

December 9, 2018 - Second 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

(12/10)

Mass 10:15am Wdhvn [E] +Marilee Huslig

Tues. St. Damasus I

(12/11)

Mass 8:15am [C] McKenna Family

Wed. Our Lady of Guadalupe (12/12)

Mass 8:15am [E] +David Sauber

Thurs. St. Lucy

(12/13)

Mass 8:15am [C] Chad & Sarah Liebl
Family

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

Mass 8:15am [E] +Gerald Reichuber

3rd Sunday of Advent

(12/15)

Mass 5:00pm [E] +Brett Moeder

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(12/16)

Mass 8:00am [O] +Chad Gisick

Mass 8:30am [C] +Edwin Woydziak

Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster

Prepare Ye
the Way of
the Lord



"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 16

Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Who will promote the gospel in our community? (Luke 3:1-6) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations.

Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 9 - Brayden Williams, Britton Dutton

Dec. 15 & 16

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Lector 1

Jerome Huslig

Dennis Habiger

Lector 2

Steve Billinger

Mary Wiate

EM

Millie Menges

Mel Waite

Joe Schulte

Kirk Bressler

Glenda Heinz

John Clayton

Kim Heinz

Lori Hammeke

Jason Schlochtermeyer

Curtis Wolf

Accomp/Cantor

Servers

Colby Heinz

Grant Klepper

Drew Heinz

Daphne Doll

Sacristan

Larry Drees

Tammy Troyer

Greeters Dec. 15: Sharon Gatton, Steve & Amy Oelke, Joni & Louie Pivonka

Greeters Dec. 16: John & Marlene Clayton, Larry & Joan Drees, Geraldine Menges, Mark Menges

Ministers - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 8:30am

Lectors: Lori Koester, Kent Praeger

EM: Jim Oberle, Peggy Feist, Rita Stueder, Cindy Stueder, Joan Miller

Gift Bearers: Toby & Sheri Holmes Family

Greeters: Jon and Jane Oeser Family

Servers: Aiden Roach, Jacob Oberle

Sacristan: Joan Miller

Weekday Mass Schedule

12/11 Lector: Jane Steinert EM: Dee Krier, Carol Herter

12/13 Lector: Nancy Schartz EM: Kathy Krier, Bill Thomas

Ministers - Holy Family

Sunday, December 16, 2018- 8:00am

Lector: Lindsey Bogner

EM: Teresa Hickel, Rosalie Kinzel, Jim Schneewis

Greeters: Dale Klug, Mark Bogner

Gifts: Greeter's Selection

Servers: Paige Lamatsch, Aiden Metro

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

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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Church Support

Envelopes \$6,965.00	Offertory \$510.00
Online Giving \$1,405.00	
Total Weekend Collection	\$8,880.00
Wkly offering needed to meet budget	\$7,732.01
Envelopes Mailed	204
Envelopes Returned	70
Online Donors	48
Sp. Col: Christmas Flowers	\$94.00

PETITION SCHEDULE, Weekend of December 16th:

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

D OF I will attend Mass on Saturday Dec. 8th at 10:30 am at the Convent 3600 Broadway for Immaculate Conception. There will be a reserved section, husbands welcome. Lunch after at Pizza Hut. Thanks

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.

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

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 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)

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. 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. The website address is: www.Flocknote.com/SJoeIMConHfam (the address is not case-sensitive).

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 December 7th is Tara Menges. 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.

HOISINGTON K OF C INVITES Everyone 21 and over to compete in a Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament to raise funds for area charities. The tournament will be at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9th. at the Hoisington Knights of Columbus Hall.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:40) Please give generously to the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Donate online at: <http://bit.ly/2018CharityAppeal>

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 lridder68@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@dcdiocese.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>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$2,272.00 Envelopes \$2,117.00 Offertory \$155.00 Votives \$49.00 PC Rent \$127.74 Christmas \$163.00</p>
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

PSR CLASSES, Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00pm.

ALTAR SOCIETY LADIES, this is a very busy time of year but we need your help. We are cleaning the church Saturday Dec. 15th

starting at 9:00 AM. All help is gratefully appreciated!

CALLING ALL TO HELP! We are decorating the church for Christmas after mass on Sunday December 23rd. We know this is a busy weekend but if we can get enough help it won't take too long. This is men, women and teens. Any amount of help is so greatly appreciated. Thanks so much!

VOTING on putting an upstairs restroom in the church is now over. The results will be announced soon. In the meantime, we will start unlocking the Parish Center on Sunday mornings so that you can use the restrooms just inside the front door, before you enter the church for Mass.

THE BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE will remain at church until December 25. 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 or 620-791-8417 or email: sandio@hbcomm.net. THANK YOU to those who have already donated.....your generosity is deeply appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to take a shift for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle at Bailey's Food Bin. Contact Denise Schmidt at 620-992-7008.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$2,251.00 Envelopes \$2,136.00 Offertory \$115.00</p>
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PSR CLASSES, Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00pm.

DECEMBER ODIN K OF C MEETING has been changed to Wednesday December 26th at 7:30.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY for the Ladies of the Odin Altar Society, Sunday January 6, 12:00pm at the Odin Parish Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Deadline to sign up is December 30.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY will be decorating the church directly after Mass on Sunday, December 16. Anyone who could stay to help them, would be greatly appreciated. If you are not able to stay to decorate, if you could help with carrying over the Christmas trees and other items from the Rectory right after Mass, that would be a big help. Thank you.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL met on December 3rd. As it is clear that there is not strong support for air conditioning the church at this time, the council moved on the question of how to study the on-going question of the parish hall. They also discussed a new procedure for obtaining gift bearers at Mass and, in response to an inquiry, began a minor review of the hall rental policy.

WE WILL NO LONGER be assigning people to bring up the Gifts for Communion, as often the assigned persons are not at Mass that day. Therefore, the Greeters will ask parishioners as they enter church each Sunday. If you are not comfortable in being a Gift Bearer when asked by the greeter, you can simply decline and other parishioners will be solicited.

