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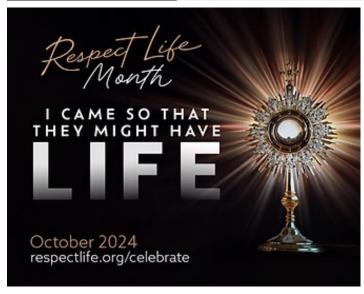
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 6, 2024



During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have *life*.

Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. ... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing unconditionally pro-life."

In the face of challenges such as abortion and physicianassisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is "the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.

Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance. www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-reflection-i-came-so-they-might-have-life

RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

International Rosary Sunday, October 6th 1:30pm St. Gregory's Church

Marysville Pro-Life Chain Sunday, October 6th 2:00 to 3:30pm Corner of Hwy 36 and 77 (please park on Broadway)

Rosary Rally Saturday, October 12th 12:00 noon School Lower Parking Lot PRO-LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of life from human the moment of conception until natural death.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 8

8:15am † Steve Hammett

Wednesday, Oct. 9

12:05pm † Gerald Wassenberg

Thursday, Oct. 10

6:30am † Richard Hansel

Friday, Oct. 11

8:15am † Lucas Wetter

Saturday, Oct. 12

5:30pm † Chad Rhodes and † Jim and Irene Joyce

Sunday, Oct. 13

7:00am ~ People of the Parishes of

St. Gregory and St. Malachy

10:30am ~ Ray and Vera Landoll family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 11

6:00am - 5:00pm Adoration

Saturday, Oct. 12

12:00 noon Rosary Rally, lower parking lot

4:30pm - 5:15pm Confessions

Sunday, Oct. 13

4:00pm Culture Project for YG, Parish Hall

NEW

Pinochle Card Group October 17th - 1:30pm St. Gregory's Parish Hall



Plan to meet once a month



All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Come enjoy cards and socializing

It's Pinochle Time!

For more information, contact the Parish Office

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for September 29th \$ 11,956.26 September Parish Soft Giving \$ 261.80 (\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 09/01/24)	\$232,796.93
Donations (since 09/01/24)	(\$ 3,524.90)
Total Contributions to Date	\$7,875,166.15
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)	

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

Please welcome

Lillyan Jean Hormann,

daughter of Triston and Callie Hormann, who was baptized Sunday at St. Gregory's.

WEDDING CELEBRATION

Congratulations to

Anna Cohorst and Lane Johnson-Martinez,

who were married Saturday at St. Gregory's. *May the Lord bless you as you begin your lives together.*

PARISH NEWS

RCIA

The initial RCIA meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13th following 10:30 Mass in the school conference room. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, get more information about the Catholic church or renew their faith is asked to attend this meeting.

Hurricane Relief

Please consider giving funds to help restore hope in the midst of devastation in Florida, North Carolina and throughout the southeastern part of the US. All proceeds will be remitted by the Archdiocese to Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church. If you would like to help out, please put your donation in a separate envelope labeled "Hurricane Relief" or write it on the memo line of your check and put it in the collection plate next weekend, Oct. 12/13.

OPEN HOUSE Elaine Scheele's 95th Birthday Sunday, October 13th

Sunday, October 13th
2:00 - 4:00pm
Marysville American Legion

AREA NEWS

Sunday, Oct. 6th - Holy Family Fall Supper, Summerfield KS. Serving turkey, dressing and trimmings. Drive thru from 3-6pm. \$15. The Thrift Store will be open from 2:30-5pm that day as well. Very low prices. Free coffee and iced tea. Come enjoy shopping and sharing your meal in the school library.

Sunday, Oct. 6th - Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg). Featuring pan fried chicken, ham, BBQ meatballs and homemade pies. Serving from 4:30pm-8:00pm. Adults - \$13, Children - \$6, Preschool - free.

Sunday, Oct. 13th - St. Bede's Annual Soup Supper and Auction, Kelly KS. Serving homemade chili, chicken noodle and vegetable beef soups, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, pie and desserts from 4-7pm. Free will donation. Games for all ages from 5-8pm in parish hall.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



October Virtue of the Month - Responsibility
"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward." ~ Colossians 3:23-24

Responsibility means fulfilling our duties and accepting the consequences of one's words and actions whether they were intentional and unintentional. This virtue looks like keeping your room clean, feeding your pet, taking your homework home, and taking out the garbage. It sounds like "I cleaned my room," "I fed the dog," "I brought my homework home," and "I took out the garbage."



Let Us Pray:

Dear Jesus, Please help us to be faithful in all of the duties You have entrusted to us this day, fulfilling each with great care and love! Amen.



PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Denny Schell, Rich Bruland, Heidi Rutar, Bernice Nietfeld, Carly Cook, Chris Blanchard, Fred Lienemann, Jim Borgerding, KayeLynn Kroeger

Long Term Health Issues: Jolene O'Neal, Karen Rengstorf, Janel Weigel, Hudson Gartner, Kristi Meyer, Carol Howell, Joan Pacha, Phil Studer, Kathy Jueneman, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Pat Clark, Dorothy Peschel, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Alan Wassenberg, Tony Evans, Mary Landoll, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek and Sami Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

This week, our K-6 grade Faith Families met to learn about the virtue of Responsibility. They listened to the story of Old Testament Joseph from Genesis 39:1-6. In the story, Joseph's brothers are jealous of him and sell him as a slave. Joseph ends up working in the foreign country of Egypt for Potiphar, who was the captain of the guard of Pharaoh. Potiphar notices Joseph's virtue of responsibility and he gives Joseph many tasks to oversee. After learning about Joseph. The students put together a puzzle depicting Joseph fulfilling his responsibilities while they discussed their own responsibilities at home and school.





CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 7	Don Cudney, Mary Richardson
Oct. 8	Bryan Pekarek, Dan Pacha, Barrett Lyhane, Brittany Goracke
Oct. 9	Rich Pacha, Dave Schwarz, Mike Boss
Oct. 10	Lynda Bruna
Oct. 11	Gary Adrian, Sheryl Mullen, Sydney Blumer
Oct. 12	Brooke Richardson, Renae Rombeck, Lane Rieth
Oct. 13	Eddie Taphorn, Braden Preuss
	ANNIVERSARIES
Oct. 9	Bob and Cindy Voet (40th Anniversary)

Oct. 10 John and Abby Sweet Oct. 11 Jeff and Marsha Schell

Oct. 13 Dave and Claire Blumer

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Baptisms: See website for information Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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