

**MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 2nd to Dec 10th**

Saturday	5pm	†Barbara Johnston (Joe Dwyer)
Sunday	8am	The People of St. Patricks Parish
	10am	†Socorro Asebedo ( Joe Asebedo)
Mon	8am	Mother's Day Novena
Tues	5:30pm	Fathers Day Novena
Wed.	8am	†Gertrude McKinney (Arley Journot)

Thur	8am	†Felix Alvarez Sr. (Lou Jones)
Friday	8am	Margaret Patterson (Family)
Next Weekend's Intentions:		
Saturday	5pm	†Mary Kathleen Hills (Joe Dwyer)
Sunday	8am	†Joe & Mary Frances Ramirez (John & Ann Santos)
Sunday	10am	The People of St. Patricks Parish

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:**

Sun.	Dec 3	*RCIA	8am
Mon	Dec 4	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
		*Mass	8am
		*Ultreya	7pm
Tue	Dec 5	*Rosary in the Church	5pm
		*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
		*Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm
		*SPCS Christmas Program @ Municipal Auditorium	7pm
Wed	Dec 6	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
		*Mass	8am
		*PSR	5:30pm
		*EDGE	6pm
		*CYM	7pm
Thur	Dec 7	*Rosary	7:30am
		* Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception	5pm
Fri	Dec 8	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of the Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of Holiness and strength upon the Church.	
		*Kapaun's Men	5:30 am
		*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
		*Mass: Immaculate Conception	8am
		*Mass: Immaculate Conception	6pm
Sat	Dec 9	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
		*Cursillo	7am
		*Cleaning of Church	8am
		*Confessions	3:30pm
		*Mass	5pm
		*Parish Religious Articles Sale	6pm
Sun	Dec 10	*RCIA	8am

**Next Week**

<b>Altar Servers:</b>			
Dec 09	5:30pm	K Nance, Kameron Waun, Kyle Waun	
Dec 10	8am	A Nibarger, C Snider, J O'Hara	
	10am	L Forbes, B Brungardt, E James	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>			
Dec 09	5:00pm	Steve Ramsey	
Dec 10	8am	Cindy Dhooghe	
	10am	Harry Heppler	
<b>Lector:</b>			
Dec 09	5:00pm	Sheila Simmons	
Dec 10	8am	Stephanie Reitemeier	
	10am	Leslie Keller	
<b>Offertory Gifts:</b>			
Dec 09	5pm	Rick & Tammy Goodyear	
Dec 10	8am	Charles & Regina Sprague	
	10am	Corky & Alice Beachner	
<b>Ushers:</b>			
Dec 09	5pm	Dan&Teresa Bogner and Family	
Dec 10	8am	C&Sheryl Johnson Family / M Crabtree	
	10am	Richard & Mary Jo Fitzwater/ J Heppler	
<b>Money Counters:</b>			
Dec 10 - Sue O'Brien & Vera Parish / Dan & Cheri Allen			

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:  
NOV.25TH - NOV.26TH**

**NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$11,979.29**

**ADORATION**

OUR LORD LONGS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH YOU!	Thur 9 -10am
	Thur 11am-12:00
	Thur 12-1am
	Thur 3-4pm
Looking for help to fill these hours of Adoration.	FRI 1-2AM
	FRI 2-3AM
	SUN 5-6AM

**CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING 2017**

**PRIESTS PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE OF SANCTIFYING, TEACHING, AND LEADING. THEY ARE SERVANTS TO ALL. VERY SOON YOU WILL BE RECEIVING AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP KEMME ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING. YOUR GIFT IS USED TO BENEFIT THE 46 MEN CURRENTLY STUDYING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE WICHITA DIOCESE AND THE 23 PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT. I WOULD ASK YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER A SPECIAL GIFT THIS YEAR TO SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS.**

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection:**

**December 3rd, 2017**

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. All the readings during this period of waiting and anticipation concentrate on making us aware that it is time for us to awaken our lives as Christians. Jesus opens our Gospel Reading from St. Mark by saying "Be watchful! Be alert!" and closes it with an intense "Watch!"

For many Advent and Christmas are times of light, whether it is the light of the candles on Advent wreaths or the lights on a tree or the festive lights which decorate many houses and businesses. Jesus brings light into our worlds, but we must allow this light to permeate our own lives, to enter into the dark and sinful parts of our lives to illuminate and cleanse them.

