

St. Augustine Parish Bulletin

**First Sunday
Of Advent
Dec. 3, 2017**

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MASS – Saturday, Dec 9, Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and 6:30 p.m. at St. James; **Sunday, Sun. Dec. 10 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 **Fri. Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at SH - NO CONFESSIONS**

WEEKDAY MASS will be held here on Tues. Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S NOTE - As we mourn the loss of friends and community members Carmen, Marlee and Steve Ukele we pray for them and for their family. We pray for all involved and affected by this very difficult situation. It is wonderful to know of the support from the community and beyond. Please know of prayers from St. Gregory's in Marysville, St. Peter and Paul in Seneca, and St. Peter and Paul in Falls City. Please know I'm available if I can be of any assistance. May God bless us all at this time. May we hold on to the hope that Christ offers for us always. Sincerely, Father Clayton

“TAKE HEED, WATCH AND PRAY, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME:” We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence every day and listen to what God is saying to you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) – Mass schedule: Thurs. Dec.7 at 6:30 p.m. at SJ; **Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 a.m. here at St. Augustine;** Dec. 8 at 12:10 p.m. at SH and 6:30 p.m. at SH

CHRISTMAS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) also have Advent Mass Sat. Eve or Sun. morning; Sun. Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. at SH; Sun. Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at SJ; **Sunday, Dec. 24 at 11:00 p.m. here at St. Augustine (Midnight Mass);** Mon. Dec. 25 at 9:00 a.m. at SH; **We will need to go to Mass twice this weekend, once for Advent and once for Christmas due to how Christmas falls this year. (You can go Saturday evening (Advent) and Sunday evening (Christmas) or Sunday morning (Advent) & Monday morning (Christmas)**

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEARS DAY) is not a holyday of obligation this year; Mass on January 1 at noon here at St. Augustine Parish. The intention of this Mass will be for those on our Memory Tree.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James; Sun. Dec. 17 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter & Paul, Seneca & at **7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Sabetha Sunday, Dec. 17**

LECTOR - Dec. 8 – Ben Rettele; Dec. 10 – David Wehner; Dec 17 – Dennis Rettele; Dec. 24 – Darin Lierz; Christmas Eve – Don Haverkamp

SERVERS - Holyday Dec. 8 – Jonathan Renyer & Caleb Renyer; Dec. 10 – Emma Popkess & Luke Renyer; Dec. 17 – Andrew Lierz & Darcy Lierz; Dec. 24 – Leah Renyer & Jonathan Renyer; Midnight Mass – Anthony Deters, Jonathan Renyer, Luke Renyer

OFFERTORY GIFTS - Holyday Dec. 8 – Herman Renyers; Dec.10 – Adam Renyer family; Dec. 17 – Jim Renyer family; Dec. 24 – Larry Lierz; Midnight Mass – Matt Popkess family

USHERS - Holyday -Dec. 8 – Dwaine Baumgartner & Herman Renyer; Dec. 10 – Andy Renyer & Bob Buser; Dec. 17 - Ervin Deters & Adam Maas; Dec. 24 – David Wehner & Cameron Renyer; Christmas Eve – Pat Jurgensmeier & Rod Winkler

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Holyday Dec. 8 – Rod Winkler, Denise Plattner, Teresa Baumgartner; Dec. 10 – David Wehner, Dwaine Baumgartner, Greg Renyer; Dec. 17 – Don Haverkamp, David Wehner, Denise Plattner; Dec. 24 – Greg Renyer, Teresa Baumgartner, Rodney Lierz; Midnight Mass – Rod Winkler, Denise Plattner, Teresa Baumgartner, (David Wehner – Choir)

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE! THANKS.

MASS INTENTIONS - Tues. Dec. 5 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Larry Haug; **Tues. Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. here – Mary Jurgensmeier+;** Wed. Dec. 6 at 8:00 a.m. at SJ –No intention; at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Teri & Rick Speers; Thurs. Dec. 7 at 10:00 a.m. at AC Home – No intention; **NO MASS** Dec. 7 at SH at 5:15 p.m.; **Holyday,** Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – No intention; **Holyday, Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 a.m. here – Lois Bindel;** Holyday Dec. 8 at 12:10 p.m. at SH – parishioners of the 3 parishes; 6:30 p.m. at SH – Sylvester & Ginny Nolte; **NO MASS** at 5:15 p.m. on December 8 at SH; Vigil Mass Sat. Dec. 9 at 4:00 p.m. at SH - parishioners of the 3 parishes; at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – No intention; **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. here – Jean Renyer;** at 10:30 a.m. at SH – Ryan Broxterman+; **Tues. Dec. 12 at 6:00 p.m. here – Dave Henry**

CHURCH CLEANERS AND CHOIR LOFT - Dec. 3 – Joan Lierz, Teresa Baumgartner, Mary Renyer, Jessica Ploeger; Dec. 10 – Evelyn Lierz, Cherie Grimm, Linda Lierz; Dec. 17 – Jenna McClain, Laura Renyer, Volora Hanzlicek

CHURCH HALL/KITCHEN CLEANERS through the month of **DEC.** – Jenna McClain, Laura Renyer, Volora Hanzlicek

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$287.00 Plate; \$815.00 Envelope; \$160.00 Human Development; Thanks for your generosity!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION - This collection will be held the weekend of December 9- 10, 2017. Please join in promoting a generous response to this annual appeal. Many Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes – often for little to no pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime!

