



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT | FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, a central figure of the medieval western Church and one of the most admired Popes in history, is commemorated in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Catholic on September 3.

Born near the middle of the sixth century into a noble Roman family, Gregory received a classical education in liberal arts and the law. He also had strong religious formation from his devout family, particularly from his mother, Silvia, also a canonized saint. By around age 30, Gregory had advanced to high political office in Rome, during what was nevertheless a period of marked decline for the city.

Some time after becoming the prefect of the former imperial capital, Gregory chose to leave the civil administration to become a monk during the rise of the Benedictine order. In reality, however, the new monk's great career in public life was yet to come.

After three years of strict monastic life, he was called personally by the Pope to assume the office of a deacon in Rome. From Rome, he was dispatched to Constantinople, to seek aid from the emperor for Rome's civic troubles, and to aid in resolving the Eastern church's theological controversies. He returned to Rome in 586, after six years of service as the Papal representative to the eastern Church and empire.

Rome faced a series of disasters caused by flooding in 589, followed by the death of Pope Pelagius II the next year. Gregory, then serving as abbot in a monastery,

reluctantly accepted his election to replace him as the Bishop of Rome.

Despite this initial reluctance, however, Pope Gregory began working tirelessly to reform and solidify the Roman liturgy, the disciplines of the Church, the military and economic security of Rome, and the Church's spreading influence in western Europe.

As Pope, Gregory brought his political experience at Rome and Constantinople to bear, in the task of preventing the Catholic Church from becoming subservient to any of the various groups struggling for control of the former imperial capital. As the former abbot of a monastery, he strongly supported the Benedictine movement as a bedrock of the western Church. He sent missionaries to England, and is given much of the credit for the nation's conversion.

In undertaking these works, Pope Gregory saw himself as the "servant of the servants of God." He was the first of the Bishops of Rome to popularize the now-traditional Papal title, which referred to Christ's command that those in the highest position of leadership should be "the last of all and the servant of all."

Even as he undertook to consolidate Papal power and shore up the crumbling Roman west, St. Gregory the Great maintained a humble sense of his mission as a servant and pastor of souls, from the time of his election until his death in 604.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the **Pony Express Half Marathon & 5K on September 7th**. Help with runner direction during the race is needed. If you are able to help out, please contact one of the following:

- Stephanie Coble (308) 325-4894
- Crystal Roudybush (785) 341-1770
- Jody Lauer (785) 562-6516

### Altar Society Meeting

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Altar Society meeting for September has been moved to **Monday, September 9th at 5:30pm**. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### Knights of Columbus Meeting

The K of C will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, September 5th at 7:30pm** in the **parish hall**. A rosary will be said before the meeting at 7:00pm.

### CCD Classes

CCD classes for K - 6th grade students who do not attend St. Gregory's School will begin on Wednesday, September 11th. Classes will take place every Wednesday from **3:30-4:45pm**. MES kids will meet after school and walk to the parish hall together. Please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration form or email the office at [parishoffice@stgregorychurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@stgregorychurch.org) to have it emailed to you. Thank you.

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

Confirmation for current 7th and 8th graders will begin on **September 15th**. A parent meeting will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, September 8th at 6:00pm**. All parents of junior high kids are encouraged to attend. Contact Allyson Lauer at 713-1760 if you have any questions.

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Tuesday, Sep. 3</b>   |  |
| <b>8:15am</b>            | † Jim Forst  |
| <b>Wednesday, Sep. 4</b> |  |
| <b>12:05pm</b>           | † Sr. Eulalia  |
| <b>Thursday, Sep. 5</b>  |  |
| <b>6:30am</b>            | † Richard Hansel   |
| <b>Friday, Sep. 6</b>    |  |
| <b>8:15am</b>            | † Marvin and Cathy Utecht  |
| <b>Saturday, Sep. 7</b>  |  |
| <b>6:30am</b>            | † Fr. Vince Krische  |
| <b>5:30pm</b>            | ~ Living and deceased members of Joseph and Anna Bussmann family |
| <b>Sunday, Sep. 8</b>    |  |
| <b>7:00am</b>            | ~ People of the Parishes of St. Gregory and St. Malachy          |
| <b>10:30am</b>           | † Steve Mullen   |

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Thursday, Sep. 5</b> |                             |
| <b>7:30pm</b>           | K of C Meeting, Parish Hall |
| <b>Friday, Sep. 6</b>   |                             |
| <b>6:00am - 5:00pm</b>  | Adoration                   |
| <b>Saturday, Sep. 7</b> |                             |
| <b>4:30pm - 5:15pm</b>  | Confessions                 |
| <b>Sunday, Sep. 8</b>   |                             |
| <b>6:00pm</b>           | Confirmation Parent Meeting |

**Curious About Catholicism?**

*Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you searching for answers? Do you want to become Catholic but don't know how to get started?*

RCIA will begin soon.  
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you would like more information about the Catholic Church, want to become Catholic or wish to renew your faith, this is for you!

