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RETURN LOVE FOR LOVE



“I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE, AND
HOW I WISH IT WERE ALREADY BLAZING!”

— LUKE 12:49 —

Dear St. Catherine Parishioners,

Blessings to you and your loved ones! The theme for this year's Stewardship renewal is "Return Love for Love", with an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image has a flame, a cross above the heart, a crown of thorns and a wound in the side of the heart. The flame represents the burning love Jesus has for His disciples. The crown of thorns surrounding the heart, along with the cross above it, represents the suffering He endured during His passion, along with the cross He was nailed to for our sins. Finally, the wound in the heart draws our attention to the spear that was thrust into the heart of Jesus to prove He was dead. After His death, this wound unleashed the water and blood from Jesus' heart, and thus His love was poured out for the world. Blood and water flowed out – representing the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist.

Every year more sacraments are received here: baptisms, confirmations, first communions (as well as our continual reception of the Eucharist at the Sunday Masses and even daily Mass), confessions, weddings, anointings of the sick, and we've even hosted an ordination (Fr. Meyerhoff was ordained a deacon here). Suffice to say, the sacramental life is very active here at St. Catherine. With the great number of converts to the Catholic faith in our two OCIA classes this past year, and the continual new registrations, it is clear that we are still growing! With this in mind, we should strive to grow closer to Jesus and His sacred Heart.

Stewardship renewal is about renewing our commitment to our Lord in the way we live out our time, talent and treasure. One of the most important parts of "time" is our commitment to prayer. For some, the Hallow app has been a wonderful way to connect (or reconnect) with prayer. Others have discovered a holy hour of adoration to be a great source of peace. Let us strive to enter into a deeper commitment to Christ in the area of love. Last year, the challenge was to focus on a few of the commandments in the area of love. During this year of stewardship, we should be intentionally focused on courage to live out our faith when we are in our homes, at work, during our vacations and our interactions with others at leisure. Calling to mind that Jesus is Lord over every aspect of our life, but only if we allow Him access to our hearts at all these different times. Let us keep each other in prayer this year as we help one another to strive to Return Love for Love.

In Jesus through Mary,



TOTUS TUUS is a week long summer program designed for youth in 1st -12th grades dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, and Eucharistic worship.

PARISH MEN'S CLUB aims to bring men of the parish together and foster a sense of camaraderie. Membership is open to any men of the parish over the age of 18. Events are hosted throughout the year such as Bingo, cornhole, 3 on 3 basketball, etc.

SAINT ANTHONY FAMILY SHELTER volunteers provide and serve meals at Wichita's only homeless shelter dedicated for families with children. With meals taken care of, families can focus on other priorities, like finding more permanent housing, financial preparedness and keeping their kids in school.

CHURCH DECORATING volunteers assist with decorating and floral arrangements for various church events, especially during the Easter and Advent seasons.

SCHOOL OFFICE / RESOURCE / LUNCHROOM / PTO / ATHLETICS volunteers assist the school with various needs as they arrive. Cafeteria help, classroom projects and/or working directly with students are all included. Coaches and adults to facilitate athletic events are also needed. All volunteers must be Virtus trained.

"SIENA STITCHERS" QUILTING GROUP meets monthly to quilt together, pray together and make lasting friendships! Quilters use their gifts to make items for the parish, for the ill and homebound and for those in need in our community. It is "sew" much fun and anyone is welcome to join in the creativity!



WEEKEND MASS USHERS help maintain decorum and dignity during the celebration of the Mass. They have a special opportunity to convey a feeling of warmth and welcome to all who enter our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. Any child sixth grade or older is encouraged to participate.

PRAYER LINE joins prayer warriors by email who pledge to remember in their daily prayers the needs of persons who are ill, grieving or suffering in any way.

LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT works to create a prayerful environment for all ages to come together for a weekend during Lent.. The retreat includes Mass, adoration and sessions for children and adults.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES are Scripture based study groups that meet on Tuesday evenings and/or on Thursday mornings. The purpose of these groups is to explore the Word of God and discover ways to incorporate God's message into everyday life.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN volunteers are needed accompany those new to the Catholic faith as they prepare for a deeper relationship with Christ. Sponsors walk alongside these people as they learn the truths of the church teachings, and often form lifelong friendships. Sponsors must be at least 16 years old and Confirmed.

WELL READ MOM accompanies women in reading great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship and meaningful conversations. The group reads one book per month and meets to discuss the chosen title on the third Tuesday of each month.

SAINT CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD FOOD DONATIONS can be placed in the pantry area just inside the church doors. Donations are taken to the food pantry and SVDP ministries weekly.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) assists parents of our children who do not attend parochial schools to teach the message of Jesus. Parents and teachers work together to accomplish this mission. Classes are held Wednesday evenings for children in grades K-8. Volunteers are needed to instruct - no experience is necessary, curriculum is provided. Must be Virtus trained.

