



Parish Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BLICK SUMMER SPIRITUALITY

Sometimes we visit people who are on fire with their brand new spiritual conversion. They exclaim "I AM SAVED" - or "I HAVE BEEN HEALED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, PRAISE JESUS"!!!!

The rest of us who have not had a sudden, great conversion may go through life and say to ourselves, "Did I miss something?"

St. Gregory the Great described three states of the converted: the beginning, the middle, and the perfection. In the beginning, they experience the charms of sweetness; in the middle, the contests of temptation; and in the end, the fullness of perfection. Many of us are stuck in the middle – with contests of temptations. This is a natural part of the spiritual life. For this reason it is important to continue our spiritual walk with God, such as daily prayer, regular confession and some spiritual reading.

This summer we have some great spiritual opportunities:

1. Couples' retreat – "Living in Love" July 18-19 Right here at OLG!! Childcare will be provided. The cost is \$100 per couple, but we are seeking donations to alleviate the cost.
2. Midwest Catholic family conference Aug. 7-9. Brochures in the vestibule.
3. Totus Tuus, vacation bible school grades 1-12, July 6th – 12th
4. Little Kids Camp 3 years old to 2nd graded, July 13 – 16 (register July 3)
5. Water skiing on Thursdays at noon - (Our Lord often took the apostles boating. I'm just sayin'. . . .)

OPORTUNIDADES ESPIRITUALES POR EL VERANO

1. RETIRO EN ESPANOL - "Curso Felipe" Agosto 15-16 Aqui en salon Madonna
2. Rosarios en la Iglesia – Hombres- cada Martes a las 7:00 Mujeres – cada Jueves a las 6:00
3. Totus Tuus - Para los ninos – grados 1-12 - escuela de vacacion Julio 6-12
4. Camp para los ninos pequenos – edades 3 – 7 – Julio 13-16. Registracion Julio 3/4

Altar Society update by Raphaela Garcia

Quote: "Lord, You pray that your people would be one in the same way You and the Father are one."

We need to look at You, draw ourselves to you, unite ourselves more fully to You. Lord, make us one.

As your president, I want all of you to think about what is going on in this world, our hearts and our minds. We just need to take just a moment and stop to think where we are going.

I have filled this role of president of the Alter Society off and on for at least eight years. Through the graces of the Blessed Mother and Holy Spirit, it has been a great experience. I need the ladies to really think about this position as elections are quickly approaching.

This article had to be written before the Spring Fiesta concluded, but I am sure the ladies worked hard to make this event a big success. Following were the booth assignments and the circle chairpersons:

Tacos: Monica Bergmeier and Katie Palacios; Rice and Beans: Lupe Jasso and Jo Harper; Cake and Ice Cream: Barb Villa and Melina Cantu; Burritos Pork or Beans: Maxine Julian and Teresa Patterson; Enchiladas: Nely Victorio and Griselda Lorta.

And, Tostadas: Irene Ramirez and Carman Tovar; Country Store: Mickey Schweder and Maxine Hoover; and Kitchen Help: Jennifer Glenn and Teresa Cantu.

There will be a program at the next Alter Society Meeting on June 16 at 7 p.m. It's on healthy living, called Advacare. A representative will be present to give the program.

After about a month's rest, we will begin the task of making food for the State Fair. Be sure to read the bulletin for dates and times. Enjoy your break and thanks for all of your hard work.



MARRIAGE ONE MAN ONE WOMAN

When we consider the countless blessings God has bestowed on our Church, one of the gifts that comes to mind for us is our marriage. Marriage is a wonderful gift. God thinks so highly of marriage that He made it a Sacrament. Later this year our worldwide Church will be gathering in Philadelphia for a meeting on marriage and the family. Pope Francis is choosing to make his first visit to the USA to coincide with this meeting. Obviously it is important to strengthen our marriage and families.

Two years ago while living in The Diocese of Kansas City, we went on a day and a half retreat for married couples. It was transformative! Over the course of the weekend we grew more in love than we had been, and learned that it is possible to live in love. We weren't alone! It was amazing to see couples next to us married from two weeks to some married sixty plus years growing so much closer to each other and to God as a couple. Just as powerful is the fact that we feel even more love for one another and for God. We would like to share that with Our Lady of Guadalupe parish.

In the middle of July, Living in Love will be taking place at OLG. We are so excited to be able to help facilitate this wonderful weekend. It is obvious today that marriages and families are under attack. The best way to fight is to strengthen our own marriage. Our children deserve to see countless examples of loving marriages, especially in our church. Wouldn't it be great if the Catholic Church became known as the Church with the most loving marriages? It must start with us and our own families. We hope to see you all at the Living in Love weekend in July. Look for more details in the upcoming bulletins.

