

December 10, 2017- Second Sunday of Advent

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00pm Ellinwood,
Sun., 8:00am Claflin, and by appointment.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. St. Damasus I (12/11)

Mass 10:15am Wdhvn [E] Sp. Int. Anna Lee

Tues. Our Lady Of Guadalupe (12/12)

Mass 8:15am [C] Kathy (Jenisch) Williams

Wed. St. Lucy (12/13)

Mass 8:15am [E] +Bertha Achatz

Thurs. St. John of the Cross (12/14)

Mass 8:15am [C] +Edwin Woydziak

Fri., Weekday (12/15)

Mass 8:15am [E] +Ashley Reichuber

3rd Sunday of Advent (12/16)

Mass 5:00pm [E] +M/M Fred Muth

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/17)

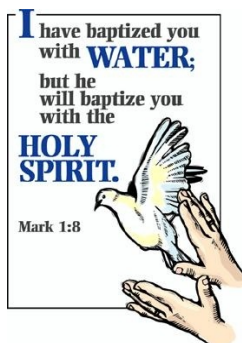
Mass 8:00am [O] For the Homebound of the parish

Mass 8:30am [C] +Bev Zink

Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 10 - Brayden Williams, Britton Dutton

Dec. 16 & 17

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Lector 1

Rosie Joiner

John Sturn

Lector 2

Charlie Joslin

Dennis Habiger

EM

Amy Oelke

Catherine Strecker

Steve Oelke

Lori Hammeke

Melanie Zink

Kent Roth

Danielle Weber

Joy Schlochtermeier

Rod Weber

Paul Schlochtermeier

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Haley Rugan

Daphne Doll

Logan Panning

Daniel Hammeke

Sacristan:

Millie Menges

Kirk Bressler

Greeters Dec 16: Sharon Gatton, Steve & Amy Oelke Family

Greeters Dec 17: John & Marlene Clayton, Larry & Joan Drees, Geraldine Menges, Mark Menges

Ministers - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 8:30am

Lectors: Kent Praeger, Lori Koester

EM: Nancy Liebl, Dawnya Hickel, Kathy Krier, Bill Thomas, Carla Liebl

Gift Bearers: Janie Haxton and Dee Krier

Greeters: Todd & Brett Liebl

Servers: Anthony Oberle, Jacob Oberle

Sacristan: Dee Krier

Weekday Mass Schedule

12/12/2017 Lector: Jane Steinert EM: Jim Oberle, Carla Liebl

12/14/2017 Lector: Kathy Krier EM: Joan Miller, Bill Thomas

Ministers - Holy Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 8:00am

Lector: Gerald Staudinger

EM: Teresa Hickel, Rosalie Kinzel, Jim Schneewis

Greeters: Dale Klug, John Paul Lamatsch

Gifts: Steve & Mildred Reif

Servers: Hannah Beran, Cole Lamatsch

**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE
YOUR SCRIP.**

**REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR
DILLONS PLUS CARD AND
SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC 17

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Vocation View: God calls us to proclaim the Good News. How do you share that Good News? Pray for the grace to be a faith-filled witness of God's love. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Church Support

Weekend Collection \$6,895.00

Envelopes \$6,565.00 Offertory \$78.00

Bell Tower \$51.00 PC Rent \$100.00

Christmas Flowers \$91.00

PETITION SCHEDULE, Weekend of December 17th:

Joni Pivonka. PLEASE NOTE: the new schedule can be picked up in the vesting room at church. It will also be posted on the website.

D of I CHRISTMAS PARTY will be TODAY, Sunday, Dec 10th at 2:30pm in the St. Patrick Parish Center. Hostesses are the Officers. A Potato Bar will be served, along with other snack items. Business meeting will precede the party. Dues of \$20.00 may be paid, yearbooks and raffle tickets will be available. Prayer Partners will be revealed, members may bring a gift valued at \$10-\$15. New Prayer Partners will be chosen. Come and join us for some fun!!!

