



St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601

Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601



Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

St. Joseph Mass Times

Saturday: 8:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am

Monday - Friday: 6:30am

Holy Days Masses:

5:30pm (Vigil) 6:30am, 12:05pm, 5:30pm

Rosary before each Mass.

Confession: Sat. 3:30pm

Comeau Campus Center Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am & 6:00pm

Monday & Tuesday: 5:45pm

Wednesday: 9:15pm

Thursday: 5:45pm

Friday: 12:10pm

Holy Day Masses 4:45pm

Confession - Monday - Thursday, 5:15pm

Sunday, 5:00-5:30pm

(All Year)

Adoration - Begins after Mass, Tues, 5:45

ends Wed. with Benediction

before the 5:45pm Mass.

(When FHSU is in Session)

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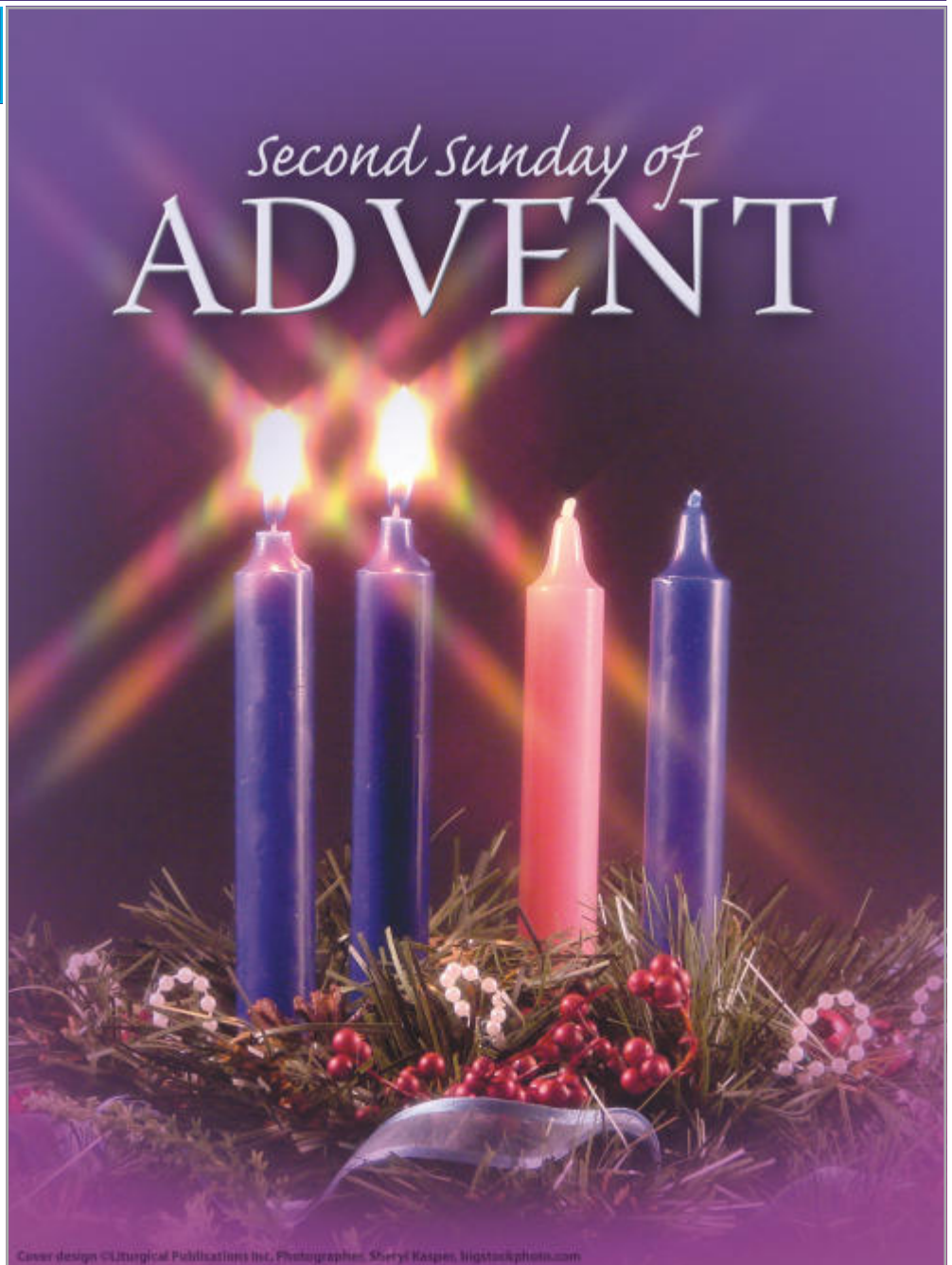
Office Hours