Holy Name Society eyes June projects

With the annual Spring Fiesta out of the way, the Holy Name Society can now focus its full attention to projects it has been discussing the past several weeks.

During the fiesta that concluded Sunday, May 31, Holy Name Society members were very busy with the Dinky Diner, Steak, Brisket and BBQ Rib dinners, Texas Hold `Em, Car Show, Fiesta Dance, plus decorating, setup and cleanup. Thanks to all of the people who helped with all of these activities.

As of this past week, the church was just one project away from being in full compliance with the church's insurance company that found some violations in their annual review of church grounds. The insurance company noted eight violations, including covering unused electrical outlets, defrosting rectory freezer and securing bookcase in the PSR office.

Other projects that need to be tackled soon are changing out ballasts in classrooms, putting in the baby changing station in the women's bathroom in the Recreation Hall and putting tile in the bathrooms in the Recreation Hall. Also, the walk-in freezer and the walk-in refrigerator are both up and running.

One concern the men had was the damage to the decorative fence around the Shrine area. Kids skateboarding and just generally playing in that area are suspected to causing the damage. One suggestion made was to put the gate back up and lock it. No action was taken on this idea.

All men 18 years and older are welcome to attend the Holy Name meetings. Meetings are usually held the first Sunday of the month unless there is a conflict. If meetings need to be moved, there will be an announcement in the bulletin. Meetings begin at 9 a.m. and usually end in 45 minutes or less. Breakfast is served at the meetings.

June 7 is the date for the next meeting. July meeting is on the 6th, unless it is changed because of the July 4 weekend.



MARRIAGE ONE MAN ONE WOMAN



Richard and Mary Webb hold marriage sign after Public Rosary in Hutchinson. They have been married 66 years and had 12 children.

Thank You From Vivianne Hoskinson

Thanks be to God for the dedicated & talented cantors & Musicians He has sent to Our Lady of Guadalupe. May he send many more to join this heavenly band on earth!

41 Students Receive First Communion

Forty-one students received First Communion at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church this year. Catechists for the three classes of students were Raphaela Garcia, Deborah Castaneda and Ron and Mar Hamby. Assisting them were four aides, Jo Harper, Luisa Valtierra, Gloria Natalia Ortiz and Tom Vieyra.

First Communion students are as follows: Elena Caro, Addison Crockett, Kira Fisher, Jared Guerrero, Baleigh Killman, Alan Lazaro, Mia Maciel, Manuel Mora, Eduardo Moreno, Jennifer Reyes, Arianna Reza, Pablo Rueda, Valentia Smith, Isaiah Thompson, Christopher Vargas and Kevin Wilson.

Also, Lillie Anguiano, Rylan Baler, ReyJon Redenaugh, Francisco Benitez, Gabriel Benitez, Juan Fernandez, Priscila Rivera, Diego Ruiz, Alan Terrazas, Abby Torrez and Beka Torrez.

Plus, Aziel Acosta, Gracee Eldredge, MaryAna Flores, Brayden Gentry, Chase Gentry, Jeremy Gentry, Jr., Camryn Goertz, Eva Goertz, Carter Goertz, Gene Lilyhorn, Sabastian Martinez, Antonio Pina, Logan Schmidt and Noah Wannamaker.



37 OLG Students Confirmed

Recently, 37 students from Our Lady of Guadalupe parish were confirmed at Holy Cross with students from there and St. Teresa.

Students were Alex Acosta, John Adelhardt, Gabriella Castillo, Julia Creed, Keeley Cunningham, Juan De-Santiago, Antonio Flores, George Frisbie, Anely Galindo, Miranda Garcia, Ashley Gomez, Janely Gutierrez, Arielle Harbold, Patrick Hartung, and Carla Jaquez.

And, Shelby Jirak, Liz Lorta, Angel Martinez, Angelica Mendoza, Javier Mijares, Carlos Mireles, Angelina Mora, Daniel Morales, Khoi Nguyen, Juan Ocon, Jr., Samantha Rios, Chanel Rodriguez.

And, Pablo Sanchez, Matthew Schweder, Aaron Strain, Brayden Strawn, Micah Tomac, Elizabeth Torres, Itzel Torres, Esmeraldo Vasquez, Ashley Werth and Lizabeth Zuniga.

Easter Sacraments



Front Row - Left to Right: Angela Pina, Melissa Fernandez, Carrie Bitter, Jo Higgins
Back Row - Left to Right: Brian Higgins, Gary Felty, Dorey Smith, Yolanda Alvidrez, Pam Hornbeck, Cid Vargas, Kyle Burnette

At the Easter Vigil on April 4th, our RICA Catechumens and Candidates reached their goal of receiving all of their Sacraments and joining the Catholic Church. This was a long journey with classes that started last fall, and included completing multiple Rites such as the Rite of Election in Wichita on the First Sunday of Lent along with Catechumens and Candidates from across the Dioces.