Contact Fr. Quentin or the office for more information.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

|  |             |
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| Envelope & Plate for August 25th                               | \$ 6,170.10 |
| ACH for August 25th  | \$ 2,820.00 |
| Parish Soft Giving for August                                  | \$ 261.80   |
| <i>(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)</i> |             |

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Loan Principal Balance (as of 08/01/24).....        | \$233,806.63   |
| Donations (since 08/01/24).....                     | (\$ 2,100.00)  |
| Total Contributions to Date .....                   | \$7,871,641.25 |
| <i>(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)</i> |                |



*As IRON sharpens IRON so one person SHARPENS another*  
- Proverbs 27:17 -

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**AREA NEWS**

**Sunday, September 8th - St. Michael's Church Summer Picnic, Axtell.** Come and enjoy a meal with roast beef, ham, potatoes and homemade desserts. Serving will be from 11am-2pm. \$13 for adults, \$7 for kids 4 to 10 years old, 3 and under are free. Games for all ages, bingo, card games, quilt raffle along with our chance book drawing. Concessions also available. Fun for Everyone!!

**Sunday, September 8th - St. John's Catholic Church Bazaar, Hanover.** Serving grilled chicken, smoked pork loin, meatballs, cheesy potatoes, vegetables and homemade desserts from 4-7:30pm in St. John's Gym. FREE WILL donation. Raffle drawing at 9pm. Do not need to be present to win.

**The Little Way of Marriage.** There is a longing for deeper connection, even in faithful, Catholic marriages. No matter where you are in your marriage, here's the good news we want to share with you: Doing little things with great love can open your marriage to the transformative power of God's grace. The example of St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin, can show you how! Join us for a Marriage Enrichment Workshop at **Sacred Heart in Sabetha on Sundays at 4pm. September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.** Contact Annie Deters to sign up at [annie@nekansascatholics.org](mailto:annie@nekansascatholics.org)



**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



**PTO Fundraiser:** The St. Gregory PTO has put together a fundraiser with Idntiteez, including faith based t-shirts\*, sweaters\*, drawstring bags, blankets, scarves, and hats. If you open the QR to the right or go to <https://idntiteez.chipply.com/stgregory/?apid=9032690> you can view the PTO fundraiser store. Be sure to check it out! The items available would make great gifts and a portion of each purchase will go back to St. Gregory PTO.



\*Please note that the t-shirts and sweaters in this PTO fundraiser store are NOT part of the approved uniform policy. Idntiteez has a separate online store to purchase uniform attire at <https://idntiteez.chipply.com/sgsuniforms/store.aspx?eid=72094>

**Wednesday, September 18th at 5:30pm - Virtus Session at St. Gregory Catholic School:** Virtus is a required adult Archdiocesan program to help keep children safe. If you are a teacher whether in CCD or a school, a DRE, an employee or volunteer in any capacity, etc., you need to complete this program. Also, parents who want to help in the classroom, drive for field trips, or help with classroom parties, etc. are required to complete this program. **Go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) to sign up.** You will be directed to complete an application, questions, and consent to a background check. **Children under 18 will need a parent consent form. Registration should be completed at least two days prior to the session to allow the information to be submitted to the Archdiocese and to give enough time to plan and prepare for the correct amount of materials.** If you have any questions, please contact Tamera Steinlage at 785-548-5791.

**PRAYER LIST**

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

**Short Term Health Issues:** Carly Cook, Robin Martins, Chris Blanchard, Jolene O’Neal, Fred Lienemann, Jim Borgerding, Dorothy Kramer, Glen Richter, Max Hammes, Greg Boss, Jane Haug, Mary Stryker, Cami Friedrichs, Marilyn Hodgen, Scott Wetter, Jess Wetter, Deanna Schroller, KayeLynn Kroeger, Kaylie Kordyak, Preston Runnebaum, Jan Smith.

**Long Term Health Issues:** Kenny Hearn, 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.

**CELEBRATE**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Sep. 2 Allyson Lauer
- Sep. 3 Tina Price, Brian Strunk, Patrick Wetter
- Sep. 4 Jim Chaulk, Wes Breeding, Payton Bogdan, Kelly Wilson
- Sep. 5 Kori Beckmann, Bailey McKay
- Sep. 7 Clara Deters, Tyler Warren
- Sep. 8 Waylon Byers

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Sep. 3 Jerry and Roberta Temeyer
- Sep. 4 Jim and Stacie Ellenbecker
- Sep. 7 Charlton and Amy Holthaus
- Sep. 8 Shane and Joan Hartner  
Josh and Lori Snellings



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**Parish Hall Reservations:** Contact Parish Office  
**K of C Hall Reservations:** Joe Peschel at 562-7017  
**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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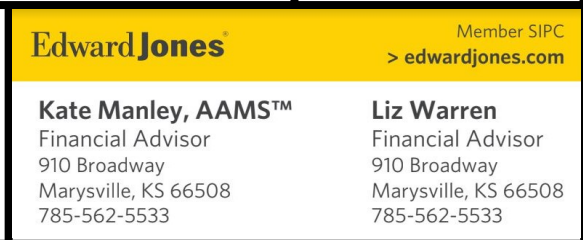
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