THE BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE will be in church during the month of December. Please put unwrapped items in the box under the tree. There are also envelopes available. Thanks for any help you can give. If you have questions, call Eileen Huslig at 620-564-3318.

THE BEAUTIFUL NEW TABERNACLE VEIL is the handwork of Linda Sobba. Tabernacles aren't required to be veiled, although they often are, because the Hebrew word means "tent." Yes, the beautiful veil covers the equally beautiful brass work beneath it, but our liturgical life is richer when we don't feel compelled to display everything, all of the time. Sometimes small glimpses do more to encourage a sense of reverence and devotion. Thank you Linda, for all that you do for our parish!

If you are planning a year-end donation for tax purposes, please consider the St. Joseph Living Legacy Fund and St. Joseph Endowment Fund.

WELCOME to Christmas Potluck at the Senior Center, 103 N. Main, Monday, December 11th beginning at noon. Please bring a side dish and table service if possible (Ham will be provided).

FOOD BANK NEEDS - Vegetable Oil, Mustard, Syrup, Cake Mix, Lasagna Noodles, Deodorant, Cereal, Sweet Potatoes, Baked Beans, and Toothbrushes.

PARISH CLUSTER NOTES

ADVENT is a four-week period of preparation for the coming of Christ. The first two weeks focus upon his coming again at the end of time. The second half focuses upon his first coming at Christmas. The entire season asks us to open our hearts so that he may enter them today.

As Catholics, we begin to celebrate the Christmas season on Christmas Eve and continue in it until the Baptism of the Lord in January. For this reason, we try not to decorate the churches for Christmas too early.

In Ellinwood, we have also tried to accommodate the local high school, which offers a Christmas music program in the church before Christmas, while school is still in session.

This year, we face the additional problem that, due to the peculiar calendar this year, there are only four hours between our last celebration of the 4th Sunday of Advent and our first Christmas Eve Mass. Decorating the churches is a massive project, involving a great number of people. We have to look to a time when most of our faithful volunteers can be available. This will vary in the cluster, but look for some items appearing earlier than usual.

WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING extra times for the sacrament of confession during the Advent season on Wednesday evenings. This is a wonderful way to welcome the new light of the season into your hearts. Here are the places, times, and details.

December 13th: Claflin parish confessions from 6:00 - 7:00pm, Claflin PSR confessions from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. A second confessor will be available for both.

December 20th: Ellinwood parish confessions from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. A second confessor will be available.

THERE WILL BE NO THEOLOGY ON TAP during December. The Wolf Hotel is quite reserved during the holiday season for parties. We will resume in January.

LOTTO ST. JOE winner of the \$50 weekly drawing for December 8 is Amber Younger. All tickets are re-entered, so one can win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of St. Joseph School. December is the last month for our Lotto St. Joe 2017 – if you haven't purchased a ticket for Lotto St. Joe 2018 there is still time!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY! Several options to consider. You can purchase a \$25 Amazon Gift card at the St. Joseph Parish and School office as well as before and after weekend masses. They make great Christmas presents, as do our Walmart Cards.

And how about buying a friend or family member a Lotto St. Joe ticket? At \$25, that's a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year.

CLAFLIN K OF C MEMBERS would like to thank everyone who supported us by coming to our breakfast. The funds earned will be used to support our charities.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL PSR would like to thank everyone here at St. Joseph's and in the community for our success with the poinsettia fundraiser and our Gingerbread Workshop. We had a great turnout for both. We really appreciate all the prayers and support!

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, our parish cluster representative from Solutio, Inc., will be setting up the advertising for our website for the year. Please consider participating in this effort since the revenue from the ads is what makes the website possible at **no cost** to the parishes. It's a great way to get your name in front of the families in the parish. Advertisements may be purchased for a business, family memorial, or you can sponsor an ad supporting Catholic Charities, Knights of

Columbus, Vocations, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are curious about pricing, then please contact 620-603-0327 or email: sponsorship@solutiosoftware.com.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DODGE CITY is pleased to sponsor: "Catholic Planned Giving and Estate Planning". These seminars are part of the Department of Development's stewardship education program and concentrate on the Christian steward's right to plan for the prayerful and orderly distribution of one's estate.

