

# THE Community Spirit



The Parish Newsletter for Seven Dolores in Manhattan & St. Patrick's in Ogden

## Welcome to our inaugural issue!

Please check out the new bulletin format. We're trying this based on the positive experiences of other parishes in our diocese. We welcome your input as we experiment this summer; please feel free to let us know if you have suggestions about the content you would like to see. Contact the parish office if you would like to contribute to The Community Spirit on behalf of your parish organization.

*F. Kerry*



## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- June 5 - SDCW High Tea
- June 6-10 - Vacation Bible School
- June 8 - Over 50's
- June 13 - MCS Golf Tournament
- June 24-26 - CYO Steubenville Trip

### Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - June 2016

**Universal: Human Solidarity** That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

**Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

**Parish Prayer Intention for June** For all fathers, especially those deployed.

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### INFANT BAPTISM

Call the parish office and  
schedule a preceding  
preparation session and  
baptism.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish at least 6  
months prior to the intended  
date, and participate in sessions  
of preparation. Weddings are  
not scheduled in Advent or Lent.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call the parish to schedule a  
time with one of the priests.

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### St. Patrick's Catholic Parish

Ogden, KS

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I was very excited when I read the recent Salina Diocesan News Bulletin (SDNB). (This information is available to all who go to the Diocesan Website. It is posted monthly at [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org).) And WHY was I so excited? Well, the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program (PMF) that offers lay ministry formation courses to our diocese and the diocese of Dodge City is presenting through ITV (Interactive Television), Formation for Liturgical Ministry! This area of concentration is perfect for anyone involved in liturgical ministry: Musicians, Liturgical Coordinators, and Art and Environment people. The good news is for our parishioners!! WE are given the opportunity to take these classes!

These classes can be taken for college credit or for personal enrichment, but those seeking certification must take them for credit.

Another good thing-the farthest we would have to travel is to St. Thomas More - 2900 Kimball! The entire ITV program will be offered right there. While it may be desirable for some to complete the whole program, everyone should feel free to take just a course or two as they are made available over the next few years.

The first course, "Sacramental Theology, will be offered this fall. This three hour course will be taught on Saturday mornings beginning September 10th. The course will show how the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, are a celebration of the grace that God extends to humans, the invitation to a participation in divine life here and now. Our celebrations of liturgy are dynamically connected to our lived liturgy in everyday life. If liturgical assemblies-us - fully realized that what we celebrate in church is not empty ritual but the joyful thanksgiving for our transformation into a sharing in divinity, it would make a difference not only in our celebrations, but in our living as well!

Generous grants from the two dioceses make these courses through Newman University financially accessible - far less costly than normal tuition. Brochures are available!

See you in September!!

## Prayer Shawl Group



Feeling bored this summer? For the past 9 years, the Prayer Shawl group gathers every Tuesday at 10am in the Parish Center to crochet or knit together. In 1998, Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut gave birth to a ministry as a result of their experience in this program of applied Feminist Spirituality under the direction of Professor Miriam Therese Winter, MMS. Care and the love of knitting (and crocheting) have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort, solace and welcome.

Many blessings are knitted/crocheted into every shawl. The knitter/crocheter begins each shawl with prayers for the recipient. Intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed it is offered a final ritual before being sent along its way. Thus, the blessing is rippled from person to person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a loving, caring God. The group has complete over 350 shawls. Recipients include nursing home residents, home bound, the faculty of MCS, people who are sick, those who mourn, birthday gifts, Women's conference attendees to name just a few. Recently, we have included one in the Welcome Basket taken to those who are newly registered in the parish. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, we'll teach you!

