

| LITURGICAL SCHEDULE | | |
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| DATE | MASS READINGS | MASS INTENTION |
| Monday, November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> | Romans 10:9-18 / Matthew 4:18-22 | +Earl & Annie Briattain |
| Tuesday, December 1 <i>Advent Weekday</i> | Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24 | Int. of the Norman Pelz Family |
| Wednesday, December 2 <i>Advent Weekday</i> | Isaiah 25:6-10a / Matthew 15:29-37 | +Marilyn Garretson |
| Thursday, December 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i> | Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27 | +Cliff Youngers |
| Friday, December 4 <i>Advent Weekday</i> | Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31 | Int. of Lucille DuBois |
| Saturday, December 5 <i>Advent Weekday</i> | Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Matthew 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8 | +Jerome Metzen |
| Sunday, December 6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> | Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8 | +Wilfred Brake People of the Parish |

| MINISTER SCHEDULE | | | |
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| | 12/5 5:30 PM | 12/6 8:00 AM | 12/6 10:30 AM |
| ROSARY | Deb Pelz | Martin Maus | Krista Allmond |
| EMHC | Albert Hubl | Jim Armour | Matt Allmond |
| LECTOR | Don Klausmeyer | Alan Oberley | Hannah Allmond |
| SERVERS | John Isaac Brunke Gabe Brunke | James McCosh John McCosh | Christian Hastings Austin Hastings Trenton Hastings |
| USHERS | Tim Nelson Justin Pelz | Ed Lange Brad Seiter | Dustin Goetz Kevin Pauly |
| SACRISTAN | Rachel Hedrick | Abram Alvarez | Jennifer Blasi |

NOVEMBER 29: ST. FRANCIS FASANI



Francis was named Giovanniello (Johnny for short) and took the name Francis when he joined the Franciscan order. He went to study with the Order in Assisi, close to where St. Francis was buried. He became a priest and kept studying until he became a Doctor of Theology (the study of God and faith). He was put in charge of the young men studying to become a priest, taught philosophy, helped lead his Order, and became the priest for the town of Assisi. He spent lots of time in prayer and people who saw him pray said he would float (levitate) while praying. Lots of people came to him to get advice, ask for prayers, and receive forgiveness through confession. He taught many people in missions at churches, through retreats and devotions. He also helped the poor, always asking that people would give money to help with the needs of the poor. He followed the example of St. Francis of Assisi and the people he served loved him very much.

| WEEKLY CALENDAR |
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| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 |
| 8am Adoration 8am Mass 11:55pm & 2pm CGS 7pm Walking With Purpose Food Drive Ends |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 |
| 12am Adoration 8am Mass 6:30pm Stewardship Council 7pm Called & Gifted Small Group |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 |
| 2pm & 4pm CGS 6:30pm Mass 7pm NO RE |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 |
| 8am Mass 7pm Lectio Divina |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 |
| 8am Mass 6:30pm Christmas Basket Assembly |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 |
| 4:30pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 |
| 8am Mass 9:15am RE 10:30am Mass 1pm First Reconciliation |
| COMING UP NEXT WEEK |
| 12/7 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 12/7 Altar Society 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 12/10 Knights of Columbus @ Clonmel |



ST. JOHN'S CLONMEL KANSAS

November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

December is dedicated to the Nativity.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND • Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS • Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 am
Wed. 6:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS • Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 - 7:55 am
Wed. 6 - 6:20 pm
WEEKEND • Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

SOCIAL MEDIA

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HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

LEAVE NOTHING FOR TOMORROW

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the King. As disciples, however, we should realize that our entire lives should be spent preparing for the coming of the King. We live in a very busy era, and most of us are held hostage by our clocks and our calendars, yet the most important event of our lives is beyond our ability to plan. Even Jesus, by choice, is ignorant to the day and hour of His second coming. Therefore, as disciples, let us remember to finish our "work" each day, and leave nothing for tomorrow. Let us be good stewards of time, and let us be watchful and alert for the arrival of the King of Kings!

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Last weekend during the homily, we were given the opportunity to complete our time, talent, and treasure Stewardship forms and turn them in. Families who did not turn their forms in at Mass will receive them in the mail. Please return your forms ASAP to the parish office or the collection basket at Mass.

FOOD DRIVE

St. Johns is participating in the Clearwater Ministerial Alliance food drive. Please place items in the wooden box in the gathering space through Nov. 30th. A list of needed items can be found on the box. Checks can be made out to the Clearwater Ministerial Alliance and dropped off at the office.

LECTOR & CANTOR WORKBOOKS

Please pick up your workbooks for the new liturgical year in the sacristy!

ALTAR SOCIETY COLLECTING RELIGIOUS ITEMS

The St. John's Altar Society is collecting slightly used religious items and items you get in the mail that you aren't using anymore. We will be donating all items to the Family Missions Company. We will collect items until Dec. 20.

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for an evening of fellowship on Monday, December 7th. Happy hour begins at 6:30pm. Potluck dinner at 7pm followed by an optional gift exchange (please spend no more than \$10-\$15 on your gift). We will also be collecting "Baby Jesus Gifts" which are donations of new baby items to be donated to one of our annual service projects. All of the women of the parish are invited to attend! We hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to provide in-shelter child care services at St. Anthony Family Shelter so parents may attend meetings with their case managers and classes. Volunteer opportunities are regularly available at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, as well. To learn more or to apply, catholiccharitieswichita.org/volunteer or call Cole Schnieders at 316-264-8344 ext. 1261

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 22, 2020.....\$6,226.41
 Year to Date (July 1-Nov. 22).....\$173,597.69
 Thank you for your gift to St. John's Parish!