Mon.- Thurs. 8:00am - 5:00pm

Fri. 8:00 a.m. - noon

Office Closed Saturday, Sunday,

Holy Days/Holidays



St. Joseph Parish is a Stewardship Parish. A Catholic Steward actively participates and is involved with parish ministries, each according to their time and talents. Continue to regularly pray the stewardship prayer. Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need. Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts by sharing them to accomplish Your will, that is the coming of Your kingdom here on earth.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT - "Under the protection of St. Joseph, and ever grateful to the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, we strive to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, worship and the celebration of the Sacraments. We are dedicated to love and care for all God's people in their physical, educational and spiritual needs through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure."



Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

7:30 a.m. For the Parish

9:00 a.m. C +Marguerite Glassman

10:30 a.m. +Howard Schmidt

Liturgy for Little Ones

11:30 a.m. Baptism - Brynlee Welcher

6:00 p.m. C +Roman Zimmerman

7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers/Benediction/Confessions

Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 - The Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

6:30 a.m. +Ed Heronema

5:15 p.m. C Confessions

5:45 p.m. C L/D Mem Tom & Deb Denning Family

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

6:30 a.m. +Adolph Degenhardt

5:15 p.m. C Confessions

5:45 p.m. C L/D Mem Clint & Becky Newell Family

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 - St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

6:30 a.m. +Roy Herrman

9:15 p.m. C L/D Mem Earl & Corrine Brenner Family

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Ec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a/10ab/Lk 1:26-38

6:30 a.m. +Aloys & Cecilia Kreutzer

5:15 p.m. C Confessions

5:45 p.m. C +Bernardine Dinges

Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 - St. Lucy, Virgin

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

6:30 a.m. +Rose Schuvie

12:10 p.m. C L/D Mem Henry & Roxie VonLintel Family

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 - St. John of the Cross

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

8:00 a.m. Vocations

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. +Maynard Herrman

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

7:30 a.m. For the Parish

9:00 a.m. C +Jan Witthuhn

10:30 a.m. L/D Mem Nick & Christine Klaus Family

Liturgy for Little Ones

6:00 p.m. C +Rosie Giesick

7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers/Benediction/Confessions



	5:00 p.m. Mass Sat. Dec. 14	7:30 a.m. Mass Sun. Dec. 15	10:30 a.m. Mass Sun. Dec. 15
Sacristan	Sara Vonfeldt	Doug Marsell	Nicole Linenberger
Altar Server	Adler Brown Trenton Rome Luke Rome Jace Wentling	Sam Allen	Chloe Purinton Grace Schmeidler Allison Weber Patrick Weber
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Usher	Joseph Billinger Eric Haas Cletus Knipp Robin Wasinger	Jerry Rome Jeff Sack Zach Stadelman Joe Desch	Eric Augustine Mark Herl Jon Schmeidler USHER NEEDED

ADVENT VESPERS

Dec. 15, - 7:00 p.m.

Server: Renee Michaud

Reader: Joyce Dinges

Canter: Heuer & Elsa Brungardt



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week	\$21,250.00
Actual envelopes/offertory received 11/18/19-11/24/19	\$14,466.00
For this week, the collection is ahead (behind)	(\$6,784.00)
Budgeted envelopes/offertory thru 10/31/2019	\$368,333.36
Actual envelopes/offertory thru 10/31/2019	\$341,705.46
As of 10/31/2019 we are ahead (behind) budget for the fiscal year.	(26,627.90)

Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week	\$21,250.00
Actual envelopes/offertory received 11/25/19-12/01/19	\$14,876.74
For this week, the collection is ahead (behind)	(6,373.26)
Budgeted envelopes/offertory thru 11/30/2019	\$460,416.69
Actual envelopes/offertory thru 11/30/2019	\$420,108.19
As of 11/30/2019 we are ahead (behind) budget for the fiscal year.	(\$40,308.50)

Thanksgiving Collection (Second Mile Fund): \$375.00

Collection Team Schedule:

December 8 - Jim & Jan Girvan

December 15 - Kraig & Laure Gross

December 22 - Jeff Pinkney & Vicky Walker

Pastor's Notes

Fr. Brian Lager

What is the significance of the number of candles on the altar? Is there any significance with the number lit?

