

December 2, 2018 - First 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. St. Francis Xavier (12/3)

Mass 10:15am Wdhvn [E] +Alan Schneweis

Tues. St. John Damascene (12/4)

Mass 8:15am [C] +Jerry Burkhardt

Wed. Weekday (12/5)

Mass 7:00pm [E] +David Schlochtermeier

Thurs. St. Nicholas (12/6)

Mass 8:30am [C] +Gloria Hickel

Fri. St. Ambrose (12/7)

Mass 8:15am [E] +Dorothy Moeder

Mass 10:00am [C] +Marilyn Kaiser

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass 5:00pm [E] Parish Cluster (12/7)

Holy Day Mass 8:30am [C] +Nancy Feist-Schissler (12/8)

2nd Sunday of Advent (12/8)

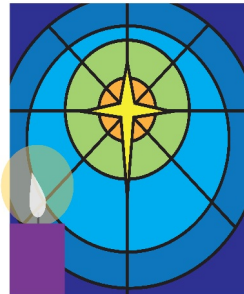
Mass 5:00pm [E] +Ashley Reichuber

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/9)

Mass 8:00am [O] +Matilda Penka

Mass 8:30am [C] +Trevor Cates

Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 2- Drew Heinz, Emma Nienke

Dec. 8 & 9

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Lector 1

Stephanie Joiner

Heather Panning

Lector 2

Karen Mitchell

Mark Panning

EM

Chad Steffan

Melissa Tudor

Lori Steffan

Mark Menges

Jean Klepper

Curtis Wolf

Lori Billinger

Joy Schlochtermeyer

Melanie Zink

Paul Schlochtermeyer

Accomp/Cantor

Leon/John Sturn

Leon/Caden Rowan

Haley Troyer

Servers

Elizabeth Monaghan

Cody Zink

Brayden Williams

Lane Klepper

Sacristan

Rosemary Robl

Leon & Marilyn

Reichuber

Greeters Dec. 8: Glen & Kathy Hertel, Jamie Komarek, Josh Komarek

Greeters Dec. 9: Richard & Jean Doll Family, Ron & Rosemary McCrary

Ministers - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 8:30am

Lectors: Don Zink, Darah Harrison

EM: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Laurie Feist, Barbara Musgrove,
Bill Thomas

Gift Bearers: Rick and Dawnya Hickel

Greeters: Todd and Carla Liebl Family

Servers: Taylin Davis, Devin Ryan

Sacristan: Joy Hertach

Weekday Mass Schedule

12/4 Lector: Nancy Schartz EM: Dee Krier, Carol Herter

12/6 Lector: Don Zink EM: Kathy Krier, Bill Thomas

12/7 Lector: Kathy Krier EM: Joan Miller, Jim Oberle

Ministers - Holy Family

Sunday, December 2, 2018- 8:00am

Lector: Gerald Staudinger

EM: Chrys Lamatsch, Joyce Koester, Joan Klug

Greeters: Beau Hekele, Joseph Hekele

Gifts: David and Kay Dolechek

Servers: Alyx Lamatsch, Sarah Beran

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
(LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 9

Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6

Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. How is God calling you to serve? (Jeremiah 33:14-16) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.

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

**REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR
DILLONS PLUS CARD AND**

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Church Support

Envelopes \$1,460.00	Offertory \$395.25
Online Giving \$1,635.00	
Total Weekend Collection	\$3,490.25
Wkly offering needed to meet budget	\$7,732.01
Envelopes Mailed	204
Envelopes Returned	31
Online Donors	48
Sp. Col: Flowers \$20.00	Thanksgiving \$246.00

PETITION SCHEDULE, Immaculate Conception, December 7th: Melanie Zink. Weekend of December 9th: Melanie Zink
PLEASE NOTE, the new schedule can be picked up in the vesting room at church. It will also be posted on the parish website.

MINISTERS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY MASS, Friday, December 7th at 5:00pm: Lectors: Mary Tudor and Kent Roth. EM: Ed Schlochtermeyer, Paul & Joy Schlochtermeyer, Yvonne Strecker, Jerome Huslig.
Accomp/Cantor: Leon Sobba/Marlene Clayton, Servers: Caylee Rowan and Nathan Hammeke, Sacristan: Jim & Veanna Rousseau.

