



Please pray for: Rob Westhoff
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him Oh Lord, Arlie Journot, father to Tom, Mike, Bryan and Michelle. Arlie was blessed with several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him, May He Rest in Peace.

He Came in Our Midst

The Russians have for centuries told a legend about a young medieval prince, Alexis, who lived in a sumptuous palace, while all around, in filthy hovels, lived hundreds of poor peasants. The Prince was moved with compassions for these poor folk and determined to better their lot. So he began to visit them. But as he moved in and out among them he found that he'd got absolutely no point of contact with them. They treated him with enormous respect, almost worship; but he was never able to win their confidences, still less their affection, and he returned to the palace a defeated and disappointed young man. Then one day a very different man came among the people. He was a rough and ready young doctor who also wanted to devote his life to serving the poor. He started by renting a filthy rat-ridden shack in one of the back streets. He made no pretense of being superior - his clothes (like theirs) were old and tattered and he lived simply on the plainest food, often without knowing where the next meal was coming from. He made no money from his profession because he treated most people free and gave away his medicines. Before long, this young doctor had won the respect and affection of all those people, as Prince Alexis had never succeeded in doing. He was one of them. And little by little he transformed the whole spirit of the place, settling quarrels, reconciling enemies, helping people to live decent lives. No one ever guessed that this young doctor was in fact the Prince himself, who had abandoned his palace and gone down among his people to become one of them. -That's just what God did on that first Christmas day. He came right down side by side with us to help us to become the sort of beings He has always intended us to be. Let's wait in such a way that God will come and empty us of falsehood and fill us with joy!

Attention Military Community: Through the generosity of the Archdiocese for Military Services, St. Maximilian Koble Catholic Community at McConnell AFB Chapel is presenting an "Evening with Fr. Kapaun" at the Spiritual Life Center, 7100 E 45th St N, Bel Aire, KS, on Thursday evening, January 25, 2024, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Fr. John Hotze, Episcopal Delegate for the Beatification and Canonization of Fr. Kapaun, will speak about Fr. Kapaun. A meal will also be served. Admission is free, but reservations are required as there is limited capacity. Families are welcome. To make reservations, email a name, number of attendees, and contact information (email and phone number) to frmikenolan@gmail.com or leave the information at (316) 253-8849. Reservations should be made by January 11, 2024..

Christmas Call to Sharing 2023

"The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus. When you see a print, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Please consider a gift this year to the Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests."

Advance Stewardship Reflection

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

There is just one day left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live this last day of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need.

Cursillo News: We will have a religious item gift exchange, \$10 limit, at our next meeting, Tuesday, January 2, at 6:00 in the parish hall. Please wrap your gift if you want to participate. Appetizers or sweets are appreciated.

Your invited to the Epiphany Dinner:

Join us on Jan. 6th after 5pm Mass

Enjoy Homemade Turkey and Noodles with all the trimmings and dessert.

The Adoration Chapel will be closed December 25th & 26th. It will re-open on December 27th at 8am. Additionally the Adoration Chapel will be closed on January 1st and reopen on January 2nd at 8am.

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Candles

The candle itself was given a mystical meaning: the beeswax symbolized the pure flesh Christ received from his Virgin Mother, the wick symbolized his soul, and the flame his divinity.

Epiphany: Chalking of the door.

"Chalking the Door" is a short liturgy for marking our homes with sacred symbols and asking God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In this service, we mark our front or main entrance doors with chalk as a sign that we are inviting God's presence into the places, relationships, and situations that we call home.

Final inscription on lintel should read: **2 0 + C + M + B + 2 4:**

Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

12-17-2023 NEEDED:
WEEKLY COLLECTION: \$20,650.99 \$17,500.00

NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat: Dec. 30th 5:00pm Mass
 Servers: Zach Collins / Cristian Zapatero
 Lector: Chris Allen
 Greeters /Gifts Ilene Ritz, Beth Allen & Vicki Templeton

Sun: Dec. 31st 7:30am Mass
 Servers: Antonio Aita / Will Gorman
 Lector: Jeff Perez
 Greeters/Gifts Don & Jane Alexander

