

The Prodigal Prayer

Giving God, as creator of all life we ask your help to bring back those who know you and need to hear from you again.

We welcome your love and guidance to help our brothers and sisters. Loving God, open our minds and hearts, make us generous with our love and treasure to help those in need. In your blessed name we pray. Amen.

ALTAR SERVERS

This Week: Ashton & Clayton Thimesch

5:00 pm – Tate & Trey Bough

8:00 am – Andrew Hubbell, Thomas Behring, Lucas Hageman

10:00 am – Jude & Gus Arnold, Anthony Walker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 pm – Stan Goetz

8:00 am – Dick Neville

10:00 am – John Meng

LECTORS

5:00 pm – Bob Walters

8:00 am – Jenny Campbell

10:00 am – Jeralyn Hill

GIFT BEARERS

5:00 pm – Doug & Teresa Bradshaw

8:00 am – Bill & Donna Rohlman

10:00 am – Kristin Friess Family

ROSARY LEADERS

5:00 pm – Karen White

8:00 am – Gilbert & Kathy Kaiser

10:00 am – Joe Hill Family

CANTORS

5:00 pm – Marti Gillen

8:00 am – Andy Schrag

10:00 am – Stacey Theis

ORGANISTS

5:00 pm – Deb Osborn

8:00 am – Andy Schrag

10:00 am – Aidan Hill

USHERS

5:00 pm – Joe & Elaine Clousse

Gina Fischer, Delbert Osner

8:00 am – Earl Knoblauch, Roger Arensdorf

Ross & Ryan Kinsler

10:00 am – Joe Beat, John Osner

Ken McGinnis, Vince Lubbers



Adorers needed for the following hours:

Wednesdays – 3:00 am;

Fridays – 1:00 am, 7:00 am, 11 pm and Midnight.

For more details, call Connie Seiwert at 316-641-1909.



**“STEWARDED OUR GIFTS:
GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE
LORD BY YOUR LIFE.”**

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

In this first week of Advent, the message is clear: be watchful and ready! When we watch for something, it is an intentional action. It is more than seeing or waiting, which are somewhat passive actions. No, watching is an intentional action in which one is ready to respond. The father of the prodigal son was watchful: ready to immediately respond to his son when he was seen at a distance. The father leaving his home to greet his son. As stewards, we too are watchful to see Jesus in the Advent season, especially in the people around us.

Contributions last Weekend \$11,960.00,
*Stewardship is the grateful response of a
Christian disciple, who recognizes and receives
God's gifts and shares these gifts
in love of God and neighbor!*

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)

Mondays thru Fridays 7:15 am

Loved ones that have strayed from the Catholic Church?? Come join in prayer every Tuesday before the 6:30 pm Mass. Prayers & rosary start at 5:55 pm.

“Jesus is with you even when you don't feel His presence. He is never so close to you as He is during your spiritual battles. He is always there, close to you, encouraging you to fight your battle courageously. He is there to ward off the enemy's blows so that you may not be hurt.”

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

D of I MEETING

Monday, December 4 – 7:00 pm. K of C Hall.
Refreshment Committee: Patti Eck & Karen Lacio. \$10 Gift Exchange & donations to Birthright.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8, 2017

Vigil – Thursday, December 7 – 6:30 pm

Servers: Ben Bradshaw & Cannon Reed
Communion Minister: Michael Marks
Lector: Stacey Walters
Cantor & Organist: Connie Seiwert & Danna Hernandez

Friday, December 8 - 8:00 am

Servers: Clayton & Ashton Thimesch
Communion Minister: Peter Bedford
Lector: Gilbert Kaiser

Friday, December 8 - 6:30 pm

Servers: Colby & Collin Schreiner
Communion Minister: Jeralyn Hill
Lector: Joe Hill
Cantor & Organist: Nichole Kelley & Michelle Brady

CARD PARTY

Saturday, December 9 – 7:00 pm. K of C Hall.
Please bring a snack. Beverages are provided.
Anyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all. Very soon, you will be receiving an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your gift is used to benefit the 46 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese and the 23 priests in retirement. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift this year to support our priests.

Discovering Christ

At the end of October we wrapped up our first round of Discovering Christ, with nearly 100 participants! It was a great success and we will be starting the second part of the series, Following Christ, on January 17 with a 7pm start time but without a meal. It is open to everyone who attended Discovering. We will start the 3-part program all over again in Fall 2018 for anyone who was not able to join us this fall. If you have any questions or to sign up please contact us at stpatdiscoveringchrist@gmail.com

St. Pat's School has used Android tablets available for sale. If you would like a nice Christmas gift for a child or even yourself, please contact Valerie at the school.

WARMING SOULS

will be starting February 1st 2018 and will continue through March 31st 2018. We need parish groups, families or friends to provide the meal for each day. This can be breakfast, sack lunches or the dinner meal. Providing for the needs of these homeless men and women is foundational to our Catholic Faith.

TOPEKA MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

January 22nd 2018, we will have a bus traveling to Topeka, as well as lunch at Texas Roadhouse, YUM.

Cost is \$35.00 per person and includes lunch! Priests registration is free and includes lunch as well.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

January 16-21

Please pray for our Pilgrims as they prepare for this important pilgrimage to be a voice for the voiceless.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray...

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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