

St. Augustine Parish Bulletin

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**25th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017**

MASS – Saturday, Sept. 30 – Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and 6:30 p.m. at St. James; **Sunday, Oct. 1 at 8:30 a.m. here at St. Augustine**; Sacred Heart at 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated a half hour before weekend Masses and by appointment.

IN ADDITION to a half hour before Masses on Sat. evening & on Sunday; there will also be confessions available each Friday at Sacred Heart on Friday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m.

CONVOCAION AT CONCEPTION ABBEY- The annual priest convocation at Conception Abbey will be Monday evening thru Thursday afternoon. You can still reach Father Clayton by phone or email.

“SO THE LAST WILL BE FIRST AND THE FIRST LAST.” - MATTHEW 20:16 - You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

WEEKDAY MASS WILL NOT BE HELD HERE on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m.

LECTOR - Oct. 1 – Don Haverkamp; Oct. 8 – Greg Renyer; Oct. 15 – Rod Winkler

SERVERS - Oct. 1 – Erin & Anthony Deters; Oct. 8 – Jonathan Renyer & Caleb Renyer; Oct. 15 – Emma Popkess & Luke Renyer

OFFERTORY GIFTS - Oct. 1 – Bob Busers; Oct. 8 – Ben Rettele family; Oct. 15 – Dwaine Baumgartners

USHERS - Oct. 1 – Garrett Renyer & Adam Renyer; Oct. 8 – Dwaine Baumgartner & Ervin Deters; Oct. 15 – Bob Buser & Rodney Lierz

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Oct. 1 – Rod Winkler, Denise Plattner, Teresa Baumgartner; Oct. 8 – David Wehner, Dwaine Baumgartner, Greg Renyer; Oct. 15 – Don Haverkamp, David Wehner, Denise Plattner

MASS INTENTIONS – Tues. Sept. 26 at 5:15 pm. at SH – NO MASS; **Tues. Sept. 26 at 6:00 p.m. here – NO MASS**; Wed. Sept. 27 at 8:00 a.m. at SJ – NO MASS; at 5:15 p.m. at SH – NO MASS; Thurs. Sept. 28 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Joan & Clyde Wenger+; Fri. Sept. 29 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Leroy Tangeman+; Vigil Mass Sat. Sept. 30 at 4:00 p.m. at SH – Sharon Roggenkamp+; at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – Leroy Bloom+; **Sun. Oct. 1 at 8:30 a.m. here – for parishioners of the 3 parishes**; at 10:30 a.m. at SH – special intention of the Tom & Carol Nolte family; **Tues. Oct. 3 at 6:00 p.m. here – Mary Jurgensmeier+**; **First Friday, Oct. 6 at 8:00 a.m. here – L&D members of St. Augustine Altar Society**; **Sun. Oct. 8 at 8:30 a.m. here – Roy & Dorothy Jones+**

CHURCH CLEANERS AND CHOIR LOFT - Sept. 24 – JoEllen Key, Jean Renyer, Amy Deters; Oct. 1 – Kris Haverkamp, Lynn Dierking, Julie Rieger; Oct. 8 – Joan Lierz, Teresa Baumgartner, Mary Renyer, Jessica Ploeger

CHURCH HALL/KITCHEN CLEANERS through the month of **SEPTEMBER** - Kris Haverkamp, Lynn Dierking, Julie Rieger; **OCTOBER** – Joan Lierz, Teresa Baumgartner, Mary Renyer, Jessica Ploeger

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$820.00 Envelope; \$80.56 Plate; Thanks for your generosity! The special collection for The Leaven will be on October 1. Cost is \$21.00 for each family! There is an envelope in your packet.

MONEY COUNTERS FOR SEPT. - Dennis Rettele, Jeremy Sweat, Jean Renyer; **OCTOBER** – Jeremy Sweat, Jean Renyer, Janelle Popkess

THE ALTAR SOCIETY is still collecting Best Choice labels. Give them to Lynn Dierking. Altar society meeting will be held tomorrow night, Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. with Barb Rettele as hostess.

