

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH BULLETIN

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**First Sunday
Of Advent
Dec. 2, 2018**

MASS – Sat. Dec. 8, 2018, Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and 6:30 p.m. at St. James; **Sunday, Dec. 9 at 8:30 a.m. here at St. Augustine**; Sacred Heart at 10:30 a.m.; Confessions here at St. Augustine before the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

CONFESSIONS AT SH on Tues. Wed. & Thurs. afternoons from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. prior to 5:15 Mass. Confessions times Sat. & Sun. 3:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass will be remain as well. **CONFESSIONS** at St. Augustine before the 8:30 a.m. Mass

WEEKDAY MASS here at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Mass schedule is: Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James; **SATURDAY, DEC. 8 at 8:30 a.m. here at St. Augustine**; Sat. Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart; Saturday evening Vigil Masses as usual 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and 6:30 p.m. at St. James

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m. at St. James; **Christmas Eve – 6:30 p.m. here at St. Augustine**; Christmas Eve - 11:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart; Christmas Day – 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

“BUT WHEN THESE SIGNS begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” LUKE 21:28; We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

LECTOR - Holyday Dec. 8 – Don Haverkamp; Dec. 9 – Greg Renyer; Dec. 16 – Rod Winkler; Dec. 23 – Jim Renyer

SERVERS - Holyday Dec. 8 – Andrew Lierz and Darcy Lierz; Dec. 9 - Leah Renyer & Jonathan Renyer; Dec. 16 – Erin & Anthony Deters; Dec. 23 – Jonathan Renyer & Caleb Renyer

OFFERTORY GIFTS - Holyday Dec. 8 – Adam Renyer family; Dec. 9 – Jim & Julie Rieger; Dec. 16 – Rodney Lierz family; Dec. 23 – Ben Rettele family

USHERS - Holyday Dec. 8 – Rodney Lierz & Ervin Deters; Dec. 9 – Brian McClain & Dwaine Baumgartner; Dec. 16 – Bob Buser & Jeremy Sweat; Dec. 23 – Ben Rettele & Andy Renyer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Dec. 8 – David Wehner, Dwaine Baumgartner, Greg Renyer; Dec. 9 – Don Haverkamp, David Wehner, Denise Plattner; Dec. 16 – Greg Renyer, Teresa Baumgartner, Rodney Lierz; Dec. 23 – Rod Winkler, Denise Plattner, Teresa Baumgartner

MASS INTENTIONS - Tues. Dec. 4 at 5:15 p.m. at SH - Tom Eisenbarth+; **Tues. Dec. 4 at 6:00 p.m. here – Jean Renyer**; Wed. Dec. 5 at 8:00 a.m. at SJ – Melvin Osterhaus+; at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Cecelia Kohake+; Thurs. Dec. 6 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – Joan & Clyde Wenger+; Fri. Dec. 7 at 5:15 p.m. at SH – NO MASS; Holyday Mass Fri. Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – L&D members of SJ Altar Society; **Holyday, Dec. 8 here at 8:30 a.m. – Ursula Anders+**; Holyday – Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at SH – Teri & Rick Speers+; Vigil Mass Sat. Dec. 8 at 4:00 p.m. at SH – parishioners of the 3 parishes; at 6:30 p.m. at SJ – L&D members of Andrew Grollmes family; **Sun. Dec. 9 at 8:30 a.m. here – Julie Rieger**; at 10:30 a.m. at SH – Sylvester & Ginny Nolte+

CHURCH CLEANERS AND CHOIR LOFT - Dec. 2 - Amanda Rettele, Jessica Ploeger, **Kayla Lock**; Dec. 9 – JoEllen Key, Jean Renyer, **Amy Deters**

CHURCH HALL/KITCHEN CLEANERS through the month of **Dec.** – Lois Bindel, Barbara Spellmeier, **Janelle Popkess**

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION - \$59.00 Plate; \$730.00 Envelope; \$200.00 - Catholic Communication Campaign for Human Development; Thanks for your generosity! A special collection for St. Augustine Faith Formation Endowment is TODAY. The special collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious is Dec. 9.

