

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 18, 2016
4th Sunday of Advent

106 E. 8th St. • Newton KS 67114
www.stmarynewton.org

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

Father Nicholas Voelker, *Pastor*
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Pastoral Council Moderator
Amy Antle— (316) 283-5083

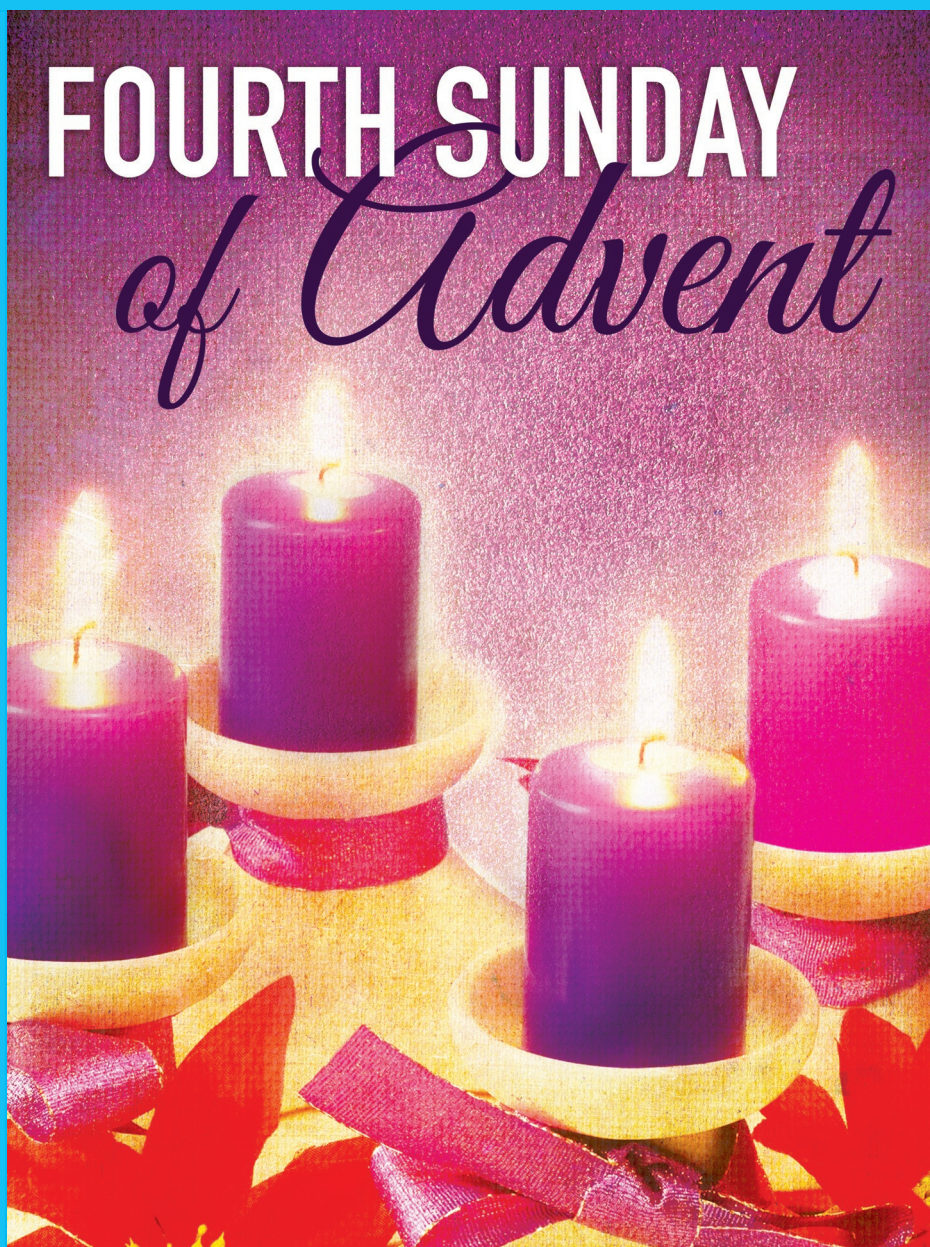
RCIA
Gary Chaffee - 316-283-8073

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:
Friday—7:00am
Saturday—4:00pm

