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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM or by appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

### Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Monday No Mass / Communion Service Only

Tuesday: 6:00PM, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00AM, Thursday: 7:00AM

Saturday: 7:30AM; Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

## May 7th, 2017



Welcome Home, Fr. Arul! We missed you!

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This day is set aside to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His Harvest" (Mt 9:38, Luke 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates today on vocations to the priesthood and all consecrated life. Our Gospel of the Good Shepherd says, "the sheep hear His voice and they follow Him". Pray for young men and women to hear the Shepherd's call and respond generously.



Welcome to the Christian Community:

Lainey Rae Reinecke, daughter of Bryan and Dana Reinecke. Her godparents are Dylan

Enneking and Amy Larkin. Welcome also to Macie Rose Steinlage, daughter of Cody and Stacey Steinlage. Her godparents are Josh Bour and Brooke Strathman. Both were baptized last evening, May 6<sup>th</sup>, after the 5 pm Mass with Fr. Arul Carasala as celebrant. We pray God's continued blessings on Lainey and Macie, their parents and godparents.

Free Food for Children: "Catholic Charities" and "Harvesters" are once again offering free food for children during June and July at the City Park. Volunteers are needed to help serve the noon meal. Please call Margie Shinn 336-3325 if you are interested in helping one or two days week. Thank you.

The Altar lilies and flowers have looked beautiful through the Easter season. You are now welcome to take yours home. Thank you for your generosity.

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### Good Shepherd Sunday



The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Honor her by setting up a May altar with her image where you say your family prayers. Pray the rosary for world peace, respect for life, for more priests, and all your personal and family needs.

To honor the Blessed Mother and all Mothers, May Crowning will be held next Sunday on Mothers Day, May 14 at the 9:00 AM Mass. All children from pre-school to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to gather in the Narthex before Mass. Each child will be given a flower to present to the Blessed Mother at the front altar in thanksgiving for her blessings and as a prayer to bless all our Mothers.



Happy Teacher's Week!! Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is National Teachers Week. To honor all teachers, the 8:00 AM Mass on Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup>, will be said for their honor and intentions. Show appreciation of your children's teachers by attending this Mass or letting them know of your appreciation. "Thank You" to all our dedicated teachers.

National Nurses Day is May 6 to May 12. Be sure to say thanks to a favorite nurse for their dedication.

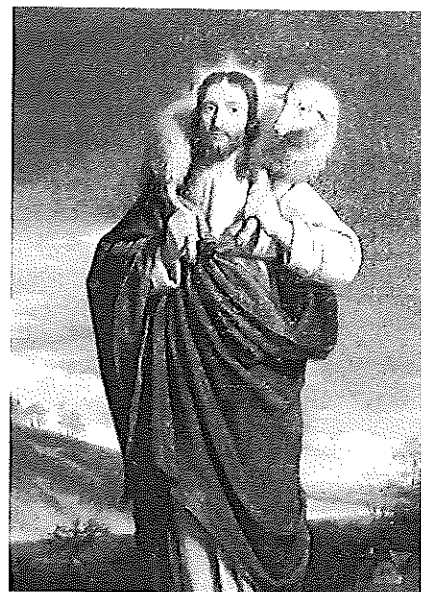


The Next Rosary at the Cemetery will be on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM by the Knights of Columbus. Pray for the deceased members of your family and our parish.



## Masses for May 8th to May 14th Good Shepherd Sunday

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 8 – Easter Weekday</b> 7:00 AM – Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 9 – Easter Weekday</b> 11:00 – Life Care Center – Regis J. Becker 6:00 PM – L/D Members of Ed & Jan Lueb Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 10 – St Damien of Molokai</b> 8:00 AM – Vaden Allen (Anniv) & Intentions of all teachers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 11 – Easter Weekday</b> 7:00 AM – L/D Members of the Seneca Knights of Columbus
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 12 – Sts Nereus &amp; Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr</b> 8:00 AM – L/D Members of the Cyril & Frances Stallbaumer Family 11:00 AM – Country Place Senior Living – Jeanette Callaghan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima</b> 7:30 AM – L/D Members of John & Ethel Rottinghaus Family 5:00 PM – For Our Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day</b> 7:00 AM – Gary Love 9:00 AM – For all aborted babies & their mothers 11:00 AM – Rosemary Holthaus (Anniv)



**Weekday Servers**    **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM – Damon Koch & Garrett Schmelzle**  
**Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students**

### **Servers – Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & May 14**

<b>5PM</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>9AM</b>	<b>11AM</b>
Andrew Henry	Braden Bramhall	Garrett Bennett	Jillian Stueve
McKynsey Henry	Myiah Schmelzle	Kaitlyn Bennett	Miles Stueve
Aden Feldkamp	Trenton Schmelzle	Connor Deters	Landen Baker
Chase Holthaus	Jacob Hundley	Nathan Deters	Dane Haverkamp


