

St. Augustine Parish Bulletin

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Of Advent
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MASS – Saturday, Dec. 23, Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and 6:30 p.m. at St. James; **Sunday, Sun. Dec. 24 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 Dec. 22 – NO CONFESSIONS**

MASS WILL NOT BE HELD HERE ON TUES. DEC. 19 AT 6:00 PM

PASTORS NOTE - I recently was given a reassignment. I will be going to Sacred Heart in Mound City along with Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Philip Neri nearby. This will actually be starting January 1. My last Masses here will be Dec. 30/31. I know this is somewhat sudden and not at the usual time of the year for moves, but there is a retired priest currently helping in that area and he will be concluding his service there. As I go there, Father Arul in Seneca will serve as the Parish Administrator. A priest arriving from India named Father Anthony will temporarily celebrate Masses and other Sacraments here at the Parishes. Father Anthony will reside at the Parish House. In July, a more permanent Pastor will be assigned. If you have any questions, you can contact Father Arul as he will be in charge for the time being. He can be contacted by email at acarasala@hotmail.com. I am grateful to God for the time I had here at Sacred Heart, St. Augustine, and St. James. I have been blessed to be here. May God bless you always, sincerely in Christ through Mary, Father Clayton

“REJOICE ALWAYS pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18 This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

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 Sat. 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! (all are welcome to come and bring in the New Years with prayer at this Mass)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca & at **7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Sabetha**

LECTOR - Dec. 24 – Darin Lierz; Christmas Eve – Don Haverkamp; Dec. 31 – Greg Renyer; New Years Day – volunteer needed or will ask someone that day who is at Mass; Sun. Jan. 7 – Rod Winkler

SERVERS - Dec. 24 – Leah Renyer & Jonathan Renyer; Midnight Mass – Anthony Deters, Jonathan Renyer, Luke Renyer; Dec. 31 – Erin Deters & Anthony Deters; New Years - If any server would like to help that day, please do so. Thanks! Jan. 7 – Jonathan & Caleb Renyer

OFFERTORY GIFTS - Dec. 24 – Larry Lierz; Midnight Mass – Matt Popkess family; Dec. 31 – Miles Ploeger family; New Years Day – volunteer needed or will ask someone that day who is at Mass; Jan. 7 – JoEllen Key & Lynn Dierking

USHERS - Dec. 24 – David Wehner & Cameron Renyer; Christmas Eve – Pat Jurgensmeier & Rod Winkler; Dec. 31 – Brian McClain & Don Haverkamp; New Years Day – No collection; Jan. 7 – Adam Renyer & Larry Lierz

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Dec. 24 – Greg Renyer, Teresa Baumgartner, Rodney Lierz; Midnight Mass – Rod Winkler, Denise Plattner, Teresa Baumgartner, (David Wehner – Choir) Dec. 31 – David Wehner, Dwaine Baumgartner, Greg Renyer; New Years - If you are at Mass please help Father! Jan. 7 – Don Haverkamp David Wehner, Denise Plattner

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE to help with any of the above, please get someone to take your place. Thanks!

MASS INTENTIONS – NO MASSES ON TUESDAY; Wed. Dec. 20 at 8:00 a.m. at SJ – Clarence Rottinghaus+; at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Larry Rilinger+; Thurs. Dec. 21 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Ric & Terri Speers+; Fri. Dec. 22 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS AT SH; ; Vigil Mass Sat. Dec. 23 at 4:00 p.m. at SH – parishioners of the 3 parishes; at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – Alyssa Elliott+; **Sun. Dec. 24 at 8:30 a.m. here – L&D members of Raymond & Beatrice Skoch family**; at 10:30 a.m. at SH – Larry Rilinger+; Christmas Eve, Sun. Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. at SH - parishioners of the 3 parishes; Christmas Eve -Sun. Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – Adam Bloom+; **Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Dec. 24 at 11:00 p.m. here at St. Augustine – Leo & David Bindel+**; Christmas Day – Mon. Dec. 25 at 9:00 a.m. at SH – Vincent & Marguerite Bradbury+; **NO MASS here on Tues. Dec. 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

CHURCH CLEANERS AND CHOIR LOFT - Dec. 17 – Jenna McClain, Laura Renyer, Volora Hanzlicek; Dec. 24 – Diana Jurgensmeier, Denise Plattner, Ellen Buser; Dec. 31 – Lois Bindel, Barbara Spellmeier, Janelle Popkess

CHURCH HALL/KITCHEN CLEANERS through the month of **DEC.** – Jenna McClain, Laura Renyer, Volora Hanzlicek; **JAN.** – Diana Jurgensmeier, Denise Plattner, Ellen Buser

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$87.00 Plate; \$730.00 Envelope; \$347.00 Retirement Fund for religious; Holyday - \$25.00 Plate; \$95.00 Envelope; Thanks for your generosity! The special collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up on Christmas. Catholic Charities of NE Kansas’s mission is to provide help, hospitality and hope to our neighbors in need. Thank you for being a part of this mission by considering a generous gift to the Christmas collection to help the less fortunate. There is an envelope in your packet.

