

Christmas 2016 A.D.



Ad Missam in die Christmas Mass during the Day

Is 9, 6 Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis, cuius impérium super húmerum eius,
et vocábitur nomen eius magni consílii Angelus.

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
His scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great
counsel.

Dearest People of St. Mary Parish

I wish to extend to you all a very blessed and merry Christmas. "In the Beginning was Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God... and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." In the words of St. John's Gospel we hear how the Christ was born for us to save us and restore us to the friendship of the Father. We celebrate the Christmas Season as the beginning of our redemption by the offering of Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as the central mystery of Faith.

Thank you all for your Christmas cards, your love, and monetary gifts. You are wonderful people and I am honored to serve you. May this most sacred time be a period of peace and joy for you and all your families.

"It is clearly revealed that He is the Lord of heaven and earth"

St. Teresa of Avila

Sincerely Yours,

Fr. Nicholas Voelker

ST. MARY

St. Mary Mission Statement:
To be companions with Christ our Savior

CATHOLIC

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 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord,
Christmas

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www.stmarynewton.org

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

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Bill & Carrie Weber - 316-212-0137

Legion of Mary
Linda Bennett— 316-587-5337

Knights of Columbus
Mike Ruggiero- 316-804-4289



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” —Lk 2:11

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



OPEN ADORATION HOURS:
Friday—7:00am
Saturday—4:00pm

Parish Events

Scheduled This Week

Mass: Tue. 5:30pm, Wed.—Fri. 8:00am

Monday: Church Office Closed

Wednesday: Legion of Mary-6:30pm Sacristy;

Lord's Pantry Next Sunday: A-F

ST MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Christmas Break—School resumes January 4, 2017

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.

NEW YEARS MARIAN RETREAT: OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Saturday, Dec. 31; 7p.m. —midnight. 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 rooms will be available for a small donation.)

Stewardship Message—

Dec. 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

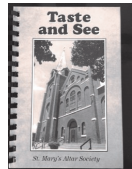
“Stewarding our Gifts: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

When we give someone a gift, such as at Christmas, we hope that it is something they are excited about and use often. If we were to visit their home a couple months after Christmas, we'd be disappointed to find the gift collecting dust on the shelf. God hopes that we will appreciate the gift that He has given to us in sending His own Son. Our response is to steward this gift by glorifying God, not just one day of the year, but with our whole lives. We go out into the world and imitate the shepherds in St. Luke's gospel who returned “glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen”.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Cookbooks for Sale! \$10 each
Priced right for Family, Friend, or Neighbor!
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 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)

THE LORD'S PANTRY

The volunteers from the Lord's Pantry wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and extend our thanks for your support this year in the way of food and monetary contributions. With your help the pantry has been able to help many families and individuals in our community. May God continue to bless this ministry and bless each of you and your family.
—*Merry Christmas*

GOOD BOOKS: THE BROTHERS KARAMOZOV

Begins Tuesday, Jan. 3. Join us on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss books from the great Christian Tradition. This is the first meeting for “The Brothers Karamozov” by Fyodor Dostoevsky. On Jan. 3, we will discuss part one. No charge. Book is available in the SLC bookstore. Spiritual Life Center. Visit www.slwichita.org or 316-744-0167

Our Gifts to God & Parish

No information available due to early bulletin submission

Fiscal Year July 2016 - June 2017

Collections for Dec. 2016

Envelopes & Loose Cash.....	\$
Children's collection.....	\$
Total	\$
Extra: Holy Day	\$
Building Fund	\$
Budget per week is.....	\$16,103.81

Collections year to date compared to budget
Through Dec. 2016 (\$)

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



Christmas 2016

The Vincentians of St. Mary and Our Lady of Guadalupe pray that you will have the most joyous Christmas season possible.

We want to take a moment and thank all of you who are helping us carry out our mission. Please know that sharing your love and kindness is one of the greatest joys in our ministry. God Bless you and Merry Christmas.

“APPARITION HILL”

A special showing of a documentary on Medjugorje, entitled Apparition Hill will be showing at the Warren West Theater on Sunday, January 8th, 2017 at 2:15pm. More show times may become available but this will be based on demand. So purchase tickets early by going online to www.apparitionhill.org or by contacting Aaron Chrler at 316-712-3338. All proceeds will be going to the Lord’s Diner. This inspiring documentary is rated PG-13 and is 1hr 55min.



**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 25, 2016
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
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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. 12/27 5:30pm †Annie Beugelsdyk
Wed. 12/28 8:00am Wally & Diane Mack
Thur. 12/29 8:00am †Duane Haxton
Fri. 12/30 8:00am Lexi Carson
Sat. 12/31 8:00am Linda Bennett
Sat. 12/31 5:30pm People of the Parish
Sun. 01/01 8:30am The Voelker Family
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Mackenzie Hanna

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. 12/27 5:30pm
Wed. 12/28 8:00am Gabbie & Gage Mathews
Thur. 12/29 8:00am Madeline & Wilson Eustace
Fri. 12/30 8:00am Keegan, Bailey & Spencer Steinmetz
Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Alex, Leah & Ryan Littlejohn
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Abby & Al. Weber, R. Ring, J. Hecht
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Jacob Antle, Owen Tierney, Ellie Van Zelfden, Sarah Musser

Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Tom & Susan Krotz
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Raymond & Lisa Schmitt
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Todd Musser Family

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm A. Bridgeman, S. Herdler
Sun. 01/01 8:30am T. Walker, S. Koerner
Sun. 01/01 10:00am M. Eustace, R. Littlejohn

Lectors

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Leigh Ann O'Halloran, Mark Frazier
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Vickie Smith, Signe Rogers
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Carolyn Woerner, Leo Chouinard

Sacristans

Dec. 27-31 Phyllis Prouty
Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Gary Chaffee
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Teresa & Rodney Snyder
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Tami Carlgren

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses—
Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Ron & Karen Ferguson, Barb Bunting
Sun. 01/01 8:30am*Steve Mead, Teresa Snyder, R. Graham
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Tami Carlgren, S. Holub, Deb Henning

Hospital Extraordinary Minister Schedule

Month of December covered by OLG

Ushers

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Seth & Nancy Claassen
Dennis Alexander, Wayne Eye
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Leroy Koehn, Gary Littlejohn
Fred & Lou Kuesterstaffen
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Alexis Segura, Mallory Schulte,
David Vinduska, Cassandra Adams

Church Cleaners

Dec. 30— Rosa Alondra & Itzel Hernandez, Alexis Segura

Wash Server Albs-

Jan. 4 & 16— Brigitte Loescher & Deanna Hernandez

Our advertiser of the week is
Welcome to
STITH PLUMBING
Heating & Cooling
Please check their ad on
the back of the bulletin.