### **Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & May 14**

	<u><b>Lector/*Commentator</b></u>	<u><b>Communion</b></u>	<u><b>Cup</b></u>	<u><b>Cantor</b></u>	<u><b>Organist</b></u>
<b><u>5:00 PM</u></b>	Jonathan Stallbaumer *Jeanie Kramer	Brett Haverkamp Chelsey Haverkamp	Sara Kuckelman Derek Uphaus	Katie Nordhus	Janet Kramer
<b><u>7:00 AM</u></b>	Corley Becker *Dean Becker	Dorothy Hammes Leon Feldkamp	Collin Feldkamp Camron Feldkamp		
<b><u>9:00 AM</u></b>	Andrew Leonard *Galen Niehues	Kristi Haverkamp Todd Leonard	Shelly Schmelzle Abby Leonard	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke
<b><u>11:00 AM</u></b>	Kirsten Lortscher *Shannon Holthaus	Rhonda Sperfslage Cara Baker	Allison Rottinghaus Colten Hammes	Children's Choir	Owen Zinke

**ROSARY LEADERS:**    5:00 PM – Eunice Winkler                      9:00 AM – Jim Henry

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** For those interested in becoming a catechist or bringing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to your parish, a course for adults will begin this summer at SPPS. Dates for the courses are June 8-11 and July 6-9. If you are already certified in Level 1, a Level 2 course will be offered on those dates as well. Please contact Angie Hammes at [angiemhammes@gmail.com](mailto:angiemhammes@gmail.com) or 294-0442.

**Note to all College Kids home for the summer:** Please email [sppweserve@yahoo.com](mailto:sppweserve@yahoo.com) or text 336-1380 to be included in the summer Mass schedules for Lectors, Commentators, and Communion Ministers. **Note to all Parish members,** please contact the above numbers if you have summer changes or away times.

 **Children's Choir** will have practice on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Church. They will sing on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 Mass.

**The Adult Choir** will gather for a short practice on Tues, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**"Stamp Out Hunger"** - Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Association of Letter Carriers campaign Food Drive. Letter carriers will be collecting non-perishable food donations along their routes to deliver to the NEK-CAP food pantry on Main Street. Place your donation beside your mailbox on Saturday before your mail is delivered. Thank you!

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kelly Youth Rally News!!** Our parish has been invited to attend this 20 year milestone event on August 19<sup>th</sup> and is open for all youth in grades 7 to 12 in the 2017-2018 year. If your youth would like to attend and needs a form, stop by the Parish Office. All money and forms are due to Shannon at the Parish Office by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**iCare Masses and Social Schedule:** Mass at Most Pure Heart of Mary/Topeka on Sat May 13, 6 PM and Sat June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM. iCare Masses provide adapted liturgies for persons of all ages with developmental disabilities. Visit [www.icarenek.org](http://www.icarenek.org) for more information or call 913-647-3054.

**Next Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day, is "Baby Bottle Sunday"** when the Knight of Columbus will be handing out Baby Bottles to be filled to support **Kansans for Life**.

**A one-time collection** on Mother Day has been requested by our American Bishops to support the work of a mosaic inside the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. Envelopes will be in the pews and on the Narthex Table this weekend for you to pick up.

**CONTRIBUTIONS** for week of 4/24/17 to 4/30/17:  
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.00

Church	Plate	\$ 1,355.00
	Envelope	\$ 6,390.00
School		\$ 600.00
Cemetery		\$ 75.00
Ascension		\$ 35.00
Flowers		\$ 25.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$ 8,480.00



**Windows Report:** Our weekly report now shows a total of \$406,338.97 collected towards our \$600,000.00 goal. Thank you for your generous donations. God's blessings on everyone who has generously donated, and to those who still plan to donate.



**Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** are invited to the Archdiocesan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. To receive your invitation, please call the Parish Office 336-2128.



**For Communion to the Sick and Home Bound,** please call John & Diane Mulryan at 336-3320.

#### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:**

Fri May 12- Mission Center Meeting 10:00  
Sun May 14 - Mother's Day May Crowning 9:00 Mass  
Mon Jun 12 - Fri Jun 16 - Vacation Bible School

#### **SPPS SCHOOL NEWS:**

Wed May 10 - Spring Concert @ 7 PM, rehearsal 1 PM  
Wed May 10 - Science Fair projects displayed @ Concert  
Wed May 17 - Preschool graduation 10:00 AM  
Wed May 17 - Awards Assembly 1:00 PM  
Fri May 19 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. 7:00 PM Mass  
Tue May 23 - Last Day of School, Field Day in PM

#### **CCD NEWS:**

**High School CCD students:** please continue to check the Bulletin for the date and time of the outdoor Mass and cook-out.

#### **AREA EVENTS**

**\*\* Our Lady of Fatima Spiritual Retreat** at St. Bede's Parish, Kelly, in Church Basement, Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. The Fatima Story, "13<sup>th</sup> Day", based on the memoirs of one of the Visionaries will be shown. No registration fees or RSVP.

