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# St. Mary

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2300 E. Meadowlark • Derby, KS 67037



Easter is not a commemoration. We are not marking the 1,988th anniversary of Jesus rising from the dead.

**Easter is the event that changed everything and continues to change everything.**

Ever since the day Peter and John ran to the empty tomb and saw Him risen and alive in their midst, everything can change.

From then on, and forever, a person can change, can live, can live anew.

The presence of Jesus of Nazareth is like the sap that, from within—mysteriously but certainly—refreshes our dryness and makes the impossible possible.

What for us is impossible is not impossible for God. So that the slightest hint of a new humanity, to someone

who looks with a sincere eye and heart, becomes visible through the company of those who recognize that He is present: God-with-us. The slightest hint of a new humanity, like dry and bitter nature becoming fresh and green once more.

Ultimately, people—young and not so young—need one thing: the certainty of the positivity of their time and of their lives, the certainty of their destiny.

To say “Christ is risen” is to affirm that reality is positive; it is to lovingly affirm reality. Without Christ’s Resurrection, there is only one possibility: nothingness.

**Christ makes Himself present as the Risen One in every period of time, throughout the whole of history.**

The Spirit of Jesus, that is to say the Word made flesh, becomes an experience

possible for ordinary man, in His power to redeem the whole existence of each person and human history, in the radical change that He produces in the one who encounters Him and, like Peter and John, follows Him. —Father Michael Brungardt

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Harris

## Family Matters

Together, we mark the milestones of our lives, celebrate the joys, and share the sorrows.

### Congratulations

**Joseph Harris** and **Courtney Wells** were married at St. Mary on Jan. 9.

Joe is the son of Ann and James Harris, of Washington, Iowa.

He attended Valparaiso University and got his undergraduate degree in Accounting while playing golf, and later attended Notre Dame, where he received his Masters in Accounting. He is currently a CPA at Puthoff & Co. in Wichita.

Courtney is the daughter of Dwight Wells and St. Mary parishioners Robert and Stacey Cahn.

She attended William Jewell College and received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration, while also playing golf. Courtney is currently a Digital Media Manager at Boyd Gaming.

The two met through Salt & Light: Wichita Catholic Young Adults group, and are still active in the group. Courtney is also on the Stewardship & Pastoral Council at St. Mary.

**If you have family news or have received acts of kindness** from your parish family, or graced moments you'd like to share with your parish family in the bulletin or on our *St. Mary Parish - Derby, KS* Facebook page, email [vbdragon@cox.net](mailto:vbdragon@cox.net)!



Brungardt



Chavez



Conner



Devine



Hanks



Walker

## Give a warm welcome to our new parishioners!

We're so glad you're here! Pictured at left:

- **Tia Brungardt** is a criminal justice professional, and Fort Hays State University grad. She has two amazing nieces and a nephew on the way! Tia enjoys coming to church with her family – her sister Tara Curtis and her family (Dillan, Quinn, and Madelyn) joined the parish in 2020! Tia spends her free time crafting, going to craft shows, and spending time with her wonderful boyfriend.

- **Bryan & Brenda Chavez** are returning parishioners after living in Florida and Texas the past 10 years. Bryan is now retired and Brenda works as a Nurse Practitioner.

- **Emily & Derrick Conner:** Emily grew up in our parish (*daughter of Ed and Julie Bright*)! She and Derrick were married in 2016. She is employed as Friends University's Director of Graduate Studies, and Derrick works at Occidental Chemicals.

- **Dorothy Devine** is the mother of parishioner Margie Johnson, and grandmother of parishioners Jessica Loney and Julianna Burget. She moved from Meade to be closer to family.

- **Rita Hanks** is the mother of parishioner Tanya Stallard. She moved from Oklahoma to be closer to family.

- **Brady & Wendy Walker and family:** Wendy is an optometrist, Brady is a hunting guide, Josie is in 10th grade, and Reid is in 7th grade. Their family spends a lot of time at the ball fields and enjoying the outdoors.

Please welcome these new families not pictured: **Madison & Robert Boyer & family; Zach & Madison Haynes; and Ruby Robbins & family.**

Welcome! Are you new? We'd love to meet YOU, too!

Call Kathy, 316-788-5525, to register!

## Lessons from a convert

I was baptized and confirmed in 2010 at the age of 25.

In the next ten years, I never went to Confession, missed countless Sunday Masses, and had yet to finish an entire Rosary. I longed for a relationship with God, but placed work, family, and countless other priorities ahead of God.

In January 2020 my family moved to Derby, I left my full-time job, and my passion to know Christ was kindled.

Within one year, I went to my first Confession in a decade, prayed a 54-day rosary novena, attended my first Catholic mothers conference, and began building a relationship with God.

Here are the lessons I learned from 2020.

**Lesson 1 – Quit the “things”:** All of us have “things” that take time, effort, and energy from developing a relationship with God.

For me, “quitting” meant leaving the full time job “thing” I loved so I could spend more time serving God through the vocation of motherhood and marriage.

I’m not suggesting leaving a career is the answer for everyone; however, I am certain we each have some “thing” we can quit in order to give more time to God. This could mean dropping an extra-curricular activity, suspending a social media account, or stopping a favorite televised streaming service.

I learned that there is always time that can be shifted from some “thing” to God.

**Lesson 2 - Don’t rub the lamp:** The day I heard my five-year old sing along to “I’m a genie in a bottle...you gotta rub me the right way”, I joked with my husband that we would only be listening to Christian music from that day on.

Although I didn’t cut out other genres completely, I decided to change our car radio to a Christian station, since this is when our kids are at the mercy of whatever is on the local stations.

Fast forward six months, and I beam with pride when my three-year-old asks Alexa to play his favorite Christian song, and I don’t have to explain to either of my children what “WAP” means.

Although our family still enjoys a good jam to popular music, I learned that exposure to faith-based music strengthens our devotion to God.

**Lesson #3 - Jump off the bridge:** Remember when your parents asked “If your friend jumped off a bridge, would you?”

I’ll never forget when a close friend was



*Anthony & Breanna Taylor, Maggie (5), Joseph (3) and Noah*

venting about her bad day. She started the story with “Well, the boys were terrible at daily Mass today and then we went to...”

After a lengthy overview of how many things had gone awry that day, my first response to her was, “You go to daily Mass with your three boys by yourself?!”

