

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE		
DATE	MASS READINGS	MASS INTENTION
Monday, December 21 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45	+Virgil Puetz
Tuesday, December 22 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56	+Bill May
Wednesday, December 23 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 / Luke 1:57-66	+Sherrie Pelz Carmona
Thursday, December 24 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Luke 1:67-79	+Matthew & Lorraine Pelz People of the Parish
Friday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	Isaiah 62:11-12 / Titus 3:4-7 / Luke 2:15-20	+Jim Leibold People of the Parish
Saturday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-49 / Matthew 10:17-22	+Bill & Alice Mertens
Sunday, December 27 <i>The Holy Family</i>	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 / Luke 2:22-40	+Rev. Raymond Joyce People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS MINISTER SCHEDULE			
	12/24 4:00 PM	12/25 12:00 AM	12/25 9:00 AM
ROSARY	Martin Maus	Andy Lauer	Suzann Toon
EMHC	Don Klausmeyer	Cris Schroeder	Elizabeth Riddel-Kindle
LECTOR	Matt Allmond	Brian Schroeder	Alan Oberley
SERVERS	Christian Hastings Austin Hastings Trenton Hastings	Vincent Alvarez Julian Alvarez	Ezekiel Oberley Isaac Oberley
USHERS	Billy Gorges Randy Blasi	Albert Hubl Luke Hubl	Tim Nelson Sid Mohr
SACRISTAN	Lynn Robertson	Carol Schroeder	Norma Jean Vap

WEEKEND MINISTER SCHEDULE			
	12/26 5:30 PM	12/27 8:00 AM	12/27 10:30 AM
ROSARY	Larry Gorges	Jean Richardson	Art Gentry
EMHC	Billy Gorges	Cris Schroeder	Art Gentry
LECTOR	Trish Suddock	Ed Lange	Jarrold Thome
SERVERS	Elias Belton	Samuel Alvarez Julian Alvarez Vincent Alvarez	Aidan Schroeder Aaron Schroeder
USHERS	Howard Thome Jason Martin	Caleb Handy Brian Pauly	Tim Hastings Dustin Goetz
SACRISTAN	Rachel Hedrick	Carol Schroeder	Jennifer Blasi

WEEKLY CALENDAR
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21
8am Adoration 8am Mass No CGS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22
12am Adoration 8am Mass 12pm Confessions 7pm Confessions
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23
No CGS 5:30pm Confessions 6:30pm Mass No RE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
8am Mass Office Closed 4pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
12am Midnight Mass Office Closed 9am Christmas Mass
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
4:30pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
8am Mass No RE 10:30am Mass 2pm Marian Movement of Priests <u>St. John's Parish Dinner</u> 5pm Vespers 5:30pm Social 6pm Dinner
COMING UP NEXT WEEK
12/24-1/4 Office Closed 12/28 No CGS 12/29 No Mass 12/30 No Mass/CGS/RE 12/31 Vigil Mass 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1/3 No RE



December 20, 2020

Fourth 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.

FIAT

It is said that God will not be outdone in generosity. When you look at today's first reading, you see all the promises he makes to King David. His only request is that David build a proper house for the Lord to dwell in. Here, we see David's Fiat. In the gospel, that Fiat is mirrored in Mary's words, "May it be done to me according to your word." She has agreed to become the new Ark of the Covenant, and the angel Gabriel has told her of the saving grace that will come through her son. In both cases, God had giant plans for His people and relied upon the cooperation of His children to bring those plans to fruition. The same is true today! As stewards of God's gifts, let us open our hearts and let His generosity flow through us!

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to all those who have participated in our Stewardship Renewal so far this year. We went from 35% to 40% participation of our parish households over the last two weeks!

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 the "Living Your Faith" tab on our parish website. Forms can be returned to the collection basket at each Mass or to the parish office.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias have been donated for the following:

In Honor of:

John & Jeri Brunke Wayne & Teresa Youngers

In Memory of:

John & Josephine Seiter Shorty & Betty Rausch
 Gerry & Irene Youngers Cliff Youngers
 Chris Youngers Marilyn Garretson
 Mary Shepler Marilyn Smith
 Larry Karcher David Cordell
 Bob Johnson

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The last day the parish office will be open is Wednesday, December 23rd. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 5th.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP: SAVE THE DATE!

