

**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 9, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, December 12--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Larry Haug, deceased

Tuesday, December 12--St. Augustine--6 p.m.--NO MASS

Wednesday, December 13--St. James--8 a.m.--Lena Mae Ketter, deceased

Wednesday, December 13--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Mark & Jack Daily, deceased

Thursday, December 14--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Sharon Roggenkamp, deceased

Friday, December 15--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Mary Cooper, deceased

Saturday, December 16--Sacred Heart--4 p.m.--Wade Moore, deceased

Saturday, December 16--St. James--6:30 p.m.--Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Augustine & St. James

Sunday, December 17--St. Augustine--8:30 a.m.--Leonard Burdiek, deceased

Sunday, December 17--Sacred Heart--10:30 a.m.--Larry Haug, deceased

ACOLYTES for December 16

Kevin Shumaker, Weston Schultejan, Alex Rowland

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Randy & Alice Tanking, Rachel Bloom

GREETERS

Ken & Joyce Stallbaumer

CLEANERS

Ellie Haverkamp and Shirley Hutfles

OFFERTORY

Corey Bloom

LECTOR

Jan Grollmes

COUNTERS

Barb Clowe/Tony Schultejan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Altar Society are going to be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17, at 3 p.m. The more hands that we can get to come and help the faster we can get this accomplished. If you would like to donate to the purchase of the Christmas flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place in the collection baskets.

Marriage Minute Are you prepared? John the Baptist had the privilege of preparing God's people for Jesus: to "make straight the paths" that lead from people's hearts to their Savior. John modeled this behavior by retreating to a desert life of prayer and simplicity. Married couples are also called to bridge the divide between God and his people by demonstrating his great love for each of us. In our vocation, it looks less like locusts and wild honey and more like: • Simplifying our schedules so we have time to

spend with our spouse. • Treating one another with tenderness and respect. • Repenting quickly and humbly after we have hurt our spouse. • Praying together. Just as John brought people to God by living his vocation, so will we—by living ours! For more tips on faithfully living your marriage, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” MARK 1:3 We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

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.

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

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 17

3:00 p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul - Seneca

7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart - Sabetha

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. Tina Goodman, Francis Eisenbarth, Jerry Lueger, Walter (Bubba) Junod, Colter Eisenbarth, Larry Sudbeck, Shirley Schmitz, Randy Rahberg, Dorothy Henry, Charles Kennedy, Darren Oard, Roger Haverkamp, Jace Robinson, 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. Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Steve Boeckman, who was buried this past week.

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)

The 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.

Catholic Charities Christmas Program This is a program that offers assistance for gifts for children at Christmas. If you know of a family that might like to take part in the program, please contact Father Clayton. Thank you!

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 8:30am Saturday, Dec. 16, and concludes with Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer at 3:00pm 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 5:00pm. If interested, please contact info@christspeace.com or call [913-773-8255](tel:913-773-8255).

CCD dates to note:

- December 13th- 1st Reconciliation. Families are invited to gather before CCD for a "Prodigal Son Feast" at 6:15 p.m. with First Reconciliation to follow. All classes will have the opportunity for reconciliation.
- 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.

- **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 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.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message Explore the Marian event that transformed the world. Over the course of four days in 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego and ignited an extraordinary transformation of the Americas. This gripping film explores the beautiful mystery and ongoing relevance of Our Lady's apparition at Guadalupe. **Watch on formed.org using our parish code: b70478.** *"So much of this documentary has helped me understand Our Lady of Guadalupe. I was moved to pray the rosary after watching this."*—Letty M., Virginia Beach, VA

Advent Family Activities: The Second Sunday of Advent {Find MORE at osv.com}

- Advent Wreath Prayer: **Light the second candle and say...** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1). God of salvation, help us give voice to the voiceless as we cry out in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.
- Family Advent Activity: {Make sure to grab an ornament off of our Crisis Pregnancy Center Giving Tree} Bring your kids along to help select the gifts. Remember the basics are always needed: coats, hats, mittens, socks, undergarments and pajamas.
- Reflect: The candles on the Advent wreath remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. How might we reflect the light of Christ to others this season and beyond?

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

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.

Archdiocesan Campaign Planning Study Survey The Archdiocese is currently conducting a planning study for a potential fundraising campaign. Your feedback will help shape our plans for this endeavor.

Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey at <https://www.changingourworld.com/akck>. While the survey does ask for your name and parish to eliminate possible duplicate entries, responses will be returned directly to an outside partner to maintain the confidentiality of your feedback. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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>.

“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>

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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