**Coming in future issues:**

**Sacraments @ Seven Dolors**

**New Families**

**Features on Voting/Elections**

**and much more!**

# Y What's coming this summer for the youth of our parish? outh & RE Update!



## Steubenville 2016: Thirst (Romans 5:8)

This year, Seven Dolors CYO will embark on a new adventure. We will be attending Steubenville of the Rockies Conference June 24-26, in Denver, CO. The Steubenville Conferences were started in 1976 on the Franciscan University Campus in Steubenville, Ohio. Today, forty years later, they are present and occurring in 12 states in the US and 2 Canadian provinces, for a total of 23 conferences each summer. This year's theme is Romans 5:8 – But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died

for us, with the word "Thirst". Though we are sinners, Christ still laid down his life for us. He thirsts for our souls; He thirsts for all our acts to be done and given for His glory. Not an easy task as an adult and certainly not for a teenager "in these times" but still our goal, nonetheless.

Seven Dolors youth director and a few active youth had the privilege of attending this same conference in the summer of 2014. We traveled with a group from western Kansas. It was a small but mighty gathering of ~3000 youth, adults, religious and clergy. We walked away with a stronger sense of our identity as Catholic Christians

and came home with a love to share.

This time, we will have 14 youth and 3 dedicated adults from Seven Dolors attending. We will meet up with a group of four other parishes from the Salina Diocese to make a total of 46 youth, 14 adults and 3 courageous priests. Please keep the following parishes in your prayers for this journey – Seven Dolors (Manhattan), St Xavier (Junction City), St Frances Cabrini (Hoxie), St Edward (Belleville) and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Goodland).

*-Maria McAnerney contributing*

## Vacation Bible School

*Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*



*"The Palace" in Progress: Getting ready for VBS 2016! RE Director Bettina Boller and volunteers are working to transform Luckey gym. See July's newsletter for more.*

## Seven Dolors & CYO Seniors

Congratulations!

Rachel Askew  
Shelby Barron  
Parker Eaves  
Michael Everett  
Macie Frakes  
Rebecca Price  
Corbin Sedlacek  
Layne Turnbull  
Luke Turnbull

# Ministry of Care

Communion & visitation to those in the home, hospital or nursing home

## Seven Dolors Ministry of Care

For over 10 years Seven Dolors and St. Patrick Parishes have operated a "Ministry of Care" for parishioners who are sick, hospitalized in Via Christi Hospital and the elderly who are homebound or in the local care facilities of Via Christi Village, Meadowlark Hills, Stoneybrook, or Homestead Assisted Living – and to the dying in Good Shepherd Hospice.

With help from 35-40 parish volunteers, it has been Fr. Merlin Kieffer's duty for the past 11 years to oversee, assign ministers and supervise this ministry. He is assisted in the ministry by a Leadership Team consisting of, in addition to the Pastor, and the Pastoral Associate, Rosie Rundell, parish ministers Tom Church, Delores Thomas, Becky Blanton, and a representative of St. Patrick's Parish, Darlene Bloomfield, and St. Isidore Student Center representative, Nate Hoffman.

Every Sunday hospital visits and Communion are offered to all Catholics at Via Christi whose names are on the "Catholic List."

Ministers are alternately from Seven Dolors and St. Thomas More, and on 5th Sundays by St. Isidore. St. Isidore Catholic students also assist with the weekday ministry to hospitalized Catholics and with Seven Dolors ministry, Mass and services at Meadowlark during the school year.

On weekdays, deacons at St. Thomas More minister in Via Christi Hospital on Tuesdays, Fr. Kieffer for Seven Dolors on Thursdays, and St. Isidore student ministry volunteers go on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday when college is in session.



Fr. Kieffer is usually called by the hospital chaplain for Catholic emergencies of a spiritual nature when the Catholic's parish is otherwise unidentified or unable to respond.

Seven Dolors is responsible for spiritual care of all Catholics at Meadowlark Hills with Mass there on First Fridays and Rosary and Communion Service on third Fridays. Our lay ministers make a Communion visit to them on the other Sundays.

St. Thomas More does a similar ministry at Stoneybrook. Via Christi Village, being a Catholic facility, arranges its own Catholic chaplaincy with Communion and bi-monthly weekday Mass with help of a deacon and priest from St. Thomas More.

In addition, Seven Dolors provides volunteer visitors to parish members in all three care facilities monthly to see how they are getting along and let them know that they are still treasured as members of Seven Dolors and St. Patrick.

