

TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISHES

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

St. Francis Borgia **Catholic Church**

2005 Davis Drive Blair, NE 68008 402.426.3823

Sunday

St. John the Baptist **Catholic Church**

215 N. 13th Street Ft. Calhoun, NE 68023 402.468.5348

St. Patrick **Catholic Church**

3480 W. Hwy 32 Tekamah, NE 68061 402.374.1236

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

St. Francis Borgia 7:15 p.m.—7:45 p.m. St. John the Baptist

11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

St. Patrick

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a *loving and forgiving God."* -St. John Paul II

THE HOLY ROSARY is a powerful weapon.

Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results.

"When you have to make a fraternal correction, do it with great kindness – great charity! In what you say and in the way you say it, for at that moment, you are God's instrument."

St. Josemaria Escriva



MASS DATES, TIMES, LOCATION, INTENTIONS, *SAINTS & FEAST DAYS					
MONDAY	September 11	8:00 a.m.	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA	No Mass	
			ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Need Mass Intention	
			ST. PATRICK	No Mass	
TUESDAY	September 12	8:00 a.m.	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA	Terry Lammers †, Merlin Lammers †	
*The Most Holy Name of Mary			ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	No Mass	
			ST. PATRICK	Lloyd Kahland †	
WEDNESDAY	September 13	8:00 a.m.	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA	No Mass	
*St. John Chrysostom			ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Jim O'Donnell	
		6:15 p.m.	ST. PATRICK	Children of the PRE program	
THURSDAY	September 14	8:00 a.m.	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA	Don Nelson (Birthday), John Bednar †	
*The Exultation of the Cross			ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Beth Holdridge	
			ST. PATRICK	No Mass	
FRIDAY	September 15	8:00 a.m.	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA	Leslee Lorentzen (Birthday), Mary Lou Beckman †	
*Our Lady of Sorrows			ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Need Mass Intention	
			ST. PATRICK	No Mass	
SATURDAY	September 16	8:00 a.m.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Special Intention	
		4:00 p.m.	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA	Trinity Catholic Parishes	
		6:00 p.m.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Jim O'Donnell	
SUNDAY	September 17	8:00 a.m.	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA	Mike Taylor (Birthday), Thomas Kelley †	
*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m.		8:30 a.m.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Judy McKercher	
		10:30 a.m.	ST. PATRICK	Gerri McNish Leedy †, Ray Braniff †	

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS SERVING THE WORLD SINCE PENTECOST, 33 A.D.

TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISHES INFOMATION

Pastor: Father Damien Wee

Father.damien@stfrancisborgia.org

Pastoral Administrator: Father Stephen Gutgsell

sjgutgsell@archomaha.org

Deacons: Deacon Jeff Zurek (Blair)

jzurek5@gmail.com

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402.510.8222

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Director of Religious Education:

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Rachel Olson

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Deacon Jeff & Darla Zurek

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Theresa Gebhardt (Fort Calhoun)

TBD (Tekamah)

Cleaning: Don & Peggy Leehy (Blair)

Theresa Gebhardt (Fort Calhoun)

See posted schedule at St. Patrick

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Blair)
Office hours at St. John the Baptist and St.
Patrick are limited. Please call before visiting.

BULLETIN INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

All information aside from the Financial information, can be sent to missionhub@stfrancisborgia.org

by end of day **MONDAY**.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Trinity Catholic Parishes website is due to be finished and ready to view in late October. The website developers are asking for pictures. Please send any special pictures you have of your Church & Church family to Missionhub@stfrancisborgia.org.

LOOKING FOR THE BULLETIN ONLINE?

While the Trinity Catholic Parishes website is being built, online access to the complete Trinity Catholic Parish bulletin can temporarily be found on the St. Francis Borgia or St. John the Baptist websites. Click on the bulletin box and you'll be redirected to the viewing.

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Tuesday, September 5, we celebrated the Memorial of St.