During the rest of Lent, they also completed three Scrutinies at Sunday Masses, which helped them to scrutinize themselves in preparation for Easter.

This year our Catechumens were Gary Felty and Cid Vargas, and both were baptized at the Easter Vigil. They and our Candidates, as well as a group of Confirmation candidates, received the rest of their Sacraments that night.

Our Candidates were Yolanda Avlidrez, Carrie Bitter, Kyle Burnett, Melissa Fernandez, Pam Hornbeck, Angela Pina, and Dorey Smith. Please pray for all of them and welcome them as full members of our Church.

2015 Fiesta Pictures



*Girls
are
having
a blast
on the
Dragon
Ride!!!*



Carousel Baby!!!



*Saturday
Night Crowd
was very
Large !!!*



*Father Blick with MC
and Contest Winner!*



Deacon Greer & Roman Oberle

Weather cooperates with Spring Fiesta

Quotes:

“Muy Bonita la Fiesta y mucha gente!” Otilia Martinez.

“Very nice party and many people & family!” Otilia Martinez

Otilia Martinez. Otilia made the Mexican Rice in Madonna Hall. She stated that the more rice she made the more people came to eat. So she kept making more rice. (Note – Father Blick wanted both English and Spanish quote from Otilia. And the information about preparing rice. I may not be spelling her name correctly)

“My favorite part of the Fiesta was family and friends” Chloe Ybarra

“It never ceases to amaze me; there are so many of our parish volunteers that put in several weeks of volunteer hours to make the Fiesta a success. Plus, there are many new volunteers that have stepped forward and learned from the seasoned volunteers. It is truly what being a parish community is all about!”
Father Blick

“Don’t tell me the power of prayer doesn’t work!” Tom Beier

“Thirty years of donating \$60 worth of tickets each Fiesta, the investment finally paid off.” Peter Vieyra, winner of the 8th prize drawn.

Tom Beier, Collen Oberle and Father Blick all told occasions of prayers and novenas that were offered up for the success of the 2015 Fiesta with intentions for favorable weather and attendance. Two of the successes of prayers were that during the week the weather continued to show less and less rain forecasted and more sun; the weekend weather turned out to be picture perfect.

During a lull on Saturday the group of workers in Madonna Hall gathered and prayed for people to come to the Fiesta. In less than two hours the hall was packed with people and the food line ran the length of the gym. Reportedly, on Saturday the estimate was that more food was purchased that day than in the entire 2014 Fiesta!

Ladies Alter Society Chairwoman, Rafaela Garcia , stated that everything with the food preparations and number of ladies volunteering came together as needed. She ardently encouraged more women to get involved with the Alter Society this year since there were still many activities that needed volunteer force to be successful. She also is seeking the person that will next fill the role of the society’s president.

The 2015 Fiesta wrapped up with a packed hall of hopeful winners for the raffle drawings. Once all the winning tickets were drawn and announced the crowd emptied out, although the work was not done for the volunteers that still needed to clean up and move the tables.

Tom Beier suggested to Father, that perhaps they could have requested that everyone pick up a chair and get them stacked in the storage area or wipe and move tables before the drawing in an effort to get more help with the final clean up. Father Blick was Happy for the people that had their names drawn during the Raffle drawing, many were parishioners. He noted that, Armida Mancillas, winner of the 2001 Mustang was an active member of the church and had a son that was getting married next year.

Father Blick was happiest to see the volunteering at the parish; members from our English language masses and Spanish language mass working side by side. Several of the newest volunteers were recent converts to the Catholic Church becoming full-fledged members of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Easter. As he looked around he pointed out volunteers, Dorey Smith, Courtney Harris and Haley Harris that were wearing “staff” shirts and diligently cleaning tables.

Turning, he pointed out Ray Hernandez and Chris Ybarra, both had prepped, grilled and served the BBQ meats. He listed names too numerous to place in the article although truly proud of everyone involved and working so well together.

Father Blick said that he’d love to know exactly how many tickets were in the hopper although he knew he would have to wait for the final numbers on the raffle income to know; as well as the other Fiesta’s fund raising efforts. Many agreed that the event seems to have been busier and more attendance than 2014; with the deadline pending for the newsletter the final numbers for the financial success of the 2015 Fiesta will be announced at a later date.

Picture



TOTUS TUUS

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a fun and energetic parish based summer catechetical program for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth, is coming to Our Lady of Guadalupe parish on July 5-10, 2015.

The grade school children (grades 1-6) program runs Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games, and recess, Children should bring a sack lunch except on Friday the parish will provide lunch that day.

