

March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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 (3/12)

Mass 10:15am Woodhaven [E] +Milton Ahtaz

Tues. Weekday (3/13)

Mass 8:15am [C] +Bob Poppelreiter

Wed. Weekday (3/14)

Mass 8:15am [E] +John Gannaway

Thurs. Weekday (3/15)

Mass 8:15am [C] Increase in Religious Vocations

Fri., Weekday (3/16)

Mass 8:15am [E] Preservation of SJS

5th Sun. Of Lent (3/17)

Mass 5:00pm [E] +Rheinard Schwartz

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (3/18)

Mass 8:00am [O] For Family H.M.

Mass 8:30am [C] Janet Klug

Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son....

JOHN 3:16, NIV

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

Vocation View: When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you. (John 3:14-21) Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life from our families and parish. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.

Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of March 11 - Kaleub Haynes, Jonathon Mason

March 17 & 18

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Lector 1

Steve Billinger

Charlie Joslin

Lector 2

Derek Joiner

Heather Panning

EM

Amy Oelke

Mel Waite

Steve Oelke

Kirk Bressler

Jason Schlochtermeyer

Mark Panning

Curtis Wolf

Lori Hammeke

Jean Klepper

Jaylayne Ewing

Accomp/Cantor

Leon/Marlene Clayton

Leon/Kelsey Menges

Servers

Nathan Hammeke

Brayden Lewis

Monica Hammeke

Wittney Hammeke

Sacristan:

Larry Drees

Tammy Troyer

Greeters Mar 17: Jeff Klepper Family, Glen & Kathy Hertel

Greeters Mar 18: Kim Ward, John & Marlene Clayton, Gerry Menges, Mark Menges, Ed Schlochtermeyer

Ministers - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 8:30am

Lectors: Don Zink, Laura Schlessiger

EM: Laurie Feist, Barbara Musgrove, Bill Thomas, Frances Soukup, Carmen Johnson

Gift Bearers: John & Lori Koester

Greeters: Kevin & Nancy Liebl Family

Servers: Peyton Dody, Callie Zink

Sacristan: Joy Hertach

Weekday Mass Schedule

3/13/18 Lector: Jane Steinert EM: Bill Thomas, Carla Liebl

3/15/18 Lector: Nancy Schartz EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

Ministers - Holy Family

Sunday, March 18, 2018- 8:00am

Lector: Mark Boor

EM: Chrys Lamatsch, Joyce Koester, Joan Klug

Greeters: Jack Scneweis, John Lamatsch

Gifts: Brian & Gina Oberle

Servers: Paige Lamatsch, Alyx 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 \$6,469.25

Envelopes \$6,250.00 Offertory \$113.25

Bell Tower \$51.00 Flowers \$55.00

PETITION SCHEDULE, Weekend of March 18th: Kent Robl.

THE D OF I will meet Monday, March 12th at 7:00 pm in the St. Patrick Parish Center. Members are asked to bring items for the Food Bank. Hostesses are Jolene Kirmer and Kay Wondra.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING, Monday, March 19th, 7:00pm at the parish office.

PLEASE RETURN your Knights of Columbus baby bottles at your earliest convenience as we want to get the proceeds distributed to our pro life organizations.

IN THIS SEASON OF FASTING AND PENITENCE, the Ellinwood Food Bank would like to encourage you to bring one item to your church basket each week. **Fourth Sunday of Lent: Tomato products (diced tomatoes, tomato paste, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce).**

KINDERGARTEN DISCOVERY - St. Joseph School will be sending letters to parents of pre-kindergarten age children inviting them to a Kindergarten Discovery day in April. If you or someone you know, has a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018, please call the school office at 620-564-2721.

PARISH CLUSTER NOTES

NEW TO THE PARISH CLUSTER? Welcome to St. Joseph Parish, Ellinwood, Immaculate Conception Parish, Claflin and Holy Family Parish, Odin we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join one of the parishes, please register online by going to our website, www.StJosephEllinwood.com, www.IccClaflin.com, www.HolyFamilyOdin.com or you may call 620-564-2534 or stop by the parish office 109 W 3rd Street in Ellinwood and register. Welcome and God Bless!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS - All notes for the bulletin should be emailed to jkomarek@stjosephellinwood.com or submitted in writing to the parish office, 109 W. 3rd, St., Ellinwood. The deadline is noon on Tuesday.

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.

LOTTO ST. JOE 2018 winner of the weekly drawing for March 9th is Emily Staton. All tickets are re-entered, so one can win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of St. Joseph School.

CRS RICE BOWL - ENCOUNTER ANDRISE - We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Hati who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community – and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you

closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Holy Family: 7:00 pm Friday, March 16th

Immaculate Conception: 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 14th

St. Joseph: 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 14th

THE NEXT LENTEN LUNCH IS SCHEDULED for Noon, Wednesday, March 14 at St. Joseph Parish Center. Free-will donations will be received to help families in the community who need occasional assistance.

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME to the Lenten Men's Breakfast Group. The group meets on the Fridays of Lent at 6:15am at the St. Joseph School Cafeteria.

WE HAVE SCHEDULED to have the floors in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center professionally cleaned and refinished, including a good waxing. This is a project that has been long overdue. Besides looking better, this will also makes them easier to clean after each event. The dates that the Parish Center will be "closed" to any events is June 18-30. Now that we are in March, that is only 3 months away!