Mother Teresa. Most of us are familiar with her incredible missionary work that she carried out. However, how did she get the strength to minister to the poorest of the poor every day? Saint Mother Teresa said that it was because of attending daily Mass and her daily Holy Hour of prayer before Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Mother Teresa said, "I know I would not be able to work one week if it were not for that continual force coming from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

Below are reflections on Eucharistic Adoration from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Let us spend some time meditating on them and allowing Jesus to speak to us:

"On the Cross Jesus said: 'I thirst.' From the Blessed Sacrament Jesus continues to say to each of us: 'I thirst.' He thirsts for our personal love, our intimacy, our union with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. His longing for us to be with Him in the Blessed Sacrament is infinitely greater than our longing to be with Him."

"The Eucharist is connected with the Passion. If Jesus had not established the Eucharist we would have forgotten the crucifixion. It would have faded into the past and we would have forgotten that Jesus loved us. There is a saying that to be far away from the eyes is to be far away from the heart. To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of His love."

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

"Our lives must be woven around the Eucharist ... fix your eyes on Him Who is the light; bring your hearts close to His Divine Heart; ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him, the love of loving Him, the courage to serve Him. Seek Him fervently."

"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the greatest gift of love – the tender love of our Father in Heaven."

"All of us know that unless we believe and can see Jesus in the appearance of bread on the altar, we will not be able to see Him in the distressing disguise of the poor. Therefore, these two loves are but one in Jesus."

"If we really understand the Eucharist, if we really center our lives on Jesus' Body and Blood, if we nourish our lives with the Bread of the Eucharist, it will be easy for us to see Christ in that hungry one next door, the one lying in the gutter, the alcoholic man we shun, our husband or our wife, or our restless child. For in them, we will recognize the distressing disguises of the poor: Jesus in our midst."

"Through Mary the cause of our joy you discover that nowhere on earth are you more welcomed, nowhere on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament ... He is really there in Person waiting just for you. Like Mary, let us never be ashamed to do humble work. Like her, let us always accept the cross in whatever way it comes. We must stand near Our Lady to listen to the thirst of Jesus and to answer with your whole heart."

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your infinite gift of Your Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Thank You for the gift of St. Mother Teresa. Help us to grow closer to You, O Jesus. Help us to appreciate more deeply Holy Mass and Your Blessed Sacrament. Help us to make time to come to church and spend time with You. Thank You for lovingly and patiently waiting for us to be with You at Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration! O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine. All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!

To Jesus though Mary, Father Damien



St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church

One in Faith. One in Service. One in Christ



ST. FRANCIS BORGIA LITURGICAL MINISTRIES Schedule for September 16th & 17th

EMHC: 4:00 p.m.: Lori Aman, Mary Boesiger

8: 00 a.m.: Morgan Casper, Jeanne Dawson

ALTAR SERVERS *:

4:00 p.m.: Ryker Villwok, John McKeon, Need Servers 8:00 a.m.: Andrew Matney, Eli Hall, Zack Matney, Jaron

Zurek LECTORS *:

4:00 p.m.: Jenny McKeon

8:00 a.m.: TBD

*Please note: Due to bulletin publishing deadlines, the online

schedule will be the most up-to-date.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING				
Budgeted Weekly	\$9,233.00			
Collection for weeks 9.3.23	\$4,224.80			
Budget YTD for week ending 9.3.23	\$92,330.00			
Collected YTD *Includes Online 9.3.23	\$60,116.62			

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA QR CODE GIVING

Scan the code with your smartphone and donate online to St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church.



RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Let us fill this year's RCIA class!

RCIA is simply a class – with dinner included! – where non-Catholics and Catholics alike can come to know Jesus and our Catholic Faith. Those invited into RCIA have the freedom to decide whether they want to become Catholic or not through the RCIA season. After you invite them, pray for them, and leave the rest to God. Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Starting Sept. 14th

"Be Not Afraid."

—Pope St. John Paul II



KNIGHTS KORNER

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 14th. 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Meeting. Dale Kovar at sfb10412gk@yahoo.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, September 17th after Mass.

