

# December 31, 2017- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Pastoral Staff

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00pm Ellinwood, Sun., 8:00am Claflin, 7:30am Odin & by appointment.**

## INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Solemnity of Mary (1/1)**  
**Mass 8:30am [C] +Parish Cluster**  
**Mass 10:30am [E] +Joe Hickel**

**Tues. Ss. Basil the Great (1/2) and Gregory Nazianzen**  
**Mass 8:15am [C] For moisture**

**Wed. The Most Holy Name of Jesus (1/3)**  
**Mass 8:15am [E] +Ashley Reichuber**

**Thurs. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1/4)**  
**Mass 8:15am [C] +James Korf**

**Fri., St. John Neumann (1/5)**  
**Mass 8:15am [E] +Milton Achatz**  
**Mass 10:00am [C] +Ben Kirmer**



**Jesus Presented in the Temple**

**Epiphany (1/6)**  
**Mass 5:00pm [E] +Jerome Birzer**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (1/7)**  
**Mass 8:00am [O] +Bernard Boor**  
**Mass 8:30am [C] Parish Cluster**  
**Mass 10:30am [E] Living & Dec. Members of D of I**

**Ministers - St. Joseph**

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 31- Logan Panning, Emma Nienke

<b>Jan. 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>5:00pm Sat.</b>	<b>10:30am Sun.</b>
Lector 1	Rosie Joiner	John Sturn
Lector 2	Ellen Shanteau	Mary Tudor
EM	Joe Schulte Yvonne Strecker Steve Oelke Amy Oelke Sharon Gattton	Marcella Birzer Kirk Bressler Kent Roth Joy Schlochtermeier Paul Schlochtermeier
Accomp/Cantor		
Servers	A. J. Bowyer Jonathon Mason	David Hammeke Kayanna Hammeke
Sacristan	Rosemary Robl	Kelly & Kristen Wondra

Greeters Jan. 6: Paul Huschka, Heather & Jason Schlochtermeier Family  
Greeters Jan. 7: John & Marlene Clayton, Tony & Cheryl Klepper, Ron & Rosemary McCrary

**Ministers - Immaculate Conception**

**Sunday, January 7, 2018 - 8:30am**  
Lectors: Laura Schlessiger, Kent Praeger  
EM: Francis Soukup, Nancy Liebl, Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Joan Miller  
Gift Bearers: Rick & Dawnya Hickel  
Greeters: Jon & Jane Oeser Family  
Servers: Isaac Heredia, Lexie Oeser  
Sacristan: Joan Miller

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

1/2/2018 Lector: Jane Steinert EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle  
1/4/2018 Lector: Nancy Schartz EM: Bill Thomas, Joan Miller

**Ministers - Holy Family**

**Sunday, January 7, 2018- 8:00am**  
Lector: Alan Hickel  
EM: Jr. Beran, Carol Lamatsch, Norma Schneweis  
Greeters: Beau Hekele, Joseph Hekele  
Gifts: Craig & Michelle Beran  
Servers: Grace Lamatsch, Alyx Lamatsch

*Note for Odin Ministers: If you are not able to serve your assigned position on the above schedule/date, please find a substitute and indicate the substitute's name on the schedule posted in the church entrance foyer.*

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” -  
COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It’s amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JAN 7**  
Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness and love. What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3:12-21). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at [www.dcdiocese.org/vocations](http://www.dcdiocese.org/vocations).

**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 \$7,407.00

Envelopes \$6,795.00      Offertory \$251.00

Flowers \$10.00              Repairs \$351.00

Christmas \$5,377.75

**PETITION SCHEDULE**, Weekend of January 7<sup>th</sup>: Karen Kramp.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**, Monday, January 15, 7:00pm at the parish office.

**D OF I** will meet Monday, Jan 8th at 7:00 pm in the St. Patrick Parish Center. Hostesses are Lorita Berens and Marilyn Petty.

**DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY** the Knights of Columbus will be having their annual bottles for babies campaign. We will be handing out baby bottles at weekend Masses for you to fill with change, bills or a check and then return to us. The proceeds from this are donated to pro life causes, we generally donate this to Birthright of Great Bend and Catholic Charities in Great Bend.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be having their annual soup sampler, Sunday January 28th . Any Knight willing to make and donate a roaster of soup can call Mel Waite at 620-617-3291.

**OUR SUPPLY OF PYXES**, the small containers used to bring communion to the sick and homebound, is very low, especially of the smaller pyxes. If you happen to have one with you at home, could you please return it to the sacristy in the gathering area.

## PARISH CLUSTER NOTES

**JANUARY 1 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.** This year, because it falls on a Monday, it is not a holy Day of obligation, though it is certainly an excellent way to begin the New Year. Like Christmas, the week before, its Masses begin on Sunday evening and go into Monday morning.

**THANK YOU** - I try to write personal thank you notes for all of those who are so very kind to me at Christmas. But sometimes items come anonymously, or I miss one. Please know that I am very grateful to all of you for your gifts. I can't imagine a better assignment than the one, which I have. And don't forget, please, to pray for your pastor in the new year. Fr. Terrance Klein

**PLEASE REMEMBER** if you or a family member has an emergency, or is admitted to the hospital, please call Fr. Klein at 620-564-2534.

**A NEW YEAR OF THEOLOGY ON TAP** begins January 6th, at 7:00 pm in the Wolf Hotel Saloon. "Everything you ever wanted to know about what the Church teaches on sexuality, which you can ask in an hour."