I remember thinking, “If she can take her three rambunctious boys to daily Mass, surely I can take my kids.”

The next week I was sitting in my first daily Mass service. I learned that jumping off a theoretical bridge isn’t so bad if I surround myself with role model friends and family whose actions lead me towards Christ.

### **Lesson #4 – Become a groupie:**

When we moved to Derby, one of my first priorities was registering our family at St. Mary Catholic Church.

When I went to the parish office, Kathy warmly welcomed me, and immediately recommended I join Mothers of Young Children.

As a result of joining the MOYC group, I prayed my first rosary novena, increased my Catholic friend base, and had the courage to participate in my first Catholic mothers conference.

I learned that becoming part of groups or organizations built on faith could only help build the relationship I had been seeking with God.

### **Lesson #5 - Get an interpreter:**

How many of us have made a

resolution to read the Bible only to stop reading when we get to “and so and so was the son of so and so...”?

In 2021, Ascension put out a “Bible in a Year” podcast narrated and explained by Father Mike Schmitz. I am now on day 71, which is 70 days more than I have ever read the Bible.

As someone who did not grow up in a family that taught or even talked about God, the Bible always felt like a series of “stories” to read, much like Greek mythology.

I learned that daily exposure to scripture with the help of an “interpreter” not only increases understanding of my faith but also encourages more frequent prayer.

### **Final lesson – Keep on keeping on:**

I am by no means a perfect Catholic. Despite many gains this past year, I continue to fall short. I need to pray more; this year I forgot it was Ash Wednesday until about 2 p.m. that day; and I say the word “truck” (or something like it) under my breath more often than I’d like.

However, I’ve learned that each day is a new opportunity to **make small steps towards a more faithful life, and I am blessed to be a part of the wonderful Catholic community here at St. Mary!**

*–Breanna Taylor*



*Dan Oblinger was one of the leaders of the Consecration to St. Joseph study sessions*

## Consecration to St. Joseph

The 33-day consecration to St. Joseph which began Feb. 15 with weekly studies concluded on March 19 (the Solemnity of St. Joseph) with Mass and consecration.

"Consecration to St Joseph has been a huge blessing in my life," said Greg Williamson. "St. Joseph provides the perfect example of a man, husband, and father. The consecration study has given me the fortitude to follow the example of St Joseph. Inviting other men to this study was a great way to build stronger bonds with them and help each other become more holy."

Father Michael, Daniel Nottingham and Dan Oblinger led weekly study groups on Saturday mornings, and Monday evenings.

"I really enjoyed participating in the Consecration to St. Joseph," said Daniel. "It helped me get into the

routine during Lent of daily reading, reflection, and prayer. The core of the study allowed me to develop a much deeper appreciation and love of St. Joseph in our faith and my daily life."

Daniel said he also really enjoyed getting to see other men in all different stages of their life gather together in a place to learn and talk about our faith.

On Dec. 8, 2020, Bishop Kemme inaugurated a Year of St. Joseph for the Diocese of Wichita. He hopes that through the intercession and example of St. Joseph, the men of this diocese will be inspired to embrace heroically their role in their families, especially as husbands and fathers.

Thank you to the men that participated for their commitment to our Catholic faith! They strengthen their faith, their families, and our parish, too!

### Consecration participants included:

Kevin Barker	Daniel Nottingham
Robert Cahn	Dan Oblinger
Adam Clark	Adam Pahls
Stephen Cummins	Mauri Rains
Neil Daugherty	Greg Rau
Les Depperschmidt	Sean Roe
Peter Dinicola	Gary Schmidt
Andrew Haffner	Jerry Sherbon
Christian Harrold	David Slemph
John Hastings	Scot Stewart
Tony Hug	Donald Stolz
John Kennedy	Larry Tapp
Gerard Landwehr	John Washburn
Kent Lund	William Weilert
Andrew Martin	Greg Williamson
David Martin	Chris Wilson
Patrick Mason	Ben Wolke
Norm McGeeney	Jeff Wolke



*John Hastings & Andrew Haffner participate in discussion*



*Chris Wilson & Pat Mason's friendship grew during the study*

# SAINT MARY PARISH

## *Memorials and Honorariums as of March 15, 2021*

*Thank you* for your gifts! Memorials (in tribute of someone who has died, marked with a †) and honorariums (made to honor someone living) are beautiful and enduring gestures of love and faith that recognize a special person and also provide for the Church's future. Gifts made since April 2019 are in bold blue font.

