

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE		
DATE	MASS READINGS	MASS INTENTION
Monday, December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	Nehemiah 24:2-7,15-17a / Matthew 21:23-27	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, December 15 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32	Reparation for the Sins of Our Nation
Wednesday, December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21c-25 / Luke 7:18b-23	Priests of the Diocese- Living and Deceased
Thursday, December 17 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Genesis 49:2,8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17	+Rev. Andy Kuykendall
Friday, December 18 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25	+Angela Solomon
Saturday, December 19 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a / Luke 1:5-25	+Tom & Kady Ochsner
Sunday, December 20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Romans 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38	People of the Parish +Barbara Flax

MINISTER SCHEDULE			
	12/19 5:30 PM	12/20 8:00 AM	12/20 10:30 AM
<b>ROSARY</b>	Larry Gorges	Audrea Brunke	Darren Beatty
<b>EMHC</b>	Larry Gorges	Daniel Oberley	Geri Beatty
<b>LECTOR</b>	Norma Jean Vap	Jack Armour	Art Gentry
<b>SERVERS</b>	John Gorges James Gorges	Isaac Smith Edward Smith Knox Davis	Emery Beatty
<b>USHERS</b>	Albert Hubl Julie Hubl	Mark Pelz Jordan Pauly	Rick Kindle Dakota Cowherd
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Norma Jean Vap	Odilio Alvarez	Aidan Schroeder

**DECEMBER 13: ST. LUCY**



Lucy was born into a rich and important family, but her father died when Lucy was young leaving her and her mother with no one to take care of them. Lucy's mother became sick, and was sick for many years. This made their situation even harder. Her mother wanted Lucy to get married, because if she got married then they would be taken care of again. Her mother wanted Lucy to marry someone who did not believe in God and Lucy refused to marry him. Lucy wanted to tell her mother that she had given her life to Jesus, but she was afraid that this would make her mother angry. Since her mother was still sick, she asked God to heal her so that she would believe in Him and allow Lucy to save her life for Jesus. She took her mother to the shrine of St. Agatha and together they prayed for her mother's healing and God answered their prayers. Her mother believed and when Lucy told her about her promise to Jesus, her mother agreed that she should not marry. This made the man that Lucy was supposed to marry very angry. He told the ruler of the land that Lucy was a Christian, which was against the law during this time. Lucy died a martyr for her faith in Jesus. Since her name means light, and she lived her short life in the light of Christ, some celebrate her feast day with lighting a wreath of candles. In Sweden, the oldest daughter in a family wears the wreath of lit candles on her head.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 14</b>
8am Adoration 8am Mass 11:55pm & 2pm CGS
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15</b>
12am Adoration 8am Mass Office Closed @ Noon 6pm Confessions
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16</b>
2pm & 4pm CGS 6:30pm Mass 7pm RE
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17</b>
8am Mass 6pm Confessions 7pm Lectio Divina
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18</b>
8am Mass
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19</b>
8am Patriotic Rosary 4:30pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20</b>
8am Mass 9:15am RE 10:30am Mass
<b>COMING UP NEXT WEEK</b>
12/22 Confessions 12/23 Confessions 12/24 Christmas Eve 12/24-1/4 Office Closed 12/25 Christmas 12/27 No RE 12/27 Marian Movement of Priests 12/27 Parish Dinner



# December 13, 2020

## Third 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

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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.

**REJOICE!**

The word of the day is rejoice! We hear it multiple times in the readings for this weekend, which is referred to as "Gaudete Sunday." We rejoice because the Lord is near! Spend some time this week reflecting on the Responsorial Psalm (Lk 1:46-54). Here we have the Magnificat...Mary's hymn of praise. In this passage, you can see Mary's Fiat... not only is she willingly cooperating with God's plan, but she is rejoicing in her complete surrender. She is not grieving her loss of self; rather she has found her true identity. We are called into a similar discipleship. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude and praise. We should rejoice in our Savior, who looks upon His lowly servants with deep and merciful love. Perhaps it is cliché, but an "attitude of gratitude" will cause us to give of ourselves in new and generous ways!

**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. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to update your RSVP.

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

Thank you to all those who have participated in our Stewardship Renewal so far this year. We went from 35% to 39% participation of our parish households this week!

If you've not completed your Stewardship renewal forms and turned them in we invite you to do that before the end of the year. 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, or you can download a PDF of the form from our parish website. Forms can be returned to the collection basket at each Mass or to the parish office.

**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 Friday, December 18th.

**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.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

December 6-8, 2020.....\$17,358.50  
 Year to Date (July 1-Dec. 8).....\$197,197.69  
 Thank you for your gift to St. John's Parish!

**CHURCH CLEANING**

12/19 Lange Family 316-652-5037  
 12/26 Papsdorf Family 316-249-2318

**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 Winningham, Megan Darke, Brandon Darke, Grant Martin

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

December 13 Jennifer Haslett  
 Josh Light  
 December 15 Angie Atkinson  
 December 17 Patty Wilson  
 December 18 Gerard Favreau  
 Joshua Papsdorf  
 Austin Hastings

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

December 13 Blake & Lindsay McLemore

**SACRAMENTAL CONGRATS!**

**Addilyn Horst**

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

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

The Patriotic Rosary has moved to Saturday, December 19th at 8 am in the church.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Liturgical ministers, please update your availability in Ministry Scheduler Pro by Thursday, Dec. 17. Please contact the office with any questions.

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

Please take note that times have changed from last year.

**December 17—Advent Penance Service CANCELLED—see right**

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*

**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

**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.

**DEAR CLONMELIANS,**

I have made the decision to NOT have a penance service in preparation for Christmas this year. As we experience a rise in COVID-19 cases in the parish it remains a priority to keep people safe while providing them with the sacraments needed to flourish in life. Although we will not be having a penance service, I will be adding confession times to our schedule. I pray this helps everyone feel safe while also making confession accessible in preparation for Christmas. The times listed are mostly in the evening, however there are some daytime options. Confessions are also heard daily 20 minutes prior to Mass. Below are the times I will be in the confessional.

**Advent Confession Schedule**

Tuesday	December 15	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	December 16 (for Religious Ed Students)	7:30 – 8:30 PM
Thursday	December 17	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Saturday	December 19	4:00 – 5:15 PM
Tuesday	December 22	12:00 – 1:00 PM 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	December 23	5:30 – 6:15 PM

**Mass Counts**

Our attendance numbers for this past week (2nd Sunday of Advent, year B):  
 54 at the 5:30 vigil Mass.  
 86 at the 8:00 AM Mass.  
 76 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

**CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING**

We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests. Soon you will be receiving an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your gift is used to benefit the 33 men currently in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. Be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.