HWY 91 CLEANUP: Saturday, September 23rd

PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

Please call the Parish Office for additions or removals. 402.426.3823

Angela Howard, Troy McCandless, Eric Sorensen, Mike Hoefler, Annie Coster, Jason Smith, James Martin, Malaki Casey, LaVon Kettler, Chris Stevens-Gill, Megan Sorensen, Sharon Allen, Gavin McCoy, Nathan Kocmik, Sherry Pruss, Phil Thomas, Gordon C Gladdon, Andrea Dickerson, Shitra Mickerjee, Jim & Jean Fisher, Margaret Visner, Mary LaScala, Andy Hoefler, Matt Smith, Nancy Petersen, Greg Eyer, Alice Thielen, Jack Comstock, Kasey Comstock, Kevin Clarke, Michael Willis, Ann Penke, Kristi Paulsen, Dennis & Joyce Tigges, Mike Wilson, Evelyn Wilson, Vivian Kelley, Annette Coon, Elizabeth Hudson, Marissa Queen Family, Mae Strong, Molly Leary, Audrey Miller, Ryan Holz, Sean Foley, Charlene Bolte, Julie Luby Sprau, Sami Austin, Nancy Tyson, Jeanne Hall, Souls in Purgatory, Paula Franklin

WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY AMBASSADOR

Would you be willing to serve as a liaison between the Parish and Joseph's Coat/Washington County Food Panty Board to promote donation drives and annual Board presentations? Contact Cece Tonn or Jenny McKeon for further information.

PRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Just 3 more teachers needed!!

1—1st grade.

1-6th grade

1—7th grade.

Would you prayerfully consider giving an hour of your time on Wednesdays to help our youth learn about and grow in their faith. If interested, call the Parish Office at 402-426-3823 or email the DRE at dre@stfrancisborgia.org

Spirit-filled. Belonging. Head to heart

Experience a Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) FALL 2023 weekend – Men's, OCT 6-8 or Women's, OCT 13-15.

A life-changing weekend, talks, new friends, conversation, reflection, worship, and a faith-filled community.

Held at Columban Father's Retreat Center, Bellevue, NE.

Pre-registration required. Ask Me About a CEC Weekend:

Bridget Aschoff 402-681-7569 More info: www.cecomaha.org

BRING OUR LADY OF FATIMA TO YOUR HOME

Our Lady of Fatima is available to come to your home for a week. Take her to your home and experience the blessings that come.

A Missional Church sends forth her members to share the love of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all people through an invitation to Faith, Hope and Charity.

One in Faith. One in Service. One in Christ.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! PRE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, LITTLE FLOWERS, & RCIA ARE ALL STARTING SOON!

PRE: September 10th—Noon Potluck, bring your favorite side!
Pulled pork provided by the SFB Knights of
Columbus Council.

September 13th—First night of classes—

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Grades 1st - 6th

6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m. Grades 7th—8th

7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. Grades 9th — 12th

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: Starts Sunday, September 10th after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Education Center.

<u>LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB</u>: Starts Sunday, September 10th after Mass, meeting in the lower level of the Social Hall. 9:00a.m.—10:00 a.m. For girls ages 5—10 years old.

RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): Starts

Thursday, September 14th. 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Come for dinner and stay to fellowship and learn. Open to everyone wishing grow closer to Jesus and our Catholic faith.

LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH

LECTOR & EMHC: Contact the Parish Office

EMHC VISITS FOR HOMEBOUND:

Contact the Parish Office for training.

EUCHARISITIC ADORATION: Contact Michaela Boesch at

402.960.4775 to schedule a regular time.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Contact Laura Shaw at 402.426.1961 or Carol Sperry at 402.598.8024

ROSARY PRAYER GROUPS: Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. (Spanish), Wednesday 1:00 p.m. (English), plus 30 min prior to Mass times.

WASHINGTON-BURT COUNTY COUNCIL OF

CATHOLIC WOMEN: Meets the First Saturday of the month from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Borgia Social Hall. Faith building, fellowship, and FUN! Contact Dixie Hansen at 970.443.9724.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: Meets the First Saturday of the month from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Borgia Social Hall.

Contact Angie Boesch at acre9502@abbnebraska.com or Morgan Casper at caspermorgan2020@gmail.com

WELCOMERS

Before you enter into the Church for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, pause in the Commons Area and say HI to those entering into worship of our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

You will be blessed!!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal gifts are used to strengthen our parishes and ministries.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Tuesday, September 26th: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. with pizza dinner at 5:00 p.m., training starting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 30th: 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. with pizza lunch at 12:00 p.m.