**LOTTO ST. JOE 2018** winner of the \$100 New Year's Day drawing is Lauren Rugan. Winner of the weekly drawing for

January 5<sup>th</sup> is Frances Robinson. All tickets are re-entered, so one can win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of St. Joseph School.

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING** at the ICC Parish Center on Wednesday, January 10th at 8:00 p.m. for current ICC and Holy Family 7-10th grade students who are interested in attending NCYC 2019. The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is an exciting biannual four-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (9-12th grade) and their adult chaperones. If you are planning to attend NCYC in 2019 please attend the meeting with a parent or guardian. If you aren't sure and would like to learn more about NCYC, this would be a great time to hear from both students and chaperones who have attended in the past!

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** is a wonderful time for us. In addition to the very special meaning of the liturgical celebration, we are always happy to see so many parishioners whose schedule may not allow them to attend Mass in our parish cluster on a regular basis. If you are one of those who cannot visit our parish cluster as much as you like, your might want to check out our website at [www.stjosephellinwood.com](http://www.stjosephellinwood.com) , [www.lccclafin.com](http://www.lccclafin.com) or [www.holyfamilyodin.com](http://www.holyfamilyodin.com). There you will find the weekly bulletin, our monthly newsletter as well as ministers schedules, there's even a link to our Facebook page. You will also find an Online Giving link. Our online giving program allows parishioners to continue to support the parishes even when they are out-of-town, too busy to remember an envelope, working weekends, or attending Mass at another parish. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact the parish office in Ellinwood, at 620-564-2534 or follow the simple instructions found on the website.

**D OF I SOUP SAMPLER SUPPER** Sunday, January 21, 2018 at St. Patrick Parish Center, 4100 Broadway Ave, Great Bend 4:30-5:30pm. Cost is \$7 per person which includes drink and dessert, children under 5 eat free. There will be several varieties of soup to sample! Everyone is invited!

**COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER** will be held Thursday, January 25, 2018, 5-7pm at the St. Joseph Parish Center. A free will offering will be received at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual event. Proceeds will go into the Emergency Assistance Fund administered by the Ellinwood Area Churches. Plan now to support this effort!

**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@dcdiocese.org](mailto:gkirmer@dcdiocese.org).

**HEARTLAND FARM** FiberSpace 2018 workshop to learn, renew or develop your fiber art skills will be held January 19 & 20 and February 9 & 10, 2018. For more information, please call 620-923-4585.

**SENIOR FOOD BANK PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN BARTON COUNTY** - The Kansas Food Bank with local partner from Food Bank of Barton County, Barton County Health Department, RSVP, Hoisington Food Bank, St. Rose Health Center, Untied Way, Eldercare Inc., and Central Kansas Partnership are introducing a USDA food program to help provide monthly food boxes to low income seniors. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program for Seniors will be available to person in Barton County, age 60 and above, who meet income requirements. Distribution will start in February.

To apply for the program, call Debi at the Kansas Food Bank, 316-265-3663 to schedule an appointment for the Sign-up. The Sign-up event will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, between 10am and 4pm at the RSVP office, 1205 Main, Great Bend. Applicants should bring all required documents with them.

Interested seniors must fill out an application and provide the following: proof of ID, proof of income (Social Security Statement) and proof of address. Once approved, they will receive a monthly box for six months, and then will re-certify for the next six months.

## ***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH***

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church Support</b> <b>Weekend Collection: \$2,668.00</b> Envelopes \$2,457.00 Offertory \$211.00 Candles \$37.50 Hall Rent \$100.00 Repairs \$200.00 Christmas \$7,104.25</p>
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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH** - "Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit..."

**ADORATION** will be held Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Parish Center. The meeting will consist of the installation of the new officers. Refreshments will be served.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MINISTERS** - Lectors: Kent Praeger, Laura Schlessiger, EM: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Francis Soukup, Gifts: Jon & Jane Oeser Family, Greeters: Marvin & Bobette Kirmer, Servers: Brett Liebl, Lawson Oeser, Lauren Oeser, Sacristan: Judy Oberle.

**THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers for their time and expertise

in decorating the church for Christmas. One minute it's the normal beautiful sanctuary we are used to, and hours of labor later, it's a spectacular setting, worthy of welcoming the baby Jesus.

**A THANK YOU FROM YOUR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** -I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of Immaculate Conception, Claflin and Holy Family, Odin for all of the wonderful cards, gifts, goodies and gratuities that I received for Christmas. I am absolutely overwhelmed and very grateful for the thoughtfulness, support and words of kindness, not just now at Christmas time, but from the very first day of my arrival. This means so much to me. I am very fortunate and very happy to be your Parish Administrator.... Steve

**AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED**, our parish has encountered several unexpected expenses at the end of this year. First the sound system in the parish hall went out. This was followed by the equalizer in the church sound system. The good news is that these have all been very well repaired or replaced, but at a cost of \$3,447.00. If you can help with this expense, please label your contribution "Repairs."

Likewise, after many years of service, our parish office copier needs to be replaced. Just now, the cost looks to be about \$1500. If you can help with this, please label your gift, "Copier."

## ***HOLY FAMILY CHURCH***

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**COMMUNION BREAKFAST** January 14<sup>th</sup> following the 8 a.m. mass for all Knights of Columbus members and high school sons, and all Holy Family mass servers.

**FREE THROW CONTEST** -Odin Knights of Columbus free-throw contest on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Odin gym. For boys/ girls ages 9-14. Proof of age required.

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