



# Parish Newsletter

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## From The Desk of Father Blick

### THIS YEAR'S STATE FAIR WAS MORE THAN "FAIR"

A big "thank you" goes out to all of our fair workers, coordinators and leaders! Once again our three stands were very successful.

There were moments when our fair seemed more like a circus. We had some electrical problems in the beginning. We also had a few shifts short of workers. Yet, somehow the perseverance of our parish community yielded a great year; slightly more than last year. I was pleased with the organization and cooperation of our army of workers.

I am greatly inspired by the heroes of our parish who arise to the occasion time after time and do so many wonderful things. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SOME OF OUR WORKERS WHO GAVE OVER A WEEK OF THEIR TIME!!! Our parish family is a tribute to what is found in the writings of St. Paul, who focuses on the theme of labor. He encourages his audience to remain busy, performing a share of the community labors, rather than acting as 'busy-bodies'.

I would like to thank our parishioners who have been such great stewards with their gifts from our Lord. Even in mundane labors we are performing as CO-CREATORS with God. It is nice to remind ourselves of this dignity and the reward we will receive for our labors.

Here is an interesting history of our 'gross' sales the last eight years, varying from two stands, .... then we went to one stand in 2008, and now to three stands.

2007 - both stands \$93,631

2008 - one stand \$53,578

2009 - one stand \$67,359

2010 - one stand \$69,311

2011 - one stand \$65,713

2012 - one stand \$61,618

2013 - three stands \$81,149

2014 - three stands \$81,482

### **EXCITING news for our numbers of children in religious education!!**

Our number of Catholic school students went up 22 students from 148 to 170- all from our parish! Our number of PSR (CCD) students is 138 and still growing!

## Pro-Life Activities by Maxine Julian

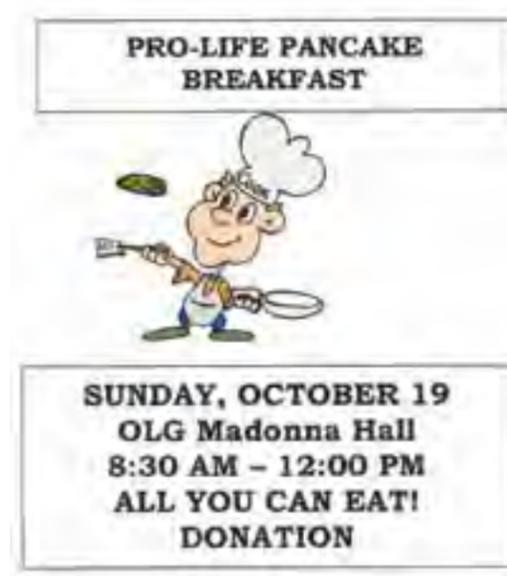
The annual Life Chain in Sunday, October 5th, 2-2:30 pm, at Trinity High School, 17 th & Lorraine.

A pro-life pancake breakfast is planned for Sunday, October 19th, 8:30- 12:00. Please plan to attend.

Election Day is November 4th. Please know the candidate for whom you are casting your vote is pro-life. We hope to hand out voter's guides on the curb again this year for pro-life candidates. For a voter's guide on the computer the website is [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org), click on Voter's Guides for your county. Election Day can mean life or death for an unborn baby. Knowing a candidate's position on abortion is important as many candidates "move up" in the public arena.



Unfortunately for our part of the country, abortions are once again given at South Wind Women's Center, commonly known as a "reproductive clinic" and formerly Tiller Clinic. South Wind is listed as a member of NAF (National Abortion Federation)



Statistics currently report abortion numbers are going down in the U.S. Planned Parenthood statistics are rising. PP is supported heavily by the Federal government through Title X funding with our tax dollars. Why not take the time to contact your elected official and request funding be cut. Personally, I don't want my tax dollars spent on abortion. Please contact me if you don't know your elected official.

