

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

Dec. 10, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent

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www.stmarynewton.org

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Monday - Friday

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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

OPEN ADORATION HOURS:

Sunday: 1am
Wednesday: 2am
Please consider sharing an hour with
another family.

Weekday Mass schedule:

Tuesday: 5:30pm
Wednesday: 8:00am
Thursday: 8:00am
Friday: 8:00am

Parish Events

Scheduled This Week

DAILY MASS— Tues: 5:30pm;

Sunday: Dec. 10 PENANCE SERVICE 7:00PM

Monday: Knights of Columbus 7:30pm (OLG)

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE! JAN. 26 & 27, 2018

All ladies of our parish are invited to attend the annual Tri Parish Women's Retreat. St. Mary parish in Newton will host this opportunity for spiritual growth. The theme this year is, Strengthening the Fabric of Your Family for the Future. It will open your heart and intellect to deepen your faith through prayer, scripture, music, writing, crafting and quiet personal reflection. So, mark your calendars; then check the upcoming bulletins for more information and registration form.

Christmas Call to Sharing 2017

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

We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests. You should have received an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing—a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 4 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.

Stewardship Message—

“WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?”

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3: 8-14 / Mk 1: 1-8

John the Baptist was not tempted to conform to this world. He knew who was coming after him, and he wasn't afraid to shout it out. He proclaimed an authentic baptism in the Holy Spirit -- a baptism we all share in! In this baptism, we are not only called to be stewards of God's gifts, but we also hope to be found “without spot or blemish” at the end of time. Advent season is a time to reflect on our baptismal promises, to clean up the blemishes, and look forward to the coming of the Savior who is already among us!

NEW OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING JAN. 2, 2018:

MONDAY—THURSDAY 9:00AM—4:30PM

FRIDAY—9:00AM—12:30PM

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

The Knights of Columbus regular monthly meeting will be held Monday, December 11th, at 7:30pm in the Knights Hall. Agenda: 1) Memorial Mass report. 2) Thanksgiving Basket delivery report. 3) Council/Assembly Christmas report. 4) Initiation update. 5) Wellness Center update. 6) Assembly update. 7) Fifth Sunday Prayer Service planning. Knights remember 2018 dues will be payable on January 1, 2018. (dues are \$30.00 for 2018). Make checks payable to KofC976, mail to Financial Secretary Greg Jackson, 908 W. 10th, Newton, KS 67114. Greg has taken over the F.S. position, help him ease into in to this new position, send your dues, as soon as possible.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2017-June 2018

Collections for: Dec. 3, 2017

Regular collection.....	\$ 17,429.03
Children's collection....	\$ 54.14
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	\$ 17,483.17
Other:	
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 16,785.71

Collections year-to-date compared to budget
Through Dec. 3, 2017 **\$ (41,315.35)**

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

—Father Voelker



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord.." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family, and to reach out to those in need. If you

know of a family in need, please contact the parish office with details so that together we can help the suffering and the poor to celebrate Christmas. As a reminder – our Holiday Bake Sale will be next Sunday December 17th in the St. Mary School gym – stop by to purchase goodies for the holidays!

Music Concert in the Church-Dec. 20, 7pm

All are welcome for a celebration of Christmas music in our church. Featuring Ryan Littlejohn on Organ, the adult choir, a trombone ensemble and other soloist. The church has wonderful acoustics, we hope you come and enjoy this beautiful experience. The blessed sacrament will be removed during the performance.

ROSARY ON THE COASTS & BORDERS

This Tuesday there is a nationwide call to pray entitled "Rosary on the Coasts and Borders" "to ask Our Lady to save the U.S.A. from Islamic jihad, from the denial of the Christian Faith, and for an end of abortion."