Parish Events

Scheduled This Week

Mass: Tue. 5:30pm, Wed.—Fri. 8:00am
 Wednesday: Legion of Mary-6:30pm Sacristy; Choir 7pm
 Thursday: 7pm Confession with Adoration
 Friday: 7pm Confession with Adoration
 Friday: Parish Office closes at 12:00
 Saturday: No Latin Mass—Christmas Eve Vigil 4pm;
 Midnight Mass 12:00am
 Sunday: Mass 10am
 Lord's Pantry Next Sunday: S-Z

ST MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



**MARY IS RETIRING!!
 PLEASE COME BY AND
 WISH MARY WELL!!
 ST. MARY CATHOLIC
 SCHOOL**



**DECEMBER 21, 2:00-4:00PM
 REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
 MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU
 HAVE BLESSED US THESE YEARS!!**

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

PLEASE HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS AFTER THE 10:30 MASS ON DEC. 18TH. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!! GREAT STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Stewardship Message—

Dec. 18, 2016

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

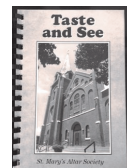
“Stewarding our Gifts: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born of Mary, Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would conceive and bear a son as a sign to the king, Ahaz. The fulfillment of the scriptural prophesy of the virgin birth helped the people of Jesus' time recognize that he was sent by God. Through the angel's message to Joseph, we come to understand the depth of God's love in sending his Son to us. Throughout Advent the readings from Isaiah encouraged us to exult in the glory of God's coming. May our celebration of Christmas open our hearts to the love and mercy generously given by our Heavenly Father.

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

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for selling religious education raffle tickets. Each parish in Newton received \$350 for selling the minimum number of tickets. Newton also had two winners: Rick Mahan won \$4,000 and St. Vincent de Paul Society won \$1,000. **Congratulations to John Wise for being Knight of the Year and to Wayne and Norma Schon for being Family of the Year for the Knights of Columbus.** Thank you for your service.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Family corporate membership to the Newton Wellness Center renewal date will be December 15. 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)

CEMETERY NOTE

St. Mary & 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. Please contact Fr. Voelker, Fr. Juan or Carroll Langenhorst for more information.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year July 2016 - June 2017

Collections for Dec. 11, 2016

Envelopes & Loose Cash.....	\$10,561.76
Children's collection.....	\$ 56.52
Total	\$10,618.28

Extra: Holy Day	\$ 1,475.00
Building Fund	\$ 145.00

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

Collections year to date compared to budget
 Through Dec. 11, 2016 (\$42,938.07)

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

One of the thrills of being a Vincentian is having the opportunity to witness the Gospel being lived out in another's life. During the past few weeks we called on one particular guest who was facing the loss of

a job due to a layoff, a medical crisis requiring specialty care and learning that a long past warrant was to be enforced in the next few weeks. Immediately after sharing these events with us the guest made the following comment. "I am okay, God is with me and I know God will direct me." Witnessing such faith is often very humbling for us. As we approach this last week of Advent, your Vincentians pray you will experience this degree of faith in your life. God Bless You.

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

The Church needs good, happy and holy priests. The Diocese of Wichita is blessed. We need to offer a sound formation for our future priests as well as to care for our infirmed and retired priests with dignity. Please help if you can. —*Bishop Carl A. Kemme, December 2016*

TOPEKA MARCH FOR LIFE MASS & RALLY

PLEASE JOIN BISHOP KEMME

As we pray for an end to abortion Monday, January 23, 2017. We will attend Mass at 11:00 at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Rally will follow at the Capitol steps. (we will stop for lunch at Texas Roadhouse in Topeka-cost for lunch approximately \$10.00)

Bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$20.00

RSVP—Jan.5th, 2017 to RLSJ office 316-269-3935
voegelid@catholicdioceseofwichita.org

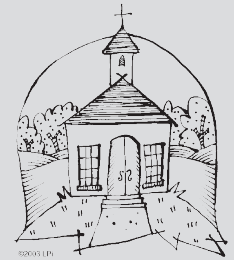
Administrative Assistant, Chancery: The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual to serve as Administrative Assistant to the Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia and Director of Finance. Deadline: noon, Jan. 10, 2017. Go to: <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>, Ministries & Offices, Human Resources.