This training is open to all who have received their First Communion and older to be an Altar Server! All returning Altar Servers are to attend as well.

RSVP to James Crotty at DRE@stfrancisborgia.org.

THANKSGIVING DINNER!

Plans are in the works for this year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner! Would you like to help out??? Contact Joanne Jones at jmj.jonesy@gmail.com or at 402.830.6898

LET'S CELEBRATE FATHER DAMIEN'S 50TH BIRTHDAY!!

WHEN: Saturday, September 16th

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ALSO!! Come to Mass on Tuesday, September 19th in celebration of his actual date of birth! Father Damien would be blessed beyond measure to have all the pews full to worship Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

SPONSORS & MEALS FOR RCIA

We have eight people signed up for RCIA this year!

SPONSORS: Accompany those in RCIA into the Church. Sponsors need to be available most Thursday nights from September to May. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry. Regardless of your availability level, please contact the Parish Office if you're interested in the Sponsorship role!

MEALS: Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. There are sign up slots for parts of the meal so you're not cooking the whole meal for 12–16 people. Head to Stfrancisborgia.org or call James at the Parish Office.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER

Are you being called to serve? The Parish Council is an advisory board to the Pastor, serving as a liaison between your community of friends and our Pastor, currently Father Damien.

Members are Catholics in Good Standing. Meetings are every other month for 1.0 - 1.5 hours.

Please contact any of the current Parish Council members listed on the bulletin board in the Commons Area or contact the Parish Office.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CLASSICAL ACADEMY (SJP2CA)

- Thank you for all who have prayed & supported the Academy opening its doors on August 16th, 2023!
- See the website for more information at sjp2ca.com.

Educating Children for the Kingdom of God.

DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT CLOSURES

The South driveway and parking lot will be closed during the school day. (Aside from funerals)

You will be able to continue driving around the Church between the Ed Building and Church to exit the East parking lot.



St. Patrick Catholic Church

We are a Parish Family that grows by living and sharing our faith in the Good News of Jesus, welcoming all and reaching out in loving service.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

September 17th

LECTOR: John Roche EMHC: Kim Blackford, Susan

Braniff

SERVERS: Iris Booth, Braxton

Popham, Evie Nun

September 24th

LECTOR: Mike WIlliams

EMHC: Joan Andrew, Kass Bromm SERVERS: Colton Braniff, Elizabeth

McElmurry, Savannah Braniff

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Begins September 13, 2023!

St. Patrick's Religious Education will begin with Mass on September 13th. 6:15 p.m. This will include our younger and older group please bring a side dish to share.

> Please contact Rachel Olson at 402-307-0296 for more information.

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS OF TREASURE	9.3.23
Envelopes	\$1,905.00
Non Envelopes – cash/checks	\$361.00
Energy	\$0
Religious Education	\$160.00
Hall Rental	\$0
Building (Savings)	\$1,140.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

For New Parishioners, Baptisms, Marriages, & Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), please call the Parish Office at

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: If seriously ill or hospitalized, please call the St. Francis Borgia Parish Office at 402.426.3823 and choose option 2.

IT IS NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' DAY TODAY!

Celebrate those who are Grandparents to you by spending a little extra time with them. Offer prayers in honor of all Grandparents, both living and deceased, for the love they shared with you.

BIBLE STUDY

The morning Bible Study group will begin Wednesday, September 6th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Contact Susie Larsen at 402.321.2777 for more information.

ALTAR SOCIETY COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

\$10.00 each. Please see Molly to purchase one.

ST. PATRICK PRAYER REQUESTS

PARISHIONERS: Tracy Belgarde, Pat Korshoj, Nicole Treves, Mary Ducheneaux, John Hurlocker, Richard Elske, Ramona Vornbrock, Carol Milan, Stephanie Boardley, Greg Gill, John Gorman.

