

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. 17, 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent

106 E. 8th St. • Newton KS 67114

www.stmarynewton.org

Parish Office Hours: 9am-4:30pm
Monday - Friday

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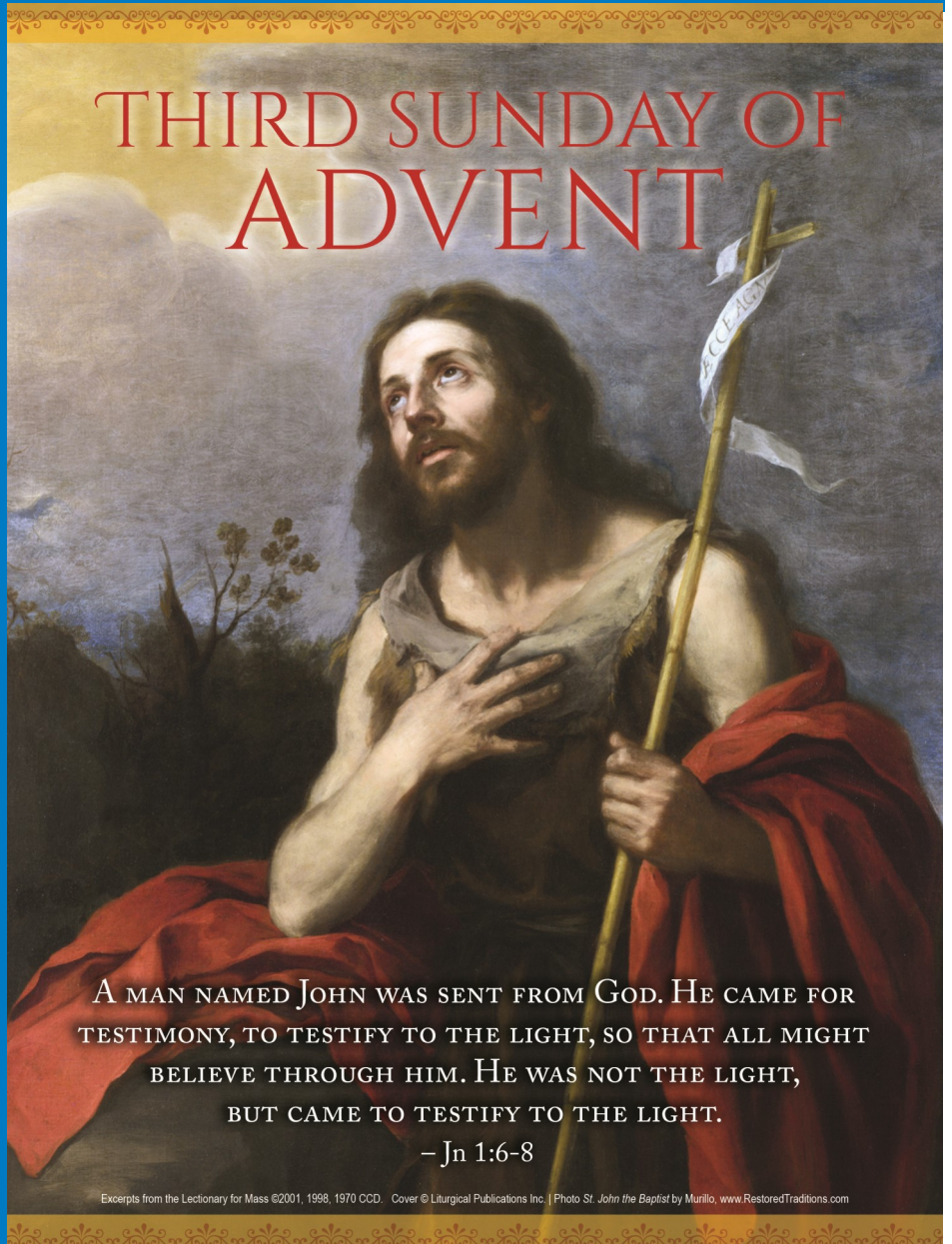
RCIA
Mark Frazier – (316) 727-6287

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CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry)
Bill & Carrie Weber – 316-212-0137

Legion of Mary- President
Steve Holub – 316-836-7822

Knights of Columbus
Mike Ruggiero – 316-804-4289



OPEN ADORATION HOURS:

Sunday: 1am
Wednesday: 2 am
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; Wed—Fri: 8am

Sunday: Dec. 17—KofC breakfast to benefit the Boy Scouts

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

Wednesday: Sounds of Christmas Concert 7pm Church

Thursday: Adoration with confession 7-9pm

Friday: Adoration with confession 7-9pm

Lord's Pantry Next Sunday: S-Z

ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

5th and 6th grade St. Mary Catholic School religion bowl teams medal at home meet! The 5th grade team went undefeated, 7-0, taking 1st! Team members include Freddy Acevedo, Lily Baier, Elena Bowling, Andrew Guyer and Kiahne Lujano. Congratulations and thanks to our coach Majel Breckunitch! The 6th grade team went 5-1, finishing 2nd! Team members include Keaghan Carr, Leah Littlejohn, Emma Mick, Sophia Stutey and Tyson Weber. Congratulations and thanks to our coach and helpers Deb Henning, Monica Davis and Carrie Weber. St. Mary Catholic School will have Christmas break dismissing at noon on December 20 and returning with students on January 3. May you have a blessed and very Merry Christmas!

Come help us decorate the Church for Christmas! Saturday, December 23rd at 9:30a.m., directly after the Latin Mass. Many hands make light and quick work!

Christmas Call to Sharing 2017

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

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that young man is free to enter seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 46 seminarians and 23 retired priests.

Stewardship Message— “WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?”

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5: 16-24 / Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

The gift-giving and gift-receiving season is upon us, and parents, in particular, are preaching the importance of GRATITUDE! However, there is no need to wait for this time of year to practice what we preach! Our second reading today reminds us to “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks to God...” What a perfect time to consider the gifts God has blessed us with and show Him our gratitude by sharing these gifts with our family and friends. And how can we share them with the stranger, the poor, those who live in the margins of society?

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

Breakfast to benefit the scouts - Sunday, December 17th from 8 - 11 am. Menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, coffee, milk, and juice. \$6 all you can eat. 50/50 raffle to benefit the scouts - \$20 per ticket, 100 tickets sold, two \$500 winners. Drawing will be held when all the tickets are sold. Contact Mike Ruggiero at 316-772-7896 or mruggiero@gpha.com if you would like a ticket(s). The Knights of Columbus will serve a Pork Chili Supper Saturday, January 6th, 2018 from 4 to 7:30pm at the OLG in the parish hall. The proceeds will benefit Seminarian Matt Dolechek. Menu—pork chili, rice, beans, tortillas, dessert & drink. The cost—\$7.00 large plate, small plate is \$4.50. Dine in or carry out.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for selling the Education Raffle tickets. Each parish in Newton received a check for \$375 for religious education.

** BULLETIN SCHEDULE CHANGES**

As of **January 1, 2018**, the submission date for the bulletin is changing from Wednesday to Tuesday. To accommodate the change in schedule, I will need all bulletin articles in the office (email or hand) no later than 10am Tuesday mornings for it to get into the following Sunday bulletin. Thanks! ALSO, if you have an article to submit for the **Dec. 31st** bulletin, the deadline is **3pm Dec. 20th**.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2017-June 2018

Collections for: Dec. 10, 2017

Regular collection.....	\$	23,772.48
Children's collection....	\$	39.72
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	\$	23,812.20
Other:		
Building Fund	\$	1,070.00
Budget per week is.....	\$	16,785.71

Collections year-to-date compared to budget
Through Dec. 10, 2017

\$ (32,057.85)

****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 says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please prayerfully consid-

er making a contribution to your St. Vincent dePaul Society so that we can continue our mission of helping our guests find Christ in their daily lives. Contributions can be placed in the collection baskets at mass. Today is our Holiday Bake Sale – stop by the St. Mary School gym to stock up on goodies!

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

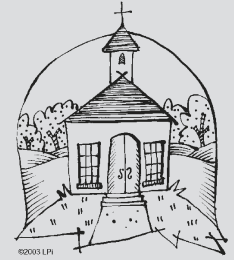
January 22nd, 2018, we will have a bus traveling to Topeka, as well as lunch at Texas Roadhouse. Cost is \$35.00 per person and includes lunch! Priests registration is free and includes lunch as well. March for life 2018 is Jan. 16-21. Please pray for our Pilgrims as they prepare for this important pilgrimage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

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017
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
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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. 12/19 5:30pm Clayton & Rita Sadowski
 Wed. 12/20 8:00am †Brett McNulty
 Thur. 12/21 8:00am †Alyssa Runyon & †Zaylynn Paz
 Fri. 12/22 8:00am † J.T. Kelso
 Sat. 12/23 8:00am †Fr. Eugene Grabner
 Sat. 12/23 5:30pm †Dave Winter
 Sun. 12/24 8:30am Mary & Eddie Bowser family
 Sun. 12/24 10:30am People of the Parish

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!