Dee Acosta	Tom Bowen †	Albert William Davy †	Francis Edmond †
Michael Adams †	Wanda Braciszewski †	Rose Virginia Davy †	Egan family
John Allen †	Fred Breece †	Al Davy †	Ann Egan
Altar Society	Kathy Brennan	Bill Dawdy Jr †	Pat Egan †
Rachel Arehart †	Cari Brennan †	DeLana Dawdy †	Pat and Ann Egan
Jerry Armstrong	Don Brown †	William Dawdy, Sr †	Jane Engels
Phil Armstrong †	Irma Jean Brown †	Floyd Dawson †	<b>John Engels †</b>
Michael Anderson †	Kylie Brown †	Norma Dawson †	Leo Engels †
George Arnold †	Sally Brown †	Colette Dean †	Marj Engels †
Marion Arnold †	Donald J. Bruggeman †	Albertine "Tiny" DeCou †	Pat Engels †
Mary Arnold †	Ken & Rose Bruggeman	Marian Deiter †	Ester Enslinger †
Linda Ashburn †	Rose Bruggeman †	Basil Delgado †	Blanche Erbert
Arturo P. Atencio †	<b>Fr Michael Brungardt</b>	Ken Delgado †	Julia Erway †
Marie Avello †	Carlos Buell †	Marie J. Delgado †	Phyllis Espinoza †
Laurence Bachman †	Paul Burnett †	Les & Connie Depperschmidt	
Richard Bade †	Father Arthur Busch †	Sharon Desborough †	Gerald F. Fager †
Baker †		Jerry & Mary Devore	Gerald W. Fager †
Everett Balster †	Tejae Carlson †	Albert Dextras †	Maxine Fager †
Genevieve Bankston †	Tejae Carlson and Connie Duran †	M.L. Dextras †	James Fahrback †
Kevin & Kathy Barker	Zita M. Carlson †	Frank Devine †	Delores Falk †
Paul Barker †	Carolyn Sue Carpenter	Virleen & Al Dickman †	Joe Fanello †
Preston Barr's birthday	Paul Carrick †	Tom Dillon †	Joe Fanello's grandchildren
Mike Bartlett	Marion & Grace Carroll †	The Dinner Group	John Fanello †
Mike Bartlett †	Ronnie & Mary Carver	Howard Dixon †	Louis Fanello †
Jocelyn Bastarache's birthday	The Debbie Chapman Family	Janice Dixon	Mary E. Fanello †
Donald Baucher †	Jerry Cochran †	Lavon Dixon †	Frank Fanning †
Dee Baxter †	Chvilicek family	Harry Dobson, Jr †	Marcia Fanning
Marion Beaver †	Chvilicek family - Christmas	Mary Dobson †	Maddie Farber
Harold and Cathy Beedles	Taylee Chvilicek's birthday	Dale Doffing †	Makinsey Renee Farber
Harold & Cathy Beedles	Maggie Clark †	Lawrence & Vicki Doughty †	Mariah Farber
50th anniversary	Darlene J Clawson †	Caroline Douvia †	Maximus Paul Farber
Rosie Benner †	Albert A. Coccetella †	Diane Doyon †	Aaron & Rachel Farris
Mary P. Bernard †	Mary Coccetella †	Annette Dreiling	Danny Farve †
Aloys & Mary Ann Betzen †	Gerald & Ellen Cochran	Bud Dreitzler †	George & Sadie Favreau †
Brenda Betzen †	James D. & Sara Gonzalez Coffey	Helen Dreitzler †	Bobbie Feikert †
Fr J.D. Betzen	Sara Coffey †	Jim Dubetsky †	Leonard & Kendra Fernandez
John & Barbara Betzen	Jim Coffey †	Father Richard Ducate †	Family
John Betzen	Margaret Cole †	Keith & Marcia DuLac	JoAnne Finn
Mary Biggs †	Carl & Suzie Compton	Keith DuLac	Dr. Fisher †
Nick Billaci †	Christian Compton	Jean Dumont †	Geraldine A. Fisher †
Normand A. Bissonnette †	Mike Condon	Raymond Dupree †	Jenna Fisher's birthday
Vincent & Amelia Bitel †	Joe Condic †	Connie Duran †	Nina Flattery †
Arden "Bill" Bloedel †	Tom Cook	John Dussault †	Christy Flynn
Sue Bloedel †	Richard & Karol Cornejo family	Tom Dwyer †	Dan Flores †
Betty & Jake Boardman Family	Twila Cosentino	John Dye †	Sister Alberta Foley †
Elizabeth J. Boardman †	Charles Coykendall †	Troy Dye †	Kathryn J. Fontaine
Richard Bockelman	Benita Cox	The Brian & Pam Dyer family	Marie Foral †
Steve Bond †	Christine Diann Crandon †	Pam Dyer	Colleen Ford
Mary Boor †	Susan Crandon †		Betty Foster
Shalini John Bosco –	Anna Craig	Rod & Andrea Eastman family	<b>Tony L Foster †</b>
20th birthday		Father Joe Eckberg	Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Lollar
Tony Bott †	Kevin Dana †	Richard "Dick" Eckberg †	Guido Fratangelo †
Eddie and Verna Bouchey †	Neil Daugherty	Eckhart Family †	Dorothy L. Funk †
	Jacqueline Jo Davis †	Barb Eckhart †	