As with many of the visible elements of the liturgy, the presence of candles has long been both practical (as a source of light) and symbolic.

Some of the symbolism behind candles can be understood in the context of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2), or what is sometimes called "Candlemas." On this feast, commemorating when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to dedicate Him to God along with Mary's purification from having given birth, the Church traditionally blesses candles and commemorates the Presentation with a candle-light procession while recalling the words that Simeon spoke on this occasion of receiving Jesus, calling Jesus "a light to reveal [God] to the nations, and the glory of [His] people Israel."

In addition, we can look to Easter for further symbolism of candles, and in particular to the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night (after dark), when the Paschal Candle that symbolizes and proclaims Christ risen from the dead is blessed and lit from new fire. This Paschal Candle becomes the source of light for individual candles held by the people during the "Easter Proclamation," or "Exsultet," which is a hymn of praise to God for His saving works and particularly to Christ in His victory over death. Later in this Mass, the candles of the people are lit a second time as part of the renewal of baptismal promises, reminding us that we share in the light of the Risen Christ in our baptism.

Given these greater and more general symbols that are signified by the use of candles, the question of "how many are used at any given Mass" is based upon the occasion. It is notable, however, that the "occasion" as foreseen by the Extraordinary Form of the Mass is a matter of whether or not the Mass is a "Low Mass" (without singing) or a "High Mass" (with almost all the audible parts of the Mass being sung. For in a Low Mass, whether it be a weekday Mass or on the highest solemnities (such as Easter Sunday or Pentecost), there are only two candles on the altar. Meanwhile, if the Mass is a High Mass, even on a weekday, there are to be six candles burning.

Meanwhile in the Ordinary Form, the "occasion" is a matter of the level of solemnity of the given day in the liturgical calendar. For all Masses, there is always to be at least two candles lit. However, there can be some added solemnity when using more than two. Thus, the instruction says that on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, there can be four or even six candles lit, we light 2 for Ferial days (regular day with no saints celebrated) and Memorials of saints, 4 for Feasts of saints, and 6 for Solemnities and Sundays.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the document laying out what is necessary for the Mass to be offered, says it is required that "on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a holy day of obligation. If

the Diocesan Bishop celebrates, then seven candles should be used, except if he is outside the boundary of his jurisdiction" (GIRM #117)

Thus, candles indeed are an important symbol in themselves. That the number of candles lit can vary is simply an indication of the level of solemnity with which the Mass is offered – pointing to a higher solemnity of heaven itself.

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL COUNCIL - There will be no Pastoral Council Meeting in December.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC - "Please join your fellow parishioners for Dynamic Catholic's BEST ADVENT EVER, which is all about the amazing possibilities for your life. Every day during Advent, you will receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team. It is free and easy to sign up. All you have to do is go to BestAdventEver.com and enter your name and email address. Let's all have an amazing Advent, together!"

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Joseph Parish would like to welcome Andrew and Kathy Rupp to our parish.

The **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** has been transferred to Monday, December 9th this year. It is **NOT** a Holyday of Obligation.

St. Joseph Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass Annual Christmas Pageant



We need children ages K-6 to portray Mary, Jesus, angels, shepherds, and kings. If you are interested please call Kevin at the parish office at 785-625-7356. Practice time will be announced.

ST. JOSEPH'S SACRED HEART ROOM

Do you have any religious statues, rosaries, Catholic books, framed prints, holy water fonts or battles, nativity sets that you are no longer wanting hand down from your parents ythat you don't know what to do with? Bring them to the St. Joseph parish offices and we will place them in our Sacred Heart room for other people to take and enjoy. We also take old palms, broken rosaries and crucifixes and dispose then in a correct manner.



ST JOSEPH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Many thanks to all those who helped with the Dinner, from those who helped planned the event, worked in the kitchen, worked the floor of the cafeteria, donated desserts, helped with the raffle, the homemade bread booth, St. Joseph Sweets, the bouncy houses, Secular Franciscans Religious Booth, and our maintenance guys for setting up the kitchen, cafeteria and gym for the event.