Every person reading this was given unique gifts at his or her Baptism, but it is up to you to open them. Called & Gifted workshops help you to begin the process of unwrapping your gifts, the ones chosen intentionally for you.

Join us for our next workshop: **Friday, November 13 @ 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** and **Saturday, November 14 @ 8:30 a.m. – 5:30p.m.** For any questions, contact: Rennae Schroeder (316-461-0269). To sign up, contact Cassi by Thursday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 13, 2020.....\$5,362.50
 Year to Date (July 1-Dec. 13).....\$202,560.19
 Thank you for your gift to St. John's Parish!

CHURCH CLEANING

12/26 Papsdorf Family 316-249-2318
 1/2 Brunke Family 316-304-1476

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, Clarence Buhrman

Pray for those in the military:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 20 Alan Weiss
 Michael Robinson
 Brian Cotton
 December 21 Edward Smith
 December 22 Daniel Thimesch
 Janet Watt
 December 24 David Buck
 Ashton Schneider
 John Vap
 December 25 Ruth Castle
 Sidney Mohr
 December 26 Philomena Belton
 Athanasius Belton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

December 23 Don & Mary Ellen Berntsen

SACRAMENTAL CONGRATS!

Rachel Cordell & Peter Howayek
 Married on December 5, 2020

Jillian Schroeder & Ethan Lange
 Married on December 12, 2020

Aubree Mae Frost

Daughter of Kyler & Grace Frost
 Baptized on December 12, 2020

Elijah Adam Youngers

Son of Daniel & Nicole Youngers
 Baptized on December 13, 2020

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

Please note changes in Mass times from previous years.

Tuesday, December 22

12pm-1pm - Confessions
 7pm-8pm - Confessions

Wednesday, December 23

5:30pm - 6:15pm - Confessions

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 parish office will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 4

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.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

You are invited to come and recite the Holy Rosary to defend the unborn on the 1st Saturday January 2nd, 2021 at Trust Women Abortion Facility, 5107 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS., at 9:00 a.m. Let us pray the rosary to change hearts.

If you cannot come and pray with us due to distance you can participate by saying the Holy Rosary at 9am on Saturday, January 2, 2021 as a family, group of friends or at your church. Questions contact the Respect Life Social Justice Office at 316 269-3935.

Dear Clonmelians,

I wish each of you a blessed Christmas season! I pray that you will be able to spend time with family and loved ones in the safest way possible. We have experienced many changes and challenges over the past year, but Christmas serves to ground us in what's most important: God's love for us as his Son takes on flesh for our salvation, loving and reconciling with family members, and becoming witnesses of Christ's love by sharing our gifts with those in need.

By now most of us have put up our Christmas tree (or Advent bush). I have an artificial tree, but I grew up with a real tree. I kind of miss having the real thing, but I don't miss the mess. The Christmas tree serves as a beautiful reflection during this season. It takes many years of caring for a sapling before it's ready to be cut for your family room. Those who watered it, sprayed it for bugs, and kept it trimmed to the proper shape have invested many hours into its growth and maturity. But when it is time, the one who cares for the tree allows it to be cut, that the tree may serve its final purpose in helping us celebrate Christ's birth. As the tree grows brown and brittle we are reminded that others are caring for new saplings that will step into the role of being a Christmas tree in years to come. Although we each have our favorite memories of a Christmas tree, each of these memories serves to remind us of those foundational Christmas essentials: God's love for us, our love for our family, and our witnessed love of those in need.

Building Project

The Building, Finance, and Pastoral Committees have signed a letter to Bishop Kemme requesting his permission to move forward with the schematic design of the new church. This encompasses the layout of the building, materials to be used, design details, etc. This letter also requests his permission to begin a feasibility study of the parish. This is to determine how much money we could realistically raise toward the project. This will help us determine if our plan needs to be approached in phases.

The building committee plans to continue to provide updates to the schematic design as we make further developments. Please watch for that information in our Friday Flocknote, in our bulletin, and on our Facebook page.

Remaining Advent Confession Schedule

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 (3rd Sunday of Advent, year B):
 84 at the 5:30 vigil Mass.
 77 at the 8:00 AM Mass.
 74 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

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

Fr. Joe