

**December 17, 2017- Third Sunday of Advent
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00pm Ellinwood, Sun., 8:00am Claflin, 7:30am Odin & by appointment.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

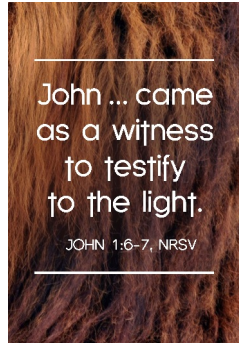
Mon. Weekday (12/18)
Mass 9:30am Hospital [E] +Bertha Achatz

Tues. Weekday (12/19)
Mass 8:15am [C] +Harold & Louise Steffan

Wed. Weekday (12/20)
Mass 8:15am [E] +Bev Zink

Thurs. St. Peter Canisius (12/21)
Mass 8:15am [C] +Elfrieda Woydziak

Fri., Weekday (12/22)
Mass 8:15am [E] +Mary Ann Birzer



4th Sunday of Advent (12/23)
Mass 5:00pm [E] +Jack & Jeanette Clair

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/24)
Mass 8:00am [O] +Matilda Penka
Mass 8:30am [C] Health of loved ones
Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster

CHRISTMAS EVE (12/24)
Mass 4:00pm [E] +Travis Roth
Mass 6:00pm [C] Parish Cluster
Mass 7:00pm [O] +Lawrence Demel

CHRISTMAS DAY (12/25)
Mass 8:30am [C] +Alfred Hammeke
Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC 24
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL
Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 17 - Jonathon Mason, Shaun Weber
Dec. 23 & 24 5:00pm Sat. 10:30am Sun.

Lector 1	Stepanie Joiner	Mary Tudor
Lector 2	Karen Mitchel	LeRoy Thill
EM	Jerome Huslig Joy Schlochtermeyer Paul Schlochtermeyer Rod Weber Danielle Weber	Marcella Birzer Mike Moeder Kirk Bressler Kent Roth Ed Schlochtermeyer
Accomp/Cantor		
Servers	Brayden Williams Grant Klepper	Luke Wondra Kyler Doll
Sacristan:	Karen Kramp	Leon & Marilyn Reichuber

Greeters Dec 23: Jeff & Gwen Klepepr Family, Louie & Joni Pivonka
Greeters Dec 24: Charlie & Denise Joslin Family, Tony & Cheryl Klepper

Ministers - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 8:30am
Lectors: Darah Harrison, Janet Hitschmann
EM: Barbara Musgrove, Rita Stueder, Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Francis Soukup
Gift Bearers: Chris & Tammy Steiner
Greeters: Kirk & Aaron Schneewis
Servers: Callie Zink, Millie Steiner
Sacristan: Judy Oberle

Weekday Mass Schedule

12/19/2017 Lector: Nancy Schartz EM: Kathy Krier, Jim Oberle
12/21/2017 Lector: Jane Steinert EM: Carla Liebl, Joan Miller

Ministers - Holy Family

Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 8:00am
Lector: Brian Hoffman
EM: Norma Schneewis, Carol Lamatsch, Jr. Beran
Greeters: Bob Debes, Ron Kaiser
Gifts: Zachary & Melissa Prosser
Servers: Paige Lamatsch, Grace Lamatsch

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

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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Church Support

Weekend Collection \$5,796.50

Envelopes \$5,201.00 Offertory \$170.50

Holy Day \$419.00 Flowers \$6.00

PETITION SCHEDULE, Weekend of December 24th:
Jenny Kasselmann. Christmas: Charlie Joslin. PLEASE NOTE: the new schedule can be picked up in the vesting room at church. It will also be posted on the website.

ALTAR SERVERS who are scheduled for the Christmas masses should be at church 20 minutes before mass begins. The extra time is needed for instruction and preparation for the mass you are assigned to serve. Thank you.

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.

THANK YOU to Louis Pivonka and Kent Robl who once again decorated the Marian Grotto with Christmas lights. And thank you to Josh Komarek, who single handedly decorated the front of the rectory, unless you count Fr. Klein, holding the ladder.

CURRENT FOOD BANK NEEDS ARE, Peas, Canned Potatoes, Carrots, Tomato Sauce, Cereal, Pickles, Ketchup, Deodorant, Vegetable Oil, Syrup, and Pancake Mix.

