

December 16, 2018 - 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 (12/17)

Mass 9:30am Hospital [E] +Irene Kimpler

Tues. Weekday (12/18)

Mass 8:15am [C] +Bernard & Marilyn
Krier

Wed. Weekday (12/19)

Mass 8:15am [E] Sp. Int. V.R.

Thurs. Weekday (12/20)

Mass 8:15am [C] +Elfrieda Woydziak

Fri. St. Peter Canisius (12/21)

No Mass [E]

4th Sunday of Advent (12/22)

Mass 5:00pm [E] +David Sauber

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/23)

Mass 8:00am [O] +Lawrence Demel

Mass 8:30am [C] +Harold & Louise Steffan

Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 23

Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 16 - Braden Lewis, Ava Thill

Dec. 22 & 23

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Lector 1

John Clayton

Art Huslig

Lector 2

Sharon Gatton

Catherine Strecker

EM

Amy Oelke

LeRoy Thill

Steve Oelke

Sharla Thill

Mark Panning

Kent Roth

Rick Thomas

Joy Schlochtermeier

Lori Thomas

Paul Schlochtermeier

Accomp/Cantor

Leon/Kelsey Menges

Leon/Marlene Clayton

Servers

Nathan Hammeke

Emma Nienke

Braden Lewis

Ava Thill

Sacristan

Louie & Joni Pivonka

Kelly & Kristen Wondra

Greeters Dec. 22: Jeff & Gwen Klepper Family, Paul Huschka

Greeters Dec. 23: Charlie & Denise Joslin, Tony & Cheryl Klepper

Ministers - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 8:30am

Lectors: Laura Schlessier, Richard Rugan

EM: Todd Liebl, Carla Liebl, Carmen Johnson, Doris Feist,
Kathy Krier

Gift Bearers: Kevin and Nancy Liebl Family

Greeters: Kirk and Aaron Schneweis

Servers: Ben Pflughoeft, Brett Liebl

Sacristan: Dee Krier

Weekday Mass Schedule

12/18 Lector: Don Zink EM: Dee Krier, Jim Oberle

12/20 Lector: Kathy Krier EM: Joan Miller, Carol Herter

Ministers - Holy Family

Sunday, December 23, 2018- 8:00am

Lector: Virginia Debes

EM: Jr. Beran, Carol Lamatsch, Norma Schneweis

Greeters: Jack Schneweis, David Lamatsch

Gifts: Greeter's Selection

Servers: Rachel Lamatsch, Alli Klima

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

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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Church Support

Envelopes \$3,580.00	Offertory \$1,307.00
Online Giving \$1,345.00	
Total Weekend Collection	\$6,232.00
Wkly offering needed to meet budget	\$7,732.01
Envelopes Mailed	204
Envelopes Returned	58
Online Donors	48
Sp. Col: Flowers \$143.00	Holy Day \$659.00

PETITION SCHEDULE, Weekend of December 23rd:
Jenny Kasselmann.

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.

THANK YOU to Louie Pivonka and Kent Robl who once again decorated the Marian Grotto with Christmas lights!

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 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/or 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 14th is Roland Elpers. All tickets are re-entered, so one can win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of St. Joseph School.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL PSR would like to thank everyone for our success with the poinsettia fundraiser. We really appreciate all the prayers and support!

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.

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.

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 lrider68@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.

DECEMBER 2018 – In this season of gift-giving, help improve a life by giving a donation to help a survivor of Human Trafficking. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT: sistersagainstrafficking.org

WORD OF LIFE - “In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

2018-19 Respect Life Reflection,
www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

<p>Church Support Weekend Collection: \$1,482.00 Envelopes \$1,457.00 Offertory \$25.00 Votives \$32.50 Christmas \$120.00 Holy Day \$389.00</p>

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.”

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

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: \$1,658.00 Envelopes \$1,555.00 Offertory \$103.00 Gym Rent \$1,225.00</p>

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

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

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 to 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.