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Eugene Funk ✠	<b>Harold &amp; Ruth Hendrickson</b> ✠	Alice Kelly ✠	Rick Kuehn ✠
Darral Garner	Betty Breece Hensley ✠	Ed Kelly	Mary Kuntz ✠
Martha Gehrer ✠	Betty Hensley	Ed & Carole Kelly's	Joann Kuszak
Agnes Gengler ✠	Elizabeth Ann Hensley ✠	50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	
Edna Gentry	Billie Herrmann ✠	John Kelly ✠	Dr. Amber & Don J. Lambert
Edna Gentry Retirement	Higgins ✠	David Kelsey ✠	Rosemary Lambert
Bishop Eugene Gerber ✠	Danielle Hoch	Brother Hugh Kennedy ✠	Xavier Lambert
Ruth Gerlach ✠	Rex & Cindy Holder	Christine (Tommie) Kennedy ✠	Michael Lamers ✠
Bill & Sue Gessler	Thelma M. Hoffman ✠	John Kennedy	Elaine Landes ✠
N.J. Gessler Jr.	Zachery Hollingsworth	John & Connie Kennedy	Jack Landes ✠
Martha Gehrer ✠	John Holm ✠	Leo & Ida Kennedy ✠	Lola Landis ✠
Agnes Gengler ✠	Joseph Hosey ✠	<b>Patrick Kennedy</b> ✠	Lorene Landis ✠
Edna Gentry	Michael Hosey ✠	Ray & Christine (Tommie) Kennedy-70th Anniversary	John & Gertrude Landwehr ✠
Edna Gentry Retirement	James & Dianne Houchin	Ray & Christine (Tommie) Kennedy family	Anna Lane ✠
Bishop Eugene Gerber ✠	Lucille R. Houchin ✠	Ray Kennedy ✠	Harold B. Lane ✠
Ruth Gerlach ✠	William J. Houchin ✠	Father's Day 2009	Vernon Lang ✠
Bill & Sue Gessler	Hildegart E Bergkamp	Father's Day 2010	Father John Lanzrath
N.J. Gessler Jr.	Housman ✠	Birthday	Ron & Norma Lee Leabo 50th anniversary
Martha Gehrer ✠	Hudson ✠	<b>Ray &amp; Christine (Tommie)</b> Kennedy ✠	Milton Laurie ✠
Agnes Gengler ✠	Margaret Hug	Charles W. Kenyon ✠	Donald Lehr ✠
Edna Gentry	Jill Hundley ✠	Lucille Kerby ✠	Pete & Becky Leidich
Edna Gentry Retirement	Mae Hundley ✠	Leola I Kerr ✠	Al Leiker ✠
Bishop Eugene Gerber ✠	Jim Hunter ✠	John P. & Josie Ketzner ✠	Mary E. Leiker ✠
Ruth Gerlach ✠	Hunter ✠	Leonard & Arlee Killion ✠	Kevin & Rachel Lewis
Bill & Sue Gessler	Rena Jo Hurst ✠	Linda Kind ✠	Father David Lies
N.J. Gessler Jr. ✠	Francis E. Hurtig ✠	Norman King	LIFE TEEN Core Team
Elizabeth Gibbs ✠	Helen I. Hurtig ✠	Kippenberger Family	Edward A. Lind (of Iola) ✠
Jim Gibbs ✠ Joe Gibfried ✠	John Huston ✠	Joe Kirchhoffer ✠	Eugene H. & Regina Lindner ✠
Gilbert ✠	Ron Igo ✠	Joseph Kirchhoffer Jr ✠	Marguerite Linot ✠
Eileen Gilbert ✠	Clyde & Vicky Jacobs	Tillie Kisner ✠	Matthew Linot ✠
Ginger Gilbert ✠	Marcy Jacobs ✠	<b>Larry Kitterman</b> ✠	Tom & Janice Linot-60th wedding anniversary
Linda Gomez ✠	Julie Jarvis ✠	Abby Kleespie	<b>Tom Linot</b> ✠
José Martin Gonzalez ✠	Dortha Johnson ✠	Matthew Klein ✠	Alonzo A. Lollar ✠
José & Patricinio Gonzalez ✠	Jessica Johnson Loney	Sister Rose Klein	Carmetta Lollar ✠
Patrocinio Gonzalez ✠	Julianna Johnson Burget	Jim Kleman ✠	Pat Lollar
Ed Gonzalez ✠	Kent & Margie Johnson's 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	Leona Kling ✠	Pat Loney
Gabriele A. Gordan ✠	Lonnie Johnson ✠	Knights of Columbus	Joseph Longar ✠
Patricia Gray ✠	Robin Johnson ✠	Knights of Columbus ✠	Mary Looper ✠
Moses and Stella Grech ✠	Steve Johnson ✠	Ernie & Belinda Knipp	Royce Lower ✠
Stan & Margie Gress	Eulalia W. Joines ✠	Boston Knowles – birthday	Bruce & Anita Luehring
Bonnie Grisamore ✠	Charley W. Jones ✠	Reginald Knowles ✠	Gilbert & Carolyn Luehring ✠
Clifford Gumm ✠	Clarice Jones ✠	Leo Konecny ✠	Jeannette Lund
Eric & Kara Gustafson	Jimmy Jones ✠	Gayle G Koob ✠	Kent & Jeannette Lund
Willie Gutierrez ✠	Mary Ellen Jones' 80th birthday	Antoinette Korphage ✠	John & Betty J. Lux ✠
Donald & Margerie Hageman ✠	James A. Jordan ✠	Lawrence Korphage ✠	Betty Jo Lyerla - memorial for library ✠
Bill Hall ✠	Jerrie Joseph ✠	Terisa Kramer ✠	Betty Jo Lyerla ✠
Anna Haney ✠	Kandlbinder ✠	Paul & Zita Kreutzer ✠	James W. Lyle, Jr. ✠
Walter Haney ✠	Father Emil Kapaun ✠	Walter Kreutzer ✠	James Madison ✠
Ashley Hankins ✠	Bill Keating ✠	Daniel Krisczciokaitis ✠	Ben Maimer ✠
Kevin & Missy Hansen	Bob & Maggie Keating ✠	Marie Krisczciokaitis	Pat Maimer ✠
Russell Hanus ✠	Carol Keller	Gerry Kroening's 74th birthday	Sheila Maksimowicz
Gladys Hays ✠	John Keller ✠	Gerry Kroening ✠	Father Pat Malone
Barbara Hein ✠	Darleen JoAnne Kelley ✠		
Robert Hein ✠			
Paul Hemmen ✠			
Mary Heinrich ✠			