Also, on First Fridays of the month, the Seven Dolors parish priests visit and take Communion to homebound parishioners who are in homes and apartments. Each Sunday, parish Lay Ministers of Holy Communion also take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners.

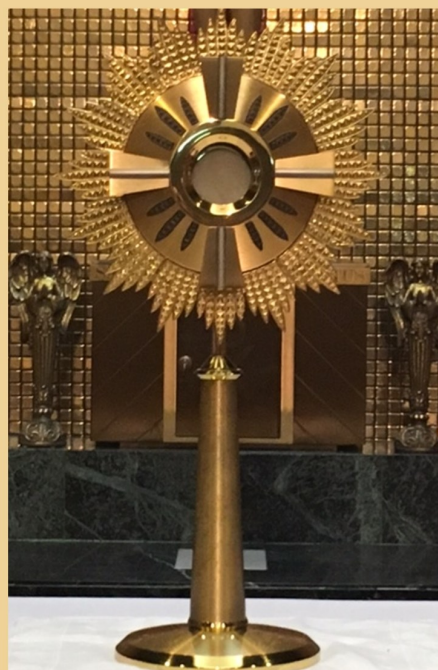
-Fr. Merlin Kieffer contributing

## Summer Need

Have you visited the St. Joseph Chapel for Perpetual Adoration? If not, you should! There's no better time, and no greater need, than during the summer when many of our adorers who also happen to be K-State students go home for a few months. Linda Lake, Adoration Chapel Coordinator, shared that the absence of our Mexican sisters has created another void, as they used to be available to cover a wide range of hours while living very near the parish center. "We would love for more parishioners to experience the chapel. Many people start out as substitutes, but end up liking it so much that they seek out their own assigned hour," said Lake.

In recent months, there's been an effort to include more parishioners from other parishes and points of contact have been established at both St. Thomas More and St. Isidore's. The chapel board has long included members from the other parishes to make the chapel a true community effort. This definitely helps to fill the hours, but there are always more time slots to cover.

The chapel always needs subs as well as second assigned adorers for each hour. Call Linda at 785-341-2574 to find out about subbing opportunities. There's also a new dry erase sign posted above the sign-in book with the most recent updates of needed permanent hours. Why not take an hour as a sub to see what it's all about?



## Family Center Budget Shop Summer Sales

**June 7-11: Everything  
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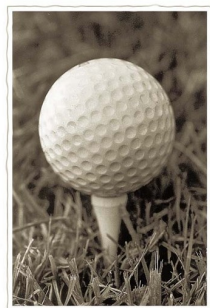
# NOW ENROLLING

FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

## It's Not Too Late!

Get in on the 2016 Golf Tournament at Stagg Hill on Monday, June 13th! Our day starts with lunch at 11 am and a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. There will be a social at 6 pm at the Stagg Hill Picnic Shelter. Teams of 4 get lunch, green fee, golf cart, range balls, dinner and beverages all for \$500! Tickets for the social only are \$50 per person or \$75 per couple for dinner and drinks. Don't forget to check out the raffle for a Kansas City getaway! If you'd like to play in the tournament, attend the social, buy some raffle tickets, or sponsor the tournament, please call Cindy Donohoue at MCS (565-5050). Don't wait! It's almost time for the fun to begin!

Special thanks to this year's corporate sponsors,  
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## MCS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FROM PRINCIPAL SCOTT HULSHOFF

Dear Community,

Thank you for supporting Manhattan Catholic Schools with the Capital Campaign. We are beginning building renovations at the elementary school this summer. BBN Architects have good plans for our renovation and BHS Construction has started abatement of windows and flashing. Manko will be providing a new window system for our school. BHS Construction will repair the roofs, install or repair soffit and fascia, replace electrical lines, replace the front doors, complete some general repairs, install some drywall and paint some of the interior and exterior parts of the building. Next summer will see the completion of the windows in the Luckey building, HVAC in the elementary building and hopefully new lighting/ceilings and flooring in both buildings.

It's very exciting! We'll have a new look to start school in August!

-Mr. Hulshoff



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