

St. Augustine Parish Bulletin

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**Second Sunday
Of Advent
Dec. 10, 2017**

MASS – Saturday, Dec 16, Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and 6:30 p.m. at St. James; **Sunday, Sun. Dec. 17 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. 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

MASS WILL NOT BE HELD HERE ON TUES. DECEMBER 12 AT 6:00 PM

“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.

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: 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 17 – Dennis Rettele; 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.

SERVERS - Dec. 17 – Andrew Lierz & Darcy Lierz; 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!

OFFERTORY GIFTS - Dec. 17 – Jim Renyer family; 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

USHERS - Dec. 17 - Ervin Deters & Adam Maas; Dec. 24 – David Wehner & Cameron Renyer; Christmas Eve – Pat Jurgensmeier & Rod Winkler; Dec. 31 – Brian McClain & Don Haverkamp; New Years Day - None

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - 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) Dec. 31 – David Wehner, Dwaine Baumgartner, Greg Renyer; New Years - If you are at Mass please help Father!

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

MASS INTENTIONS – Tues. Dec. 12 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Larry Haug+; **Tues. Dec. 12 at 6:00 p.m. here – NO MASS**; Wed. Dec. 13 at 8:00 a.m. at SJ – Lena Mae Ketter+; Wed. Dec. 13 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Jack & Mark Daily+; Thurs. Dec. 14 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Sharon Roggenkamp+; Fri. Dec. 15 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Mary Cooper+; Vigil Mass Sat. Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m. at SH – Wade Moore+; at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – parishioners of the 3 parishes; **Sun. Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. here – Leonard Burdick+**; at 10:30 a.m. at SH – Larry Haug+; **Tues. Dec. 19 at 6:00 p.m. here – Dave Henry+**; Wed. Dec. 20 at 8:00 a.m. at SJ – Clarence Rottinghaus+

CHURCH CLEANERS AND CHOIR LOFT - Dec. 10 – Evelyn Lierz, Cherie Grimm, Linda Lierz; Dec. 17 – Jenna McClain, Laura Renyer, Volora Hanzlicek; Dec. 24 – Diana Jurgensmeier, Denise Plattner, Ellen Buser

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$92.00 Plate; \$760.00 Envelope; \$120.00 Faith formation; Thanks for your generosity!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION - This collection will be taken up today. 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; **JAN.** – Jean Renyer, Janelle Popkess, Andy Renyer

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE: Mary Renyer, head; Kayla Lock & Teresa Baumgartner

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

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

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

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 - 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.

FOCUS PRESENTS SLS18 THIS UPCOMING JANUARY 2018 - 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 13 - CCD

December 20 thru January 3 - Christmas Break - NO CCD

January 3 - Catechist Formation/work day

CCD resumes January 10

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*

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/UCyOanzvhPKg0rIXgaI-Zovw/feed>

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 **REFLECTION:** 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?

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."*

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.