

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE		
DATE	MASS READINGS	MASS INTENTION
Monday, December 7 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26	+Betty Whitesell People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 8 <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>	Genesis 3:9-15 / Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 / Luke 1:26-38	Int. of the Schmitz Family People of the Parish
Wednesday, December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30	+Frank Mueller
Thursday, December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15	+Ray & Jo Zogleman
Friday, December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19	+Jan Zogleman
Saturday, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 / Luke 1:26-38	+Catherine Winter
Sunday, December 13 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8,19-28	+Dorothy Youngers People of the Parish

FEAST DAY MINISTER SCHEDULE			
	12/7 5:30 PM	12/8 8:00 AM	12/8 7:00 PM
<b>ROSARY</b>	Suzann Toon	Jean Richardson	Audrea Brunke
<b>EMHC</b>	Lynn Robertson	Brian Schroeder	Larry Gorges
<b>LECTOR</b>	Jarrod Thome	Trish Suddock	JP Brunke
<b>SERVERS</b>	Edward Smith Isaac Smith Knox Davis	John McCosh	Gabe Brunke John Isaac Brunke
<b>USHERS</b>	Sid Mohr Mark Pelz	Isaac Lange Edward Lange	Randy Blasi Tim Hastings
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Lynn Robertson	Abram Alvarez	Carol Schroeder

WEEKEND MINISTER SCHEDULE			
	12/12 5:30 PM	12/13 8:00 AM	12/13 10:30 AM
<b>ROSARY</b>	Deb Pelz	Jean Richardson	Art Gentry
<b>EMHC</b>	Billy Gorges	Wayne Youngers	Elizabeth Riddel-Kindle
<b>LECTOR</b>	Lynn Robertson	Juliana Handy	Aaron Schroeder
<b>SERVERS</b>	Aaron Gorges James Gorges	Elias Lange Isaac Lange	Christian Hastings Austin Hastings Trenton Hastings
<b>USHERS</b>	Peter Gorges Justin Pelz	Samuel Oberley Daniel Oberley	Richard Pelz Kevin Pauly
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Lynn Robertson	Carol Schroeder	Aidan Schroeder

WEEKLY CALENDAR
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 7</b>
8am Adoration 8am Mass 11:55pm & 2pm CGS 5:30pm Vigil Mass 7pm Altar Society
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8</b>
Feast of the Immaculate Conception 12am Adoration 8am Mass OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9</b>
2pm & 4pm CGS 6:30pm Mass 7pm RE
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10</b>
8am Mass 8pm K of C @ Clonmel
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11</b>
8am Mass
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12</b>
4:30pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass Anointing of the Sick
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13</b>
8am Mass Anointing of the Sick 9:15am RE 10:30am Mass Anointing of the Sick Parish Dinner RSVP Due!
<b>COMING UP NEXT WEEK</b>
12/15 Office Closes at Noon 12/17 Penance Service



## December 6, 2020

### Second Sunday in Advent

*December is dedicated to the Nativity.*

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**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**  
FACEBOOK • facebook.com/stjohnsclonmel  
INSTAGRAM • @stjohnsclonmel  
YOUTUBE • St. John's Clonmel  
Visit our website: www.stjohnsclonmel.org

**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.

**LET YOUR FIAT BE YOUR GIFT**

In today's Gospel, we reflect on the Fiat of John the Baptist. Like Mary, John the Baptist understood that his mission was not to amplify his own voice, but to connect his followers to Jesus Christ. He served, then, as a sort of conduit. What a beautiful gift of self! He gave up all of the comforts we tend to seek in life, including beautiful clothing and delicious food, and he put his own will aside to do the will of God. As we enter the Advent season, we should all consider the sacrifices made by these first disciples of Jesus. How can we use the coming weeks to put our own will aside in order that we might be used as instruments in God's grand design? Let your Fiat be your gift to God and His people in this holy season of the year!

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

After our initial Stewardship Commitment Weekend we have had 35% of our parish households participate in our 2020-2021 Stewardship Renewal so far. If you have not completed your Stewardship renewal forms and turned them in we'd like to invite you to do that as soon as you are able. If you did not receive forms at Mass or in the mail, there are some extra forms that have been placed in the church gathering space for you. Forms can be returned to the collection basket at each Mass or to the parish office. Thank you so much for participating in our Stewardship Renewal each year!

**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!

**END OF YEAR GIFTS**

If you plan on giving an end of the year financial gift to the parish, in order for any financial contributions to count on the 2020 taxes, they must be dated and turned into the office no later than December 31st.

