

**MASS INTENTIONS—January 28<sup>th</sup>—February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday—5pm** +Paul F. Habiger  
(Charlene Stottmann)  
**Sunday— 8am** People of St. Patrick's Parish  
**10am** SPCS Students, Staff and Families  
**Monday—No Mass** +Mike & Connie Perez  
(Jolene Smith & Phyllis Pracht)  
**Tuesday—No Mass** +Hugh Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)

**Wednesday—No Mass** Dave Turk  
(Becky Dhooghe)  
**Thursday—8am** Derek Greengouh (Mary Greenough)  
**First Friday—8am** David George (Lisa Harriger)  
**First Saturday—8am** Father's Intention  
Next Weekends Intentions:  
**Saturday—5pm** +Kathleen Hills  
**Sunday— 8am** Sister Bertina Korpage  
**10am** People of St. Patrick's Parish



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Ruth Klein,  
Vic Halle, Vincent Yanez, Malissa  
Forbes, Sean Westhoff, Carolyn  
Forbes

**Current Abortion Statistics**  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/current-abortion-statistics.cfm>

**Important Note**

While abortion is one of the most frequently performed surgical procedures in the United States, nationally valid data is available from only two sources: the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute – a research affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Data from both sources is extremely limited.

The CDC provides an annual report of abortion statistics based on data voluntarily submitted to state health departments by abortion providers. Forty-five state health departments consistently report data on abortion; California, New Hampshire, Alaska, West Virginia and Oklahoma do not. Due to the fact that many states do not report complete data on all characteristics (e.g., age, race, and weeks' of gestation), abortion statistics provided by the CDC may not be truly accurate.

The Guttmacher Institute provides a report of abortion statistics every four years based on direct survey responses from all known providers of abortion services in all fifty states. As a result, statistics on abortions reported by the Guttmacher Institute are generally accepted as more accurate than those reported by the CDC. However, all statistical reports from the Guttmacher Institute should be viewed and utilized in the context of their mission to advance abortion services.

The following statistics, graphs and charts are based on research published by the Guttmacher Institute and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The most recent figures available for incidence statistics are from 2005, with the latest demographic information from 2004.

**Incidence of Abortion**

- In 2005, 1.21 million abortions were performed in the U.S.
- From 1973 through 2005, more than 45 million abortions occurred in the U.S.
- The abortion ratio, the proportion of pregnancies ending in abortion, was 22.4. In other words, 22% of all pregnancies in the U.S. (excluding miscarriages) ended in abortion in 2005.
- The abortion rate, the number of abortions per a given subgroup, was 19.4 per 1,000 U.S. women aged 15-44.
- Each year, about 2% of U.S. women aged 15-44 have an abortion; 47% of them have had at least one previous abortion.
- 50% of U.S. women obtaining abortions are younger than 25. Women aged 20-24 obtain 33% of all abortions, and teenagers obtain 17%.
- Black women are 4.8 times as likely as non-Hispanic white women to have an abortion, and Hispanic women are 2.7 times as likely.
- 37.1% of all abortions are performed on black women who make up only 14% of the total population of U.S. women of child-bearing age.
- 54% of U.S. women who had an abortion in 2000-2001 had used a contraceptive method during the month they became pregnant.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE**—The Fourth Degree Assembly #2496 will host an Exemplification on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree, this is a perfect opportunity to do so in Parsons. The cut off date to join is March 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Grand Knight Rick Goodyear at 423-4417.

**PARISH NEWS**

**“E-C-H-O...It's me... your little baby friend “Echo.” E-C-H-O. That's what I call myself because my parents haven't named me yet. You see, I'm still inside my Mom. I was just a few weeks old when the ticker started ticking. And I've already got fingers and toes. If I could only count, I'd be having all sorts of fun about now. I'm seeing lots of changes. Well, I don't really see them. My eyes are still pretty much a work in progress. But I'm starting to have feelings. In fact, just the other day, I was trying to get in touch with my inner child. Then I realized, I am my inner child. I can't wait until I'm on the outside, though. So many things I want to do with my life. Stay tuned and I'll let you know how I'm coming along.**

**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.**

**CHRISTOPHER WEST EVENTS**

Friday March 3, 6:30-9 pm  
**LIFE, LOVE AND MERCY**

- All Men and Women are invited to attend-



Saturday March 4, 8 am - 3 pm  
**THIS IS MY BODY:**

INTO THE WILD OF THE MASCULINE SOUL

- An event for Men only-

@ St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
861 N. Socora St. Wichita, KS

