RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: We will have classes on Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Grades K-4: 4:00—5:00 pm and Grades 6-12: 7:00—8:00 pm.

LADIES LENTEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP: We will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 3rd in the Parish Center. Ladies are asked to bring feminine products for the food bank as our way of giving this Lenten season.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE! On Saturday, March 7th, the Rosary before Mass will begin at 4:15 pm. The intention of this rosary will be for persecuted Christians and will be lead by the Knights of Columbus.

SUNDAY MORNING LENTEN SESSIONS: A Lenten study on prayer and the power of Lectio Divina will be offered through the six Sundays of Lent 8:00 am. In six video sessions, Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving through his love. In each session, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. After the video, discussion will be held. Everyone is welcome to attend!

COFFEE & ROLLS: Please join us for coffee, rolls, cake, and blood pressure checks on Sun., March 1st in the Parish Center after the 9:00 am Mass. Those with March birthdays & anniversaries will also receive a special blessing.

PENITENTIAL PSALMS: These are Psalms that could be prayed mostly during Lent, especially the 7 Fridays of Lent: Psalm 6, 31 (32), 37 (38), 50 (51), 101 (102), 129 (130), 142 (143). Numbers listed in parenthesis are in the New American Bible.

HOISINGTON K-OF-C MEETING: This will be Monday, March 9th at 7:30 pm at the K-of-C Hall.


SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: A HUNGER TO KNOW GOD—Every faith tradition in the world has seeker-guide relationships. Jesus, who drew people into relationship walked with them and illuminated their lives with the startling truth of God’s Kingdom, is the template of all spiritual directors in the Christian faith.

What is Spiritual Direction? Spiritual direction is meeting with a trained & experienced director to reflect on how God is present and active in your life right now, and how God might be calling you into deeper relationship. God is the Director; the human director serves as the vessel through which the Spirit works to uncover the Divine at work in your everyday experiences. The content of the direction session is simply your life: whatever aspect, story, or experience you feel moved to bring to the session. Your director may help you with discernment, spiritual practices, methods of prayer, and at times suggest scripture and other spiritual reading that may enlighten your path. He/she is present as a compassionate and respectful witness to the joys & sorrows of your journey. Together you pray for that “closer walk” with God.

Questions one may ask to see if spiritual direction would help:

- Do you yearn to be more spiritually present in your everyday life? Are you seeking discernment regarding a particular life issue? Do you want to deepen your connection with God? Do you want to enhance your prayer life?
- Spiritual direction is a ministry within the Church. Judy Spangler has completed the 3 year program offered by the Heartland Center of Spirituality to become a certified Spiritual Director. If you would like to schedule a session for direction, please contact Judy at 620-786-0541. Length of session and fee is negotiable.

WORD OF LIFE QUOTE FOR MARCH 1st: “The Gospel of Life” is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (The Gospel of Life 5)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The Hoisington Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry on the following nights from 5:30—7:00 pm: Friday, March 6th, March 20th, and April 3rd. Serving Pollock fish, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw and drinks. $10 for adults, $5 for ages 4-11 and under 4 eat for free.

March 1st, 2020
First Sunday of Lent
Year A
Fr. Anselm Eke, MSP
Pastor

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Hoisington, KS

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Website: stjohnkevin@stjohnparish.com

Office Hours:
Tuesday—Thursday, 9:00 am—12:00 pm and 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
Fridays: 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements: Due by noon on Wednesday. May be submitted by email at the above address.

Parish Secretary: Loretta Kinman

Director of Religious Education: Rose Debes (Hoisington); Lisa Starr (Olmitz)

Pastoral Council: Stephen Debes (Hoisington); Bob Schneider (Olmitz)

Weekend Masses: * Saturday, 5:00 pm (Hoisington) * Sunday, 9:00 am (Hoisington) * 10:30 am (Olmitz)

Sacrament of Penance: 4:15 pm—4:45 pm on Saturdays (Hoisington) Second Sunday of the Month after Mass until Noon (Olmitz)

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call rectory to schedule an appointment for the Baptismal preparations.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the pastor 4 to 6 months prior to proposed date of marriage.

Sacrament of Sick: Call rectory in case of emergency or prior to medical procedures or hospital stay.