MONEY COUNTERS FOR DEC. Jeremy Sweat, Andy Renyer, Dennis Rettele; **JAN.** – Jean Renyer, Janelle Popkess, Andy Renyer

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE IS: Mary Renyer, head; Kayla Lock & Teresa Baumgartner. They will be decorating after Mass today & would appreciate any help today if you can stay and help carry and set up. Thanks so much!

MEMORY HEART TREE ORNAMENTS - Kris & Denise will be available **after Mass today** to purchase the Memory Hearts. **A special Mass for those on the Memory Tree will be held on Mon. Jan. 1, (the feast of Mary, Mother of God) here at St. Augustine at noon.**

THE ALTAR SOCIETY will be collecting baby items during Advent and Christmas. This year the items will be donated to a local site to help those in need locally. Please bring your baby items to the church in the next few weeks to honor our Savior's birth. We have a container in the entryway for your donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may give it to Teresa Baumgartner or Amy Deters. Thank you for your contributions.

QUO VADIS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR SINGLE MEN -"St. Peter – Called, Formed, and Sent" Single men ages 18-35 are invited to discern their vocation guided by Archbishop Naumann, Vocation Director Fr. Scott Wallisch, and our seminarians. Take a short break from the materialism of Christmas and join other guys who are open to God's will. This free retreat is at Savior Pastoral Center Dec. 21- 23. Through prayer, Mass and short conferences discover God's deepest desire for you. No obligation just opportunity, so come even if you cannot stay for the entire retreat. Learn more and register by Dec. 18 at kckvocations.com or email vocation@archkck.org.

MARRIAGE MINUTE - Rejoice always! In these weeks before Christmas, we often hear the word "joy," usually accompanied by a couple laughing as they share a blanket and sip cocoa by the fire. But what happens if our circumstances aren't "merry and bright?" What if our family is experiencing painful relationships, illness, death or serious financial strain? In these times, we can remember this weekend's readings which tell us, "Rejoice always." Always?! Yes! Joy recognizes that the coming of Jesus means: •Forgiveness that sets us free, even if others don't change. •Hope of eternal life. •Strength to endure trials. •Comfort knowing that Jesus became man to enter into our suffering. Need some joy this week? Try one of our DIY Date Nights in the Resource section of www.joyfulmarriageproject.com.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! The Catholic Education Foundation's Futures' Committee is hosting their annual art event Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the Boulevard Brewery. The CEF Art Event offers an exciting evening of music, food and drink as well as the opportunity to view and bid on professional art along with featured CEF student art. All proceeds from this event go to support the CEF Guardian Angel Fund which provides emergency scholarships for families whose children attend designated Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. These scholarships help families who have experienced unexpected personal hardships (medical bills, job loss, etc.) that might impact a family's ability to pay their child's Catholic school tuition. We are in need of help from friends in the community to make this year's event a success! If you are an artist, have a connection to an artist or have art you would like to donate, we encourage you to contact us. We accept all forms of art medium (pottery, painting, jewelry, etc.) If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Janet Rethman at jrethman@archkck.org or 913-721- 1574. Additional event details are at www.cefks.org.

FOCUS PRESENTS SLS18 THIS UPCOMING JANUARY 2018 - SLS18 - Lifelong Mission Track Inspire & Equip Chicago * Jan. 2-6 Become the world-changer you were always meant to be! This January, come join us for SLS18, where you'll go deeper in your relationship with Christ, learn practical skills alongside fellow leaders of the Church, and receive the real-to-life tools you need to bring Christ to others, no matter what stage of life you're in. SLS18 Lifelong Mission Track is a leadership conference that welcomes leaders from parishes, dioceses, communities and beyond to engage in mission. As hot coals set together ignite their surroundings, when leaders are united in mission, they're set ablaze with the Holy Spirit. www.sls18.com

FAITH FORMATION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CCD DATES TO NOTE - 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 Sts. 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/UCyOanzvhPKg0rIXgaI-Zovw/feed>

MOMNIPOTENT STUDY -We just completed session #3 of our Mommipotent Study. The next session will be held on **Sunday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.** in the couch room at Sacred Heart. ALL mothers are welcome to join us. If you can't make these sessions, but would like to grab some girlfriends and view sessions 1-4 at another time- please contact Gina to borrow DVDs. Each DVD has two sessions on them. As we begin this Advent season, may we hold all mothers in our prayers- that we can find peace in the preparations and celebrations and draw our families closer to Jesus! Remember this tip from our last session: *"Do not compare the outside of another mother's home (life) to the inside of yours."*

ADVENT FAMILY ACTIVITIES: The 3rd Sunday of Advent wreath prayer: Prayer: Light the third candle and say... *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." {Isaiah 9:1} God of blessings, we celebrate your good gifts and rejoice at the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen."* **FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY:** *Bless the Tree- Give thanks to God for the gift of evergreens in the winter, the gift of lights to remind us of Jesus coming into the world, and special ornaments that remind us of family, friends and holidays past. What does the evergreen teach us about God's love for us? {FIND MORE AT osv.com}*

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.