

# ST. MARY

CATHOLIC

*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

December 11, 2016  
3rd Sunday of Advent

106 E. 8th St. • Newton KS 67114  
[www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org)

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

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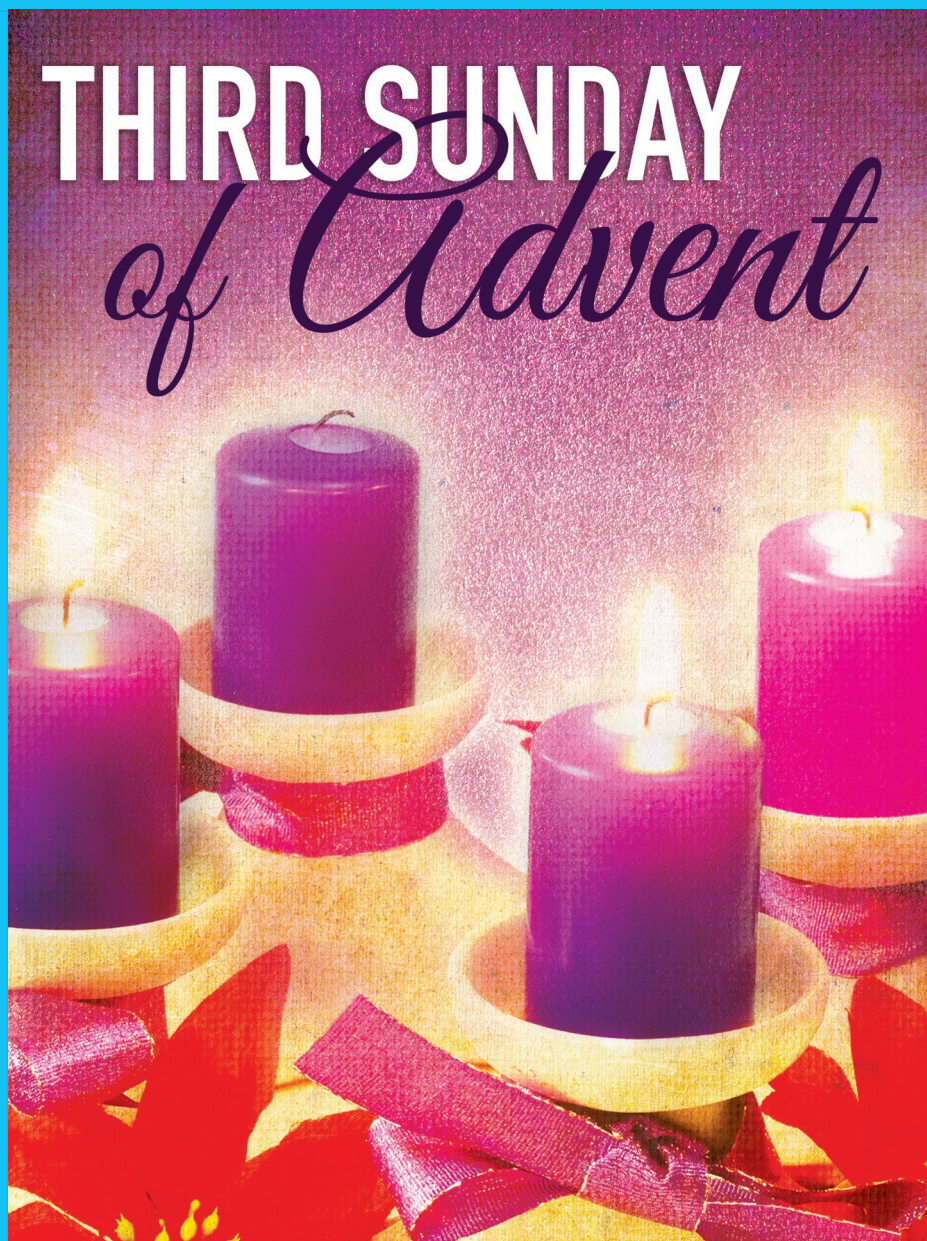
RCIA  
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Altar Society  
Kathy Chouinard 316-283-5762

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

Legion of Mary  
Linda Bennett— 316-587-5337

Knights of Columbus  
Mike Ruggiero- 316-804-4289



**OPEN ADORATION HOURS:**  
Saturday—4:00pm

## Parish Events

### Scheduled This Week

**Mass:** Tue. 5:30pm, Wed.—Fri. 8:00am

Monday: Knights of Columbus 7:30pm OLG

Tuesday: Gospel According to St. Matthew 7:30pm-PC

Wednesday: High School Juniors/Seniors Informational Meeting 6pm Fr. Kapaun Library; Legion of Mary-6:30pm Sacristy; PSR-6:30pm; RCIA-7pm