D OF I will have their December Meeting and Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9, at 2:30 pm, St. Patrick Parish Center. Yearbooks will be available as well as an opportunity to pay circle dues (\$20) and purchase Raffle tickets for our fundraiser. Prayer Partners will be revealed at our Christmas Party. If you had a Prayer Partner this year, please bring a \$10 - \$15 gift for her.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS always comes early because of the high school music concert. This year, it is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5th, starting at 7:00 pm. Eucharistic adoration will conclude 15 minutes early that evening. If you are free and would like to join the team of adults and teens who decorate, plan to meet at the Parish Office Basement at 7:00 pm.

THE BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS TREE is up in the entry of our Church through the month of December. Items needed are listed on the tags. Please put unwrapped items in the box below the tree. Or, if you prefer to mail a donation, pick up an addressed envelope. Thank you for your consideration, Eileen Huslig.

FOOD BANK NEEDS: Applesauce, Gravy, Soups, Boxed Potato Flakes, Pancake Mix, Hamburger Helper, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and lots and lots of Cereal.

PARISH CLUSTER NOTES

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation, on which we are required to attend Mass. Typically, if such a day falls on a Saturday or Monday, it loses the obligation. However, this Holy Day does not, but it is the patronal feast of the United States. This is why you will see two Masses, specifically for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. One Friday evening in Ellinwood and one Saturday morning in Claffin.

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 times and details.

Wednesday, December 5th, 6:00 -7:00 pm SJ
Wednesday, December 12th, 6:00 -7:00 pm IC & 7:00-8:00 pm PSR (Two confessors available)
Wednesday, December 19th 6:00 - 7:00 pm SJ (Two confessors available)

THEOLOGY ON TAP, December 1st at 7:00 pm Topic: All About Christmas. Includes: How do we know that Christ was born on December 25th? Must we believe in a Virgin Birth? Did we co-opt the Roman holiday of Saturnalia? And your own questions about the season.

OUR CLUSTER PARISHES have launched an exciting new way to communicate with our parishioners. It's called Flocknote, and, if you have an email and a cell phone number, it allows us to send you updates in real time. You can sign up to be informed of something that affects the entire parish, such as a Mass cancellation, or something that pertains to the groups to which you belong, such as: we need lectors to volunteer for the holiday Mass. We are asking everyone who has a cell phone number and an email to sign-up for Flocknote. See the enclosed brochure for instructions. When you are ready to sign up on the site, make sure that you select your parish and the groups under your parish. All three parishes are listed on the site. As Flocknote is used to remind members about meetings or commitments, please do not sign up for groups to which you do not belong. The exception is that parents should sign up for altar servers updates unless their children have their own cell phones. Once you arrive at the Flocknote site, the first thing that you do is select your parish. It is safe, and it costs you nothing. Yet it will revolutionize the way we keep in touch with each other.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - Parents shop local business during Christkindlmarket without worrying about your children breaking things in stores or seeing what you are buying them for Christmas. The HS youth group will be providing childcare at Gather from Noon until 3:00 p.m. this Sunday (12/2). We will be watching movies and participating in crafts/games. The cost is \$5. Contact Sean O'Neill at 620.797.1280 or catholic eagles76@gmail.com if you have any questions.

NOW IS THE TIME to buy tickets for the 3rd Annual Lotto St. Joe. Tickets are \$25 and offer sixty chances to win throughout 2019. Prize amounts range from \$50 to \$500. Tickets can be obtained at the school or church office or in the back of church. All proceeds from the fundraiser benefit St. Joseph School.

LOTTO ST. JOE 2018 Winner of the \$50 weekly drawing for November 30th is Larry Hauser. All tickets are re-entered, so one can win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of St. Joseph School.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ENDOWMENT presents Piano Sounds from St. Joseph's own Marla Habiger. Marla plays old religious favorites such as Amazing Grace, Ave Maria sung by Marlene Clayton, How Great Thou Art, Mother Dear O Pray For Me, and others. CD's are available for \$20 and can be purchased from the parish office, 109 W 3rd, Ellinwood (620-564-2534) or Angie Hammeke (620-617-0874). This CD makes a wonderful Christmas gift, or buy one for yourself, it is easy listening whether driving or at

home. Thanks to Leon Sobba for recording and producing this CD.

