

# December 23, 2018 - Fourth 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. Vigil of Christmas (12/24)

Mass 4:00pm [E] +Jeanne Schlochtermeier

Mass 6:00pm [C] +Trevor Cates

Mass 7:00pm [O] +Bernard Boor

Tues. Nativity of the Lord (12/25)

Mass 8:30am [C] +Susan Weber

Mass 10:30 [E] Parish Cluster

Wed. St. Stephen (12/26)

Mass 8:15am [E] +Marilee Huslig

Thurs. St. John (12/27)

Mass 8:15am [C] +Tom & Betty Thompson

Fri. The Holy Innocents (12/28)

Mass 8:15am [E] +Ashley Reichuber

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (12/29)

Mass 5:00pm [E] +Dorothy Moeder

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (12/30)

Mass 8:00am [O] +M.W.

Mass 8:30am [C] Chad & Sarah Liebl Family

Mass 10:30am [E] Parish Cluster



*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 30

1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28, 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Lk 2:41-52

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](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org).

### Ministers - St. Joseph

Weekday Servers: Week of Dec. 23 - Kiley Troyer, Bryce Steffan

Dec. 29 & 30

5:00pm Sat.

10:30am Sun.

Lector 1

Derek Joiner

Mary Waite

Lector 2

Rosie Joiner

Kent Roth

EM

Jerome Huslig

Rod Weber

Jean Klepper

Danielle Weber

Melanie Zink

Ed Schlochtermeier

Melissa Tudor

Chad Steffan

Ellen Shanteau

Lori Steffan

Accomp/Cantor

Leon/John Sturn

Leon/Cheri Doll

Debra Brockel

Servers

Jonathon Mason

Britton Dutton

Caden Rowan

Logan Panning

Sacristan

Marilyn Schartz

Karen Kramp

Greeters Dec. 29: Millie Menges, Heather & Jason Schlochtermeier Family

Greeters Dec. 30: Leon & Marilyn Reichuber, Jeff & Sandy Roth,  
Ed Schlochtermeier, Nick Younker

### Ministers - Immaculate Conception

**Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 8:30am**

Lectors: Nancy Liebl, Darah Harrison

EM: Bill Thomas, Peggy Feist, Cindy Stueder, Joe Jordan,  
Laurie Feist

Gift Bearers: Pete, Lois and Petie Krier

Greeters: Richard and Janel Rugan Family

Servers: Andrew Roach, Delaney Rugan

Sacristan: Judy Oberle

### Weekday Mass Schedule

12/27 Lector: Jane Steinert EM: Kathy Krier, Bill Thomas

### Ministers - Holy Family

**Sunday, December 30, 2018- 8:00am**

Lector: Virginia Debes

EM: Jr. Beran, Carol Lamatsch, Norma Schneweis

Greeters: Jack Schneweis, David Lamatsch

Gifts: Greeter's Selection

Servers: Grace Lamatsch, Broc Klima

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

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

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Church Support

Envelopes \$3,834.00	Offertory \$1,119.00
Online Giving \$1005.00	
<b>Total Weekend Collection</b>	<b>\$4,839.00</b>
<b>Wkly offering needed to meet budget</b>	<b>\$7,732.01</b>
Envelopes Mailed	204
Envelopes Returned	43
Online Donors	48
Commodity Donation	\$24,217.62
Sp. Col: Holy Day	\$220.00 Christmas \$100.00

**PETITION SCHEDULE**, Christmas: Charlie Joslin. Weekend of December 30<sup>th</sup>: Mary Jo Cunningham

**ALTAR SOCIETY** will meet January 2, 2019 in the Parish Center at 7 pm, refreshments will be served. Agenda and minutes will be sent after Christmas.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** baby bottle campaign will be coming up during the month of January. Members of the Knights will be handing out baby bottles after Masses and ask that you put your donation in them and then return them. The proceeds from this are donated to pro life organizations such as Catholic Charities and Birthright of Great Bend.

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL** to those parishioners who sponsored a Christmas basket for the needy Ellinwood families.

**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

**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](http://www.Flocknote.com/SJoeIMConHfam) (the address is not case-sensitive).

**NEXT THEOLOGY ON TAP** is Saturday, January 5th. Topic: How were the gospels written?

**PARISH WEBSITE AND ELECTRONIC GIVING** help you stay connected. Christmas 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 schedules 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, you might want to check our website at [www.stjosephellinwood.com](http://www.stjosephellinwood.com), [www.iccclaflin.com](http://www.iccclaflin.com) and [www.holyfamilyodin.com](http://www.holyfamilyodin.com). There you will find features such as the weekly bulletin, ministry schedules, calendar, etc. You will also find an Online Giving link. Our online giving program allows parishioners to continue to support the parishes in our cluster 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 Ellinwood parish office at 620-564-2534, or follow the simple instructions found on the website.

**IT'S ALMOST TIME** to start drawing 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 21<sup>st</sup> is Don Steinert. 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 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.

**PRAY** the novena for the respect of Human Life, January 14-22, 2019--9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to sign up.

**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 lridd68@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 BRUNGARDT AND FR. WESLEY SCHAW** 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 (Eric Frieb, Carson Haupt, Esteban Hernandez, Jonathan Lemus); 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.

**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** - "To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."

Pope Saint John Paul II, February 13, 1982 Homily. © 1982 Libreria Editrice

## ***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH***

<p><b>Church Support</b> <b>Weekend Collection: \$2,673.00</b> Envelopes \$2,547.00 Offertory \$47.00 Votives \$26.00 Donation \$100.00</p>
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

**PSR CLASSES**, Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - NO CLASSES, Christmas Holiday.

**CHRISTMAS MINISTERS - Christmas Eve, 6pm Mass:** Lectors: Abby Holmes, Laura Schlessiger, EM: Toby Holmes, Sheri Holmes, Barbara Musgrove, Fred Beck, Karlynn Beck, Gift Bearers: Ryan and Darah Harrison Family, Greeters: Jim and Lisa Ryan Family, Servers: Tyler Holmes, Peyton Dody, Paxton Dody, Sacristan: Judy Oberle

**Christmas Day, 8:30am Mass:** Lectors: Don Zink, Kathy Krier, EM: Joe Jordan, Frances Soukup, Rita Stueder, Carmen Johnson, Bill Thomas, Gift Bearers: Kirk and Aaron Schneweis, Greeters: Pete, Lois and Petie Krier, Servers: Callie Zink, Blaine Hickel, Brianna Hickel, Sacristan: Dee Krier.

**ADORATION** will be held Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** for all your prayers, cards, thoughts, encouragement and support during all my surgeries, treatments and tests. I am scheduled for chemo and other therapy treatments after that. Your prayers were answered, and appreciated, as I am doing very good and feel lucky and better than expected. I thank you, and my family thanks you ever so much that I can't put it all to words. For those that are suffering from cancer or any other difficult problems of any kind, just remember to never give up and it can always be worse as we have all seen. Sincerely with love, Pete, Lois and Petie Krier.

**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](mailto:sandio@hbcomm.net). THANK YOU to those who have already donated.....your generosity is deeply appreciated!

## ***HOLY FAMILY CHURCH***

<p><b>Church Support</b> <b>Weekend Collection: \$2,065.00</b> Envelopes \$1,970.00 Offertory \$95.00 Holy Day \$147.00</p>
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**PSR CLASSES**, Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - NO CLASSES, Christmas Holiday.

**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.

**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.