MONEY COUNTERS FOR DEC. – Jeremy Sweat, Andy Renyer, Dennis Rettele

ATTENTION: MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE NEEDED for our Masses here at St. Augustine parish **for December**. Mass stipends are \$10.00, you are asked to let Lois know who or what the intention is for and put the money in the regular collection. Thank You!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY will be held today with Dwaine Baumgartner's (Group II) in charge. This includes Gary Plattner, Jeremy Sweat, Matt Popkess, Miles Ploeger, Bob Buser & Chris Bauerle.

A REMINDER: NOMINATING COMMITTEE for new Altar Society officers for 2019 is Cherie Grimm and JoEllen Key.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE is Janelle Popkess, Mary Renyer and Kayla Lock. Please volunteer to help carry trees and decorations down from the choir loft! Thank You.

ALTAR SOCIETY will have a meeting tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. We will be finishing up this year's business and planning for next year. We are hoping to find a way to get more ladies involved in the regular monthly meetings. So come join us with your ideas! Also we will be collecting baby items again this year during Advent and Christmas. We will be donating these items locally again in Brown and Nemaha counties. Thanks!

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MEETING will be held on Wed. Dec. 12 at 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart.

FREE! RELIGIOUS ARTICLES - Do you have religious articles you don't know what to do with? Maybe an old rosary, a picture you have taken down and put in the closet because you don't want to sell it, but would like someone to get some use out of it. We are now providing a place for just those pieces. There is a display in the storage room in the church hall (under the steps) in which you can take or leave articles. These can be rosaries, statues, books, crucifixes. If you have any questions Jean will try to answer them. Thanks!

SACRED HEART will be doing the Epiphany open house at the parish house in Sabetha on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. They will be serving food, snacks, & drinks. If anyone here at St. Augustine has food they would like to donate that would be great.

MARRIAGE MINUTE - Can you keep a promise? Keeping a promise is one lesson that every parent teaches their children. Why is this? When we keep a promise, we express our human dignity. In this week's reading from Jeremiah, we are reminded that God's mission to humanity is to fulfill his promises. On our wedding day, we married couples make "fulfilling our promises" to our spouse the main mission of our life. Keeping our promises or vows is how we married couples image Christ's love for the Church. Don't let the chaos of the secular craziness distract you from your mission! This Advent, convince your spouse he or she is the most important person in your life through: • Extra verbal affirmation • Over-the-top service • Generous physical affection • Simple "date night in" after the kids are in bed • Thoughtful but inexpensive gift. For more, www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Married Couples - It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next Weekend in Kansas City is March 1-3, 2019. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net Worldwide Marriage Encounter Mission statement: The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

Campaign to Protect Children from Pornography and Sexual Abuse - As a parent with young children, I feel frightened about the following information from Children's Mercy Hospital about child on child sexual abuse: "For the third year in a row, our biggest age range of people committing sexual assaults are children ages 11-15 years old ... I started looking through our past sexual assault victim's stories and found hundreds and hundreds of records of sexual assault survivors who were perpetrated on by another child. Pornography is often a main factor, and sometimes the only factor, that influenced a child to act out in a sexually harmful way." - July 2018, Heidi Olson, RN, BSN, CPN, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Coordinator, Children's Mercy Hospital.