AND NOW THE WINNERS ARE.....

- ◆ Quilt - Lucy Baier
- ◆ \$100 & \$50 Gift Certificates - Dolores Leiker
- ◆ Poinsettia - Colette Carrasco
- ◆ Gella's Dinner for 8 - Patrick Zwenger
- ◆ 12 Steaks - Shana Rome
- ◆ Half Hog with Processing - Sharon Ruder
- ◆ Flowers by Frances Certificate - Vicky Walker
- ◆ \$50 Gift Certificate - Jan Bieker
- ◆ Gutch's Gift Certificate - Margaret Gargan
- ◆ 2 Jars Homemade Sauerkraut - Alan Leiker
- ◆ 2 Jars Homemade Sauerkraut - Oren Windholz
- ◆ Holy Family Script - Tate & Amy Kershner
- ◆ Basket of Wine from Resurrection Vineyards - Michele Flax
- ◆ Messenger Items - Joyce Newell
- ◆ 24/7 Travel Gift Card - Stan Newell

St. Joseph Parish is sincerely grateful to everyone who donated these above raffle prizes for the event.



Join us for ADVENT VESPERS

Sunday evenings of Advent
7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Readings/Hymns/Adoration /Confession/Benediction

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK IN A GLANCE: Dec 8 - 14, 2019

C = Catholic Campus Center; KB=Kennedy Building; PO = Parish Office; SJ=St. Joe Church

SUN	8	MON	9	TUES	10	WED	11	THURS	12	FRI	13	SAT	14
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9:00am Mass - CCC													
10:30am Mass - SJ													
Liturgy for Little Ones	5:15pm Confessions - C	5:15pm Confessions - C	5:15pm Confessions - C	5:15pm Confessions - C	5:15pm Confessions - C	6:30am - 7:30pm Religious Education	5:15pm Confessions - C	5:15pm Confessions - C	5:15pm Confessions - C	12:10pm Mass - C			
11:30am Baptism - Welcher	5:45pm Mass - C	5:45pm Mass - C	5:45pm Mass - C	5:45pm Mass - C	5:45pm Mass - C		5:45pm Mass - C	5:45pm Mass - C	5:45pm Mass - C				
6:00pm Mass - CCC	NO PC Mtg. Tonight					7:30am Choir Practice						3:30pm Confessions - SJ	
7:00pm Advent Vespers/ Adoration/Confessions				NO RCIA until Jan 21		9:15pm Mass - C						5:00pm Mass - SJ	

30th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE ***ALL NATIONS INVITED!***

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us”- John 1:14

Just as Jesus became Man at His conception, likewise, when a child is conceived, he/she becomes a member of our human family. This little person now dwells among us. So that our nation and world may accept this truth, conform to God's Laws and protect our unborn brothers and sisters...

COME PRAY WITH US!!!!

Join in Unity of Prayer across America and the entire world to restore the protection of LIFE, FAMILY, the CHURCH, & establish the PEACE Our Lady promised!

*...Before I formed you in the womb I knew you—
Jeremiah 1:5*

If my people... humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.—2 Chronicles 7:12

Let us be confident in Our Mother's promises!

The world needs the Blessed Mother's intercession!



DECEMBER 8/9, 2019
8PM Sunday to 12AM Monday
NATIONAL HOUR OF UNITY IS 11PM TO 12AM

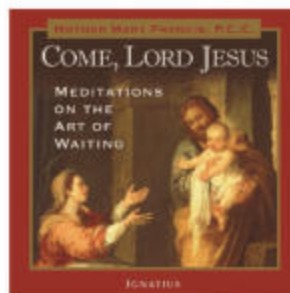
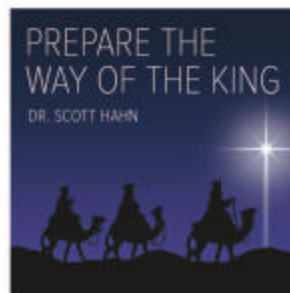
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December 2019 Liturgical Calendar