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Joseph L. Mamary ✠	Alvin & Louise Newell ✠	Greg & Jeannie Rau	Bernice Sheahan ✠
Marian Guild	Louise Newell ✠	Greg & Sandy Rau	Ruth Sheahan ✠
Charles Marlow ✠	Armond & Ruby Newell	Roman Rau ✠	Brad Shelton
Cleo Marlow ✠	Richard Newkold ✠	Sandy Rau ✠	Lexie Shelton
Deborah Ann Marlow ✠	Bob Newkold ✠	Jada Rausch ✠	Clayton Shippers ✠
Eva Marlow ✠	Dr David & Cindy Niederee	Norbert Reel ✠	Hi Shumsky ✠
Madalyn Antoniana Martin	Jennie Nolan ✠	Edna Reyes ✠	George A Shurick Memorial ✠
Jose Martinez Sr ✠	Bud and Dorothy Nolting	Jay Vincent Rhodes ✠	John Simbeck ✠
Thelma Massions ✠	Doug Nolting	Lucille Ricke ✠	Teresa Simbeck ✠
Jamie Maugans ✠	Richard Noone ✠	James Rinke ✠	Carl Simon ✠
Jim & Phyllis Maxwell –	Burnette Norman ✠	Chad and Jamie Roasa	Evelyn Opal Simon ✠
40th Anniversary	Bill Novak ✠	Carter Roberts ✠	Mary Sink ✠
Roseanna Maxwell ✠	Loretta & Earnest Nutsch ✠	Jess Rodriguez ✠	Ann Smith ✠
Clem & Martha May ✠	Raymond P O'Brien ✠	Alfreda Roets ✠	Ann Jo Smith ✠
Orsman McCammon ✠	Virginia Odle ✠	JP & Michelle Rogers	<b>Brayden Smith</b>
Jack McCarthy ✠	Gertrude Olliges ✠	Edna Rohr ✠	Charles Smith ✠
Daniel J. McCoy ✠	Shirley Organ ✠	Fred Rohr ✠	Craig & Kitty Smith
Eleanor McDonald ✠	Mary Margaret Orsman-Kelch-	Dr. Steven A. Rohr	Ed Smith
<b>Donald Grant McFerson</b> ✠	Chris & Janille Otts wedding	Joe Roman ✠	<b>Ed &amp; Kim Smith</b>
Donald McFerson	Finley Grace Pahls	Mary Ronnfeldt ✠	Michelle Smith
Jo McGovern ✠	Christopher Palmer	Mike & Audrey Ronnfeldt	Taylor Smith
Annie McHenry	Douglas Palmer	Anthony Roman ✠	Thelma Mitchell Smith
Gregory M. McHenry ✠	Michael Palmer	Joaquina Flores Rosa ✠	Connie Sommerhauser ✠
Greg & Katie McHenry	Scott Palmer	Henny Penny Rosen ✠	Bill Sontag ✠
<b>Katie McHenry</b>	Keyton Pappas' 1st	Brenda Ross ✠	Logan Sontag ✠
Robert "Bo" McHenry ✠	Communion	Carol Roy ✠	Harold Sorenson ✠
Betty L. McIntyre ✠	Nikki Parks	Marjorie Russell ✠	Madeline Speed's birthday
Benito & Mary Mendoza	Loretta Pater ✠	Jim Ruane ✠	Andre Spence
Eduardo Mendoza ✠	Rachel Patterson	Jose' G. Sanchez ✠	Ronald & Mary Spence ✠
Ray & Myrna Messer	Agnes Pawloski ✠	Larry Sanchez ✠	Betty Srader ✠
Jennifer Miller ✠	Bernard Pawloski ✠	Jean Sanders ✠	St Anne's Guild
Ministers of the Homebound	Bernard Pawloski Jr	Pat Satterfield ✠	St Bernadette Guild members ✠
Jim Miser ✠	65th & 66th birthdays	Richard Schaffer ✠	St Francis Guild
Clarence Mitchell ✠	Kathy Pawloski ✠	Margie Schieber	St Mary Class of 2012
Best Principal –	Richard Pawloski, 74th, 76th,	Andy & Rachel Schmeidler	St Mary faithful Stewards
Richard Montgomery	79th, & 80th birthdays	Dan & Rhonda Schmeidler	St Mary Parish members ✠
Richard & Audrey Montgomery	Robert Pawloski Sr, 72nd,	Gail Schmeidler	St Mary teachers & staff
Manuel Rosa Moreira ✠	77th, & 78th birthdays	James Schmeidler ✠	St Mary Parish staff
Jack Morgan ✠	Jerome Peiffer ✠	James & Joan Schmeidler ✠	St Mary middle school teachers St
Opal Morgan ✠	Monte Peterson	Tom & Gail Schmeidler	Monica Guild
Neva Mosley ✠	Gerald Pierce	Sister Louise Schmid ✠	Julia Stamps ✠
Liddie Mossey	Pinaire Family ✠	Mildred Schmid ✠	Margaret L. Stanberry ✠
Grace Eleanor Moyer ✠	Katy Pinaire's 6th birthday	Father Wayne Schmid	Nora Stewart ✠
Lucille Munroe ✠	Kyle Phelps ✠	Father Wayne Schmid-	Bert, Kay and Terri Stieger
Laura H. Murphy ✠	Marge & Bob Plagmann ✠	50th Anniversary of Ordination	Brett & Katie Stout
Patricia L. Murrow ✠	Bill Potter ✠	Milton Schmidt	Bill Stuhlsatz ✠
Joseph Murtha ✠	Mary Lou Potter ✠	Schneider	Bill & Marilyn Stuhlsatz ✠
Joe & Yvette Murtha	Walter L. Powers ✠	J D Schoenhofer ✠	Brock Stuhlsatz
–40th Anniversary	Powers	Bill Schrader ✠	Brock & Chloe Stuhlsatz
Matthew Murtha ✠	Jeanie Provenzano ✠	The Sekerak family	Bob & Davi Stuhlsatz
Jerry Muth ✠	David M. Rabe ✠	September 11 terrorist victims ✠	Davi Stuhlsatz
Theresa Myers ✠	Laverne M. Rabe ✠	Kathy Sexton	John Stuhlsatz
Theresa Nabity ✠	Nancy Rader	<b>Mildred Sexton</b> ✠	John & Kathy Stuhlsatz
Mary Navarro ✠	Gerald Rafferty ✠	<b>Steve Shavlik</b>	Kathy Stuhlsatz
Mamie Neeland ✠	Hiram Rank ✠		
Jim Neises ✠			

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## SAINT MARY PARISH

### *Memorials and Honorariums as of March 15, 2021*

Marilyn Stuhlsatz ✠  
 Marissa Jo Stuhlsatz ✠  
 Bryan Swank

Dorothy Takach ✠  
 Greg Talley ✠  
 Gai Thi Tan ✠  
 Darlene DuLac Thompson ✠  
 George & Irene Thyfault  
 Tom Tichenor ✠  
 Nadine C. Tiemeyer ✠  
 Ben Titus ✠  
 Mary E. Titus ✠  
 Artura Torres ✠  
 Irene Trainer ✠  
 Trujillo Family  
 Tully family  
 Jane Turner ✠

Norm Urban ✠  
 Jane Ullom

Joseph Wayne Tran ✠  
 Reagan Marie Tran  
 John Truex III ✠  
 Charlotte Trujillo ✠  
 Jill & Lawrence Trujillo family  
 Bob & Joan VanBoening  
 Heather VanNatta  
 K Vaughn

Jeanine Veach ✠  
 Frances Vicik ✠  
 William Vicik ✠  
 Gerardo & Florentina Villar ✠  
 Elaine VinZant ✠  
 Volunteers to the Parish  
 Kathleen Wade ✠  
 Sharon Wallace ✠  
 Eric & Kathy Walsten  
 Charles Waple ✠  
 Teresa Waple ✠  
 Ray Warren ✠  
 Virginia Warren ✠  
 John Washburn  
 Judy Webster, for school library ✠  
 Ralph Weigandt  
 Ralph & Carmen Weigandt  
 60th Anniversary  
 Bill Weilert  
 Logan Weinman—  
 1st Communion  
 Haley Weinman—  
 1st Communion  
 Bert Wendling ✠  
 Joe & Laura Wendling ✠  
 The Cynthia Wentworth family

Kaitlyn Wentworth  
 Mary Jane Whitehair ✠  
 Paul and Mary Wilber ✠  
 Ellen Wilbert ✠  
 Brianna Wildoner ✠  
 Al & Norma Williams'  
 50th anniversary  
 The Bryan Williams family  
 Connie Williams ✠  
 The Greg Williams family  
 The Jim Williams family  
 The Mike Williams family  
 Cat Wilson  
 Clara J. Witters ✠  
 Lillian Wittman ✠  
**Andy Wojcik** ✠  
 Ann Wolke ✠  
 Donald Wolke ✠  
 Marie Wolke & family  
 Philip Wolke Sr ✠  
 Ralph Wolke ✠  
 Helen Woydziak ✠  
 Dalton Wright  
 Harlan Wright, Sr. ✠  
 Jerry Young ✠  
 Victor & Louise Zeringue ✠  
 Steven L. Zirkle ✠  
 Sister Marie Zoglman  
 Roman Zoglman ✠

## Rest in Peace • Please remember in your prayers:

**Margaret Boone**, mother of Clifford (Elaine), Charles (Suzanne), Susan (Mark) Reiske, and Sharon James; grandmother of 11 grandchildren and great grandmother of 18 great-grandchildren, died on February 4, 2021.