The purpose of these seminars is to inform Catholics within the diocese of their rights to ensure that their wishes and the needs of their family are carried out as intended. At the same time, we will illustrate some gift planning techniques people may use in coordination with their estate plan and to give back to God some of the material blessings He has bestowed on all of us. People generally recognize the importance of giving to their parish and diocesan ministries during their lifetime; not too many consider similar gifts in their estate plans and wills. Our vision is to show you the opportunities!

Please join us at one of the Seminars listed:

January 10, 2018, 7:00pm Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City

January 15, 2018, 7:00pm St. Anthony Parish Center, Liberal

January 25, 2018 7:00pm Prince of Peace Parish Center, Great Bend

Sacred Heart Pratt to be announced as soon as determined

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT - Everyone 21 and over is invited to compete in a Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament to raise funds for area charities. The tournament will be at 7:30pm on Sunday, December 10th at the Hoisington Knights of Columbus Hall.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT FOR CHRISTMAS! Pick a snowman, between now and December 15, from the tree at Woodhaven Care Center and purchase a gift to brighten a residents Christmas.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$2,245.00 Envelopes \$2,095.00 Offertory \$150.00 Candles \$62.50 Flowers \$206.00 PSR Fees \$20.00 Hall Rent \$175.00 Repairs \$100.00 Local Poor \$100.00</p>
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION, Wednesday, December 13th, Confession for PSR Students, 7:00 - 8:00pm.

DO BLESSINGS AND BURDENS COME IN BUNDLES? Evidently, for our parish finances, they do. Parr Sound has been scheduled for some time to come and install upgrades needed for us to have any sound system at all in the parish hall. This past week, the equalizer of the church sound system died. A new one had to be ordered. We also need to replace the parish copier machine. The good news here is that we have gotten nine years of service out of a machine only designed to provide five. All of this is against the backdrop of our parish perhaps needing to draw on its reserves because replacement costs are higher than our donations. As we approach the end of the year, please consider if you can help with these repairs. Any donation marked "repair fund" will be used only for these projects.

THE BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE will remain at church until December 25th. Donations can be placed in the box under the tree. If you have questions or wish to donate maternity or baby clothing, call Sandi Oberle at 620-587-9913. THANK YOU to those who have already donated.....your generosity is deeply appreciated!

FRANCES BLAZEK will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 14th with a card shower. If you would like to wish Frances a Happy Birthday, cards may be mailed to: Frances Blazek, c/o Larry Blazek, 1815 160th Circle, Basehor, KS 66007.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$1,013.00 Envelopes \$650.00 Offertory \$363.00</p>
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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION, Wednesday, December 13th, Confession for PSR Students, 7:00 - 8:00pm. Classes are held at Immaculate Conception Church and Parish Center.

K OF C MEETING, Monday, December 18th, 7:30pm at the Odin K of C Club Room.

THE BISHOP HAS SENT US A DIRECTIVE regarding church property security. All churches must now be locked at night, to prevent potential theft or vandalism. Therefore, we need a volunteer who will agree to lock the church each night and unlock the church each morning. As far as this task, it does not have to be just one person. It could easily be split between two people, with one person unlocking the church each morning, and another person locking the church each evening. We need to put this into place as soon as possible, so please contact Steve if you can perform this valuable service to the church..

THE MATILDA PENKA FAMILY would like to thank everyone for their prayers, expressions of kindness, and memorials at the loss of our mother. A special thank you to Father Terry Klein and Steve Schachle for their assistance with the funeral. Appreciation to the Altar Society for their time, for the wonderful meal, and to all who donated food. Thank you!