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Kathy Farrens, Tiffany Cappellano, Nancy Gramke Chatt, Everett Nelson, Teresa Tobin, Marty Rocca, Roger Schroeder, Joyce Meredith, Father Jim Kramper, Tim Nieland, Kris Bruno, Abi Coonrod, Lucinda Glasshoff, Bob Davis, Zoey Shell, Doris McCormick, Vicki Speck, Graci Garcia, Rita Gill Newell, Karen Ronspies, Julie Riecken, Robert Newell, Jerry Hoerath, Haley Deemer, Kent Hurlocker

MASS INTENTIONS

A thoughtful way to remember loved ones both living & deceased. Schedule requests at Missionhub@stfrancisborgia.org. Suggested donation of \$10.00.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER:

*Mark & Kim Blackford

Hollie Booth

Clint & Debbie Frahm Scott & Shelly Niewohner

Peggy Nelson

Matt & Sarah Deemer

OCTOBER:

*KC & Carrie Braniff

Joe & Natalie Jetensky

Ray & Kristi Braniff

Rusty Braniff

Tim Braniff & Bria Braniff

Wyatt & Kristin Braniff

Dan Braniff



*Indicates the **LEAD FAMILY**. They are responsible for scheduling for the month scheduled. Keys are checked out if needed.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

The Tekamah Food Pantry is requesting the following items: Jello, Cake Mixes, Frosting, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Fruit, Cereal. Thank you! Please Contact Kelly Olson for more information.

SAVEMORE ENVELOPES: Due the last weekend of each month.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Suggested donation: 7 day—\$4.00,

8 hour—\$1.00.

FELLOWSHIP: After Mass on Sunday

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE FATHER DAMIEN'S **50TH BIRTHDAY!!**

WHEN: Sat., Sept 16th **TIME**: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. AND/OR! Come to Mass on Tues, Sept. 19th in celebration of his actual date of birth! Father Damien would be blessed beyond measure to have all the pews full to worship Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament!



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Fraternal Correction: "You shall Love your Neighbor as Yourself"

One of the unique qualities of the Christian Faith is the way in which it is communal religion which presumes a community of believers who understand that we are all part of a Family of Faith. Catholics do not believe that it is simply 'me and Jesus.' Our relationship to the Lord is essentially important to each one of us, but it always to be understood in the context of our relationship to the Body of Christ, the Church, which Jesus came to found here on earth as the beginning of the Kingdom of God. Because we are fallen, sinful human beings, however, we all too often offend, take offense, disagree and do worse to one another. Our Lord knew that this division among His followers was bound to happen. Even while He was still with them, the disciples argued between themselves as to who was greatest and perhaps who was the closest to their Master at times. And so Christ instructed them and us about how to deal with these differences among them and us. We have called this method of settling disputes between believers by the name of fraternal correction and it is the subject of this Sunday's Gospel reading. It is the kind of settling that is done between brothers, which is what the word fraternal means. It necessarily involves a humble attitude of recognizing that we are human, but also united in grace and in need of forgiveness ourselves for our own errors and sins. It also assumes a spirit of obedience to the Church and its authority in all matters of faith and discipline or morality in the common life we share as Christians. And it requires the willingness to forgive one another as well as ask for forgiveness from one another and from God. It is part of the ministry of reconciliation which St. Paul wrote about in his letters, long before the Sacrament of Penance had reached the form in which the Catholic Church would come to use it for her members. Basic to this attitude is the desire to share the life of Faith with one another and become a true Family which loves and forgives one another often.

Thank You for Your Generous Response!

I would like to thank all those members of St. John the Baptist who responded so generously to the call in order to help with the property insurance premium the week before last. It is a testimony to the great spirit which has characterized the people of our community for so many years. In that spirit we can be confident that our Parish, as part of our Family of Parishes, will be able to meet the needs and challenges of the future in faith.

I would like to make you aware of another need which we currently have at this time. We are in need of intentions to be offered here in Fort Calhoun at our weekly Masses. Often, we have a number of requests for Mass to be offered after someone in the Parish dies and their funeral takes place in our church. We, fortunately, have not had very many funerals here in the last few years, and so there have not been as many being requested recently. The Mass is highest form of prayer which the Catholic church offers to God and its grace can be applied to any worthy intention which a person may have, including for the living or the deceased. If there is someone or something for which you would like our priests and our Parish to pray in this sacramental way, please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.