## OLG Advent Church School

Advent Church School for children ages 3-5 will begin at a new time. Classes will start October 7th at 9:00 til 10:30 am. Each class consists of hearing a story, making cookies that illustrate the story and also making an ornament that illustrates the story.

At the end of the 10-week session children decorate the Christmas tree in the adoration chapel. They also take home the ornaments they made for their own Christmas tree.

The stories are arranged to lead up to Christmas and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Included in each lesson plan is a visit to God's House, a take home leaflet and songs and action play and of course a snake.

Teachers and helpers are always welcomed and needed. This is a particular good opportunity for parents, grandparents, godparents and even that special baby-sitter to share the faith with their little one. Many who are attending RCIA have appreciated this program as it explains many Catholic traditions.

Cost is \$5 per child or \$7.50 per family. Each child is to bring flour or sugar to help make cookies. Anyone interested in helping can call Lisa Crites at 665-5024 or Jeanie Suter at 662-6513.

## PSR Drama

Wednesday night PSR is continuing to have skits after the gospel is read at that evening's mass.

The skits are written to help children reflect on the meaning of the readings. Children who want to participate are encouraged to come to the church by 5:45 so that they can practice.

Several JuCo students have volunteered to help coach the children. This is a fine opportunity for our youngsters to see young adults who are enthusiastic about their faith and who want to share it with the PSR students.



## Holy Name Society addresses parking lot concerns

Holy Name Society is seeking volunteers to help with some parking lot repairs. Cement repair is needed, plus the lines need to be repainted.

Those willing to help with the two projects can contact Richard Conrad, President of the Holy Name Society, at 820-0056 or John Rodriguez, Secretary, at 664-5913. One can also contact the Rectory at 662-6443. Just leave your name and a phone number.

After closing down Bingo, Holy Name members are trying to come up with ways to raise money for the church. Holy Name Society uses this money to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the Recreation Hall. When projects are approved, parishioners will be contacted for assistance. Please consider giving two to three hours of your time and talent. It would be greatly appreciated.

One major concern of the Holy Name at present is the leaks in the roof of the Recreation Hall. Leaks were discovered in the northeast corner of the hall in a classroom and in the stage area. Leaks are where the newer additions of the facility are attached to the original facility. The church is working with Wray Roofing to try to get the problem solved.

More funds also are needed to purchase more table and chair carts. Used carts would be okay. Also, funds are needed to buy material to repair chairs. There is someone who has volunteered to fix the chairs, but funds are needed for the material.

If you have any suggestions, please attend the Holy Name Society meeting Sunday, October 5th, after the 8 a.m. Mass. Breakfast will be served. All men of the parish, 18 years and over are encouraged to attend.

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## Altar Society Survives State Fair

To all Ladies: A BIG THANK YOU for all your help preparing food before and during the Fair. Overall, it was a big success.

But, as always, we run short on something and this year it was tacos. Thanks to all those who came in that final Sunday to make up some tacos.

Special thanks go to Dana Popp, who made most of the taco meat for the Fair. Also, a special thanks to all those people who worked in the Madonna Hall kitchen during the 10-day run of the Fair. Their help was invaluable. And, finally, thanks to all those showing true stewardship in manning the three OLG stands at the Fair.

Now that the Fair is over, focus now goes to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Also, the church will be celebrating 50 years of being in South Hutchinson.

## continued.... Altar Society Survives State Fair

For the 50-year celebration, the Feast Day Committee is looking for old pictures and stories it can use in a special newsletter. If one has old pictures or a story to tell, please get these to the rectory by November 7th.

Alter Society will be selling food at the Craft Fair on Saturday, October 25th. Volunteers are needed for that day.

Thank you to the few ladies who showed up to clean the kitchen September 20th. It is now somewhat back to normal.

Circle chairwomen and co-chairwomen are encouraged to check the bulletin for church cleaning.

Next meeting of the Altar Society is October 16th at 6:30 p.m. Women are encouraged to attend. Thank you and God Bless!!