WE MAINTAIN A LOST AND FOUND at the Immaculate Conception Rectory, with items left from events held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Current items include a jacket, vest, hat, belt, CD's and sunglasses. If you can specifically identify a left item, you may call Steve at the Rectory to describe the item and if it's a match, arrange for a time to collect the item at the Rectory.

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL: The Encounter weekend is April 14-16. Young men-high school juniors, seniors, and those of college age – are invited to join Fr. Wesley for a road trip to Conception Seminary College. The weekend is a time to hear talks and spend time with seminarians while enjoying time with other young men who are seeking God's will in their life. There is no charge for the weekend and transportation is provided. Register online at <http://dcdiocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or contact Ana Gaytan at 620.227.1500 or agaytan@dcdiocese.org

TEENS AND ADULTS ARE INVITED to the "Love Gives Life" Conference on Saturday, April 7th, from 11am to 4:30pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. The conference will be hosted by Kansans for Life and the Knights of Columbus Council #2955 and will feature Terry Beatley, who will share the personal testimony of Dr. Bernard Nathanson about the deception used to convince Americans to accept legalized abortion. Several educational workshops will also be offered, in both English and Spanish. Come for just an hour, or come for the entire program. The cost is only \$5 for adults, and teen tickets are free! Lunch is included but you must RSVP by April 4 if you will be eating lunch. Register by April 4 at kansansforlife.salsalabs.org/04718dodgecity or call 1-800-928-5433. See www.kfl.org for a complete schedule.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LENTEN DINNERS sponsored by the Prince of Peace Confirmation/Youth Group. Dinner will be held in the St. Rose Auditorium on the following Friday evenings: March 16. Suggested donation \$5.00 per person. Proceeds will be donated to the Widow's Mite. For more information, please contact Rose Duvall, Asst. DRE, 620-792-1386, ext 116.

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH SPRING FLING,

Saturday, April 7th, 6-10pm at the K of C Hall in Great Bend. Steak Dinner, with all the trimmings, Silent Auction, Raffle and Entertainment. Tickets are \$50 each, \$80 per couple, or \$300 for a table of 8. Proceeds benefit the youth at Prince of Peace.

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!

DIVINE MERCY RADIO WANTS YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES to be included in the 88.1 Cookbook due out in the Fall of 2018. These don't need to be original recipes; "borrowed" recipes are just fine. Feel free to also include a personal note about the history of the recipe, your favorite bible quote, or favorite saint. Please email your favorites to leslie@dvmercy.com or mail to the studio: 108 E. 12th St., Suite 1. Thank you for participating in this fun project!

HEARTLAND CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY LENTEN RETREAT, Saturday, March 24th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Presenter will be Phil St. Romain, M.S., D. Min. Our retreat day will make use of time for prayer, reflection, short teachings and video clips to help us become more open to encountering Jesus during Holy Week, which will begin the next day. There will be time during the retreat for Spiritual Direction or to treat yourselves to a 30-minute massage. If you would like to extend your retreat, please feel free to stay overnight Friday, or Saturday night. Fees: Retreat Day \$50 (includes lunch); 20 minutes Spiritual Direction \$15; 30 minute massage \$25. Register online at www.heartlandspirituality.org/retreatsandprograms.

ABC PREGNANCY CARE CENTER in Garden City, KS, extends an invitation to their annual fundraising banquet on March 26, at 6:30pm at the Clarion Inn, located at 1911 East Kansas Avenue in Garden City. Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner is complimentary. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. Abortion survivor, Claire Culwell, will be the keynote speaker. To RSVP, contact ABC Pregnancy Care Center by March 16th, 620-275-1777.

MARCH - HUMAN TRAFFICKING is one of the great human rights challenges of this century.. Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities – bought, sold, shared, abused and discarded. Ending SLAVERY is EVERYONE'S WORK. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. sistersagainstrafficking.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$2,259.00 Envelopes \$2,161.00 Offertory \$98.00 Candles \$101.25 Repairs \$55.00</p>
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION, Wednesday, March 14th, 7:00 - 8:00pm.

LINDA AXTEL HAS RETIRED as one of our Collection Counters and we would like to recognize her and thank her for her service to Immaculate Conception Church. Carol Herter has kindly volunteered to take Linda's place as a Collection Counter and we are very appreciative and look forward to having Carol help us in this capacity. It takes a lot of volunteers to help us keep everything running smoothly and we have a great team!

WHEN YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, take a moment to admire our latest addition to the sanctuary, a statue of St. Rita who has been placed on a pedestal over the candle nook at the back of the church. For unknown reasons and length of time, St. Rita has been keeping the plastic plants and trees company in a downstairs closet, and besides being dusty, she had incurred some damage. Carol Herter used her talents and has spent several weeks lovingly restoring St. Rita to her original glory. Thank you Carol, we are very appreciative of your meticulous work, which the Parish can now enjoy for years to come.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$1,748.00 Envelopes \$1,605.00 Offertory \$143.00 Votives \$134.50</p>

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION, Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 - 8:00pm.

ODIN K OF C MEETING, Monday, March 26th, 7:30pm at the Odin K of C Club Room.

THE HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY FUND, INC. has prepared their annual financial statement. For your convenience it will be available in the back of the Holy Family Church during the month of March. We encourage all interested parties to please pick up a copy. Thank you."

PLEASE CONSIDER giving online to our parish. You can sign-up for it through the parish website, and you determine the amount and frequency of the donation, which you can change at any time. There are a number of advantages of online giving.

- the parish receives a steady and reliable donation, independent of travel or illness
- the parish saves the cost of sending out envelopes
- you have constant and immediate access to your record of giving