There is a specially marked envelope in your donation packets this month marked: "Parish Education." This is a way in which those members of the Parish who do not have children in the PRE can support the work of our Religious Education Program. Several people have used it already and any donations we receive by it will help defer the cost of sharing the Faith with our children and young people.

God bless you once again

Fr. Stephen Gutgsell

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

WHEN: Sat, Sept. 30th

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: In front of the Fort Calhoun City Office and Library

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{WHY}}\xspace$ In support of our Law Enforcement Officers & military. Bring

your Rosaries and join to pray for their protection.

Contact Gerri Namuth at 402-515-3198.

BOOK OF REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

Mondays: 7:00 p.m. Rectory Meeting Room Wednesdays:9:00 a.m. Church Basement Please contact Father Gutgsell or the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10305

Newport House Bingo: Monday, Sept. 11th, meet in the

Church Parking lot at 5:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday night, Sept. 19th

Contact: Doug Kasper at grandknight10305@gmail.com Save the dates: Intellectual Disabilities Drive: October 5th—6th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Sept 11th:

7:00 p.m.: Bible Study (Rectory Meeting Room)

7:30 p.m.: Twelve Step Group (CB)

Tuesday, Sept 12th:

7:00 p.m. Finance & Operations Meeting (CB)

Wednesday, Sept 13th:

9:00 a.m.: Adult Bible Study (CB)

6:30 p.m.: Parish Religious Education (CB & SW)

Thursday, Sept 14th:

11:00 a.m.: Mass at Autumn Pointe 3:00 p.m.: Stephen Center Desserts (CB) Sunday, Sept 17th: 9: 30 a.m.: Coffee & Donuts (CB)

"The Chosen" (CB)

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WHEN: Sat., Sept 16th TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. SFB Social Hall

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 17th & 18th

USHERS: 6:00 p.m.: Tony Gebhardt, Theresa Gebhardt 8:30 a.m.: Paul Sevener, Christine Sevener

SERVERS: 6:00 p.m.: Andrew Herbert, Noah Herbert

8:30 a.m.: Need Servers

CANDLES/CROSS BEARER:

6:00 p.m.: Need Cross Bearer 8:30 a.m.: Need Cross Bearer

LECTOR: 6:00 p.m.: Marty Glass 8:30 a.m.: Tom Lazure

COMMENTATOR:

6:00 p.m.: Need Commentator

8:30 a.m.: Mike Wozny

EMHC: 6:00 p.m.: Vic Swinghamer, Need EMHC 8:30 a.m.: Mike O'Brien, Terry Fitzgerald

MARTHA & MARY'S GROUP

In honor of Mary, a new group is being formed titled:

WOMEN OF THE BEADS

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP: Prayer intentions. All are welcome. No commitment, come whenever and as often as your schedule permits. There is a private Prayer Intention box provided. FIRST ROSARY: Wednesday, September 13th at 6:45 p.m. at St. John's Parish. Come join prayer. The more the (Mary-er). Hope to see many women come to take part in the

"Women of the Beads"

JOYFUL GIVING	Sept. 3, 2023	YTD: 2023-24
Weekly Budget	\$3,261.15	\$32,612.30
Adults Envelopes	\$1,826.00	\$26,900.60
Cash/Coin	\$132.00	\$1,191.00
Children	\$0.00	\$42.32
TOTALS	\$1,958.00	\$28,133.92
Assumption of Mary	\$10.00	\$1,346.00
Parish Education	\$58.00	\$58.00
Building Fund	\$75.00	\$3,042.00

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lily Gossman, elected to the Parish Council in 2021, has decided to step down from Council. We thank Lily for her service to the Council and the Parish. The custom we have followed in such cases is to look to the next person on the ballot who received the next highest number of votes. That person is Mike Conrad. Mike has agreed to serve and fill out the remainder of Lily's term on the Council beginning with the next meeting on the 26th.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The PRE Program has begun, and our first regular class is this Wednesday, Sept 13, at 6:30 pm. This year, we will end each PRE night with a group prayer & blessing in the common area of Schwertely Hall at 7:20-25 pm. All family members are welcome to come and take part in this closing prayer & blessing each week.



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