

**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 16, 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, December 19--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--NO MASS

Tuesday, December 19--St. Augustine--6 p.m.--NO MASS

Wednesday, December 20--St. James--8 a.m.--Clarence Rottinghaus, deceased

Wednesday, December 20--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Larry Rilinger, deceased

Thursday, December 21--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--Ric & Teri Speers, deceased

Friday, December 22--Sacred Heart--5:15 p.m.--NO MASS

Saturday, December 23--Sacred Heart--4 p.m.--Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Augustine & St. James

Saturday, December 23--St. James--6:30 p.m.--Alyssa Elliot, deceased

Sunday, December 24--St. Augustine--8:30 a.m.--L&D Members of the Raymond & Beatrice Skoch Family

Sunday, December 24--Sacred Heart--10:30 a.m.--Larry Rilinger, deceased

Sunday, December 24--Sacred Heart--Christmas--4 p.m.--Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Augustine & St. James

Sunday, December 24--St. James--Christmas--6:30 p.m.--Adam Bloom, deceased

Sunday, December 24--St. Augustine--Christmas--11 p.m.--Leo & David Bindel, deceased

Monday, December 25--Sacred Heart--Christmas--9 a.m.--Vincent & Marguerite Bradbury, deceased

ACOLYTES for December 23

Reagan Osterhaus, Trenton Talley, Braden Henry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Anissa Bloom, Anna Marie Segenhagen, Louise Tanking

GREETERS

Anne Rowland

CLEANERS

All circles on Sunday, December 17, at 3 p.m.

OFFERTORY

Ron Burdick

LECTOR

Barb Clowe

COUNTERS

Ken Stallbaumer/Matt Bloom

ACOLYTES for December 24--6:30 p.m.

Alyssa Bloom, Kean Haverkamp, Faith Bloom

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

OFFERTORY

Randy Tanking

LECTOR

McKayla Henry, Anne Rowland, Jill Rowland

Nancy Henry

GREETERS

Wayne & Anna Marie Segenhagen

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. There will be a reception for Father Clayton on Saturday, December 30, after Mass.

Pastor's 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 1st. My last Masses here will be Dec. 30/31st. 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

Congratulations on the Baptisms of Elliot Eisenbarth, son of Heath and Chelsie Eisenbarth, on December 16 and Wyatt Drobek, son of Daniel and Melissa Drobek, on December 17.

CHOIR PRACTICE - for St. James' Christmas Eve mass will be Thursday, December 21, at 6:30 in the church. All are welcome!

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.

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)

“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.

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.

CCD dates to note:

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

FORMED Pick of the Week Who was Mary, Mother of the Messiah? Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this beautiful film capturing Mary's special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and unwavering faith. **Watch on FORMED.ORG with parish code: b70478**

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

- **Advent Wreath 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?*
- *Don't forget about the Christ-child "Giving Tree"- Donation gifts will be taken to Crisis Pregnancy Centers*

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..

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.

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.

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.

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.

“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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