.00 Envelope & Plate for December 27th \$ 10,262.25 ACH for December 28th \$ 2,885.00

(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

### **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Loan Principal Balance (as of 12/04/20)	\$863,743.49
Donations (since 12/01/20)	(\$ 6,386.39)
Estimated Outstanding Expenses	\$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability	\$940,629.35
Total Contributions to Date	\$7,440,956.32

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

### **FOCUS SHARE**

The weekend of January 9-10, 2021, Fr. Brendan Rolling, O.S.B., will be visiting our parish. After attending World Youth Day in Denver, Colorado, he joined St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, Kansas and was ordained a priest in 2000. Fr. Brendan has served his community in higher education for eighteen years as the Director of Residence Life, Assistant Dean of Students, Director for Mission and Ministry, and Chaplain at his alma mater, Benedictine College. He has been a supporter of FOCUS since 1998 when FOCUS missionaries were first sent to Benedictine College. In 2015, he joined the team of the FOCUS National Chaplains where he preaches retreats, gives offers spiritual direction conferences, and missionaries. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students on more than 180 campuses across the United States and five international locations. Almost 800 FOCUS missionaries on these campuses invite students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Brendan is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit www.focus.org.

### ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

"Every Day in Love" If you ate too many cookies at Christmas, it won't ruin your health if you eat well the rest of the year. Unfortunately, you also can't expect one salad per year to make you healthy! It's the little things, done daily, that affect our lives.

Start this new year right by taking 7 date nights with your spouse to learn some simple, effective daily habits that will fill your 2021 with love!

7 Thursdays, January 21st - March 4th 7:30-9:00pm - Live on Zoom Recordings available to registered participants Scholarships available

More info and register: <u>archkcks.org/everyday</u> Questions? Brad DuPont: <u>bdupont@archkck.org</u>

"Coping with Life Alone" This is a grief support program that helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. It meets each week for 8 weeks.

Upcoming program dates: February 1 through April 5, 2021 - 10 sessions Monday evenings - 6:30-8:30pm Cost - \$50

Please register in advance and receive the program workbook plus detailed Zoom meeting instructions at <a href="https://www.beginningexperiencekc.org">www.beginningexperiencekc.org</a>. For additional info, please contact Donna at 816-305-3760.

### **SOUL 2021: A VIRTUAL EVENT**

### SAVE THE DATE

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### **FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, we are sad to announce we will not be physically gathering together in celebration of our school. Instead, on Sat., February 20th, we will host an interactive telethon-type live event, in partnership with Blue Valley Technologies, as well as a virtual silent auction, to support our beloved school.

We will be asking for in-kind donations sometime after the first of the year. Please watch the bulletin and the school's Facebook page for more details.

Thank you for your continued support for our school.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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 <a href="https://www.stgregorychurch.org/st-gregory-catholic-school">https://www.stgregorychurch.org/st-gregory-catholic-school</a>.

Interested applicants should turn in a printed copy of the application to the school office or email a digital copy to the email below. Call 562-2831 with questions or email <a href="kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org">kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org</a>. "We ask that you prayerfully consider this employment opportunity. It is a meaningful way to get involved with our school and help our students as they grow in faith and academics."

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Look down a microscope and notice how a drop of water can be more brilliant than a diamond... Do not underestimate small things."

Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan *The Road of Hope* 

## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Thank you everyone for the end year donations you have made to St. Gregory's School. We are truly blessed and grateful to be part of such a giving parish community. May God Bless each and every one of you in the New Year! ~Karen Farrell, Principal

### PRAYER LIST

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

**Short Term Health Issues:** Ron Thomas, Paul "Peewee" Zimmerling, Marty Malotte and Anna Fragel.

Long Term Health Issues: Allie Montgomery, Gretchen Schmitz, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering, 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.

### **CELEBRATE**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- Jan. 4 Wyatt Horn, Jennifer Fisher
- Jan. 5 Heather Knabe, Sharon Glore, Tanner Gustin, Pam McCormack
- Jan. 6 James Bussmann, Kayla Lyhane
- Jan. 7 Rob Peschel
- Jan. 8 Samuel Schmitz, Jeff Schroller
- Jan. 9 Russ Arntt, Shelly Crome, James Gudenkauf
- Jan. 10 Rosemary Forst, Terry Heideman, Bob Ryan

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Jan. 8** Wyatt and Jennifer Horn



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**Cemetery:** Frank Staggenborg at 562-8047

**Parish Hall Reservations:** Contact Parish Office **K of C Hall Reservations:** Joe Peschel at 562-3161

**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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