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.

Celebrate New Year's Eve by ringing in the New Year with Our Lady. Program includes conference, adoration, Mass and an indoor procession. \$20 (overnight accommodations available. December 31, 7pm-midnight, Spiritual Life Center For more information and to register, please visit www.slwichita.org or call 316-744-0167

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. 12/20 8am A. Guyer, S. Lara, S. Steinmetz
 Thur. 12/21 8am B. Heppler, Adrian Holguin
 Fri. 12/22 8am B. Killman, A. Cox
 Sat. 12/23 5:30pm A. Guyer, A. Littlejohn, R. Ruggiero
 Sun. 12/24 8:30a.m. Gavin & Ethan Stucky, D.Englestad
 Sun. 12/24 4:00p.m. B. & S. Steinmetz, Gage Mathews
 Sun. 12/24 11:00p.m. Owen Tierney, Alex Littlejohn
 Abby Weber & Rebecca Ring

Mon. 12/25 10a.m. R. Ruggiero, A. Rohr, E. Castillo

Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 12/23 5:30p.m. Jennifer Pfannenstiel
 Sun. 12/24 8:30a.m. Marshall & Linda Kendrick
 Sun. 12/24 4:00p.m. Randy Mathews Family
 Sun. 12/24 11:00p.m. Justin & Becky Patterson
 Mon. 12/25 10:00a.m. Carl Antle Family

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/23 5:30p.m. Rob Tierney
 Sun. 12/24 8:30a.m. V. Smith, R. Littlejohn
 Sun. 12/24 4:00p.m. Children's Choir
 Sun. 12/24 11:00p.m. Adult Choir
 Mon. 12/25 10:00a.m. Penny McNeill, Steve Koerner

Lector

Sat. 12/23 5:30p.m. Lynn Curiel, Robert Oswald
 Sun. 12/24 8:30a.m. Leigh Ann O'Halloran, Monica Davis
 Sun. 12/24 4:00p.m. Richard Mick, Philip Blaufuss
 Sun. 12/24 11:00p.m. Signe Rogers, Monica Davis

Sacristans

Weekday—Dec. 19-23—Linda Frazier
 Sat. 12/23 5:30p.m. Shelly Oswald
 Sun. 12/24 8:30a.m. Shari McCall
 Sun. 12/24 4:00p.m. Charlotte Gehrer
 Sun. 12/24 11:00p.m. Paula Blann
 Mon. 12/25 10:00a.m. Lisa Schmitt

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses—Dec. 20—Deb Henning
 Sat. 12/23 5:30p.m. R. Sadowski, P. Stutey, K. McNulty
 Sun. 12/24 8:30a.m.*S. Schmidt, S. McCall, K. Wiens
 Sun. 12/24 4:00p.m. P. Stutey, K. McNulty, R. Sadowski
 Sun. 12/24 11:00p.m. Sue Schmidt, Shari McCall
 Fred Becker, Kathy Wiens

Mon. 12/25 10:00a.m. D. Henning, T. Carlgren, S. Holub

Hospital Extraordinary Minister Schedule –

Month of December covered by OLG

Ushers

Sat. 12/23 5:30p.m. Jonathon & Mike Weber
 Dennis Alexander & Richard Hushka
 Sun. 12/24 8:30am Trinity & Austin Muth
 Robert Peters & Raymond Schmitt
 Sun. 12/24 4:00p.m. C. Casey, M. Davis, D. Kaiser, L. Koehn
 Sun. 12/24 11:00p.m. Mallory Schulte, Alexis Segura
 David Vinduska, Donald Hageman
 Mon. 12/25 10:00a.m. J. Sommers, P. Blann, A. Pitts, M. Davis

Church Cleaners –Dec. 22—S.Schmidt, K Morris, K.Adams

Our advertiser of the week is

Asbury Park

www.Asbury-Park.org

Please check their ad in the back of the bulletin.