## Altar Society Sobrevive la Feria

Muchísimas gracias a las mujeres que ayudaron a preparar la comida antes y durante la Feria. Tenía mucho éxito.

Pero como siempre, se acaba de algo y este año eran los tacos. Gracias a las personas que vinieron a hacer más tacos el último domingo de la Feria.

Ahora nosotros estamos preparando para la Fiesta de la Sēnora de Guadalupe el día de 12 de diciembre. Al mismo tiempo también vamos a celebrar cincuenta años de estar aquí en South Hutchinson.

El comité de la Fiesta de OLG está buscando retratos viejos y historias de lo que pasó cuando OLG estaban en la calle F en Hutchinson. El Comité quiere publicar una informativa especial para la Fiesta de OLG. Necesitamos la información por el 7 de noviembre. Pueden traerlos a la oficina de OLG.

La próxima junta de Altar Society va a ser el 16 de octubre a las seis y media de la noche en Madonna Hall. Todas estan invitadas.

El 25 de Octubre las mujeres van a vender comida durante el Craft Fair. Necesitamos voluntarios ese día.

Atención Mujeres: No se olviden de cuando tienen que limpiar la iglesia. Gracias y que las bendiga Dios!!

## STEWARD OF THE MONTH



It is difficult to choose the "**Steward of the Month**" because so many people dedicated several days to the State Fair. Yet, we give a special Thank You to Tom Beier. He took over the Guadalupe Express trailer and introduced the Queso Crunchie to the fairgoers. God Bless You Tom, your mother Carolyn, your son Josh and friend Dori. Thanks also to Ron Hamby, chairman of the State Fair.

## State Fair Tidbit

Rita Arnold related the following when talking about her experience of working at the Fair Mart during the State Fair. She said she thoroughly enjoyed the carnival workers from Africa. They assured her they would see her next year.

Fair Mart workers also met a young soldier who just got back from Afghanistan in January. He looked like a lost puppy, bored and lost. He was looking for a job. After talking to some fair people with no luck, one of the vendors finally offered him a job. He must have fit in well as he left with the carnival to their next stop in Texas. A sad situation ended well for this young man.

## State Fair Success



**Preparing the food is no easy task!!!**



***Making Tamales for the Kansas State Fair***

# CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE MERCY

"Lord, I believe that you are more than I know. I don't want to be just convinced about who you are. I want to meet you and know you personally. Jesus, come and be the foundation of my faith!" (prayer from The Word Among Us)

What better way to really get to know Jesus - of course Mass is the best - than to spend an hour with Him once a week in adoration. You will love the peace and quiet and feel the love Jesus has for you. A time to let go of your pain and burdens. Who knows you better than Jesus - who else can help you find the peace and mercy you need to face the challenges of everyday life.

February 2nd, 2015 will mark 20 years of Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist at Our Lady of Guadalupe!! We started with approximately 269 individual adorers. During this time we have lost 79 adorers - 90% were among the first to commit to spending an hour with Jesus.

Today we have about 205 individuals covering the 168 hours, of which 11 might have 2 to 4 hours a week. Please come and spend your special time with our Lord.

We really need individuals that would consider being a prayer partner or substitute for the early morning hours. It would only be a temporary commitment. Maybe take one of the hours below for a month or two - who knows you might want to keep it.



At this time we have 4 hours open:

Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 AM call Kristen Vieyra 708-5104

Sunday 3:00 - 4:00 AM call Nadine Oberle 663-3660

Wednesday 1:00 - 2:00 AM call Kristen Vieyra 708-5104

Friday 1:00 - 2:00 AM call Kristen Vieyra 708-5104

OR

Karen Tatro 662-7606 - Teresa Murillo 662-0304

Mickey Schweder 665-8875 - Norma Blick 665-5195

## **In Memory of a Faithful Adorer**

February 2nd, 1995 to July 27th, 2014

### **Helen P. Ramos**

Grant her Eternal Life and let the Perpetual Light shine upon her.  
May God bless her family for their faithful devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ!!