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016
Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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. 12/20 5:30pm †Don Schommer
Wed. 12/21 8:00am †Glen Herman
Thur. 12/22 8:00am †Don Brooks
Fri. 12/23 8:00am †Ben Holub
Sat. 12/24 4:00pm †Ted Prouty
Sat. 12/25 12:00am People of the Parish
Sun. 12/25 10:00am Rob & Charisse Tierney

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary would like to extend warm wishes to all parishioners of St. Mary's, a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. During the month of January 2017, we cordially extend an invitation to come to the Sacristy, and pray the rosary with us, by candle-light. It's beautiful. After the rosary, Mary Immaculata will continue on with our meeting, which is active members only. We will be hosting an informational session about the Legion of Mary, to be announced. If you have ever wondered about what the Legion is about, now would be a good time to find out. We work on our spiritual path to Mary, then Mother Mary takes it from there. You will be truly amazed at the journey you find yourself on.....We also would like to announce that Brother Steve Holub, will be the new President, effective the first Wednesday of January. We elect officers every 3 years. Please congratulate Brother Steve and pray for him.

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!

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. 12/20 5:30pm
Wed. 12/21 8:00am T. Weber, M. Hernandez, S. Lara
Thur. 12/22 8:00am Spencer & Bailey Steinmetz
Thur. 12/22 7:00pm Gage Mathews
Fri. 12/23 8:00am Ryan & Alex Littlejohn
Fri. 12/23 7:00pm Wilson Eustace
Sat. 12/24 4:00pm Sam & Eli Blaufuss, G & G Mathews
Sun. 12/25 12:00am M. Kelso, Alyssa Salas, Rebecca Ring
Sun. 12/25 10:00am Jacob Antle, Ryan Ruggiero, D. Petz

Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 12/24 4:00pm Randy Mathews Family
Sun. 12/25 12:00am Justin & Becky Patterson
Sun. 12/25 10:00am Erick Erwin Family

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/24 4:00pm Children's Choir
Sun. 12/25 12:00am Adult Choir
Sun. 12/25 10:00am P. McNeill, S. Koerner

Lectors

Sat. 12/24 4:00pm Mark Frazier, Philip Blaufuss
Sun. 12/25 12:00am Debra Henning, Vickie Smith
Sun. 12/25 10:00am Leigh Ann O'Halloran, Rodger Graham

Sacristans

Dec. 20-23 Kari Sauerwein
Sat. 12/24 4:00pm Charlotte Gehrer
Sun. 12/25 12:00am Paula Blann
Sun. 12/25 10:00am Janet Daily

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses—Dec. 21 Paul O'Brien
Sat. 12/24 4:00pm Philip & Sharon Stutey, Marcia Oden
Sun. 12/25 12:00am Sharon McCall, Marv Kratky,
Kathy Wiens, Morgan Kaufman
Sun. 12/25 10:00am Janet Daily, Carl Antle, Leona Soyez

Hospital Extraordinary Minister Schedule

Month of December covered by OLG

Ushers

Sat. 12/24 4:00pm Robert TenEyck, Ron Ferguson
Jonathon & Mike Weber
Sun. 12/25 12:00am Fred & Lou Kuesterstaffen
Leroy Koehn, Gary Littlejohn
Sun. 12/25 10:00am Brian & Kelli Schulte,
James & Carrie Reid

Church Cleaners

Dec. 23—Beth O'Halloran & Carolyn Woerner

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

Our advertiser of the week is
Welcome to
Great Plains Pet Hospital
Mary Zogleman, DVM
Please check their ad on
the back of the bulletin.

