

ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Mission Statement:
To be companions with Christ our Savior

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil -5:30pm
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Forgiveness
(Confession)
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

Dec. 3, 2017
1st Sunday of Advent

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Monday - Friday

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

OPEN ADORATION HOURS:

Sunday: 1 am

Wednesday: 2 am

Please consider sharing an hour with another family.

Weekday Mass schedule:

Tues. 5:30pm; Wed. 8am

Thursday 8am & 5:30pm vigil

Friday 7:00am & 5:30pm with Bishop Kemme

Parish Events

Scheduled This Week

DAILY MASS— Tues: 5:30pm; Wed-8am; Thur-8am & 5:30pm, Friday 7am & 5:30pm (with Bishop Kemme)

Tuesday: 7:30 Fr. Voelker book study on Revelation—PC

Wednesday: 6:30-PSR; 7pm—CYM

Thursday: Adult Choir 7pm

Friday: Family Home Rosary—call 316-570-2608 for info

Lord's Pantry Next Sunday: G-L

Apocalypsis Iesu Christi

Join your fellow parishioners in a series of 3 talks by Fr. Voelker on the book of Revelation. Lecture classes will be held in the JPll room of the Parish Center. TUESDAYS, Dec. 5th, 12th & 19th. 7:30-9:00pm.

ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

SMCS Book Fair – December 7-December 15

Mark your calendars for the upcoming SMCS Book Fair! Books make wonderful Christmas gifts and proceeds from the fair benefit the school through the purchase of books for classrooms and the library. More details will be made available in the coming weeks. We hope you will plan on stopping by! Dec. 7 & Dec. 11-15. Regular hours are 3:30-4:45pm. See Book Fair insert about extended hours.

*****CYM*****

St. Mary CYM all you can eat soup & chili. \$5/person, \$20/household family. **Today, Dec. 3rd**, after 10:30 Mass in the school gym. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!!!

Christmas Call to Sharing 2017

A gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians

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.

Stewardship Message—

“WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?”

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7 / 1 Cor 1: 3-9 / Mk 13:33-37
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.

ALTAR SOCIETY

We would again like to thank all the parishioners that helped out with the Festive Fall Fair. The financial report is almost completed for the event so we will share the net totals on those completed: Stocking Tree-\$280, Our Crafts-\$324.25, Religious Booth-\$158, Rental of Vendor Booths-\$545, Silent Auction Baskets-\$1,297, Raffle-\$2,180.85, Jewelry-\$582.10, Bake Bar-\$719.50, Twice Sold Christmas Treasures-\$336.87 and 334 Meals were served. The success of this Festival would not be possible without the help of our generous parishioners who gave their time and talent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council/Assembly Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 3rd, at OLG in the parish hall. The schedule—5:30 to 6:15pm social time, 6:15-7:00pm catered meal, 7:00-8:15pm bingo played for cash prizes. The cost—\$7.50 per person. This is a social event for Knights and their spouses, prospective Knights and their spouses and council widows and their guest. For food purposes, call John (283-0907) by November 27th with the number in your party. Pay at the door.

The Knights of Columbus Family Corporate Membership to the NRC Wellness Center will be renewable December 15, 2017 for the next year. The family membership includes both parents and all children over 12, entitles all to use of the Wellness Center facilities. As a special promotion, any family of the parish (Knight or non-Knight) may join the Wellness Center under the KofC corporate membership. The fee for the year will be determined by the number of families enrolling. Last year, the cost was \$210, a 50% savings on a regular yearly family rate. All interested parishioners (Knight & Non-Knight) should call Director Tracie Strain (283-7330) or E-mail her (tstrain@newtonrec.org) to enroll or for more details, by December 11th to set new rate for the new year.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2017-June 2018

Collections for: Nov. 26, 2017

Regular collection.....	\$ 9,097.00
Children's collection....	\$ 56.58
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	\$ 9,153.58
Other:	
Building Fund	\$ 600.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 16,785.71

Collections year-to-date compared to budget
Through Nov. 26, 2017 \$ (42,083.66)

****If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up and do your part. Thank you!**

—Father Voelker



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Beginning Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Your gracious contributions to the St. Vincent dePaul Society will help our guests to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. We have two fundraising opportunities quickly approaching – our Holiday Bake Sale will be Sunday December 17th in the St. Mary School gym and raffle tickets for our third annual Dessert of the Month will be on sale after masses the first two weekends in January. Thank you for your generosity.

ADORATION CHAPEL NEEDS ADORERS!!

The Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Guadalupe has two open hours. Please consider pairing up with some other parishioner families to split these times. They are Sunday at 1:00AM and Wednesday at 2:00AM. If several families go in on a time, it would make it much easier to cover. The guardians of the chapel have had to cover these times and are asking for help in getting these two time slots filled. If interested, call Lettie Kruse at 283-0026, Terry Schmitz at 283-5428 or Kathy Pitts at 680-9386.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

For information call 316-269-3935

WARMING SOULS

Will be starting February 1st, 2018 and will continue through March 31st. 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 & women is foundational to our Catholic Faith.

Topeka March for Life & March for Life 2018

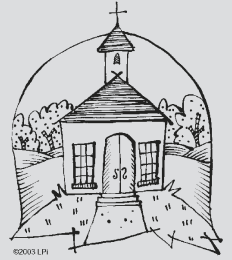
January 22nd, 2018, we will have a bus traveling to Topeka, as well as lunch at Texas Roadhouse. Cost is \$35.00 per person and includes lunch! Priests registration is free and includes lunch as well. March for life 2018 is Jan. 16-21. Please pray for our Pilgrims as they prepare for this important pilgrimage to be a voice for the voiceless.

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Parish Information

Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.



Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than noon on Tue.

