

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 9th to Dec 17th

Saturday	5pm	†Mary Kathleen Hills(Joe Dwyer)
Sunday	8am	†Joe & Mary Frances Ramirez (John & Gay Santos)
	10am	The People of St. Patricks Parish
Mon	8am	†Robert Vernon Sr. (Jolene Smith)
Tues	5:30pm	†Gertrude McKinney (Steve&MaryAnn (Dick) Helt)
Wed.	8am	†Mike Ryan (Vicki Templeton)

Thur	8am	†Pat Journot (Jim & Janie Schibi)
Friday	8am	Dan & Cheri Allen (John & Sonja Schibi)
Next Weekend's Intentions:		
Saturday	5pm	†Vera VanMieghem (Charles VanMieghem Jerry & Cathy Taylor)
Sunday	8am	The People of St. Patricks Parish
Sunday	10am	†Juan G. & Maria E Asebedo (John & Gay Santos)

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

Sun.	Dec 10	*RCIA	8am
Mon	Dec 11	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
		*Mass	8am
Tue	Dec 12	*Rosary in the Church	5pm
		*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
		*Mass	5:30pm
		*Intro. Session CREIGHTON MODEL	7pm
		*K of C Meeting	7pm
Wed	Dec 13	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
		*Mass	8am
		*PSR	5:30pm
		*Advent Penance Service	6pm
		*CYM Confessions / Adoration	7pm
Thur	Dec 14	*Rosary	7:30am
		*Mass	8am
Fri	Dec 15	*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	5:30am
		*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
		*Mass	8am
		*SPCS Singers @ Woodridge Est.	1pm
Sat	Dec 16	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
		*Cursillo	7am
		*Confessions	3:30pm
		*Mass	5pm
Sun	Dec 17	*RCIA	8am

Advent Penance Service

"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". This is the message that John the Baptist preached to the people to lead them to a life of conversion and prepare them for the coming Jesus. These words should also resonate with us this Advent season as we prepare for Christmas and are reminded of the need to prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ in our lives. May we too, recognize the need for conversion and repentance in our lives and make straight the path this season by visiting our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To assist you in making that straight path in your life this Christmas season, we will have an Advent Penance Service here in the parish on December 13th from 6-7:30pm. There will be several priests present for you to choose from, to hear your confessions. So mark your calendars.

Next Week

Altar Servers:			
Dec 16	5pm	M Bogner, K Waun, K Wuan	
Dec 17	8am	C Buller, R Barger, C Westhoff	
	10am	J Schibi, C Manners, Dylan Giager	
Extraordinary Ministers:			
Dec 16	5pm	Bill Wheat	
Dec 17	8am	Jane Alexander	
	10am	Doug Holzem	
Lector:			
Dec 16	5pm	Nick Pfeifer	
Dec 17	8am	John Schibi	
	10am	Joanna Wilson	
Offertory Gifts:			
Dec 16	5pm	Rod and Denise Fleming	
Dec 17	8am	Mike and Janice Dulobery	
	10am	Adam and Kayan Myers	
Ushers:			
Dec 16	5pm	C VanMieghem/I Ritz/ W Cupp	
Dec 17	8am	J Perez/ F&E Chandler/R Jacquinet	
	10am	Gary&Karen Haynes /Mark& Fatima Mall	
Money Counters:			
Dec 17		Lori Nolting /Cathy Schibi / Lou Jones	

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
DEC.2ND - DEC. 3RD
NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$20,461.37

ADORATION

OUR LORD LONGS TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH YOU....

Prayerfully Consider an Adoration Hour. Whether weekly, every other week or once a month.

Sun 3-4am

Mon 12-1am

Mon 1-2am

Thur 12-1am

Thur 1-2am

Thur 9-10am

Thur 3-4pm

Fri 1-2am

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING 2017

We can't fully practice our Catholic Faith without the life and ministry of Priests.

You should have received an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing - a gift of gratitude to support retired priest and the education of seminarians.

God has blessed us this year with 46 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be, at this most holy time of year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: JACKIE DWYER AND ETHAN MERCHANT



Stewardship Reflection:

December 10th, 2017

Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent, in fact throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us.

That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that.

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that.

Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord.

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 Registration is now open online at 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. Posada's 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.

Eternal Rest Granted unto her Oh Lord Dorothy Perez, mother of Ron Perez and wife Sonia. And let Perpetual Light shine upon her and may she rest in Peace. Amen.



Eternal Rest Granted unto him Oh Lord Frederick A. McClure, father of Lisa Farris, grandfather to Jessica, Andrew and Lauren. And let the Perpetual Light shine Upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen

Is it Time for a Change

One day a father is about to change the dirty diaper of his child, but before he does, he has a revelation. He realizes that after he changes the diaper, the child is going to eventually soil the new diaper. So, he asks himself why change the dirty diaper? Why not keep it on the child a while longer and let them soil it a few more times. This will save time (less changing of diapers) and money (less diapers to go through). Now hopefully all of us see the repugnance of this analogy and certainly no parent in their right mind would do this to their child. But do we not at times do this to ourselves in our spiritual lives? When we refuse to go to the Sacrament of Confession (for whatever reason/ excuse) this is exactly what we are doing, remaining in our own spiritual filth. It doesn't make sense on a natural level, nor on a spiritual level. So let us make the effort to have ourselves cleansed this Advent in the Sacrament of Confession.

Brief Examination of Conscience
I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation?
Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body?
Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.
Do I show my parents due respect?
Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible?
Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.
Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.
Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.
Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.
Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?