**RSVP FOR PARISH DINNER**

Please remember to RSVP for the Feast of St. John the Evangelist Parish Dinner on December 27th. You should have received your invite in the mail. This year we have options for carry out and delivery for the homebound. You may drop your RSVP cards in the collection basket, bring them to the office, or mail them in. Please RSVP by December 13th.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

November 29, 2020.....\$6,241.50  
 Year to Date (July 1-Nov. 29).....\$179,839.19  
 Thank you for your gift to St. John's Parish!

**CHURCH CLEANING**

12/12 Ruth Smith 316-648-5349  
 Melissa Welters-Davis 316-706-4085  
 12/19 Lange Family 316-652-5037

**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 Wunningham, Megan Darke, Brandon Darke, Grant Martin

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

December 6 Jennifer Gentry  
 Angela Stump  
 Madelyn Halstead  
 Brooks Allender  
 Hannah Morris  
 December 7 Adam Pracht  
 December 8 Theresa Rausch  
 Andrew Pauly  
 Luke Wilson  
 Ava Metzen  
 December 10 Jessica Wile  
 Grant Mellen  
 December 11 Caleb Papsdorf  
 Rebecca Allender  
 December 12 Daniel Youngers

**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

**Addilyn Horst**

Daughter of Nate & Breanna Horst  
 Received her First Communion on November 30, 2020

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S**

Please take note that times have changed from last year.

**December 17—Advent Penance Service**

6pm - Confession

**December 24—Christmas Eve**

4pm - Mass

**December 25—Christmas Day**

12am - Mass

9am - Mass

**December 27—Parish Dinner**

5pm - Vespers

5:30pm - Social

6pm - Dinner

**December 31—Mary, Mother of God Vigil**

4pm - Mass

**January 1—Mary, Mother of God**

9am - Mass

5pm - Mass

*The office will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 4*

**ANGEL TREE**

We have the great joy of purchasing gifts for many families in our community who need our assistance during the Christmas season. Our ability to do this relies on your generosity. If you take an angel off of the tree, please make sure to return that gift unwrapped to the parish office or under the angel tree with the angel tag attached by Wednesday, December 18th.

**HELP PUT CHRISTMAS IN ACTION FOR FAMILIES IN NEED**

The spirit of Christmas is a call to action. Christmas becomes an action when the hungry are fed, the homeless are sheltered, and the disabled and lonely receive loving care. Put Christmas in action in by supporting Catholic Charities' *Be the Blessing* appeal. There are more hungry, homeless, poor and abused coming to Catholic Charities seeking help for their families. Donate by Dec. 31 for a 2020 charitable tax deduction. Visit [give.CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/be-the-blessing](http://give.CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/be-the-blessing) to donate today.

**DEAR CLONMELIANS,**

**Covid-19**

The novel coronavirus has become increasingly prevalent around our parish. We have chosen to delay our 1st Confession service until after the new year and I've learned that several of our parishioners having been exposed or have tested positive for the virus. It is important to continue to pray for all those affected by the virus, that they may return to good health quickly. It is important to continue to pray for all those affected by the virus, that they may return to good health quickly.

There is currently no plan from the diocese of shutting down parishes. Each parish has been asked to make the call if they find it necessary to close their school, religious education programs, Bible studies, etc. to protect their parishioners from the spread of the virus. Closures are also time limited and related to cluster outbreaks rather than general shutdowns that have no timeframe. At this time we are continuing to have religious education, etc. and leaving the decision to attend in the hands of each family.

In the event that a pastor contracts covid-19 the parish must shut down for two weeks. In our diocese we have already seen St. Catherine of Siena, St. Joseph in Ost, and our Lady of Lourdes in Pittsburg close for two weeks. Closure of the parish, our religious education programs, or other activities may be necessary at some point, but be assured it will only be for a short time. Returning to regular Masses and activities is vitally important to our community and we will do everything we can to assure that those activities can be returned to in a timely manner and as safely as possible.

**Masks**

Bishop Kemme has not mandated masks for those in attendance at Mass in the Diocese of Wichita. Most other dioceses have required the wearing of masks any time you are in a diocesan owned building. Perhaps if we had started with that policy the wearing of masks would be less of an issue today. I, along with Bishop Kemme, do continue to encourage all parishioners who are able, to wear a mask. Even if you do not find wearing a mask to be a benefit in reducing the spread of the virus, I know many feel more comfortable are more at ease when having others wear a mask. It seems worth the comfort of another to wear our masks. This may be the act of charity that God is asking us to extend to our neighbor. Are we willing to do this act of charity for others?

**Mass Counts**

Our attendance numbers for this past week (1st Sunday of Advent, year B):

45	at the 5:30 vigil Mass.
86	at the 8:00 AM Mass.
119	at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Overflow in our parish center is reserved for EVERY weekend Mass, no matter how many are in attendance in the church. The overflow is reserved so that those not comfortable in the church have an option of attending Sunday Mass and receiving Holy Communion.

Fr. Joe