Thursday: St Mary School Christmas Program 6:45pm; SVdP-7pm St. Mary

Lord's Pantry Next Sunday: M-R

### ST MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

#### SMCS Book Fair—December 9th & 12th-16th

The Book Fair is now open! Books make wonderful Christmas gifts and proceeds from the fair benefit the school through the purchase of books for classrooms and the library. The Book Fair is open the following dates and times:

**Hours—** 3:30-4:45 PM

**Dates—** December 12-16 (will also be open Dec. 15th following the SMCS Christmas Program)

**Location—** St. Mary School Cafeteria

Please mark your calendars for the open Book Fair hours following the SMCS Christmas Program. We hope you will plan on stopping by! If you have any questions, please call (316) 706-7841.

#### COME SING WITH THE CHOIR FOR MIDNIGHT MASS!

The Adult Choir will carry on the tradition of singing for Midnight Christmas Eve Mass and we hope some more of our great St. Mary voices can join us! To prepare for this special evening we will have 3 extra Sunday practices in addition to our regular Thursday night practices at 7pm. The practices will be Dec. 4, 11 & 18 from 2-3:30pm in the choir loft. Even if you can only make a couple practices, we would love to have you! Any questions, call music director Rob Tierney at 620-960-5602

### Stewardship Message—

Dec. 11, 2016

The Third Sunday of Advent

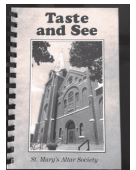
**“Stewarding our Gifts: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”**

Advent prepares us for the birth of Jesus Christ. The prophets prepared Israel for the coming of their Savior. Isaiah proclaimed a world full of life and beauty readying itself for the Son of God to appear. Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was a prophet foretold in scripture to be the messenger sent by God to prepare the way. St. Paul tells us to be prepared for the second coming of our Lord. Jesus preached that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. May we contemplate his words and allow them to grow to fulfillment in our lives as we share Christ's message of love.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Cookbooks for Sale! \$10 each Great Stocking Stuffers. Priced right for Family, Friend, Neighbor or Work gift exchange and Teacher Gifts. Perfect for either beginning or experienced cooks.

Available at the Church Office 316-282-0459 or Contact Diane Schultz 620-327-2486.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus along with the Boys Scouts will serve an All-You-Can-Eat breakfast, Sunday, December 11th, from 8-11am at St. Mary's in the gym. The proceeds to benefit the Boy Scout Troop. The menu: biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, coffee-milk-or juice. Cost-\$6.00 all you can eat. Dine in or carry out.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Family Corporate membership to the Newton Wellness Center renewal date will be December 15th. A family membership cost last year was \$160.00 for the year (a regular family membership would have been \$440.00 for the year). The family membership permits both parents and all children (12 and above) use of the facilities. The cost to families will be determined by the number participating under the Knights of Columbus corporate membership. (50 or more families will keep the rate at \$160.00 for next year). Contact Tracy Strain (283-7330), Wellness Center Director to renew or to join. (You may also visit [www.newtonrec.org](http://www.newtonrec.org)).

The Knights of Columbus general monthly meeting will be held Monday Dec. 12th, at 7:30pm in the Knights Hall (located on OLG parish grounds). Agenda—reports on the following: 1) Memorial Mass. 2) Pork Chili Supper. 3) Thanksgiving Basket Delivery. 4) Breakfast. 5) Christmas Party. 6) Wellness Center update. 7) Christmas Eve Honor Guard update. 8) January activities planning. The next initiation of new members will be held at the January 9th, 2017 monthly meeting. Knights recruit a new member!!

## Our Gifts to God & Parish

**Fiscal Year July 2016 - June 2017**

**Collections for Dec. 4, 2016**

Envelopes & Loose Cash.....	\$ 22,514.76
Children's collection.....	\$ 62.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,576.80</b>

<b>Extra: SVdP</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,060.00</b>

**Budget per week is..... \$16,103.81**

Collections year to date compared to budget

Through Dec. 4, 2016 ..... (\$37,395.83)

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



3rd Sunday of Advent

**BAKE SALE BAKE SALE BAKE SALE**

Come have breakfast with the Boy Scouts and take home the goodies from the SVdP bake sale. Sunday December 11.

Goodies will be out by 8:30 and we will sell as long as supply lasts.