For high school and junior high youth, the program runs Sunday-Thursday 7:30-9:40pm. The evening sessions include talks on topics of interest to young Catholics, the opportunity for Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a night of fellowship with team members.

The entire parish is invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday June 25 at 5:30pm.

Cost is \$10.00 per child, 3 or more \$25.00. Children are asked to bring 1 gallon of juice and 1 dozen cookies on the first day. Registration is available through your parish office or website:

olghutch.com

Any question please call: Lisa Crites 665-5024 or Deborah Castaneda 474-3338

T-BALL COACH PITCH STARTS



Welcome



Deacon Gabriel Greer and Father P.J. Voegeli just finished celebrating Mass the Spring Fiesta weekend. Both were ordained recently by Bishop Carl R. Kemme.

Welcome Deacon Greer

This summer please welcome Deacon Gabe Greer when you see him. Deacon Greer has already been going on the evangelizing path in South Hutchinson with the door to door method of reaching out to people. He was looking forward to more ways of reaching out to people too.

During the summer his time will be spent with the youth of the parish; sometimes driving the boat for the CYM water skiing days as well as doing Totus Tuus.

Along with being involved in the weekly parish life and helping Father Blick, the parishioners of OLG will see him at mass and events like the OLG Fiesta which he readily pitched in. His weekends will be busy ones, as all the deacons travel to the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita on Friday for the Formation Conference. This year's theme is "How to Manage Money".

FAQ:

Home Parish: Our Lady of Lodes in Pittsburg, KS.

Year in Seminary: 4th Theology.

The Reverend P.J. Voegeli

As a deacon in 2014, Rev. P.J. enjoyed the OLG parish and the Fiesta. He felt very close to the parishioners here and wanted to come back to celebrate some of his early masses during the 2015 Fiesta. His homily centered on how close Jesus is for us to be with him and receive his grace; at confession, in mass, in the Eucharist and in the adoration chapel.

Father P.J. also was available to give blessings to individuals following the masses. Many parishioners welcomed the opportunity to receive the blessing too.

Father P.J. was also able to take in some of the Fiesta activities before heading back to his current parish assignment of St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church in Wichita.

Pictures



Please register by July 3 for summer pre-school program for children ages three years through second grade. Program will run July 13th - 16th. Please check bulletin for more details.



Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Thanks to all the Adorers, Substitutes, Prayer partners and everyone who help make it possible to have a 24 hours - 7 days a week - 52 weeks a year perpetual prayer in our parish. God Bless You!

There have been a lot of changes and rearranging of adorers and their hours over the last twenty (20) years. This is just a reminder of some aspects of Adoration. First, it is very important that you not only attend, but also arrive at your hour on time or find a substitute. Consider it your responsibility to find your own substitute, if you need one. Here are some suggestions to get a substitute:

- 1) among relatives or friends, or
- 2) trade your hour with someone else
- 3) ask the person before or after your hour to cover for you
- 4) exchange with someone who has the same hour, but on another day.
- 5) In case of an emergency or it is impossible to find a replacement, call your Guardian Angel; if that fails, call your Archangel.

Even if you have a prayer partner (someone who shares the hour with you) and you can't be there, let your prayer partner know. Sometimes unforeseen things come up that might cause you to be running a little late, if this happens, try to call the Chapel (662-6443 ext. 3) and let the Adorer before you know you are going to be late.

Please **do not leave the Blessed Sacrament** unguarded; remember it's Our Lord Jesus you are leaving. Do you really want to leave Him all alone and unguarded? If the next person does not show up by 10 minutes after the hour, please **call them**. If necessary call the Guardian Angel or Archangel. Also, if someone comes before you leave, make sure they are not a guest making a brief visit.

A list of the Archangels and Guardian angels are in front of the sign-in book, please take one to help in finding a substitute.

To miss your hour, for any reason, is very unsettling and can leave you feeling very empty- please be **patient** with your replacement if they miss their hour. Through experience I know how disappointing it is to miss an hour of adoration. I've also been on the other side and have spent an extra hour, but I figure the Lord has decided I really need more time with Him. There is always a reason for how things work out.

For the Adorer who happens to miss their hour for one reason or another, it would be nice to call the Adorer you were supposed to have followed and at least visit with them and let them know you are sorry.

Thank you for being a part of our Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharistic, it is because of your love for Jesus and His love for us that we are able to have the privilege of spending precious time with Our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless each and everyone of you!!



NOTE: Please check your phone numbers in the sign-in book and make sure they are correct.

It is very important! There are times we need to call some or all of the adorers if the Chapel will be closed - it will save you from driving to the Church only to find it's closed.

PSR NOTE

Please look for our PSR news, activities and photos of past year in the next Newsletter.