

MASS INTENTIONS—December 31st—January 8th
Saturday—4pm Kenneth and Marilyn Jacquinet
Sunday—9am Merit Montee
 10am People of St. Patrick's Parish
Monday—NoMass Phyllis Tieri
 (Richard & Darlene John)
Tuesday—5pm Kristen Bradbury Family
 (Jack & Linda Davidson)

Wednesday—8am +Ed McKinney (Marilyn Ray)
Thursday—8am +Ray Vietti (Dan & Cheri Allen)
First Friday—8am +Vicki Sallee (Gary & Coleen Marks)
First Saturday—8am Father's Intention
 Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm Sister Bertina
Sunday—8am +Bob Lopez
 10am People of St. Patrick's Parish

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!
 Happy New Year!

We had some beautiful Holy Masses for Christmas. Of course, the Holy Mass, all by itself is awesome. When you add beautiful music, it can really add to the solemnity of the day. That is exactly what happened this Christmas. I would like to thank Courtney Wilhoft Lori LaForge and the St. Patrick's Catholic School Children's Choir for providing the music for the Vigil Mass of Christmas. I would like to thank Janie Aita and all the members of the Solemnity Choir who provided the music for Midnight Mass. I would also like to thank Anne and Elliot Brewer and Luke and Bridget Gilmore for providing the music for the Christmas Mass at Day. All three groups did a beautiful job!!!

All the Holy Masses were well attended, which is always a good thing. This isn't scientific, but I think we might have had the largest crowds at all the Holy Mass for Christmas since I have been here. I was particularly shocked to see over 100 people in the parish hall at 6pm. That was amazing! It was just a wonderful celebration at all the Holy Masses. It reminded me just how much I have to be thankful for here at St. Patrick's!

Speaking of being thankful, Christmas is the one of two times of the year that we take a second collection here in the diocese of Wichita. As you probably remember from Bishop Kemme's homily on the 4th Sunday of Advent, the second collection at Christmas goes for the education and formation of our seminarians and for the care of our retired priests. Normally at this time of year, we get to hear an update from our seminarian, James Schibi, on how his studies and formation are going. This year the vocations office asked him to travel to St. Patrick's in Chanute and St. Joseph's in Humboldt to give them a little talk about seminary life. Since he wasn't able to give us his talk, I asked him if he would let me print it in the bulletin, to which he kindly agreed. You can read his letter in the bulletin insert.

Please keep James in your prayers as he continues his last year & 1/2 of formation. God willing, he will be ordained a deacon on the 20th of May of this year. I know he appreciates all the prayers he has received and will be grateful to be remembered as he prepared for this big step in his vocational journey to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Finally, as we begin the New Year, I want to encourage everyone to ask the Lord to use you to help bring other people closer to Him and to His Church. What a great way to be an instrument of the Lord - by the way you speak and act! Our Charity for each other and for all is the best way to bring people to Christ. As we prepared to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparition in Fatima, Portugal, let's ask Our Lady of Fatima to give us hearts on fire for the charity of God and a willingness to share that with other. May God bless you all and our parish abundantly throughout the year of our Lord 2017!

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Borkenhagen

P.S. I had the chance to visit Sr. Bertina on St. Stephen's Day (26 Dec). She asked me to please convey to the parish her greetings, assure you she prays for us all regularly, and that she misses St. Patrick's but is getting settled in at the convent. Please keep her in your prayers, too.

PARISH NEWS

"E-C-H-O...Have you heard from our little friend, Echo? Echo wants to tell you what is happening in the womb, which is Echo's room. There is a lot taking place every day in Echo's world. In fact, during the first two months of Echo's life, the growth rate is phenomenal. If Echo continued to grow at this accelerated rate for all nine months of pregnancy, at birth Echo would weigh 14 tons. That's right, 28,000 pounds—as big as two full grown, over fed, elephants. But Echo's growth rate slows down and the mother is thankful. Echo's heart started to beat at about 18 days after conception. When the mother first hears that tiny heart beat, it is a time of wonder and mystery. Her heart is touched.

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—You may pick up your 2017 envelopes at the back of the church. We suggest you check to be sure the name on the box matches the name on the envelopes. Please notify the office if there are any problems with your envelopes.

PRAYER LIST—The monthly prayer list will be published as is on the first weekend of January. From that point forward, we will start with a clean slate. If there is a prayer intention you'd like to see remain on the monthly list, please call the rectory so it can be added to the new list. Thanks!