Sun: Dec. 31st 9:00am Mass`
 Servers: Owen Feess / Junior Mall
 Lector: Anne Brewer
 Greeters /Gifts Gene Berndt & Jack Martinez

Christmas Mass Schedule

5:00pm Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
 Altar Servers: Tanner Nolting, Landon Wheat, Aiden Wheat
 Lector: Annette Bradbury
 Usher/gifts: Mark Mall Family

Midnight Christmas Midnight Mass
 Altar Servers: Zach Collins, Owen Feess, Drew Schibi
 Lector: John Keene
 Usher/gifts: John & Maggie Keene Family

9:00am Dec. 25th Christmas Day
 Altar Servers: Cole Manners & Micky Manners
 Lector: Rick Goodyear
 Usher/gifts: Frank & Elaine Chandler, Ryan Chandler

December 2023 Prayer List:

Tammy Goodyear, Carilyn Bernd, Mandy Venegas, Raef Stanford, Bristel & Reagan Bernd, April & Natalie Stanton, Janie Schibi, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Matthew Carrillo, Rafael Munoz, Joaquin Castellanos, Tim & Chris Hurley, Lashall Snider, Terry Payne, Donna George, JoAnn George LaForge, Dr. Gary Yarbrough & Diane Yarbrough, Loise Lubbers, Linda Crabtree, Angel Reyes, Frank Reyes, Valerie Carnahan, Brian Merchant, MaryJo Howard, Rita Schauf, Jason Langston, Charlie Smith, Carter Stephens, Montell White, Steven Minor, Kris Vitt, Nicon Nordquist, Jim Vitt, Jerry & Sylvia McKinney, Glenn Linnebur, Jackie Hudson, Millie Drabenstot, Audrey Mihich, Lois Johnsen, Craig Forbes, Lee Ziegler, Mary Brooks, Tommie Forbes, Betty Duling, John & Nell Ball, Ron & Jeannie McDaniel, Ridger Robbins & family, Sherlina Brown, Lois Carlson, Harry & Diana Conway, Cole Kyle, Dan Bogner, Jean Keller Lowe & Gary Keller, Carl Yockey, Charles Brian (Chucky) Cervantes, Suzi Kuffler, Peggy Pryor, Owen Ragsdale, Rob Westhoff, Craig Finney,



Merry Christmas



MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 23rd - Dec. 31st

Sat 5:00pm The Family of †Anthony Gaona
 (Bridget Dunlay)

Sun 7:30am †Joe Dwyer
 9:00am For the People of St. Patrick Parish

Sun 5:00pm †Norman Ritz & John Gottschalk
 (Ilene Rtiz)

Sun Midnight †Moler Family
 (Mary Munoz & Dan O'Rourke)

Mon 9:00am Christmas Day
 For the People of Saint Patrick Parish

Tue 8:00am †Jack Crandon (Crandon Family)

Wed No Mass *Fathers Day Novena

Thur No Mass *†Lucianna Reyes (Fuentez Family)

*While away Father Curtis will offer his daily Mass for these intentions.

Fri 8:00am †Maria Asebedo (Joe Asebedo)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat 5:00pm Dick & Margaret George

Sun 7:30am Rob & Martha Westhoff (Judi Collins)
 9:00am For the People of St. Patrick Parish

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Tue Dec. 26th Mass 8:00am

Wed Dec. 27th **No Mass 8:00am**
 No PSR 5:30pm
 No EDGE / CYM 6:00pm

Thur Dec. 28th **No Mass 8:00am**

Fri Dec. 29th Day of Penance: abstinence from meat. Prayer and works of mercy
 Reading of Sacred Scripture for an
 Outpouring of God's mercy and
 The Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and
 Strength upon the church.

Mass 8:00am

Sat Dec. 30th Confessions 3:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sun Dec. 31st Mass 7:30am

Mass 9:00am

St. Vincent de'Paul

We are in need of someone to help on Mondays for the morning and afternoon shift. If you are interested, please call Larry @ 717-2215 or Tina @ 421-6022

The Adoration Chapel is needing someone to cover

Thursday: 4am to 5am

Please call the Parish office @ 620-421-6762.

Don't forget to pick -up your 2024 Catholic Calendar and Advent Companion, they are on the back tables of the church.