Register Online at <http://CatholicMenICT2017.eventbrite.com>



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEKS EVENTS**

- Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
• **CHILI FEED!** 11am-7pm, Parish Hall \$4 all you can eat Chili & Raffle Ticket
- Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
• **OPEN HOUSE!!!** 9am-Noon Preschool, Daycare & Grade School
- Monday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>—VBRD Superhero Day**  
• Dress Code: appropriate themed clothing of superheros that exemplify specific virtues  
• **COIN COLLECTION: PENNY DAY**
- Tuesday Jan 31<sup>st</sup>— Pep Assembly**  
• Catholic Schools Week Pep Assembly 2:45p.m. in Gym  
• **COIN COLLECTION: NICKEL DAY**
- Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>— Teacher Appreciation Day**  
• Dresscode: dress up like any teacher or staff member  
• PTO to provide Lunch for teachers, Parent Volunteers needed  
• **COIN COLLECTION: DIME DAY**
- Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>—(Feast of Presentation)  
GRANDPARENTS DAY**  
• All School Mass at 8:00  
• Juice & Donuts with grandparents after Mass in Parish Hall  
• 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll Awards in Parish Hall during grandparents' reception  
• **COIN COLLECTION: QUARTER DAY**
- Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>— FIRST FRIDAY**  
• St. Patrick's Catholic School Spirit Day  
• All School Mass at 8:00  
• Faculty vs 8th Grade Basketball Game at 2:00, all are invited  
• **COIN COLLECTION: ANY COIN OR DOLLAR AMOUNT DAY**  
• **LAST DAY FOR FOOD DRIVE**

God Bless, *Emilio Aita*

**Stewarding our Gifts...**

**“GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE.”**  
*Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Today's message is one of humility – not a characteristic that the secular world seems to value very much any more. The prophet Zephaniah reminds us that we are of humble beginnings and we should remain humble, seeking refuge in the Lord. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul echoes this point by reminding the people that God exalts the humble and lowly, and reduces those who boast to nothing. And finally, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus drives the point home in his sermon on the mount. The beatitudes call us each to a humble life; we must remember to put others first and to reduce ourselves to nothing. Only then can we truly need God. While the world around us encourages us to do all we can to be the best and have the best, Jesus makes it very clear that we must make sacrifices; we must die to self; we must love others first. The reward is in heaven.

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

- Sun Jan 29 \*RCIA Class 9:15am-12pm  
– Dignity of the Human Person  
\*Catholic Schools Week 9am-12pm  
Open House  
–St. Patrick Catholic School—there will be cookies, donuts and juice!  
–If you haven't been to the school lately, go check it out! Lot's has changed!
- Mon Jan 30 \*Rosary in the Church 7:30am  
\*Parish Library Work Evening 6:30pm  
–Parish Hall
- Tue Jan 31 \*Rosary in the Church 7:30am  
\*Cursillo Group Meets 5:30pm
- Wed Feb 1 \*Rosary in the Church 7:30am  
\*Cursillo Group Meets 5:15pm  
\*K-5 Family Night 5:30pm  
\*CYM Meeting—Parish Hall 7pm
- Thur Feb 2 \*Rosary in the Church 7:30am  
\*Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass 6:30pm
- Fri Feb 3 \*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 Feb 4 \*Rosary 6:30am  
\*First Saturday Confessions 7:15am  
\*First Saturday Mass 8am  
\*Cursillo Group Meets—Hall 7:40am  
\*Confessions 3:30pm
- Sun Feb 5 \*RCIA Class— 9:15am-12pm  
–Dignity of the Human Person; God's Call

**HOLY FAMILY CAMP 2017**—The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Family Camp, a weeklong faith experience for persons with disabilities, will be held during the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Camp Hiawatha in north Wichita. Come join in on the faith, fellowship, food and fun! Applications will be available after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Want to volunteer or be a camp buddy during the week? Contact Christina at [316-269-3900](tel:316-269-3900) extension 170.

**WINTER SUMMIT 2017**—On Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Jared Dees, renowned writer on how to teach religion, will be at the Cathedral for a day filled with practical resources, teaching strategies, and collaboration time. This is a free event, runs from 10am-2:30pm and includes lunch. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/j49b5wn> by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:**

January 21<sup>st</sup>—January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$11,036.38**

**Altar Servers:**

Feb 4—5pm C O'Hara/L Gilmore/E Wheat  
Feb 5—8am M Bogner/A Nibarger/C Westhoff  
10am L Wolgamott/J Schibi/O Feess/E Hess

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Feb 4—5pm Steve Ramsey  
Feb 5—8am Ellie Montee  
10am Doug Holzem

**Lector:**

Feb 4—5pm Mike Carson  
Feb 5—8am John Schibi  
10am Joanna Wilson

**Offertory Gifts:**

Feb 4—5pm Joe and Laura Stringer  
Feb 5—8am Frank and Elaine Chandler  
10am Pat and Lori LaForge

**Ushers:**

Feb 4—5pm VanMeighem/McKinney/Ritz/Allen  
Feb 5—8am D & K Wheat / J & M Keene  
10am Richard & Mary Jo Fitzwater Family

**Money Counters:**

Feb 4 & Feb 5—Ray and Mary Feess  
Pete and Ruth Hutley