**David Chapman**, husband of Linda; father of Chris (Marni), Matt (Amber), and Josh (Michelle), and Melissa (Jason) Allen; grandfather of five grandchildren, died on January 20, 2021.

**Jacqueline Fratangelo**, mother of Della Wilmont, Celeste Smith, Annette Sims, and Paula Pitts; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, died on September 27, 2020.

**Robert Gibfried**, husband of Kathlene Gibfried; father of Robert, Michael, Julia, Matthew, and Timothy; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, died on December 23, 2020.

**Jack Hagmeier**, husband of Angie, father of Zachary, Catie, and Elizabeth; stepfather of Erin Koepplin; grandfather of Brooklyn, died on March 17.

**Mary Linder**, mother of Joe (Christine), Lorene Lovato, Gloria Lamer, Geneva Blake; grandmother of 19 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren, died on February 23, 2021.

**Dennis Thomson**, husband of Helen; father of Phyllis (Thurman) Hosler, Delores (Stacy) Harris, Bill (Jayne) Lawson, Julia (Randy) Joy, and Cristal (Craig) Meyer; grandfather of numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren died on January 12, 2021.

**Andy Wojcik**, husband of Carol; father of Laurie (Dr. Dan) Hein, Gina (Bruce) Niblack, Tony, and Scott; grandfather of eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, died Jan. 8, 2021.

## NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to our parish family. Please call the Parish Office, 316-788-5525, or email kbrennan@stmarysderby.com for registration information.

## MASSES

Mon-Fri, 8 am • Sat, 5 pm  
 Sun, 9 am & 11 am, church & school

Weekday 8 am and Sunday 9 am  
 Masses are live-streamed at [youtube.com/saintmaryderby](https://www.youtube.com/saintmaryderby)

## ALL PARISHIONERS

Please keep us informed of changes in names, addresses, phone #'s etc. to update our files and stay in touch!

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** M-F, 7:30-7:55 am; Sat 3:30-4:30 pm; and by appointment

**Baptism, Anointing, Marriage, or Funerals** Contact the parish office, 316-788-5525 or kbrennan@stmarysderby.com.

## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Joe Eckberg, *Pastor*  
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## CHURCH OPEN TO PRAY,

8 am–4 pm M-F

## OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office: M-F, 9 am-4 pm  
 316-788-5525 • Fax 788-1577

School Office: M-F, 8 am-4 pm  
 316-788-3151 • Fax 788-6895

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will have an admission ceremony for men 18+ interested in joining this fraternal and charitable organization, on April 12 at 6:30 pm in the church. Prospective members, please arrive by 6:15. Questions? Call or text Bob for more info, 316-518-8122.

## MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Are you a mom of a child kindergarten age or younger, or expecting? Ask to join our Facebook group, **St. Mary MOYC!**



## St. Mary is on Facebook

- School and alumni photos/news: **St. Mary Catholic School - Derby, KS**
- Inspiration, photos, events: **St. Mary Parish - Derby, KS**
- Photos and news for PSR: **St. Mary PSR - Derby, KS**
- **St. Mary High School Youth Ministry - Derby, KS**
- **Knights of Columbus, St. Mary-Derby/Rose Hill**

## and YouTube

- Live-stream Masses & more at [youtube.com/saintmaryderby](https://youtube.com/saintmaryderby)

## Get involved!

**Parish groups** offer opportunities to meet people, serve others & grow in faith!



**Knights of Columbus:**  
*for Catholic men 18+*  
Bob Stuhlsatz,  
316-518-8122,  
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**Altar Society**  
*for women 18+*  
Betty Weilert  
316-640-9349,  
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**Harvest House** for  
*people 55 & better.*  
Jeannie Rau  
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**MOYC** for mothers of  
*young children.*  
Magen Vainer  
[stmaryderbymoyc@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryderbymoyc@gmail.com)



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## CALENDAR: April-December 2021

Sun, Apr 4	Mass at 9 am and 11 am, church and gym NO RCIA class; NO Scrip sales after Mass Easter Egg Hunt following 11 am Mass
Mon, Apr 5	NO school, NO Adoration, Parish office closed
Wed, Apr 7	PSR, 6 pm, school; Youth Group, 7 pm, school
Thu, Apr 8	Kindergarten parent meeting, 6:30 pm, school (RSVP: 788-3151)
Fri, Apr 9	Family Home Rosary, 7 pm, church (Every Friday, all are welcome)
Sun, Apr 11	Divine Mercy Sunday
Mon, Apr 12	Knights admission ceremony, 6:30 pm, church (see info on pg 8) Knights of Columbus, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
Wed, Apr 14	PSR, 6 pm, school; Youth Group, 7 pm, school
Fri, Apr 16	NO school for current K or PK students Kindergarten Round up, 9-11 am (RSVP to Allison: 788-3151) Family Home Rosary, 7 pm, church (Every Friday, all are welcome)
Thu, Apr 29	First Communion 2021 practice, 6 pm
Sat, May 1	NO 8 am First Saturday Mass Sacrament of First Communion, 10 am, church
May 12-14	MOYC Garage Sale
Fri, May 21	Last day of school for PK
Wed, May 26	Field Day, Last day of school for 8th grade
Thu, May 27	Last Day of School-Noon Dismissal 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30 pm Mass
June 13-18	TOTUS TUUS FOR GRADES 1-12 AT ST. MARY
Sat, July 10	Annual Parish Family Golf Tourney at Sierra Hills
Mon, Aug 16	School Open House, PK-8
Wed, Aug 18	PreK-2 First Day
Thu, Aug 19	PreK-6 (First Day for grades 3-5)
Fri, Aug 20	PreK-8 (First Day for grades 7,8)
Mon, Sept 6	Labor Day (NO school, parish office closed)
Mon, Sept 27	Teacher In-service (NO school)
Fri, Oct 15	End of the Quarter (NO school)
Oct 28-29	Parent-Teacher Conference (NO school)
Mon, Nov 1	All Saints Day (holy day of obligation, NO school)
Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving Break, NO school
Wed, Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation, NO school)
Tue, Dec 21	End of Semester, noon dismissal
Dec 22-Jan 3	NO school – Christmas Break

## Thank you for your gifts!

Thank you to everyone that came to the **Lenten Fish Dinner** March 12!