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

PARISH CLUSTER NOTES

IN THEIR OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES, Catholics follow the ancient Jewish practice of marking the beginning of the new day with the setting of the sun the night before. Hence we have Saturday evening Masses which are celebrations of the Sunday, but the absolute earliest these can occur is 4:00 pm.

This year, the solemnity of Christmas falls on a Monday. That means that the cluster Masses offered at 5:00pm Saturday, and 8:00, 8:30, and 10:30am on Sunday the 24th of December are Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent, which, like any other Sunday, is a day of obligation. The evening Masses of the 24th of December 4:00 and 6:00pm are Christmas Masses, along with the two offered on Monday morning at 8:30 and 10:30. Christmas is a Holy Day of obligation.

An observant Catholic will thus attend two Masses next week. One for Sunday and one for Christmas. Consider it your thanks to God for the gift of his Son. Fr. Klein will celebrate seven.

WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING extra times for the sacrament of confession during the Advent season on Wednesday evenings in

Ellinwood and Claflin. This is a wonderful way to welcome the new light of the season into your hearts. Here are the places, times, and details.

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

LOTTO ST. JOE winner of the \$50 weekly drawing for December 15 is Ed Nemnich. 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!

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to send a letter of support to our seminarians who, if it be God's plan, will one day serve as a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. The seminarians have said on many occasions how much these letters mean to them! Letters can be mailed to **John Stang, Austin Habash and Tyler Saucedo** at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, 1300 S. Steele St., Denver, CO 80210, **Eric Frieb and Esteban Hernandez** at Conception Seminary College, P. O. Box 502, Conception, MO 64433.

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.

REGISTER YOUR YOUTH NOW for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 22, 2018. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. Open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. Bus will depart from Dodge City at 5:30 am and stop in Great Bend at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day's activities will include Mass, march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building and an opportunity to hear abortion survivor, Melissa Ohden prior to leaving Topeka around 4:00. There will be a dinner stop in Salina. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally and speaker). Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home. Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to Gayla Kirmer, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801, 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdioocese.org.

THE 2018 WINE TASTING EVENT will be at the Great Bend Event Center on Friday, April 20th. Mark your calendars now and plan on coming for a good time and a good cause!

NO ONE NEEDS TO GO THROUGH LIFE'S most difficult challenges alone. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is offering free professional counseling services in Dodge City, Garden City and Great Bend for adults, children, couples, families and seniors, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?— Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend struggling or even heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 26-28 call Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520 or email us at retopairamarillo@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

<p align="center">Church Support Weekend Collection: \$1,207.00 Envelopes \$1,149.00 Offertory \$58.00 Candles \$72.50 Flowers \$10.00 Repairs \$100.00</p>

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION, next class will be Wednesday, January 10th, 7:00 - 8:00pm.

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!

CHRISTMAS EVE MINISTERS - Lectors: Richard Rujan, Abby Holmes, EM: Toby & Sheri Holmes, Carmen Johnson, Fred & Karylann Beck, Gift Bearers: Jim & Lisa Ryan Family, Greeters: John & Connie Miller, Servers: Tyler Holmes, Devin & Peyton Ryan, Sacristan: Dee Krier.

CHRISTMAS DAY MINISTERS - Lectors: Nancy Liebl, Lori Koester, EM: Kathy Krier, Peggy Feist, Laurie Feist, Dawnya Hickel, Joe Jordan, Gift Bearers: Kevin & Jamie Liebl, Servers: Brianna Hickel, Blaine Hickel, Maryn Rose Schmidt, Sacristan: Joan Miller.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

<p align="center">Church Support Weekend Collection: \$1,012.00 Envelopes \$841.00 Offertory \$171.00 Votives \$133.00</p>

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DURING THE ADVENT SEASON, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available starting at 7:15am on Sundays.

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

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY is asking for help to brighten Christmas for the boys in the Boys Home in Great Bend this year. If you would like to help, the best way to donate would be by buying a Wal-Mart or Amazon.com gift card, so that the Administrator of the home can help the boys buy what they need (specific-sized clothing, etc.) for the individual boy, and use the gift cards to pay for them. The cards can be placed in the collection baskets on Sundays, Dec. 17th at the latest. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. The Wal-Mart gift cards are sold exclusively at Wal-Mart and the Amazon.com gift cards can be purchased at Walgreens.

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..