PRAYER NETWORK: To call your prayer intention in for Hoisington, you may call Nancy Kirmer at 653-2466 and for Olmitz, call Martina Axman at 620-586-3281.
Hoisington Mass Schedule for Mar. 3rd—Mar. 8th:

- **Tuesday, March 3rd**: 5:00pm +Brian Bailey
- **Wednesday, March 4th**: 5:00pm +Jeanne Schlochtermeier at CPL
- **Thursday, March 5th**: 10:00am +Eleanor Aylward
- **Friday, March 6th**: 10:00am +Alvin Haberman
- **Saturday, March 7th**: 5:00pm +Joe Polzin
- **Sunday, March 8th**: 9:00am Intentions of Leonard & Linda Moeder

**Hoisington Ministers For Next Weekend:**

- **9:00am Sunday**: Livvy Brewer & Nolan Wilborn
- **9:00am Sunday**: Eldon Reif & Neil Ochs

**Collection for Last Week:**

- **$2,513.00** in envelopes
- **$220.00** in offertory
- **$608.25** in on-line giving
- **$3,341.25** in total

**MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE:** Fri., Mar. 6th at 6:15pm at the Heartland Center (Motherhouse-360 Broadway) in Great Bend. We’ll be showing Paul, Apostle of Christ. Paul, Apostle of Christ is the story of 2 men. Luke, as a friend & physician, risks his life every time he ventures into the city of Rome to visit Paul, who is held captive in Nero’s darkest prison cell. Before Paul’s death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of “The Way” and the birth of what will come to be known as the church.

**PLEASE PICK UP** your “Five Minutes With The Word” booklets and Rice Bowls in the back of church.

**COUNTERS:** Linda Biker & Mary Beth Higgins

**M A S S  K I T:** Families are encouraged to sign up to take the Mass Kit home and pray for vocation in their homes. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**OLMIZT MASS SCHEDULE MAR. 6th—8th:**

- **Friday, March 6th**: 8:30am +Helen Stos
- **Sunday, March 8th**: 10:30am People & Needs of St. Ann and St. John’s Parishes

**MINISTERS for Next Weekend:**

- **Sermons:** Sermons for Mar. 8th
- **Ministers for Next Weekend:**
  - Sermons: Marisa Pechanech & Colin Mater
  - Lectors: Linda Bahr & Janet Pechanech
  - Collectors: Dale Manteur & Mark Hlavaty
  - Offertory: The Luke Pechanech Family
  - Euchar. Min.: Joe & Kathy Axman & Janet Pechanech

**OLMIZT COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:**

- **$855.00** in Envelopes
- **$280.00** in offertory
- **$44.30** in votive stand
- **$50.00** in votives
- **$1,289.30** in total

**CHRIST MASS:** We are in need of parishioners to go to the annual Chrism Mass in Dodge City on Thursday, April 2nd. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to represent your parish at this special Mass.

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN SESSION:**

If you need/want to attend this, you may do so at Clifton on Tuesday, March 10th from 6:00-9:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church-310 N. Main St. Call Carla Liebl at 620-587-3626 or Donna Staab at 620-786-5785 to register.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE:**

**OLMIZT:**

- March 4th—Religious Ed Teachers
- March 11th—Parochial Council
- March 18th—Fr. Anselm
- March 25th—High School Religious Ed Class
- April 1st—K-of-C Men
- Good Friday, April 10th—Altar Society

**Hoisington:**

- March 4th—K-of-C Men
- March 11th—No stations due to Confirmation
- March 18th—Altar Society Ladies
- March 25th—YOY Youth
- April 1st—Parochial Council

**FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT:**

- **EAST:** Catholics between the ages of 18 & 66 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (one main meal & 2 smaller meals—all meals following the 6pm meal).<br>**ABSTINENCE:** Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent.

**REYNDAWS THIS WEEKEND:**

- **$883**

**READINGS THIS WEEKEND:**

- **PSR:**
  - **We will meet on Sunday, March 1st and March 8th at 9:15am.**

**OLMIZT PARISH COUNCIL:**

- **We will meet on Sunday, March 8th after Mass in the rectory.**

**THANK YOU:**

- **Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus members, our outstanding wives, and their supportiv e families who helped make our centennial celebration a huge success.**