**ST. MARY CEMETERY NOTE**

St. Mary and Our Lady of Guadalupe has a stewardship opportunity for someone who wants to truly make a difference. We need an individual to keep cemetery records on the computer, meet with families, sell burial sites, work with our local mortuaries, and Greenwood Cemetery employees. There is another opportunity for someone who enjoys working outdoors during the summer months. We have a need for a grounds person to coordinate volunteers who mow sections of the cemetery, occasionally meet with Greenwood Cemetery employees, locate grave sites, work with the record keeper, and other miscellaneous activities. Please contact Fr. Voelker, Fr. Juan or Carrol Langenhorst for more information. These stewardship activities would be excellent for a retired couple to work together serving the Church and their fellow church members.

**CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING**

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a 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 53 seminarians and 25 retired priests.

**The Lord of Hosts Prayer Group** invites you to join us for praise and worship, prayer and instruction on the first and third Thursdays of each month. **Time:** 7:00-8:30p.m. **Location:** Sacred Heart Hall, Newman University, 3100 W. McCormick, Wichita. **Dec. 15:** An evening of Prayer and Praise followed by a social.

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016  
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30  
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36  
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**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. 12/13 5:30pm †Donna Linn  
Wed. 12/14 8:00am Gerald & Leona Rogers  
Thur. 12/15 8:00am Jim Soth  
Fri. 12/16 8:00am Don Hasenbank  
Sat. 12/17 8:00am Frances Aumiller  
Sat. 12/17 5:30pm †Barbara Florez  
Sun. 12/18 8:30am People of the Parish  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Aleah Carson

Dear Father Voelker & Friends,

Words cannot express the love that I have for all of you for all the prayers, cards and memorials you have given me and my family for our son and brother, Richard. We can never thank you enough.

Also, thank you for the prayers & get well cards.

—Phyllis Prouty

**Compassionate friends support group** is for parents or grandparents who have suffered the loss of a child or grandchild. Please call Stacy Arellano at 316-942-3799 or Jim Arellano at 316-288-5549.

—We are here for you!

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Sick and tired of playing Pokemon on Wednesday nights? Want to hang out with other Catholic youth? Come to the Parish Center at 7:30pm (Fr. Kapaun library) on Wednesday, December 14th. We will have a short informational meeting about a Wednesday night program and fellowship for high school juniors and seniors. Spread the word to your friends and other juniors and seniors in our parish! Contact Justin & Becky Patterson cowboyinprayer@gmail.com or 316-833-6411

## 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

Tue. 12/13 5:30pm  
Wed. 12/14 8:00am N. Rusche, O. Antonowich, E. Castillo  
Thur. 12/15 8:00am G. Stucky, O. Tierney, R. Parga  
Fri. 12/16 8:00am A. Segura, A. Ramos, G. Garcia  
Sat. 12/17 5:30pm A & A Weber, A. Salas, O. Mick  
Sun. 12/18 8:30am David & Patrick Graham, J. Hecht  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Andrea Cox, Ellie VanZelfden, Madeline & Wilson Eustace

### Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 12/17 5:30pm Mike Weber Family  
Sun. 12/18 8:30am Marshall & Linda Kendrick  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Jim & Phyllis Theis

### Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/17 5:30pm M. Frazier, L. Curiel  
Sun. 12/18 8:30am V. Smith, S. Koerner  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Adult choir

### Lectors

Sat. 12/17 5:30pm Richard Mick, Robert Oswald  
Sun. 12/18 8:30am Pauline Casey, Monica Davis  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Jennifer Milton, Cathy Guyer

### Sacristans

Dec. 12-17 Kari Sauerwein  
Sat. 12/17 5:30pm Shelly Oswald  
Sun. 12/18 8:30am Robert & Shari McCall  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Doug & Mary Ann Bruggeman

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses—Dec. 14-16 Sue Schmidt  
Sat. 12/17 5:30pm P. O'Brien, R. Sadowski, K. McNulty  
Sun. 12/18 8:00am \*M. O'Halloran, L. Bennett, L. Schmitt  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Ben Mabry, Carolyn Woerner, Mary Ann Bruggeman, Jerry Pomeroy

### Hospital Extraordinary Minister Schedule

Month of December covered by OLG

### Ushers

Sat. 12/17 5:30pm Ron Ferguson, Carrol Langenhorst  
Paul O'Brien, Dennis Alexander  
Sun. 12/18 8:30am Charles Casey, Mike Davis  
Rodger graham, Dale Kaiser  
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Donald Hageman, Adrian Holguin  
Benjamin Holguin, Pat McCreary

### Church Cleaners

Dec. 16 Craig & Emily Baier, Brenden Powell, Steve Mead

**Wash Server Albs**-Dec. 5 & 19—Claire Hanna, Pam Sims

Our advertiser of the week is

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*Patrick Charlsen, Agent*

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