- 12/1 1st Sunday of Advent**
Study: Lectio Mary, Episode 1: The New Eve
Kids: Brother Francis Advent
Listen: Prepare the Way of the King
- 12/3 Saint Francis Xavier**
**Kids:* Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure/Francisco Xavier y el Tesoro Perdido
Listen: Holiness is Always in Season
- 12/6 Saint Nicholas**
Watch: Saint Nicholas: The Real Story
**Kids:* Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa/Nicolás y los tres sacos de oro
- 12/7 Saint Ambrose**
**Watch:* Restless Heart/Corazón Inquieto
Listen: The Restless Flame
- 12/9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
Study: Why Believe? Season 1 Episode 13 - Mary, Queen Mother
Watch: Blessed Duns Scotus - Defender of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
**Watch:* Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message/Guadalupe: El Milagro y El Mensaje
**Watch:* 1531: A Story that is Not Finished Yet/1531: Una historia que aún no termina
- 12/14 Saint John of the Cross**
Watch: No Greater Love, A Unique Portrait of the Carmelite Nuns
- 12/22 4th Sunday of Advent**
Study: YDisciple: Advent Session 4 - The Gift
Listen: Come, Lord Jesus
- 12/25 Nativity of the Lord**
Watch: The Story of the Nativity
Listen: The School of Nazareth, Blessings of Christmas, The Story of Christmas
Kids: Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree, Brother Francis: O Holy Night
- 12/27 Saint John the Apostle**
Listen: The Treasure of Our Soul - The Apostle's Creed
Listen: The Gospel of John
- 12/29 Holy Family**
**Study:* Beloved: Mystery and Meaning of Marriage/Amado: Viviendo el Matrimonio
Watch: Marriage - God's Design for Life and Love
**Watch:* Mary of Nazareth/María de Nazaret, Joseph of Nazareth/José de Nazaret

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St. Joseph Faith Formation

St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation Calendar 2019-20

December 11	Class, 6:30 - 7:30pm
December 18	No Class: Christmas Break
December 25	No Class: Christmas Break
January 1	No Class: Christmas Break
January 8	Class, 6:30 - 7:30pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sun., Dec. 8	First Reconciliation 1:00pm St. Joseph
Wed., Mar. 4	St. Joseph First Communion Retreat 6-7:30pm
Wed., Apr. 15	First Communion Practice St. Joseph 6:30pm
Sun., April 19	First Communion Mass St. Joseph 10:30am

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Sun., Feb 9	Confirmation Retreat, St. Joseph Church, 3-5pm
Sun., Feb. 9	Letter to Bishop/Confirmation Paperwork due
Sat. Mar. 7	Confirmation Practice 6:00pm, St. Joseph Church
Sun. Mar 8	St. Joseph Confirmation Mass, 10:30am

RCIA CLASS

RCIA - Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes have begun. Classes are held on Tuesday evening in the St. Joseph Parish Office.

Dec. 10 - Jan. 14: **NO RCIA**

Jan 21: Sacraments: Reconciliation

If you are interested in either of these programs contact Fr. Ryan McCandless at the parish office, 785-625-7356 or e-mail him at stjassociate@stjoehays.com.

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

LOCATION TO PLACE YOUR FOOD ITEMS - Nonperishable food items as well as medium sized boxes may be brought to the parish school building, formerly Kennedy, doors 25 & 26, near the gym, **from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Monday through Friday.

- ♦ Food Pantry dates are December 21, January 4 & 18.
- ♦ **Item of the month** - Tuna, Canned Pumpkin & Evaporated Milk.
- ♦ Monetary donations can be sent through the weekend collection, left at the Parish Service Center or you may donate on line by going to <https://stjchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunitiesSt.JosephFoodPantry>
- ♦ To volunteer to help at the St. Joseph Food Pantry contact Renee Michaud at 785-628-8434 or michauds@ruraltel.net

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

CATHOLIC DISCIPLES

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the lounge.

Campus Center collection for 12/1/2019 - \$2172.00

- ♦ **Mon.** - Confessions at 5:00pm, Mass at 5:45pm
- ♦ **Tues.** - Adoration begins at 9:00am
Confessions at 5:00pm, Mass at 5:45pm
- ♦ **Wed.** - Adoration concludes at 5:00pm
Catholic Disciples meeting at 8:00pm
Speaker this week: Mr & Mrs Evan Burke
Mass at 9:15pm
- ♦ **Thurs.** - Confessions at 5:00pm, Mass at 5:45pm
- ♦ **Fri.** - **NO** Confessions Today, Mass at 12:10pm
- ♦ FHSU Knights of Columbus Council #10211 meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Campus Center lounge, All members should be in attendance. If you are a member from your parish back home, you are more then welcome to attend our K of C meetings. Bring your current membership card.