Parish Mission Statement

**We are a Catholic community of imperfect people
growing in faith, caring for each other and
reaching out to our neighbors in need.**

Parish Core Values

- 1. Humility - Like Jesus who humbled himself to
be born among us.**
- 2. Charity - Loving God and loving our neighbors
as ourselves.**

*"Humility and Charity are the two wings that
bear the soul to perfection"*

-St. Catherine of Siena

Parish Vision Statement

**St. Catherine of Siena Parish is deeply committed
to cultivating life long stewards of God's gifts
through hospitality, prayer, formation and service.**

PARISH HOSPITALITY	PARISH PRAYER
<i>Unity and Fellowship</i>	<i>Worship and Spiritual Life</i>
SISTERS OF SIENA ALTAR SOCIETY MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY HOSPITALITY COFFEE AND DONUTS LENTEN SUPPERS WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT HARVEST HOUSE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FIAT MARRIAGE MINISTRY QUILTING GROUP	PARISH PRAYER LINE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CONSOLATION MINISTRY TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING CANTOR, CHOIR OR ACCOMPANIST LECTOR USHER EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION OFFERTORY GIFT BEARER ROSARY LEADER BEFORE EVENING MASSES ALTAR SERVER LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY works for the respect of all human life from conception to natural death. Prayer, church teaching, education, awareness of legislative issues and outreach are all part of the mission.

MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND volunteers visit those in nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living, etc. and help them feel connected to parish life.

CHURCH OFFICE HELP volunteers are needed to help with various church projects as well as substituting at the front desk when the need arises.

HARBOR HOUSE volunteers provide food donations for survivors of domestic violence and their children. Once the clients realize that their basic physiological needs are met - food, shelter, warmth and safety - they are able to begin the emotional healing. Providing a weekend meal is a way we can serve families and help to provide the structure and stability needed while they're healing from trauma and learning new life skills.

SHARE THE WORD PARISH LIBRARY offers books, audio tapes and videos for self checkout anytime. Located just outside the parish office, volunteers are need to help straighten the shelves.

CHURCH CLEANING volunteers clean and care for the church on the second Saturday of the month to prepare it for Sunday Mass. Families are welcome to participate.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON volunteers provide food for families at the parish following the funeral Mass. Volunteers are needed to donate food, serve and clean up after the meal.

ROSARY MAKERS gather to make rosaries for the missions and local area groups. The group meets monthly to pray together while learning rosary making techniques.

FORTRESS is a monthly group designed for boys 9 yrs through 14 yrs and their fathers focusing on prayer and the Beatitudes. Service projects and fellowship gatherings are also part of the fun. Groups meet on the third Thursday evening of every month. Open to any Catholic family!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16027 participate in the Kansas Council, fraternal and charitable activities and are active in parish and school events. Any Catholic male 18 years or older is encouraged and welcome to join.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE volunteers are asked to call on new parishioners, answer questions and invite them to become active in parish life. Welcoming brunches are held at the rectory, and volunteers are also asked to be at the welcome desk to greet people as they arrive at Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP plans to meet monthly for formation and fellowship. High school students are invited to join us for food, fun and ongoing spiritual formation. Adult help needed to support the youth in their activity planning.

HARVEST HOUSE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY invites adults 55+ to journey together with a group of Catholics who rejoice in the God given gift of dear friendship. Not only do they worship together, they eat together, pray together, laugh together and love one another.

EASTER EGG HUNT is held in the parish courtyard on Easter Sunday following Masses. Children ages birth through kindergarten are invited to bring an Easter basket and collect eggs for prizes.

COLLEGE CARE MINISTRY volunteers provide encouraging words and gifts to college students away from home, in an effort to keep students connected with our parish family.

MASS LECTORS proclaim the Word of God. These individuals should become familiar with the readings for Mass and convey a high regard for the Liturgy of the Word. Training is available.

ROSARY LEADERS lead the rosary prior to each weekday evening Mass.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: ENABLING WOMEN TO KNOW CHRIST THROUGH SCRIPTURE is a Catholic scripture study for women aimed at bringing them to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps link our every day challenges with solutions given to us through the church's teachings. All women are invited to attend!

PARISH FORMATION	PARISH SERVICE
<i>Education and Evangelization</i>	<i>Local and Community</i>
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN & ADULTS TOTUS TUUS SUMMER PROGRAM KAPAUN'S MEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SHARE THE WORD PARISH LIBRARY COMMITTEE WELL READ MOM FORTRESS	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MAKERS CHURCH CLEANING CHURCH OFFICE HELP MERCY MINISTRY SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ST. ANTHONY FAMILY SHELTER HARBOR HOUSE THE LORD'S DINER CHURCH DECORATING AND FLORAL DISPLAYS HELP IN SCHOOL OFFICES OR WITH SCHOOL ATHLETICS PARISH GARDEN AND LANDSCAPES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament takes place perpetually in the Adoration Chapel. Parishioners are encouraged to take this opportunity for prayerful and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament. It is a wonderful place to bring your intercessions. Regularly scheduled hours are available, and you are also invited to drop in between 8 AM and 8 PM.