WE WILL BE PRAYING THE ROSARY during the month of October. Leaders are: Oct. 1 – Jim Renyers and Garrett Renyer; Oct. 8 – Rodney Lierz and Darin Lierz; Oct. 15 – Greg Renyers and Ben Retteles; Oct. 22 – Herman Renyers and Adam Renyers; Oct. 29 – Larry Lierzs and Bob Busers; If you cannot help with this, please get someone to take your place! Thanks!

THE PARISH COUNCIL would like to get the parish’s opinion whether to proceed with the annual picnic, or perhaps make a change to another option. **Next Sunday there will be a ballot in your mailbox.** Please mark your opinion and place in the collection in the near future. This is not a formal vote to make any changes. It is intended to help the Council understand how parishioners feel about the topic. Thank you for your opinion.

RCIA STARTS SOON! PREPARATION FOR BECOMING CATHOLIC! RCIA is not a commitment to becoming Catholic, but just a chance to look more in to the Catholic faith, to see if you would like to become Catholic at the end of the process at the Easter Vigil. RCIA will meet most Tuesdays starting Oct. 3rd and going till Easter from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Please contact Father Clayton if interested.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY will be held next Sunday, October 1 with Ben Rettele’s (Group I) in charge. This includes Larry Lierz, Don Haverkamp, David Wehner, Rod Winkler, Jim Renyer, Rodney Lierz and Ervin Deters.

PRO-LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - Please plan to give this hour of time that Sunday from 2-3 p.m. by the Cemetery in Sabetha along Old Hwy 75, to prayerfully witness in our community to the importance of the dignity of all human life, especially the littlest and most defenseless among us. Please come give your time for this very critical issue of our day. This killing of babies and harming of mothers and fathers must be put to an end for their good and the good of society and for God’s honor. Together let’s stand up for Life!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE is the weekend of October 13-15. This weekend is proclaimed as “Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Days”. Of the proceeds donated, 80% will be returned to the Knights of Columbus councils to be donated to local institutions of their choice. The remaining 20% will be used by the State Council of the Knights to sponsor the Special Olympics Basketball and Cheerleading contests held at Fort Hays State University in March.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING WITH ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN - Archbishop Naumann will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Christ's Peace House of Prayer on Sunday, October 8 at noon. We invite you to join us for this celebration. After Mass, there will be an informal lunch with time to visit with the Archbishop and fellow guests. Tours to the cabins and sights will be available too! If you are interested, contact us at info@christspeace.com or call us at 913-773-8255 so that we will know how much food to prepare.

FATIMA CENTENARY - Join Archbishop Naumann in the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the conclusion of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the children at Fatima, Portugal. The Mass will be offered on Friday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Queen of the Holy Rosary in Overland Park. At the end of Mass, Archbishop Naumann will consecrate the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The message of Our Lady of Fatima remains as important today as it was a century ago. Let us take up her request of prayers for peace and the stability of the world, especially through the Most Holy Rosary and consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

MARRIAGE MINUTE - Are you late to prioritize your marriage? If you have had other priorities in the past and are worried if you are too late to understand and embrace a full Catholic vision of marriage, then this week's Gospel offers you great encouragement! Jesus offers the same generous reward to those who come late to serve him. The joy they have missed from delayed service is punishment enough. If you have missed the joy you could have received from living a Catholic vision of marriage, try the following to kick-start your joy. • Attend a "Living in Love" retreat (next one is Oct 7-8) • Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend (next one is Nov 10-12) • Learn more about the Catholic understanding of Marriage (www.archkck.org/defendingmarriage) • Get started with couple prayer (www.joyfulmarriageproject.com/resources)

"HIS OWN", A RETREAT FOR WOMEN - "In a world where women are exploited, misused, and misguided, we desire that our music and ministry will inspire women to come before the Lord as they are, to encounter His unique love for them, and to be reminded of the eternal measure of their feminine dignity and worth." His Own! will be at Mother Teresa Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka, KS on Saturday, October 7, 2017. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and check-in; the rosary at 8:30 a.m.; 9:00 – noon: music, testimonies and talk. Lunch is provided. After lunch we will have adoration w/music and the final talk at 2:30 p.m.; all parish Mass at 4:00 p.m. There is no cost for this retreat, but a free-will offering will be accepted. In order to get a head count for lunch, please register online at: www.mtctopeka.org by Friday, September 29.

