

# ST. MARY

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## 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. 24, 2017  
The Nativity of the Lord

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Monday - Friday

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Knights of Columbus  
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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4

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:

**NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK**

## Parish Events

### Scheduled This Week

#### DAILY MASS— NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: 6:30 Legion of Mary

Friday: Family Home Rosary; call

Lord's Pantry Next Sunday: S-Z

### ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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!

#### Totus Tuus Winter Reunion—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

December 27, 2017, 1-9pm This event is open to any high school student who attended camp in 2017. Join your fellow campers, counselors and others who attended camp to reignite the spark of Totus Tuus! There'll be games, talks, adoration, confession and dinner. Cost is \$25. Registration can be found on the Faith Formation website: catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith

**Nuts & Bolts Workshop**—January 14, 1-4pm at the Spiritual Life Center. For adults in Catholic Youth Ministry. Topics include ideas for personal development, planning and practical considerations. Sign up for this **FREE** workshop at: catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith

## Christmas Call to Sharing 2017

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

"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love."

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

## Stewardship Message— "WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?" Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16: 25-27 / Lk 1: 26-38

In our first reading, we witness King David being called to build the temple – a sacred place to house the Ark of the Covenant. In the gospel, we see Mary being called to carry the infant Jesus – the New Covenant. And today, if you take the time to look in a mirror, you will see a baptized Christian, called to carry Jesus in his/her heart and share Him with everyone he/she encounters. There is beautiful continuity from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and from sacred scripture to you and I. It is one of the most beautiful gifts we could receive on this Christmas Eve. Today, find a moment of silence. Humble yourself before God and give thanks.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING JAN. 2, 2018:

MONDAY—THURSDAY 9:00AM—4:30PM

FRIDAY—9:00AM—12:30PM

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

**Prayer and Action Winter Reunion**—St. Thomas Aquinas, Dec. 28, 2017, 1-5pm. This event is open to any high school student, chaperone or college student who has attended Prayer and Action in the past. Renew your love of collation...spend some time in prayer...share some GIGS...and get busy with our service activity of making sandwich lunches for the homeless. Please bring \$2 to assist with supplies. Registration can be found on the Faith Formation website: catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith

**Sherry Weddell Presentation**—February 10th, 2018—Mark your calendars! Don't miss this renowned Catholic speaker at the Winter Catechetical Summit. More info to come from the Office of Faith Formation.

**BULLETIN 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. 17, 2017

**NO FIGURES AVAILABLE THIS WEEK DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION. WILL BE INCLUDED NEXT WEEK.**

Regular collection.....	\$
Children's collection....	\$
	_____
	\$
Other:	
Building Fund	\$
<b>Budget per week is.....</b>	<b>\$ 16,785.71</b>

Collections year-to-date compared to budget  
Through Dec. 17, 2017 \$ ()

**\*\*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 consider

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!



### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE! JAN. 26 & 27, 2018

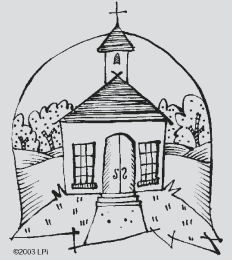
All ladies of our parish are invited to attend the annual Tri Parish Women's Retreat. St. Mary parish in Newton will host this opportunity for spiritual growth. The theme this year is, Strengthening the Fabric of Your Family for the Future. It will open your heart and intellect to deepen your faith through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

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017  
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  
Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

## 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. 12/26 5:30pm No Mass  
Wed. 12/27 8:00am No Mass  
Thur. 12/28 8:00am No Mass  
Fri. 12/29 8:00am No Mass  
Sat. 12/30 8:00am No Mass  
Sat. 12/30 5:30pm Lexi Carson  
Sun. 12/31 8:30am People of the Parish  
Sun. 12/31 10:30am Mary Brinton & family

## Our Deepest Sympathy...

....To the family of **Brian Killman**, who passed away on December 10, 2017. He was the father of Ethan, Clayton & Baleigh Killman.

### 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!

### CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE!!

Ring in the New Year with Our Lady. Program includes conference, adoration, Mass and an indoor procession. \$20 (overnight accommodations available.) December 31st, 7pm—midnight, Spiritual Life Center. For more information and to register, please visit [www.slcwichita.org](http://www.slcwichita.org) or call 316-744-0167.

### The Lord's Pantry

Proverbs 22:9 says, "He who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." Won't you please consider donating to The Lord's Pantry? There are many hungry people in Newton and the Harvey County area. Donations can be left in the bin in the church foyer.

## 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. 12/27 8am No Mass  
Thur. 12/28 8am No Mass  
Fri. 12/29 8am No Mass  
Sat. 12/30 5:30pm Sophia Stutey, N. Rusche, L. Littlejohn  
Sun. 12/31 8:30a.m. B. Killman, R. Ring, J. Ruiz  
Sun. 12/31 10:30a.m. Wilson & Andrew Eustace, E. Blaufuss

### Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 12/30 5:30p.m. Bob & Shelly Oswald  
Sun. 12/31 8:30a.m. Bob & Shari McCall  
Sun. 12/31 10:30a.m. James & Lori Jerde

### Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/30 5:30p.m. A. Bridgeman, S. Herdler  
Sun. 12/31 8:30a.m. T. Walker, S. Koerner  
Sun. 12/31 10:30a.m. M. Eustace, K. Ryan

### Lector

Sat. 12/30 5:30p.m. Debra Henning, Sylvia Yoder  
Sun. 12/31 8:30a.m. Pauline Casey, Marshall Kendrick  
Sun. 12/31 10:30a.m. Elizabeth Mick, Philip Blaufuss

### Sacristans

Weekday—Dec. 30—Kari Sauerwein  
Sat. 12/30 5:30p.m. Gary Chaffee  
Sun. 12/31 8:30a.m. Teresa Snyder  
Sun. 12/31 10:30a.m. Tami Carlgren

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses—Dec. No weekday Mass  
Sat. 12/30 5:30p.m. Mike & Linda Smith, Barb Bunting  
Sun. 12/31 8:30a.m.\*Mike O'Halloran, Morgan Kaufman & Lisa Schmitt  
Sun. 12/31 10:30a.m. Don & Shelly Hageman, Steve Holub

### Hospital Extraordinary Minister Schedule – Month of December covered by OLG

### Ushers

Sat. 12/30 5:30p.m. Shane & Zachary Bollinger  
Kyle & Linda Kientz  
Sun. 12/31 8:30am Charles Casey & Dale Kaiser  
Rodger & Marietta Graham  
Sun. 12/31 10:30a.m. Steve & Terri Bockhaus  
Randy & Tami Carlgren

### Church Cleaners –Dec. 29–

Kathy & Alan Pitts, Mandy Casey

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

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