A special thank you to the organizers, cooks, and workers – Tony Hug; John and Connie Kennedy, Gerard Landwehr, Pete Leidich; Pat and Lori Loney; Bruce and Anita Luehring; Andy, Dan, Chris, and Tom Schmeidler; Paul Shearrer; Ed and Kim Smith; Bob and John Stuhlsatz; John Washburn; and Bill Weilert.

"The profit from the dinner was

about \$900," said Grand Knight John Kennedy. "Plus, some very generous parishioners donated over \$2,000 to the cause; our Council will vote on a resolution to donate an additional \$1,000; and some people want to donate some of their stimulus money (*What a wonderful idea!*)"

John said it would be safe to say that the Council will donate at least \$4,000 to the state ultrasound program.

"Thank you for your gifts!"

# FIAT: *May it be done to me according to your word.*

## Don't wait – get fully engaged in your faith now!



I've been Catholic all my life. I was baptized in Wichita, and grew up in St. Mary Parish in Oxford and Holy Name in Winfield.

I got an associate's degree in registered nursing from Johnson

County Community College in Kansas City in 2017, then completed a bachelor's degree in diagnostic medical sonography at Newman University in 2019.

While I was raised Catholic, most of the time, I didn't participate much beyond weekend Masses, holy days of obligation, and daily and nightly prayers... until two years ago, when I knew in my heart that I needed to give back to the Lord who had been so good to me, rejoicing with me in happy times, and being my rock in times of sorrow.

This led me to the **middle school and high school Youth Group**, where I was warmly welcomed.

Though I had sought to help others, St. Mary Youth Group and my fellow leaders did more for me than I could ever have done for them.

I witnessed the joy in the hearts of our

young people and their love and thirst for the Lord. The short but impactful weekly class time taught me things I didn't know or had forgotten over time, and always filled me with a deeper appreciation and love for my faith. I left every Wednesday night with more joy and hope in my heart than I'd had when I arrived.

*[Adults, I encourage you to get involved with the youth, even if you don't think you have what it takes! I didn't think I had it either, and was surprised. The class sizes are substantial, so they could always use more help!]*

Through Youth Group, I met a friend that introduced me to **Salt & Light**, a Wichita group for Catholic young adults aged 21-39. In January, I finally

decided to join the group when I saw they were having a sand volleyball league. How could I pass that up?!

I joined the league essentially knowing no one. Being a fairly reserved person, this was a big deal for me and I was nervous. But the nerves were for naught, because Salt & Light is made up of the most kind, caring, good-hearted people I've had the good fortune to meet.

I quickly started participating in any and all Salt & Light events I could! In addition to sand volleyball,

a group gets together every Wednesday to play volleyball at a gym. The second Monday of each month at Theology on Tap, we gather for a drink and listen to different speakers discuss various aspects of our faith. The last Tuesday of each month is Catholic Beer Club, where we meet up to celebrate life with like-minded people.



A calendar and event information – from volunteer, prayer, and worship opportunities to axe-throwing, kickball, and softball – are at [wichitacya.com](http://wichitacya.com) and the *Salt & Light: Wichita Catholic Young Adults* Facebook page.

I strongly encourage St. Mary young adults to consider participating in Salt & Light. The time I've spent with these amazing people has inspired me to be a better person and a better daughter of God. And, of course, I've forged friendships that I never would have otherwise.

**Don't wait to become a part of your faith. When you hear God calling you to do more, answer with a yes!** Maybe for you, doing "more" is simply growing in a deeper love and connection with God, yourself, and your fellow people. There are so many ways to do that, you just have to find what works for you! –Kaitlyn Smith



## Inspiring women

Listening to my fellow women's stories is the most impactful part of **Walking with Purpose** for me! I am humbled and inspired by their journeys, and their faith. I don't talk much in group or even do my homework most of the time (!), but I still gain so much!

At the end of each lesson, resolutions are suggested, and women pick one to work on that week. One resolution left a lasting impact: "I'm going to take some time to prayerfully reflect on my life, listing my passions, pains, and gifts. I'm going to pray about what I think needs to change in the world. I'll ask God to help me to discover the works, the purpose He created me for."

Kathy, Rachel, Kealy, and Toni inspired me as they told of causes they were passionate about, their gifts, how they felt called, and of ministries they tried but that they discovered weren't for them. Their openness inspired me!

St. Mary will offer morning and evening WWP sessions this Fall. Plan to come! No Biblical or theological knowledge or talking is required! Just you! Kathy Slempe and the other facilitators are wonderful! –Davi Stuhlsatz



Amber Smith and Renae Williamson at WWP

[walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com) has many resources!



Jessica Wilson & Grace Stolz at a Youth Group service day



Kealy Tully and Kathy Slemp at Walking with Purpose's Living in the Father's Love Bible study

## Youth Group is amazing

Going to public school has both benefits and challenges compared to going to a Catholic school. In a lot of ways, it has made me stronger in my faith, but I miss out on the opportunity to be surrounded by other Catholics every day.

I love my school, but there is something special about being around people my age who care about the same things I do.

I've been going to Youth Group for the past six years, and it's something I look forward to every week.

My favorite aspect of it is definitely the community. The high school group especially has incredible people that I've been lucky enough to get to know throughout the years.

Two of my best friends are people I became close with through Youth Group and other diocesan events.

Every week, I get the chance to talk about my faith with like-minded people, and for that I am very grateful.

It has also been a blessing to have Fr. Michael with us this year, whether it's teaching us something new or trying to buy live chickens for prizes (*He ended up buying a rotisserie chicken and eggs instead*).