• In this short video, Heidi Olson indicated that Children's Mercy treats 1-2 victims of child sexual abuse each day - <https://www.facebook.com/ProtectYM/videos/1025885260902569/> We need your help to get ahead of the curve on this issue. We have launched a campaign through #iGiveCatholic called "Protect Young Minds KCK" to raise funds for over 3,000 copies of the best-selling book Good Pictures Bad Pictures for all parents of 2nd graders in our Archdiocese. (Last year there were 3,020 2nd graders in our Archdiocese.) • Donations to #iGiveCatholic - Protect Young Minds KCK will also provide 16 parent presentations and a professionally filmed video for parents. 2 Amanda Khemraj is doing great work on this campaign, and she works closely with the author of Good Pictures Bad Pictures. Amanda directed a large early education center for years and is actively involved in Christ Renews His Parish and other programs at St. Paul's in Olathe. We ask you to please support this campaign with your prayers and donations. Also, please spread the word about this campaign to friends, family, Church and school leaders; <https://kansascity.igivecatholic.org/organizations/protectingyoungmindsck>

NEMAHA COUNTY CHRISTMAS STORE will be held on Dec. 14 at the Seneca United Methodist Church 702 Main St. in Seneca. The purpose of this will be to provide a meaningful Christmas for Nemaha County families who are unable to provide for themselves without support. It is our intent to provide Christmas gifts for each registered family, plus enough food for each family to have a holiday dinner. **Suggested donations include NEW toys (especially for boys and girls age 7-10), hats, gloves socks, blankets, toiletry item, practical kitchen items and stocking stuffers.** Financial contributions may be made payable to Nemaha County Christmas Bureau and sent in care of Seneca United Methodist church. Donations can be brought to the Seneca Methodist church or to the Sabetha dispatch office at the City Hall any time from now until Sat. Dec. 8 or give Patty Byers (785-336-3632) a call if your need your donations to be picked up. All donations are distributed in Nemaha County and are tax deductible.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FORMED: December Kids Korner movies: * Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe: Watch the Blessed Mother chooses a hero for a key role in a miracle that would unite diverse peoples and change the course of history. *Other Kids Content for Advent includes: The King is Born, Brother Francis' The Story of Christmas and Our Lady of Guadalupe **PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING** by Dr. Scott Hahn - Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind, Jesus Christ, listen on formed.org using our **parish code: b70478**

CCD NOTES: December 12 - First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for them and their families. + December 12 - High School YDisciple Groups will meet at the church from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. + December 19-January 2 NO CCD - Christmas Break; +Inclement weather policy - if school is cancelled or released early for USD 113 on a Wed. we will not have CCD classes! & will adjust plans accordingly.

ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY - Resources to prepare for Christmas during Advent: ***Best Advent Ever:** It's a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way—leading to the best Christmas of your life! Visit: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever> ***FORMED Daily Reflections:** How will you prepare for Christmas? Enrich your Advent with daily reflections for you and your kids sent directly to your inbox! Walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ! Plus, add children's reflections to your daily email, and Herald Entertainment's beloved Brother Francis will help your kids get ready for Christmas with joyful songs and valuable lessons. Log onto FORMED.ORG (FREE) using our **parish code: b70478**; **RECONCILIATION:** Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. at SJ; Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m. at SH

HIGH SCHOOL Tuesday Morning Bible Study - ALL high school students are invited and welcome to participate in our Tuesday morning bible study- We gather from 6:30-7:30 a.m. to dive into God's Word and discern how that applies to our life and walk with Christ. This is casual- all are welcome- bring a bible. Currently we are studying Acts of the Apostles. Please call or text Gina at 285-0590 if you are interested in Monday night reminders.

IGNITE PRO LIFE RALLY - PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2019 IGNITE YOUTH RALLY IN TOPEKA, January 22, 2019 at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Event begins at 9:00 a.m.; MASS at 11:15 a.m. con-celebrated by Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Brungardt. March to KS Capital Steps and Kansans for Life Rally following Mass. Wichita Adore Ministries will be providing worship music and entertainment. Our keynote address will be David Scotten from "I Lived on Parker Avenue"; A story about adoption, forgiveness and hope. Please contact the Pro-Life Office at 913-647-3059 or at prolife@archkck.org with any questions. VISIT WWW.ARCHKCK.ORG/IGNITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DETAILS. Please contact Gina by January 16 if you are interested in attending.