Religious Education Class Times (PSR)

Grades Kdgn thru 8 - Wednesday 6:30 - 7:45pm

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Grades 9-12

Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 415 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call one of the coordinators, Lettie Kruse 283-0026, Terry Schmitz 283-5428 or Kathy Pitts 680-9386.

Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Elesa Garcia 283-5658 or if she is not available call both Barbara Fayette 283-6467 & Lou Kuestersteffen 283-6414 to activate both prayer lines.

Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. Call the parish office for more information.

Information About Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Tuesday 5:00-5:20 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

Mass Intentions

Tue. 12/05 5:30pm †J. T. Kelso
 Wed. 12/06 8:00am †Elam Peachey
 Thur. 12/07 8:00am †Richard Prouty
 Fri. 12/08 8:00am Tim Rickert
 Sat. 12/09 8:00am †Butch Meng
 Sat. 12/09 5:30pm People of the Parish
 Sun. 12/10 8:30am Daughters of Isabella living & deceased
 Sun. 12/10 10:30am Gerald & Leona Rogers

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

is for parents or grandparents who have suffered the loss of a child or grandchild. Please call Stacy Arellano at 316-842-3799 or Jim Arellano at 316-288-5549. —We are here for you!

BULLETIN SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAY SEASON!!

SUNDAY BULLETIN	OFFICE DEADLINE	
December 17	Monday	12-11-17
December 24	Friday	12-15-17
December 31	Wednesday	12-20-17

****If you have anything for the bulletin, please use the above schedule to get your items in****

Our Deepest Sympathy...

.....To the family of **Darlene Davis** who passed away on November 23, 2017. She was the sister of Bob Davis. May the love of God comfort you all.

New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register. Welcome and God Bless!

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers

Wed. 12/06 8am F. Acevedo, W. Eustace, A. Cordell
 Thur. 12/07 8am L. Baier, O. Bencomo, G. Garcia
 Fri. 12/08 7am G. Mathews, R. Ruggiero, O. Tierney
 Fri. 12/08 5:30pm Keegan, Spencer & Bailer Steinmetz, Eli Blaufuss, Eddie Castillo
 Sat. 12/09 5:30pm G. Mathews, S. Stutey, T. Weber
 Sun. 12/10 8:30am R. Ring, R. Littlejohn, D. Englestad
 Sun. 12/10 10:30am Eddie Castillo, Benjamin Heppler Wilson & Andrew Eustace
 Sun. 12/10 7pm PENANCE SERVICE—Owen Mick

Greeters & Gift Bearers

Thur. 12/07 5:30pm Pat Altenhofen
 Fri. 12/08 7am Barb Haxton
 Fri. 12/08 5:30pm Gary & Claudia Chaffee
 Sat. 12/09 5:30p.m. Mike Fellows
 Sun. 12/10 8:30a.m. Ron & Bernice Capps
 Sun. 12/10 10:30a.m. Floyd & Myrna Brown

Cantor/Accompanist

Thur. 12/07 5:30pm A. Bridgeman, E. Stabler
 Fri. 12/08 7am Rob Tierney
 Fri. 12/08 5:30pm Adult & Children's choir
 Sat. 12/09 5:30p.m. T. Osner, S. Herdler
 Sun. 12/10 8:30a.m. P. McNeill, S. Koerner
 Sun. 12/10 10:30a.m. M. Eustace, R. Littlejohn

Lector

Thur. 12/07 5:30pm Vickie Smith, Lisa Littlejohn
 Fri. 12/08 7am Lynn Curiel, Mark Frazier
 Fri. 12/08 5:30pm Debra Henning, Leo Chouinard
 Sat. 12/09 5:30p.m. Karen McNulty, Robert Oswald
 Sun. 12/10 8:30a.m. Monica Davis, Signe Rogers
 Sun. 12/10 10:30a.m. Alondra Torres, Sharon Erwin

Sacristans

Weekday—Dec. 5—9—Kathleen Morris
 Thur. 12/07 5:30pm Shelly Oswald
 Fri. 12/08 7:00am Shari McCall
 Fri. 12/08 5:30pm Mary Ann Bruggeman
 Sat. 12/09 5:30p.m. Charlotte Gehrer
 Sun. 12/10 8:30a.m. Paula Blann
 Sun. 12/10 10:30a.m. Lisa Schmidt

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses—Dec—6 & 7—Sue Schmidt
 Thur. 12/07 5:30pm B. Bunting, P. O'Brien, M. Weber
 Fri. 12/08 7am Kathy Wiens, Shari McCall, K. Morris
 Fri. 12/08 5:30pm C. Antle, M. Bruggeman, C. Woerner
 Sat. 12/09 5:30p.m. Mike & Linda Smith, Rita Sadowski
 Sun. 12/10 8:30a.m.*Teresa Snyder, F. Becker, M. Kaufman
 Sun. 12/10 10:30a.m. Don & Shelly Hageman, Steve Holub

Hospital Extraordinary Minister Schedule —Dec—OLG Ushers

Thur. 12/07 5:30pm S.&Z. Bollinger, Kyle & Linda Kientz
 Fri. 12/08 7am A. Pitts, R. Schmitt, J. Sommers, Phil Blann
 Fri. 12/08 5:30pm C. Jost, P. McCreary, S & T Bockhaus
 Sat. 12/09 5:30p.m. R. Ferguson, C. Langenhorst, P. O'Brien
 Sun. 12/10 8:30am M. Davis, D. Kaiser, R. & M. Graham
 Sun. 12/10 10:30am R. & T. Carlgren, J. & A. Cox

Church Cleaners —Dec. 8—

Shirley, Megan, Jonathon, Abigayle & Allison Weber

Wash Server Albs—Dec. 4 & 18—Cole & Kathryn Jost