This should be a time of renewed prayer and penance which truly prepares us to "watch" for the Lord, not just at Christmas but throughout our lives. There is a natural wonder among children at this time of year, but sometimes as we age, we lose that sense as if we are sleeping. It is time to awaken. Our minds may say "Let go" but our spirituality tells us to "Awaken." We are filled with spiritual depths. It is time to seek them, find them, and awaken them. It is Advent, time for us to awaken and become aware of the gifts of love we have received from God and others. Or as Jesus reminds us: "Watch."

**Fiat Discernment Retreat**

Fiat Ministries is devoted to encouraging young women to answer "yes" to the vocation to which God is calling them. The Fiat Discernment Retreat is an opportunity for young women to ask questions, pray, listen, and open their hearts to the Lord's will. Throughout this weekend of discernment, participants will receive wisdom through prayer, presentations by religious sisters, recreation, and fellowship. Single women, age 18-26 who are seeking to do God's will, are invited to attend the upcoming Fiat Discernment Retreat on **December 15-17, 2017**, at the Spiritual Life Center. The cost of the retreat is \$25 which includes meals, lodging and materials. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact Emily Savage at [esavage@stfranciswichita.com](mailto:esavage@stfranciswichita.com) Registration is now open online at [www.fiatministries.org](http://www.fiatministries.org) (Fr. Curtis Robertson is the chaplain for Fiat Ministries and will be the chaplain for the weekend retreat)

**Parish Posada:**

A Posada is a old Mexican tradition developed to help missionaries teach about the Christmas Story, specifically about Mary and Joseph's search for shelter prior to Jesus's birth. Posadas involve everyone, and include a novena, with a Rosary recited nightly in the days preceding Christmas Eve. Los Posadas will begin on Saturday Dec.16th. Joseph and Mary will lead the group on a search to find an "Inn" where Jesus can be born. When hospitality is found, a celebration will follow in the home. The schedule for the Posadas may be found on the tables, behind the back pews of the church. For more information, call Delores Shaw @ 423-5198.



*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....*

*Please Pray for Ethan Merchant*



*Seasons in the Church*

Look out the window right now. Is it sunny? Raining? Snowing? Is it hot or cold, spring or fall? If it's hot, don't worry it will be soon cooling off. If it's freezing outside, fret not summer is right around the corner. That's the beauty of the seasons; if you don't like the weather all you have to do is wait. It'll change, eventually. Seasons affect everything. Seasons dictate what we do (shovel snow or lay by the pool), what we wear (shorts or sweats) and even, at times, how we feel (gray skies or sunny days). Basically, seasons have a lot to do with how we live our lives.

In a typical year we have more than just four seasons of weather, we have a journey from death (fall/winter) to life (spring/summer). The seasons are inevitable. You and I cannot stop summer from coming any more than you and I can make winter go away. Every season and every year reminds us of the constant movement of life and death, two realities that teach us a lot about our humanity. Our faith journey is the same way; it has seasons too. Sometimes our faith lives are cold and sometimes warm, sometimes we feel like we are dead spiritually or that our world is gray. Other times we feel warm and alive in our faith and our outlook is sunny. That's the way life works: There is death and there is life, literally and figuratively, every day and every year.

Our Church has seasons too, liturgical seasons. Why you may ask? Well, it's not to mirror the secular seasons. Our Church has seasons to walk us through our own spiritual journey, from death to life, each year. If we walk with our Lord through the liturgical seasons each year we will grow in our faith, as it deepens with every season. The Church's liturgical year begins with the season of Advent. Following Advent we have Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. You'll note the different seasons within the Church calendar in a number of ways. First, pay attention to colors.

The priest will reflect what season you are in. If it's Advent or Lent, for instance, you'll see a lot of purple, the color of penitence. If its Ordinary Time you'll see green, Pentecost or martyr's feast days will bring out red, Christmas and Easter will be white. The church doesn't do this just to keep things fresh, but to signal all our senses to where we are on the spiritual journey. The seasons are a great way to draw us into our faith journeys more. So this Sunday pay attention to the season and ask yourself, "What does this have to do with our journey to Christ today?"

"Either we live the liturgical year with it's varying seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest, or we follow the pattern of the world."

**REMINDER —**

**Please mail or drop your Stewardship packets in the collection plate at your earliest convenience!**

**Thanks so much ..**