**ADORATION:**

- **We will have Adoration after Mass every Sunday in Lent.**

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

- The St. Ann’s Altar Society is accepting applications for their scholarship that is open to St. Ann’s parishioners’ children who are preparing to enter study at a level of higher education within the next academic year. The $300 scholarship will be awarded annually in May. All applications must be received by Stephanie Schneider with St. Ann’s Altar Society no later than March 11th. Contact: stephcschnieder31@gmail.com to request preferred electronic application or for any questions. Paper applications may be found in the back of church.
BLESSED BLESSING OF BABIES:  Parish members are invited to participate in the Blessing of Babies where expecting mothers receive a rose and a blessing from Father. Families can then place their rose under the church’s statue of Mary & continue to pray the blessing along with the entire parish until birth. Each rose possesses a holy medal which can then be presented at the child’s baptism. Father asks that families, mothers, fathers, grandparents, family members who would like to celebrate this new life to call the parish office at 653-2963 and set up a time for their baby’s rose presentation & blessing.

MATCHING DONATIONS: Did you know that your employer may match your church contributions up to a certain amount? Superior Essex of Hoisington is one employer that does this. Check with your employer and get more bang for your buck. It’s VERY easy to do, call Loretta for more information.

JUST A REMINDER: …if you have had a member of your immediate family (parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, or sibling) pass away from another town/parish and would like a sympathy put in the bulletin, please call Loretta to give her the information. We will be happy to put this in the bulletin.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWEST KANSAS is offering free professional counseling in Dodge City, Garden City and Great Bend for children, adults, couples, families and seniors, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or email my at: afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org

FREE PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Catholic Charities offers free pregnancy support services for all women regardless of age, income, marital status or religious affiliation. There are no fees for this service. If you know someone who is facing an unintended pregnancy, please ask them to contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: The Starkey Hearing Foundation provides hearing aid assistance for those with financial need. There is an application processing fee of $125.00 per hearing aid request; contact Hear Now to discuss eligibility before completing an application. For assistance: 800-328-8602, or go to HearNow@starkey.com When the application is approved, aids are given to the applicant at no additional cost.

SHARE WITH US! If you’ve had a new baby or are celebrating a wedding or anniversary and would like it announced in the bulletin, call the information in to the Parish Office at 653-2963 or email us at: stjohnsdcangelist122@gmail.com

THEO 4881 Get Equipped Ananias Training 1 of 3 (1 hour course) Instructor: Fr. Robert Schremmer Ananias Training offers practical ways to help ordinary Catholics live out the call to spiritually journey alongside others. This live-and-in-person gathering will enter Ananias’ story to discover how our own call to accompany. The gathering will explore what it means for us that no two journeys of life are the same and what it means to have a threshold conversation. This will lead participants to listen to real questions and opinions about God so as to be able to guide a person to discover how God is present and active in their life. By accompanying one another we will share our relationship with God and how we may share Jesus Christ’s own story in response to the spiritual hunger of another.

**This course is one of the 1 hour courses that may be used to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Youth Ministry or the Diocesan Ananias Certificate.**

Class Dates: Apr. 24 & 25, Monday evening - 6:00 p.m. through Saturday to 1:00 p.m.

Location - Heartland Center for Spirituality Cost: 1 hr. course for college credit - $50.00* (Pay by contacting Colleen at cstein@dcdioceose.org or 620-227-1538) *Does not include books.

Make reservations and pay for your room and meals at the Heartland Center by going to:
https://heartlandspirituality.org/pastoralministry-registration/

$22.00 Commuter $57.00 Single $47.00 Double Personal enrichment included in fee to Heartland.

PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:  O God, our creator, from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as People & gives us the right & the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power & working of Your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light & the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind & heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church & the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons & daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withheld & every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren & all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY
Jesus, our most loving redeemer,
You came to enlighten the world
With your teaching and example
You willed to spend the greater part of Your life
In humble obedience to Mary and Joseph
in the poor home of Nazareth.
In this way, You sanctified that family,
which was to be an example for all Christian families.
Graciously accept our family, which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day.
Be pleased to protect, guard and keep it in holy fear, in peace, and
in harmony of the Christian charity.
By conforming ourselves to the Divine model of Your family.
Amen

DIVINE MERCY RADIO: Are you struggling to keep up with all the Catholic events in the area? Have you heard about an event, but can’t remember the time or place? Divine Mercy Radio has all the local Catholic Church and school events compiled onto one calendar at dmmercy.com. Just click the KRTT calendar on the home page. Check it out!