CHURCH CLEANING

12/5 Brenda Hastings 316-617-3595
 Donna Parker 620-545-7042
 12/12 Ruth Welters-Smith 316-648-5349
 Melissa Welters-Davis 316-706-4085

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all those listed below:

Colton Smith, Shane Armour, Anna Mueller, Gary Klausmeyer, Ross Klausmeyer, Colton Horsch, Frances Johnson, Josh Buller, Marilyn Lies, Al Montanez, Joanne Flippin, David Oberley, Stephanie Faber, Donald Love, Jolene Schauf

Pray for those in the military:

John Ihrig, Matthew Youngers, Austin Peak, Travis Wittingham, Megan Darke, Brandon Darke, Grant Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 29 John Seiwert
 Alyssa Atkinson
 November 30 Hannah Solomon
 December 1 Mark Pelz
 December 2 Annie Jones
 Lanie Bradshaw
 December 3 John Schneider
 Makenzie Haslett
 December 4 Elijah Oberley
 December 5 Rob Ayala
 Nicole Heppler
 Chloe Fichtl

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November 30 David & Jami Buck
 December 1 Randy & Alma Pauly
 Billy & Jody Gorges

SACRAMENTAL CONGRATS!

Joaquin Antonio Perez
 Son of Carlos & Kelsey Perez
 Baptized on November 15, 2020

Lennon Rose Johnson
 Daughter of Austin & Ellie Johnson
 Baptized on November 22, 2020

UPDATE FROM BISHOP KEMME

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since we are now experiencing an alarming surge in positive COVID 19 testing throughout the diocese and beyond AND to avoid the possibility of canceling Masses and other events in those parishes severely affected, I wanted to communicate once again to the faithful of the Diocese of Wichita my sincere request and recommendation that all who are able, to wear a facial mask while in attendance at the celebrations of the Mass and other events in our parishes and chapels. As I stated in my letter of July 6, 2020, "we must all continue to do our part to assist in reducing the spread of this potentially deadly virus." The wearing of a mask is one simple way we can not only protect ourselves but also demonstrate our concern for the health and wellbeing of those around us. Please wear a mask! I also expect all our parishes and chapels to abide by the guidelines and restrictions which can be found on the diocesan website, especially the protocol for social distancing. Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, for the sick and those who care for them. I pledge to all of you my abiding prayers and am grateful for yours in return.

~ Bishop Carl A. Kemme

BE THE BLESSING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Double your donation and help Catholic Charities meet a \$60,000 match challenge with your gift to its Be the Blessing appeal. When you generously share your blessings with Catholic Charities, your blessings count in the lives of the more than 18,000 people served by Catholic Charities each year. To learn more, visit give.CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/be-the-blessing. Help us meet the match by Dec. 31.

MASS COUNTS

Our attendance numbers for this past weekend
 November 21-22
 54 at the 5:30 vigil Mass.
 79 at the 8:00 AM Mass.
 86 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Hello parishioners!

I hope you don't mind me writing to you two weeks in a row. But as this weekend begins our season of Advent, I thought I would share with you some background on some of our Catholic traditions for celebrating this season at home as the domestic church. Advent is traditionally a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (much like Lent), during which we prepare our hearts and our homes for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The start of Advent is also the first day of the new liturgical year. We prepare our hearts and homes to receive Christ, and we anticipate His arrival with prayerfulness and an expectant joy!

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is one of the most widely recognized symbols of at home liturgical living. Its exact origins are unknown but it appears that pre-Christian Germanic peoples used wreaths lit with candles in the wintertime as a sign of hope that warmer days would return. During the Middle Ages, some Christians started using wreaths with candles to prepare for Christmas and the practice was widely observed by the 1600s. Advent wreaths were brought to the U.S. by German immigrants. It wasn't until 1976 however, that the blessing of the Advent wreath was included in the Church's official book of prayers and blessings, meaning it could be used in churches.

The Advent wreath comes with a lot of religious symbolism. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolizes God's eternal nature. The evergreen branches signify the immortality of the soul. The four candles remind us of the four weeks of Advent. The candle flames symbolize the light of Christ. In the U.S. it is customary to use three purple candles and one pink candle in the Advent wreath to coincide with the liturgical colors used at Mass. On Christmas Eve, the four Advent candles are traditionally replaced with one large white Christ candle in the center of the wreath to light during the Christmas season. There is something really magical about the smell of the greenery and the flickering candlelight and repetition of prayers each evening as we slowly build to Christmas.

ADVENT CAROLS

I love Christmas music just as much as the next person! However, there are some great church (and secular) songs that we can use to enter this time of expectant joy in awaiting the birth of Jesus during Advent! Here's a short list of some of my favorites during Advent:

- "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
- "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
- "O Come, Divine Messiah"
- "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"
- "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"
- "I'll Be Home for Christmas"
- "Silver Bells"
- "White Christmas"
- "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town"

In Him, through her,
 Cassi FitzGerald