**\*\* St. Isidore's Celebration** on his feast day, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, Easton, KS. Mass is at 12 noon followed by a meal and visiting. Bring a small bag of dirt from your place to be blessed.. Please RSVP by May 9<sup>th</sup> at [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913-773-8255.

**\*\* St. Vincent de Paul, Onaga,** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Social & Kickball Tournament, Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up due May 20. Contact 785-410-8759 or 785-364-0489 for times, ages and costs, or see SPPC west bulletin board.





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**STEP 1** Take a  
**BOTTLE**

**STEP 2** Fill it with  
change, cash, or checks.

**STEP 3**  
**Return**  
**the bottle**  
**on**  
**Father's**  
**Day.**

On this Mother's Day please join us in the Baby Bottle Campaign, which funds the educational activities of Kansans for Life. We kindly ask that you consider filling this bottle over the next few weeks with your loose change, bills, or check payable to Kansans for Life. Please return this bottle to the church on Father's Day, even if it's not completely filled.

**Kansans for Life - Wichita**

3301 W. 13th St. N., Wichita, KS 67203

(316) 687-5433

# *The Blessing of Mothers*

Mothers are a blessing to their children and to the future generations their children will touch. The moments of joy and the times of hardship forge a woman who is much more than a caretaker; she is a blessing!

This Mother's Day we want to celebrate and thank God for the mothers in our lives. Their heart for their children so often parallels God's own heart (Mt. 19:14) and their tireless work gives a home the heart and joy it needs to function on a deeper level.

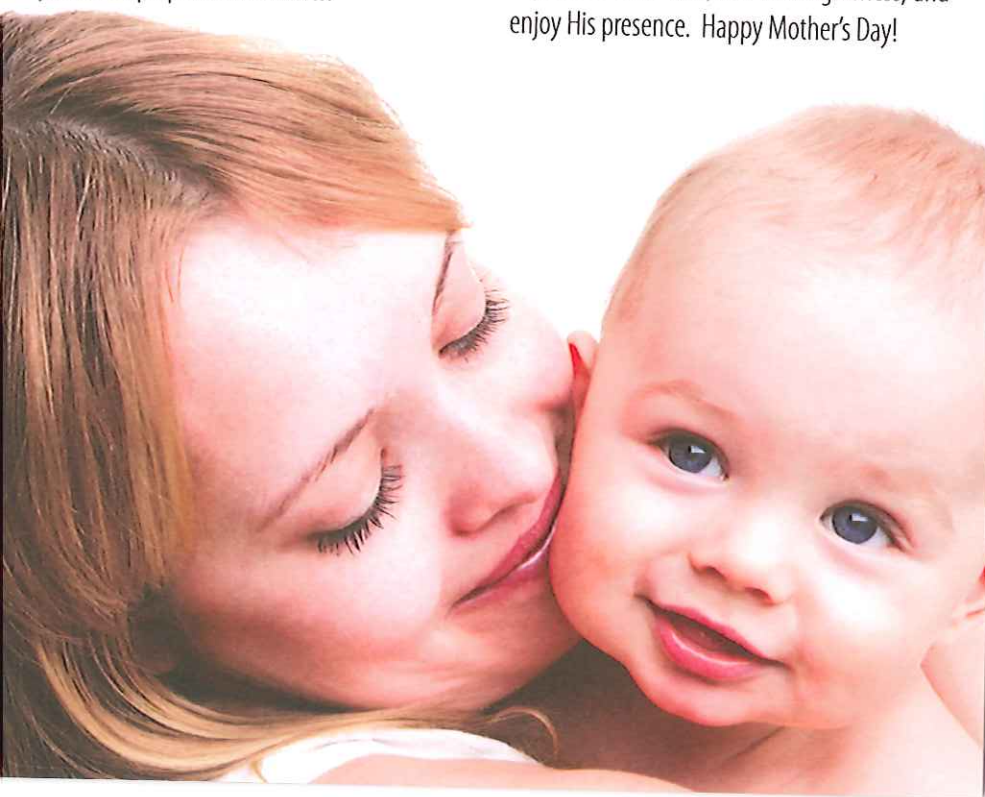
## **The Reality of Mothering**

While the blessings that come from a mother are real, there are also trials in every life. Some women flourish as mothers, others struggle just to keep up with the basics.

But God is a God of the Good News. His love and acceptance of every mother is not based on her goodness, but on His own. He sees who she is and loves her with a depth we cannot fully understand. And with this love comes value, worth, and joy. He loves all mothers and knows them fully, and they may rest in His love and understanding.

## **Celebrating Truthfully**

There certainly are not many "perfect" mothers, but, just as certainly, all mothers are valuable because God has declared them to be so. Today we celebrate mothers because of the great blessing they are, and we take joy in knowing that God gave them to us. May all mothers this day know God's love, feel His forgiveness, and enjoy His presence. Happy Mother's Day!







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