SISTERS OF SIENA (SOS) invites all women in our parish to join in the dedication to maintaining the altar, and also to providing care, support, and fellowship to the women of Saint Catherine. Many wonderful activities occur throughout the year. SOS meets September through May on the second Monday of the month.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC is held on Labor Day each year. Volunteers are needed to assist with picnic planning and/or on the day of picnic; i.e. monitoring games, grilling, set up and clean up, etc.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY offers coffee and donuts following each of the Sunday Masses. Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve each week.

LENTEN SUPPER volunteers are needed to prepare a meatless dish on the Fridays of Lent, along with set up, serving and clean up. These dinners follow the Stations of the Cross each week. It is a great family or group activity.

PARISH GARDEN AND LANDSCAPE volunteers help to beautify our campus and are needed to plant, weed and address any landscaping needs as they arise.

KAPAUN'S MEN is formation and fellowship for men as we learn from Venerable Emil Kapaun's heroic example. Jesus does not want us to engage in life alone so together we strive to emulate Father Kapaun's virtues and become better husbands, fathers, friends and leaders. One hour weekly meetings, either on Friday or Saturday mornings, include a short video and lively discussion.

WEEKEND MASS CHOIR, CANTORS AND ACCOMPANISTS proclaim in song the Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamation and provide musical leadership to the congregation. Anyone interested in this ministry is encouraged to become involved.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION assist the priests with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. Preparation and formation for the ministers are provided through the Diocesan training. Key attributes are a devotion to the Holy Eucharist and a dedication to the liturgy of the Mass. EMHCs can serve at either or both Saint Catherine or at Lumen Christi Chapel in the Via Christi building east of our parish.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS represent the congregation when bringing forward the gifts during Mass. This is a simple way to increase one's own participation in the liturgy.

THE LORD'S DINER volunteers are needed for food preparation and serving to those in need in our Diocese. Meals are provided at the Lord's Diner 365 days a year, so there are numerous opportunities to serve throughout the year.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION members walk beside families that have experienced any sort of death, whether child or adult. You are not a counselor, just someone who has been down this road and who is present to share your experience, offer support, mentoring and friendship in the hope that it can encourage another family.

FIAT MARRIAGE MINISTRY participants enjoy social time and small group discussion together with other married couples of the parish. Couples will discover spiritual, emotional and practical realities of marriage through scripture, tradition and church teaching. Small groups meet monthly, rotating hosts and locations.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) members join together in prayer and service to the poor through home visits, providing food to the homeless, assisting with housing and furniture delivery and providing aid to various ministries in the parish and community. We strive to be the face of Christ to all those in need.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY meets on the third Monday of each month for food, games and fellowship. BYOG - bring your own game and join the fun! Other events around the Diocese take place throughout the year as well. You must be at least 21 years old to attend.

Commitment of Treasure

WE HAVE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERED SHARING OUR
FAMILY'S FINANCIAL BLESSINGS THROUGH SACRIFICIAL
GIVING, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING A FULL TITHE OF 10% OF
OUR FAMILY'S INCOME IS 8% TO THE PARISH AND 2% TO
OTHER CHARITIES OF OUR CHOICE.
ACCORDINGLY, IN 2027 WE WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING
FINANCIAL GIFT TO SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PARISH

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ANNUALLY SEMI-ANNUALLY QUARTERLY
MONTHLY WEEKLY
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

FOR THE RETIREMENT OF OUR PARISH DEBT

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MONTHLY WEEKLY
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

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Saint Catherine of Siena
CATHOLIC CHURCH

"I RECEIVED FROM MY GOD EXCESSIVE GRACES OF HIS
LOVE, AND I FELT MOVED BY THE DESIRE TO MAKE HIM
SOME RETURN, AND TO RENDER HIM LOVE FOR LOVE."
- ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

2027 Stewardship Commitment

FAMILY LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / ST / ZIP _____

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD #1 _____

BIRTHDAY _____

OCCUPATION _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD #2 _____

BIRTHDAY _____

OCCUPATION _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHILDREN LIVING IN THE HOME _____

MY CHILDREN WOULD LIKE TO SERVE OUR PARISH BY

What time do you most often attend Mass?

- ☐ SATURDAY 4:45 PM
- ☐ SUNDAY 7:30 AM
- ☐ SUNDAY 9:00 AM
- ☐ SUNDAY 11:00 AM

EACH YEAR AS RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS,
WE ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE HOW
WE CAN BEST SERVE OUR PARISH. WE INVITE YOU TO
DISCERN HOW YOU CAN REACH A DEEPER, MORE PERSONAL
LEVEL OF DISCIPLESHIP AND RETURN THE CENTER PAGE OF
THIS BOOK TO THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE,
YOU MAY ALSO FILL THIS FORM OUT ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE.

Commitment of Time and Talent

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD #1

I PLAN TO CONTINUE SERVING WITH THESE MINISTRIES AND
EVENTS _____

I AM READY TO SERVE WITH THESE MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

OTHER GIFTS I CAN SHARE WITH THE PARISH

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD #2

I PLAN TO CONTINUE SERVING WITH THESE MINISTRIES AND
EVENTS _____

I AM READY TO SERVE WITH THESE MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

OTHER GIFTS I CAN SHARE WITH THE PARISH