HELP WANTED: Comeau Catholic Campus Center is looking for a person to help with custodial duties. It is a 20 hour per week job. Please speak to Father Brian Lager.

Reflections on Stewardship in light of the Gospel of Matthew

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.'... Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down...' (Matthew 4:1-11)

The devil is a sly one. Leaping off the temple was a set-up, staged—not of real life. Faith is not something you demonstrate by constructing an artificial situation. True faith is shown by acts of trust in God in real-life situations. Faith requires great trust. It is a leap because there is not always a bridge of clear logic that I can walk across. I have to let myself go into the arms of God. I make a leap of faith when I forgive someone who does not deserve it, trusting that this is the true way to live. I make a leap of faith when my life, for whatever reason, seems to be a mess but I still carry on, trusting that the Lord is walking with me. I make a leap of faith when I come to Eucharist and, with Jesus, give myself to the Father. "Not my will but yours be done." I make a leap of faith when I take the real things in my life – food, material things, money, time – and give them to God and trust that God will take care of me.

Stewardship is a leap of faith in real-life situations. *Spend some quiet time with the Lord Copyright: The Little Burgundy Book*

Stewardship Reflection

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

How can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can, and should, go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior. *Copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Principal - Rachel Wentling, rwentling@hfehays.org
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- ◆ Dec. 10 - Christmas Program, KP-6th Gr 7:00pm IHM
- ◆ Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 8:00am IHM
Early Release Day, dismissal at 1:15pm
- ◆ Dec. 13 - 1st Gr. Polar Express Day
- ◆ Dec. 17 - 3rd-6th Gr. Confessions at IHM, 1:30pm, Students
- ◆ Dec. 19 - December Birthday Mass & Lunch
Mary's Baby Shower
- ◆ Dec. 20 - End of Qtr. 2
Half Day of School - Dismissal at 11:00am
No lunch/bus!
- ◆ Dec. 23 - Jan. 6 - NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

You can support HFE by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot on 19th! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! We still accept all Box-tops, but please check the expiration dates! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!

THOMAS MORE-PREP MARIAN

Principal - Chad Meitner, meitnerc@tmpmarian.org
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TMP-M calendar at www.tmp-m.org/calendar

- ◆ Advent Tree in the Learning Commons With special thanks to ABC Seamless, TMP-Marian students, faculty and staff will have a daily reminder of the joy and hope that come with the season of Advent. The tree will progressively be decorated with purple and pink decorations as we approach the joy of Christmas. Thank you ABC Seamless!
- ◆ St. Thomas More Society (STMS) The STMS is the second-largest funding arm for both TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary. This vital fund is called upon to contribute \$650,000 this fiscal year and allows excellence in Catholic education to continue and prosper. Please consider generously contributing to the success of our students through the STMS. Contact Troy Ruda, Advancement Director, at rudat@tmpmarian.org or (785) 621-5427 to become a member of the STMS! Gifts may also be made online at tmp-m.org/donate
- ◆ IRA Rollovers Are you age 70 ½ or older and required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) on an IRA by the end of the year? Did you know that if you contribute your RMD to a charitable organization the gift is not subject to taxation? This is a great way to contribute to your Catholic schools. Contact Troy Ruda, Advancement Director, at rudat@tmpmarian.org or 785-621-5427 for more information.
- ◆ TMP-Marian Christmas Concert - All are invited to join in the Dreiling Theater at TMP-Marian for a special evening of Christmas music. The concert begins at 7:00pm.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Are you interested in becoming a D of I member? Please contact Judy Flax at 785-628-6577 for more information. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center for their monthly meeting. Members are asked to bring a stamped Christmas card for our shut-in members. PLEASE NOTE-TIME CHANGE OF MEETING-6:30 PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, Council #1325 meets every **THIRD** Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish school building, room 110 (the old art room). Enter through south door, on the west side, marked #2.

KNOTS OF LOVE

This ministry meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Via Christi Chapel.

ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS

This group follows in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and meets every third Sunday at the Comeau Campus Center at 1:30 p.m. For more information about the meetings or about the Order please contact Brenda Lager at 785-628-3107. Regional Franciscan Website: www.sfojuandepadilla.org.

PARISH CHOIR

The St. Joseph Parish Choir practices each Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Director, Carol Brull, 785-625-9707.

WOMEN OF ST JOSEPH SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

This group meets after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings in the large conference room. You may enter after Mass through the east sacristy door or if you are not attending Mass through the east side door to the parish offices. Women are invited to just drop in and join us as we discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's Mass.

Sacraments and Parish Information

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MEMBERSHIP: To become a registered member of St. Joseph Parish, stop by the office to pick up a registration form or go to our website, www.stj-church.com and click on the **DOWNLOAD** button under the "Parish Registration Forms"

MARRIAGE - The first appointment must be made six (6) months before the proposed date of marriage. Couples expecting a traditional Catholic wedding are expected to be living a traditional Catholic lifestyle. Please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office.

BAPTISM - Please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at 785-625-7356 to schedule a baptism. All first time parents need to take a baptism class.

FUNERAL

Please contact the parish office.

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you have a loved one in the hospital please be sure to contact the St. Joseph Parish Office.

HOMEBOUND VISITS - If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, or if you are on the weekend schedule and will not need it for some reason, please call the parish office at 785-625-7356.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS (SRF) - Stewardship Renewal Forms are sent out at the end of January each year with tithing information. Parishioners are asked to look over these forms for any additions or corrections and send back to the parish office. These forms are used to help keep our records up to date.

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

If you are needing Sacramental records for St. Joseph Church please contact the parish office.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS - Please call the parish office at 785-625-7356 or send an email to: stjoseph@stjoehays.com. Please state how you would like your intention forwarded to the prayer chain.

HEARTLAND NEWS

Christmas Is A Time For Giving!

The Community Assistance Center is asking for your support of \$50.00 to sponsor one family for a Christmas Food Basket. Please bring or mail your Christmas Donation to the Community Assistance Center at 12th & Oak St. so everyone may have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for giving.



Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle. What better way to start your weekend than on your feet making strides to improve your general health? While you walk at your own pace, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions to a local physician. The first Walk with a Doc Event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 9am, at the HaysMed Fitness trail (meet at shelter house behind HaysMed), 2500 Canterbury Dr., Hays. No registration required. For more information on this event and future dates please call The Center at 785-623-5900 or check out our website at www.haysmed.com/the-center.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 628-1446, to make an appointment.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 8, 2019
3:30 p.m. - Basilica of St. Fidelis
Victoria, Ks.
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The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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~ Time slots available ~

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Bob & Carol Feauto

628-1429, (12am-6am)

Lorraine Brungardt

625-3021: (6am-12pm)

Yvonne Demuth

628-2172, (12pm - 6pm)

Geri Rupp

639-5588, (6pm - 12am)



Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR

This Sunday, December 8th, at noon, the Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will have their annual Christmas meeting at the Kennedy Cafeteria. This will be a potluck. Guests are welcome to join us!. **Social begins at noon with our meal at 12:30pm.** Our program will be Jon and Heather Robbin-Benkleman who will give a talk on their trip to the Volga Area that they took this year. We also encourage members and guest to bring their children as we expect the Belznichol to make an appearance. Come join us over in the Kennedy Cafeteria at noon and share your favorite German foods with the group, memories of Christmas past and much more.

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Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2020

December 8, 2019- Second Sunday of Advent

IHM - 8:00pm - 12:00am - National Night of Prayer for Life
IHM - 9:00pm CYO Night Prayer during National Night.....
St. Joseph - 7:00pm Advent Vespers/Confessions/Benediction

December 9, 2019 - Monday (Immaculate Conception not holyday)

IHM - 6:45am Mass for Immaculate Conception
St. Joseph - 6:30am Mass for Immaculate Conception
St. Nicholas of Myra - 12:05pm

December 10, 2019 - Tuesday

St. Nicholas - Communal Penance Service 7:00pm

December 11, 2019 - Wednesday

IHM - Spanish Daily Mass - 8:00pm w/Danza, Rosario, Mannabitas

December 12, 2019 - Thursday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - Danza - 6:00pm, 7:00pm followed by Fiesta in the Activity Center.



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