MONEY COUNTERS FOR DEC. Jeremy Sweat, Andy Renyer, Dennis Rettele

MEMORY HEART TREE ORNAMENTS - This advent be sure to purchase an ornament for a departed loved one. Kris Haverkamp & Denise Plattner will be available **after Mass today** to purchase the Memory Hearts. Ornaments are \$5 for a single heart and \$10 for a married couple heart. **A special Mass for those on the Memory Tree will be held on Monday, Jan. 1, (the feast of Mary, Mother of God) here at St. Augustine at noon.** Donations benefit SH/St. Augustine youth ministry efforts.

A VOLUNTEER is now needed to take the 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Saturday morning for adoration hour on First Friday. Please let Lois know if you can do this. Thanks!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY will be held today with Greg Renyer's (Group III) in charge. This includes Herman Renyer, Pat Jurgensmeier, Andy Renyer, Brian McClain, Chris Grimm, Adam Maas, Adam Renyer, Darin Lierz & Cameron Renyer

HOSPITALITY LEADERS FOR 2018 ARE: Group I – Rodney Lierz; Group II – Dwaine Baumgartner; Group III – Pat Jurgensmeier;

ALTAR OFFICERS for 2018 are: Pres. Teresa Baumgartner, V-Pres. – Kayla Lock, Secretary - Jean Renyer; Treasurer – Amy Deters

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY – ‘ST. THERESE’S LITTLE WAY’ - Christ's Peace House of Prayer will offer a retreat opportunity 'St. Therese's Little Way' on December 16-17, 2017. Retreat begins with check-in at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, and concludes with Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. There will be time for reflection, private prayer, walking and watching the movie – Therese, a biography of the Little Flower. Mass will be at the local parish on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. If interested, please contact info@christspce.com or call 913-773-8255

MARRIAGE MINUTE - When will it end? Hurricanes, wild fires, mass shootings, terrorist attacks, and the prospect of nuclear war with North Korea can prompt us to ask the Lord, "When will it end, or when will you return?" Advent is very short this year, and it is intended to remind us that the Lord can come when we least expect it. Even if Christ does not return soon, our life could end sooner than we expect. This Advent, live your marriage with no regrets by telling your spouse: •What are you most grateful for about your spouse? •What are you most attracted to? •What can you forgive in your spouse? •What can you ask for forgiveness? Consider the gift of a more joyful and intentional marriage for Christmas by attending the Every Day in Love Date Night on Jan 13. Register at www.archkck.org/everyday.

HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN - Every family in America has been affected by Family Breakdown. You are not alone. Are you tired of the drama and insecurity and lovelessness, and wonder how you can feel better? Are you heartbroken, wondering what you can do to help your family, including your kids or grandkids? Do you wonder how we got into such a mess and how we can recover? Come to the Ruth Institute's "Healing Family Breakdown" Spiritual Workshop, at Ascension Parish, Saturday, January 27 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come, regain hope! Put into practice the practical family building virtues of mercy, empathy, and togetherness. Go to <http://www.ruthinstitute.org/events/healing-family-breakdown> for details and registration information.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - A healthy relationship does not include belittling comments, threats, intimidation, social isolation, economic control, pushing or hitting. If you're not sure if you are in an abusive situation, go to archkck.org/domestic-violence. If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800- 799- 7233 (24 hours); 800- 787- 3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org. If you're in immediate danger, call 911.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CCD DATES TO NOTE – Dec. 6 - 1st Reconciliation; Families are invited to gather before CCD for a "Prodigal Son Feast" at 5:40-6:10 with First Reconciliation to follow. December 13 - CCD; December 20 thru January 3 - Christmas Break NO CCD; January 3- Catechist Formation/work day; CCD resumes January 10.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES to encounter Christ and live the Faith for youth. For more information contact Gina.

DECEMBER: ONE THING REMAINS - December 30, 2017 for youth of all ages to come together for a night of Praise and Worship, Adoration, Confession and fellowship/fun! @ St. Patrick's, KCK - music by Joe Heron; please contact Gina if interested.

January TEC RETREAT (Teens Encounter Christ)-January 13-15, 2018

January 22: PRO-LIFE RALLY IN TOPEKA "IGNITE"

Parents save the date: **PARENTING FOR PURITY WITH JASON EVERT** - February 4, 2018 Location to be announced

February 25, 2018 – JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY; Prairie Star Ranch; all day featuring keynote Emily Wilson (NCYC'17 Emcee) Mikey Needleman Band and performance artist, Mike Debus

TEC RETREAT – March 10-12, 2018 Prairie Star Ranch

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP: June 17-22 in Oklahoma City; \$90.00 non-fundable deposit – Contact Gina ASAP! This is a piggyback opportunity with St. Peter & Paul Seneca; (high school students)

CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA 2018--AMAZING GIFT IDEA - Camp Kateri Tekakwitha combines demanding outdoor activities with powerful spiritual instruction bringing about a unique encounter with God. Although our adventure activities are memorable, often the love that campers experience through prayer is what kids remember most. Your child will have the opportunity to experience different forms of prayer during camp. Adoration, Reconciliation, veneration of the cross, rosaries, litanies, Mass, information group prayer and individual reflection are among the many styles of prayer we practice here. These prayer experiences will have a lasting impact on campers ONLY IF they are lived out and continued. **REGISTRATION INFO TO COME.** We encourage you to pray for your children during camp and with them after camp. VCheck out our Video Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyOanzvhPKg0rIXgal-Zovw/feed>

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 the sick list and our own personal intentions.