I feel extremely thankful to be able to grow in my faith with such an amazing group of people.

—Rose Hill junior Jessica Wilson

**Encourage one another.**

—1 Thess 5:11

## Love and forgiveness

I am always a little sad when a Walking with Purpose Bible study ends. The time spent with the women of our parish is simply priceless. One of WWP's guiding principles is that relationships matter, truth matters, and you matter.

In this year's *Living in the Father's Love*, we studied the truth of forgiveness. This study provided much more than rote understanding of forgiveness.

I learned (again), how much God loves me and how much he hates sin. Sin that gets in the way of our living in freedom. Sin that tangles us, enslaves us, and keeps us in bondage.

God wants to free us. I learned so much about what forgiveness is, but also what it is not. **Forgiveness is not:**

- forgetting or denying a wrong was done to you.
- condoning or making excuses for the wrongdoer.
- a superior person granting pardon to an inferior person.
- requiring of a return to a dangerous situation or relationship.

I learned that **forgiveness is a choice – a deliberate decision to love others as God loves me.** "Forgiveness also bears witness that in our world, love is stronger than sin." (CCC 2844). The most powerful lesson learned in the last six weeks, is that, we are forgiven as we forgive. (*Mt 6:7-15*)

Every Sunday as we recite the Lord's Prayer, we are reminded of the importance of forgiveness. We are commanded by Christ to forgive others, so if I don't offer forgiveness, I prevent Christ's outpouring of mercy from penetrating my heart. I learned this causes my heart to be sealed against the mercy of Christ! (CCC 2840). This is such a lonely thought, and one I do not wish to experience. When I refuse to forgive another, I am elevating myself above God, choosing to be judge and jury of wrongdoing.

While I could write for hours on the lessons of this study, the most important takeaway is that **God has given each of us the ministry of reconciliation and the message of reconciliation.** Matthew 18:21-22 tells me I am to forgive over and over again and in Matthew 6:15 "But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive you yours."

I am so grateful that our parish continues to support the women's Walking With Purpose program.

Each study provides an opportunity to grow in community with other Catholic women, meet the women of our parish, and grow in our knowledge and love of scripture and the truth of our Catholic faith.

—Kathy Slemp

## A Steward, sharing the love of Jesus

Patty Austin retired on March 18, after 25 years at Intrust Bank.

She was a business app developer, creating Access databases, Word and PDF forms, and Excel worksheets with macros for departments all over the bank to help them with their processing workflow and reporting needs.

Patty's advice: "Enjoy your job – even on the tough days. There are good things about every job, every day. Be positive and kind, work hard, and help others whenever and however you can."

Patty is an alumna of St. Mary Parish Catholic School (Class of 1970) and Derby High School. Her career began after she obtained a computer engineering degree at Wichita State University.

For a while, Patty had her own company, training individuals on Microsoft Office products and creating databases.

Retirement plans for Patty include seeing her grandchildren more, visiting family, travelling (eventually), volunteering, reading, golfing and relaxing – **and continued Stewardship** at St. Mary and with the arts.

"I feel everyone needs to find a way to share their time and talent," she said. "It doesn't matter if it is a short amount of time or a lot of time, it will help those involved and you will see a difference in yourself."

Patty said she had always heard if you are having a hard time or are sad, you need to go volunteer and you will feel better, and she whole-heartedly agrees.

"There are a million different people and places that can use the time and talents that God gave you," she said. "Find one that fits your interests and go have fun while you are helping others."

Currently, Patty is a Eucharistic Minister (*for the past 20 years*) and is the Eucharistic Minister coordinator.

In the past, she had been a Proclaimer of the Word for about 20 years and PSR assistant teacher for 10 years.

Community-wise, she was a Cub Scout assistant leader, Girl Scouts leader, parent group volunteer, and for the past 15 years she's been on the board of directors for Music Theatre for Young People.

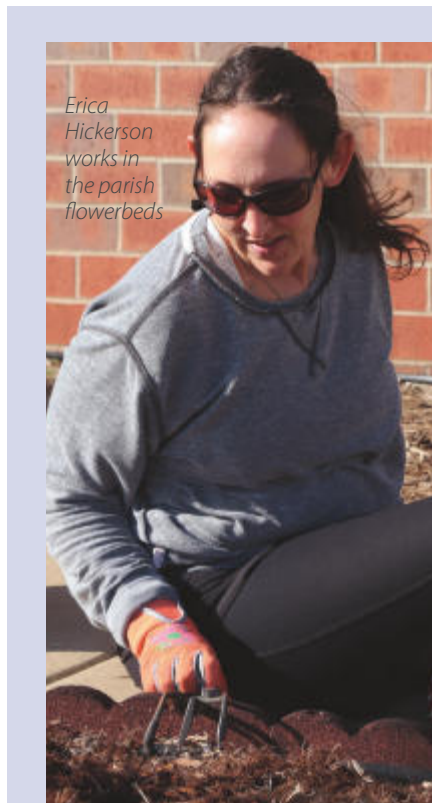


*Ted and Patty are looking forward to more trips now that she is retired*

"I have first-hand insight supporting the claims that involvement in the arts will help a student with school test scores, attendance, confidence, teamwork and many other qualities," she said.

Patty said being involved in all these activities gives her a sense of worth.

"Being able to share my time with our church family or my children's friends or organizations that support children and others makes me realize I can make a difference in the lives of those involved," she said. "It lifts me up and makes me feel I am doing a small bit to **share the love of Jesus with others**."



*Erica Hickerson works in the parish flowerbeds*

*Learn about Stewardship opportunities at [stmarysderby.com/ministries/](http://stmarysderby.com/ministries/)*

## Thank you!

Your Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, and your gifts to the building fund have been really remarkable, especially given the pandemic and events of the past 12 months.

People have really stepped up – from parishioners to grandparents and former parishioners now out-of-state, to school and parish staff, to givers of memorials and honorariums.

It has been heart-warming.

It is remarkable that we've been able to keep our school open, in-person, this entire school year.

It is remarkable that people have given stock proceeds, matching gifts, and stimulus checks to the building fund (*which stays 100% here at St. Mary to help us retire our school building fund debt*). If this giving continues, I fully expect to pay off the last of the debt by this time next year.

Please continue. You are making a difference in people's lives. Thank you for all your Stewardship! –Father Joe