SAMUEL GROUP for young adults 20-30 - Do you want to know God's will for your life, rather than be confused or misled? Samuel Group is a discernment program where you are given the tools to know God's will for your life, and how to accept His call with peace and joy. The program is open to students or young adults ages 20-30. The group meets one Sunday a month from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm during the school year at the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center in Lawrence. The group is run by the Apostles of the Interior life, who specialize in providing spiritual guidance. For more information or to register & pay the nominal fee, please visit our website at kucatholic.org/samuelgroup.

PROJECT ANDREW: A VOCATION EVENING FOR YOUNG MEN- Archbishop Naumann is hosting two free, inspirational vocation evenings for single men who are at least sophomores in high school - or in college or the workplace. Learn how to discover Christ's desire for your life which will give you the greatest peace and fulfillment. Meet inspiring priests, pray Vespers with Archbishop Naumann, ask questions, and enjoy a great dinner. Parents are invited for their own informative session. Choose either date: Sunday, Oct. 15: 4 – 7 p.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Topeka Sunday, Oct. 22: 2 – 5 p.m. at Holy Cross School, Overland Park To register email vocation@archkck.org, call 913-647-0303, or contact your pastor.

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH PICNIC is tonight from 4-7 p.m. at the Cigna Center in Frankfort, Kansas; serving roast beef dinner with all the trimmings; Adult \$10.00 – Ages 10 & under - \$5.00; Games, raffle, silent auction, etc.

ST. BEDE'S ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER AND AUCTION is Sunday, October 8, at Kelly, Kansas in their new parish hall; serving from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Soups, sandwiches, pies and cakes; Free will offering; Games 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.; auction at 8:00 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 26** from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Sabetha City Hall.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES **"GROWING AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS AND MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS"**

CONFIRMATION 'SPIRIT DAY WITH SPONSORS'- Reminder that we will have our final "Spirit Day" with sponsors on **Sunday, October 1 at 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. James in Wetmore**. In addition to our final Chosen session, "Where do I go from here: The Journey Continues", we will have a **rehearsal for the rite of Confirmation**. At least your sponsor **or** parent should attend. Some light refreshments will be provided.

FLOCKNOTE - We love having you as part of our flock! Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email & text! This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect (pick one): Visit our church at: flocknote.com/nekansascatholics- **OR-Text NEKS CATHOLICS to 84576** from your phone to subscribe to updates. Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt.

MOMNIPOTENT STUDY - Our first *monthly* "Momnipotent" study for moms will begin this **Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.** at Sacred Heart. This monthly video/discussion based group will "validate the dignity and importance of motherhood and will help you recognize your uniquely feminine strengths, and see how you can use those strengths to find peace, balance, and joy in being the woman God created and called you to be." All mothers are welcome.

NCYC CHAPERONE MEETING - A mandatory meeting for chaperones conducted by the Archdiocesan Youth Offices will be held at the following dates/locations. All chaperones are required to attend ONE of these meetings: **Monday, October 2, Sacred Heart, Sabetha, 7-8pm**; Thursday, October 5, Diddy Campus Center in Emporia, 7-8pm; Monday, October 9, Holy Angels, Basehor, 7-8pm; Thursday, October 12, Mother Teresa, Topeka, 7-8pm

THE KID'S BULLETIN - The Kid's Bulletin is a fun way for our kids to learn more about the scripture readings each week at Mass. In each issue they will find a short synopsis of the Gospel, Saint "spotlight" and a puzzle/crossword or something of the like to help them engage. We hope you find this free resource helpful in discussing the Gospel message each week. They are located on the back table near the sacristy....or you can download them from <https://thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com> each Tuesday morning and you can even have them emailed to you each week. Check it out!

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ROSARY ON THURSDAYS - We pray the rosary at Sacred Heart every Thursday at 12:10 p.m. for the intentions of our parishes, those on our sick list and our own personal intentions, while meditating on the life of our Lord Jesus and our Mother, Mary. All are welcome to join us every Thursday 12:10-12:30 p.m.