

ST. JAMES BULLETIN
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Mass times: Sacred Heart--4 p.m. Saturday & 10:30 a.m. Sunday: St. Augustine--8:30 a.m. Sunday;

St. James--6:30 p.m Saturday

December 23, 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, December 26--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--NO MASS

Tuesday, December 26--St. Augustine--6 p.m.--NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27--St. James--8 a.m.--NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Mark & Jack Daily

Thursday, December 28--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Erma Wiltz, deceased

Friday, December 29--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Larry Haug, deceased

Saturday, December 30--Sacred Heart--4 p.m.--Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Augustine & St. James

Saturday, December 30--St. James--6:30 p.m.--Living & deceased members of Ed Hermesch family

Sunday, December 31--St. Augustine--8:30 a.m.--Elton Rettele, deceased

Sunday, December 31--Sacred Heart--10:30 a.m.--Bryan Torrey, deceased

ACOLYTES for December 30

Kenton Talley, Kurt Shumaker, Abby Shumaker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Carmen Cattrell, Tim Henry, Sharon Bloom

GREETERS

Savannah Cattrell, Karoline & Koy Tannahill
Grollmes

CLEANERS

Sharon Bloom and Anissa Bloom

OFFERTORY

Kenny Tanking

LECTOR

Jill Henry

COUNTERS

Sharon Shumaker/Lynn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Altar Society are having a going-away reception for Father Clayton on Saturday, December 30, after Mass. All are welcome! Thanks to all that helped with the cleaning and decorating of the church last Sunday.

Please contact Anna Marie Segenhagen at 866-2995 if you would like to volunteer for any of the position on the masslist. It will be compiled this week.

Pastor's note: Since Father Arul will away Jan. 2nd through Feb. 8th, weekday Mass here will be cancelled during that time. Father Anthony was asked to fill in for weekday Mass in Seneca over that time. Father Anthony will still be here for the weekend Masses. Starting Feb. 13th, weekday Masses will resume here. You can contact Fr. Arul at acarasala@hotmail.com. Fr. Anthony will be contacted at anthonychendumalli@gmail.com or at 785-294-8862.

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”- LUKE 1:28 Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

Please remember in your prayers the following persons. If you want to add or delete anyone to the list, contact Anna Marie Segenhagen at 866-2995. Francis Eisenbarth, Jerry Lueger, Walter (Bubba) Junod, Colter Eisenbarth, Larry Sudbeck, Shirley Schmitz, Randy Rahberg, Dorothy Henry, Charles Kennedy, Darren Oard, Roger Haverkamp, Kathleen Keen, Lynn Mulroy, Andrew Perez, Shirley Fisher, Kyle Lindteigen, Wayne Henry, Jeanne Cox, Russel Pickett, Jenae Claycamp, Sue Ann Jackman, Nolan Tomlinson, Lester Stallbaumer, and those who have lost loved ones.

Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation) (Also have Advent Mass Sat eve or Sun morn)

Sunday, December 24 4 p.m. Sacred Heart
Sunday, December 24 6:30 p.m. St. James
Sunday, December 24 11 p.m. St. Augustine (Midnight Mass)
Monday, December 25 9 a.m. Sacred Heart

(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 eve (Advent) & Sun eve (Christmas) or Sun morn (Advent) & Mon morn (Christmas)

Mary, Mother of God (New Years Day) (Not a holy day of obligation this year)

Monday, January 1 12 noon St. Augustine

(all are welcome to still come and bring in the New Year with prayer at this Mass)

CCD dates to note:

- December 20th- January 3rd- Christmas Break - NO CCD
- CCD resumes January 10th.

Upcoming Opportunities to Encounter Christ and Live the Faith for Youth. For more information, contact Gina.

- **January: TEC RETREAT** (Teens Encounter Christ)-January 13-15, 2018
- **January 22nd: Pro Life Rally in Topeka, “Ignite”**
- **Parents Save the Date: Parenting for Purity with Jason Evert--February 4th. Location TBA**
- **February 25th: Jr. High Youth Rally**, Prairie Star Ranch All Day featuring keynote Emily

Wilson (NCYC'17 EMCEE), Mikey Needleman Band and performance artist, Mike Debus

- **MARCH: TEC RETREAT** --March 10-12, 2018 at Prairie Star Ranch
- **JUNE 17TH-22ND: CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP: JUNE 17-22ND, OKLAHOMA CITY.** \$90 non-refundable deposit- Contact Gina ASAP!!!! This is a piggyback opportunity with Sts. Peter and Paul. (High School)
- **CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA 2018:** 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..

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK: The Mystery of Christmas Unwrap the Greatest Gift Ever Given with Fr. Larry Richards. With humor, compassion and clarity, Fr. Larry illuminates the true joy of Christmas and inspired us to better recognize, receive and respond to God's immense love for us. Listen on formed.org by using our parish code **b70478**.

Advent Family Activities: The Fourth Sunday of Advent “The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High’” (Lk 1:30-32).

- **Advent Wreath Prayer: Light the fourth candle and say...** “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:1). God of wisdom, bless us with Mary’s “yes” as we welcome Emmanuel into our hearts and homes. Amen.
- **Family Advent Activity: Spend time at the Crib** – Encourage each member of your family to spend some quiet time in prayer near the Nativity scene at home or in your parish. What does the manger teach us? How could God allow his Son to be born in a stable? Give thanks for the gift of Christ and the joy of the Christmas season to come.
- **Reflect: Like the angels, how might we be witnesses of God’s miraculous love?**

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 27th from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Come, regain hope! Put into practice the practical familybuilding virtues of mercy, empathy, and togetherness. Go to <http://www.ruthinstitute.org/events/healing-family-breakdown> for details and registration information.

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.

“HUMANAE VITAE 50 YEARS LATER” A Call to Self-Gift March 23-24, 2018 The theme for the Seventh Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, “*Humanae Vitae* 50 Years Later: A Call to Self-Gift,” is a call to reflect on and analyze the significance of Pope Paul VI’s encyclical and subsequent Catholic thought on issues of marriage and family life. While *Humanae Vitae* is most famous for its teaching on the use of contraception, the Symposium hopes to address that issue within the context of the vocation to imitate Christ in making a “sincere gift of self.” To this end we invite proposals from scholars and professionals in all disciplines that address contraception as well as broader questions related to marriage, family, children, and society For more information, please visit: <https://www.benedictine.edu/faith-life/symposium/index>

Gender Matters: Fighting for a New Generation Please join Andrew Comiskey of Desert Stream Ministries at this event on February 10, 2018 from 9am-4pm at Christ Church Anglican, 5500 W 91st St., Overland Park to discover the compassion and clarity of Jesus towards persons facing gender and sexual identity issues. We want to ignite the Church with a Spirit-filled, truthful hope so that she might shine brightly and clearly in this confusing hour. Cost is \$20 and registration is available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gendermatters-fighting-for-a-new-generation-registration-35243516306>.

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](tel:800-799-7233) (24 hours); [800-787-3224](tel:800-787-3224) (TTY); www.ndvh.org. If you’re in immediate danger, call 911

REPORTING SUSPECTED ABUSE Any person who has reason to believe that a child is being abused or neglected should make a confidential report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center at 1-800-922-5330. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforcement. In addition to making a report to the proper civil authorities, if your allegation, suspicion or concern involves a church volunteer, employee or member of the clergy or religious, please make a report to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. You may make a report directly to the Report Investigator, Jan Saylor, by calling the Confidential Report Line at 913-647-3051 or by submitting an online report at <http://www.archkck.org/reportabuse>.

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