ADVENT MARRIAGE IN CHRIST RESOURCES - Advent is a hectic time. This is a free series designed to help you and your spouse stay connected during this busy Advent season. You are invited to take a short time - about 20 minutes a day- to do something for your marriage. Come Christmas, you will find greater unity, an increased appreciation for one another and gratitude for the small ways you've chosen to show your love and affection. Visit the website and download your free workbook today!" <https://marriageinchrist.com/resources/>

SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO OUR SEMINARIANS!
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 Diocese of Dodge City! The seminarians have said on many occasions how much these letters mean to them! Address for John Stang, Austin Habash and Tyler Saucedo is St. John Vianney, Theological Seminary, 1300 S. Steele St., Denver, CO 80210. Address for Eric Frieb, Carson Haupt, Esteban Hernandez and Jonathon Lemus, Conception Seminary College, P. O. Box 502, Conception, MO 64433.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to Woodhaven's Resident Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00pm. There will be finger foods and entertainment. Please RSVP to Tasha Manring, 620-564-2337, by December 13th.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DODGE CITY March for Life Pilgrimage, January 16-20, 2019. Join in prayerful pro-life witness at the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Four day bus trip/pilgrimage. Cost is \$400 per person. For more information, please contact Tom and Lisa Ridder at 620-375-2100 or lridders68@gmail.com

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO TOPEKA will be departing Dodge City on January 21 at 5pm to travel to Topeka to spend the night and then take part in the March activities on Tuesday, January 22 beginning at 8:30am with the Ignite Event, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, the March to the Capitol Steps and rally and tours of the Capitol before returning to Dodge City. Cost this year is \$65 per person and is open to High School and College age and sponsors. Donations are welcome to help cover the expenses. Registration forms and payment should be received by January 14 and checks made payable to the Diocese of Dodge City. Mail to Gayla Kirmer at PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801. Call 620-227-1525 or email: gkirmer@dcdioocese.org. Click here for the flier and here for registration form.

JOIN BISHOP JOHN BRUNGARDT AND FR. WESLEY for a 3 day-2 night pilgrimage to Conception Seminary, March 3,4, 5. Cost is only \$265 for single occupancy or \$255 for double occupancy. Trip includes: deluxe motor coach transportation with pick ups in Dodge City and Great Bend and other stops as requested; a tour of the Clyde Monastery; time with the Seminarians; tour of Conception Seminary; evening dinner with Bishop Brungardt, Fr. Wesley and the Seminarians; accommodations at the Seminary and time for prayer and Eucharist with the Seminarians. Seating is limited so don't delay in making your reservations. A \$50 deposit with reservation is required. Make checks payable to: Diocese of Dodge City and send to: Office of Development, PO Box 137, Dodge City, Kansas, 67801. Trip is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and Development to help

foster, promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

<p style="text-align: center;">Church Support Weekend Collection: \$ Envelopes \$ Offertory \$ Votives \$ All Saints \$</p>

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - "Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

PSR CLASSES, Wednesday, December 12th confessions for PSR students 7-8pm.

ADORATION will be held Thursday, December 6th from 9am to 7pm.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTERS, Saturday, December 8th, 8:30am - Lectors: Nancy Liebl, EM: Rita Stueder, Carmen Johnson, Servers: Brianna & Blaine Hickel, Gift Bearers: John & Lori Koester, Sacristan: Judy Oberle

REMINDER - Dec 2 is the last day to submit your ballot for the Proposition to add a ground level bathroom to the church.

THE BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE will be at Immaculate Conception Church until December 25. Tags on the tree list items needed by Birthright of Great Bend. All donations are greatly appreciated! The most needed items this year include Size 2 & Size 3 diapers, Sizes 2T & 3T clothing, Nursing pads, Crib sheets and Baby lotion. Donated items (not wrapped) may be placed in the box under the tree. Pre-addressed envelopes are provided at the bottom of the tree for anyone wishing to make a monetary donation. Birthright services include pregnancy testing, maternity and baby clothing, baby supplies, and a listening ear. All services are completely free of charge and are provided by community volunteers. If you have questions or wish to donate used maternity or baby clothing to Birthright, call Sandi Oberle @ 587-9913 or 791-8417 or email at sandio@hbcomm.net.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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ALTAR SOCIETY meeting this Sunday, Dec 2nd in the rectory immediately following Mass.