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!
Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Wed 3-4am, Tues 10-11am,
Thur 3-4pm, Sat 2-3am,
Sat 5-6pm (every other weekend),
Sat 6-7pm (every other weekend),
Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am, Sun 5-6am.

JUST A REMINDER—Please drop your Stewardship packets in the collection plate at your earliest convenience! Thanks so much!

FORMED.ORG NEW SPANISH CONTENT—In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we have added additional programs, movies, and talks in Spanish that will entertain, engage, and inspire with the beauty and wonder of our faith. Check out these titles: *Perdonado: El Poder Transformador de la Confesion, Guadalupe: El Milagro Y el Mensaje, Navidad en Roma, and Guadalupe: el Misterio del Verbo Encarnado.* Log on to formed.org and enter parish access code N4XHFG to access these excellent resources!

Since January 22nd, 1973 there have been at least 61 million abortions. The Supreme Court said aboration was legal but only god has divine authority over life and death. Our country is suffering because of the loss of life and the women who have been devastated by an abortion experience. Join us in proclaiming the sanctity of life at the Rally for Life on Monday, January 23rd on the steps of the State Capitol in Topeka. Registration starts at 8:30am followed by workshops, prayer service, Rally, lunch, and more workshops. Gather your friends and join us in proclaiming that life is sacred—from the beginning. Form more information call Kansans For Life at 1-800-928-5433 or check out www.kfl.org

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

"The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!" This very familiar blessing comes from the book of Numbers. The Israelites received the blessing of the Lord as they prepared to depart from Mount Saini. The theme of journeys continues in the Gospel of Luke, as the shepherds made their journey toward the newborn Lord. While a journey usually has an "end" in mind, the potential for conversion is in the journey itself. How were the Israelites transformed in their various journeys? How were the shepherds transformed as they followed the star and the stories they'd heard about the newborn King? And what about us? How do we allow the journey of life to transform and prepare us to meet our King? As we begin 2017, it is a perfect time to commit ourselves to the journey, to allow God to change our hearts, and to be grateful for the Lord's blessing upon us!



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

- Sun Jan 1 *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God! And, Happy New Year!!!
 *No RCIA Class
- Mon Jan 2 *RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
 *Rosary in the Church 8am
 *No Ultreya
- Tue Jan 3 *Rosary in the Church 4:30pm
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:30pm
 *Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
 -Parish Hall
 *Parish Library Work Day 7:30pm
 -Parish Hall
- Wed Jan 4 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:15pm
- Thur Jan 5 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Theology on Tap-Kitchen Pass 6:30pm
- Fri Jan 6 *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
 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
- Sat Jan 7 *Rosary 6:30am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 7am
 *First Saturday Confessions 7:15am
 *First Saturday Mass 8am
 *Confessions 3:30pm
 *RCIA Christmas Party-Parish Hall 6pm
- Sun Jan 8 *The Epiphany of the Lord
 *RCIA Class-Holy Orders/Matrimony 9:15am-12pm

FIGHTING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE—For four Tuesdays beginning January 10th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Our culture puts out many things that fight against our Sacrament of marriage today. This program helps couples figure out how to navigate their marriage journey successfully and instead fight for their marriage. Cost is \$130 which includes a couples kit with all the materials and workbooks needed for the class. Babysitting will be available, but you must call the Spiritual Life Center in advance at (316)744-0167 or email kristi@slcwichita.org

Altar Servers:

Jan 7—5pm B Brungardt/Z Collins/K Nance
 Jan 8—8am J O'Hara/I Reitemeier/R Barger
 10am Wolgamott/Dylan/Johnston/Dawson/Ka Waun

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jan 7—5pm Steve Ramsey
 Jan 8—8am Jane Alexander
 10am Mark Martin

Lector:

Jan 7—5pm Sheila Simmons
 Jan 8—8am Jeff Perez
 10am Leslie Keller

Offertory Gifts:

Jan 7—5pm Nick and Allie Pfeifer
 Jan 8—8am Dan and Doris Sweeney
 10am Mike and Florence Keal

Ushers:

Jan 7—5pm M & J Carson/P Yanez/B Allen
 Jan 8—8am R & B Barger Family/P O'Hara
 10am Richard and Mary Jo Fitzwater

Money Counters:

Jan 7 & Jan 8—Lori Nolting and Cathy Schibi

Stewardship of Treasure
YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

December 24th—December 25th
NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$21,982.07