Here in Wichita, we have been asked to gather together on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday December 12th, (joining thousands praying all across America) outside the Cathedral to be a visible presence of prayer following the Noon Mass. Please pray the rosary with us or on your own that day to ask God to heal and protect our country.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Topeka March for Life—for info. call 316-269-3935

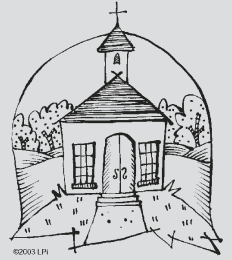
January 22nd, 2018, we will have a bus traveling to Topeka, as well as lunch at Texas Roadhouse. Cost is \$35.00 per person and includes lunch! Priests registration is free and includes lunch as well. March for life 2018 is Jan. 16-21. Please pray for our Pilgrims as they prepare for this important pilgrimage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

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017
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
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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. 12/12 5:30pm †Susan Rangel
 Wed. 12/13 8:00am Sister Rosemary
 Thur. 12/14 8:00am †Glendora O'Donnell
 Fri. 12/15 8:00am †John Suter
 Sat. 12/16 8:00am †Tony Witkowski
 Sat. 12/16 5:30pm †Karen Chaffee
 Sun. 12/17 8:30am People of the Parish
 Sun. 12/17 10:30am Keith & Leigh Ann O'Halloran

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****

HARVEST HOUSE

Will be meeting on December 14th at OLG at 10am. Bring snacks!!

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR STEWARDSHIP PACKETS FROM THE OFFICE. Hours are Mon-Fri 9-4:30PM

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. 12/13 8am M. Antonowich, Owen Mick, Jacob Antle
 Thur. 12/14 8am E. Bowling, N. Camacho, A. Hernandez
 Fri. 12/15 8am Wyatt Ford, D. DeLeon, A. Eustace
 Sat. 12/16 5:30pm N. Rusche, Abby & Allison Weber
 Sun. 12/17 8:30am Patrick & David Graham, J. Hecht
 Sun. 12/17 10:30am Andrew Guyer, Eli Blaufuss
 Eddie Castillo, Bailey Steinmetz
 Sun. 12/17 7:00pm HOLY HOUR—Owen Tierney

Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 12/16 5:30p.m. Richard Mick family
 Sun. 12/17 8:30a.m. Chris Kitzke family
 Sun. 12/17 10:30a.m. Don & Shelly Hageman

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/16 5:30p.m. B. Abel, L. Curiel
 Sun. 12/17 8:30a.m. T. Walker, K. Ryan
 Sun. 12/17 10:30a.m. Adult Choir

Lector

Sat. 12/16 5:30p.m. David Zeller, Lisa Littlejohn
 Sun. 12/17 8:30a.m. Vickie Smith, Rodger Graham
 Sun. 12/17 10:30a.m. Cathy Guyer, Leo Chouinard

Sacristans

Weekday—Dec. 12-16—Kassandra Adams
 Sat. 12/16 5:30p.m. Gary Chaffee
 Sun. 12/16 8:30a.m. Teresa Snyder
 Sun. 12/17 10:30a.m. Tami Carlgren

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses—Dec. 13-15—Paul O'Brien
 Sat. 12/16 5:30p.m. B. Bunting, P. O'Brien, M. Weber
 Sun. 12/17 8:30a.m.*Steve Mead, L. Bennett, Fred Becker
 Sun. 12/17 10:30a.m. Ben Mabry & Tami Carlgren
 Cathy Polley & Jerry Pomeroy

Hospital Extraordinary Minister Schedule –

Dec—OLG

Ushers

Sat. 12/16 5:30p.m. Steven Rusche & Robert TenEyck
 Ray & Alyssa Salas
 Sun. 12/17 8:30am Bob & Shari McCall
 Leroy Koehn & Robert McNeill
 Sun. 12/17 10:30am James & Carrie Reid
 Brian & Kelli Schulte

Church Cleaners –Dec. 15—

Janis McCreary, Lisa Antonowich & Sylvia Yoder

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

Our advertiser of the week is
Great Plains Pet Hospital
 Mary Zogleman, DVM

Please check their ad in
 the back of the bulletin.

