

Pastor's note  
3rd week of Easter

Happy Easter!

As I mentioned this last weekend we are looking at making changes to our weekday mass schedule. I wanted to briefly explain why we are doing this and my hopes for doing so. First, the new schedule, effective June 1st:

Tuesday 6:30pm - St. John  
Wednesday 8:15am - Holy Angels  
Thursday 8:15am - St. John  
Friday 8:15am - Holy Angels

The first thought that went into this change is that about every 4-6 weeks it seemed as if I was having to cancel a weekday mass for a meeting. I consulted with other priests in a similar situation to myself and they have implemented a Tuesday evening mass which helps them avoid cancellations. With the mass at 6:30pm there should be the opportunity for more people who work to attend, especially with it being in Greeley and the number of people who work in Olathe.

After that decision was made, my hope was to allow as many people as possible to attend weekday masses, which means that we do not want to cut out any school masses, which is why we have switched the days and the parish for the mass. Lastly, there were a couple of requests made to the pastoral council (which I consulted on these decisions) to consider moving the 7am mass back to 8:15am. This seemed reasonable with the addition of the evening mass, as well as my own prayer.

Thank you for your patience and understanding on this. I have been pleased to see our daily mass attendance grow slightly this year, and I hope that it will continue to do so. Please also know that you may attend mass at either parish.

God bless,  
Fr. Adam

P.S. I wanted to briefly explain why it seems as if I am gone for meetings more than Fr. Matthew. First, I have been a priest for less than 5 years, which means I have a quarterly meeting at the chancery. Second, our priests are spread thin, and stayed on a ministry in Johnson County which takes me up there twice a month. Third, I am the only pastor in my priest prayer group which meets monthly. As a result two of the men are the only ones on call on Monday in their region, so they need to stay near home. In time we will switch our meetings to Mondays, but for now they are on Tuesdays.