

A message from Father Quentin...

During the Easter Season we use flowers to adorn our churches and altars. They help us to enter into the joy of Easter and experience this season of new life. In the Encyclopedia of Catholic Devotions and Practices by Ann Ball there is a description of how we started to use the Lily for Easter.

“The florist W.K. Harris brought it (the lily) to the United States in 1882, and spread its use here. Because in America it first flowers in mid-spring, it came to be known as the ‘Easter Lily.’ Its flower, known as a trumpet, parallels the jubilant *Alleluia* proclaimed throughout the Church at the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.”

May God Bless you.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special / Living

Sat April 14

5:00pm ST SI for the people of all 4 parishes
6:30pm SP Clara Hermreck by Brenda Ludolph

Sun April 15

8:30am SJ SI Tom Heinz by Knights of Columbus
10:30am SFX SI Norah Kate & Camille Freeman by
Dave & Kathy Freeman

Mon April 16 No Masses today

Tues April 17

12:05pm SFX + Julie Vawter by Andrea & Chris Jones

Wed April 18

8:30am ST + John Blaufuss by William & Veronica Beanne
6:00pm SJ + Ken Newton Jr by Rex & Terry Arb

Thur April 19

8:30am ST + Shirley Schillig by Tom & Anita Wirth

Fri April 20

7:00am SFX + Loy Hall by Dan & Susan Mueller

Sat April 21

5:00pm ST Bernie Pracht by Altar Society
6:30pm SP SI for the people of all 4 parishes

Sun April 22

8:30am SJ SI Richard Heinz by Knights of Columbus
10:30am SFX + Bill Truelove by Fran Truelove

Welcome! If you are new to the area and would like to join one of our four parishes, or are visiting and need anything during your stay, please notify the office or contact Fr. Quentin directly.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SJ 3pm - 11:30pm Wednesday
SFX 8am - 10:00pm Thursday
ST 9am - 9:00pm Thursday



Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 – 5:55pm SJ Wednesdays
7:30 – 8:00am SFX Fridays
4:30 – 4:55pm ST Saturdays
7:30 – 7:55am SJ Sundays
7:00 – 7:55am SFX 1st Saturdays

Main Office Hours: 8:30am–11:30am: Tues – Friday
We're closed every Monday and observed Holy Days.
For a meeting time that better fits your schedule, please contact Father or the office directly. Thank you.

Bulletin Deadline: All items for the bulletin need to be submitted to the office by 8am each Wednesday in order to run in that week's bulletin. Thanks.

+ Mass Intentions + can be said as a memorial or for special intentions. A typical intention offering would be \$10 per Mass. Intentions are available at St. Joseph starting in May and all other parishes in September. Contact the office if you would like to place a request.

Contact Father or the office directly for the following:

Baptisms - 3 weeks prior to scheduling.

Weddings - 6 months or more prior to scheduling.

Rice Bowl donation boxes are Being collected. Please drop your rice bowl off at the back of church or at the main office. Thank you.



Protect Adoption Choice

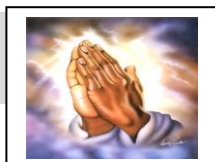
The Bishops and the Church in Kansas have been advocating for a law that would protect the conscience rights of faith-based adoption agencies who respect the rights of children to be placed with a father and a mother. There are many birth mothers who want to use a faith-based provider for a variety of reasons. We should never allow this choice to be taken away from mothers who make the difficult choice to place their child up for adoption. As well, Faith-based adoption providers excel in finding forever homes for hard-to-place situations such as kids with special needs, older children and groups of siblings.

While the bill was passed by the Senate, sadly the Kansas House of Representatives rejected HB 2481, the Adoption Protection Act by a vote of 58 to 64. If we can get just 4 members to change their vote this bill would pass. The Kansas House is in recess till April 26th.

Please call your Kansas State Representative today and tell him or her to support the Adoption Protection Act, HB 2481. For help finding your Kansas Representative's contact information you can visit: www.openstates.org.

Please pray for our shut-ins and all those ill and in need of the Lord's healing touch...

Don Adams, Gary Jackson, Sue Baldwin Rachel Belcher, Baby Girl Braden, Wallace Birk, Jim & Linda Booth, Patt Bray, Dolores Calvert, Amy Chapman, Courtney Cowan, Marty Ferrell, Lynn Foster, Bob Fitz, Fr. Paul Frank, George French, Tom Gavala, Paige Grasser, Jan Heins, Ronald Heinz, Tom Heinz, Garald Hodges, Rick Huber, Ken Hughes, Tony Jamar, Doyle Johnson, Molly Keehn, Jean Kraus, Sandra Kraus, Marilyn & Roy Kuhlmann, Cade Lenon, Al Lielshnieder, Frankie Marie, Matt Mahoney, Garrett McCoy, Shawn Mead, Jamie Myers, Deb Neil, Jim Nolan, Helen Pauly, Dennis Rice, Kay Salisbury, Charlene Saueressig, Brenda Schulte, Cameron Schilling, Jack Slayman, Caroline Spatz, Kinsley Spletcher, Harold Stubby, Ann Wiley, Danielle Wooten, Deanna Zeilmann



Please pray for the following:

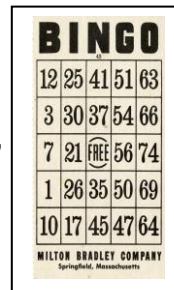
- + For our Holy Father, Pope Francis; Archbishop Naumann; Fr. Quentin and all religious that serve us in their calling.
- + For Nicholas Ashmore, Brent Stull, Joe Wahlmeier and those discerning vocation.
- + For Noah Foster, Kyle Mares, Stephen Szalsky, Greg Smith, Dominic Wahlmeier & all military family members.
- + For all our faithful departed, those that die this day and for all the souls in purgatory.

Archdiocesan & All Parish Information

Knights of Columbus Family Fun Night

will be held April 21 at St. Teresa beginning with 5pm Mass. Immediately following Mass there will be a Free Will Meal of Mountain Oysters, pulled pork brisket, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw & dessert. Bingo will be held with 50/50 drawing. All proceeds go towards Pennies from Heaven. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



All married couples mark your calendar:

Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, EWTN radio hosts and authors of For Better Forever, a Catholic Guide to Lifelong Marriage, will present a Marriage Enrichment Conference at St. Michael the Archangel parish on Saturday, October 6th. The conference begins with Mass at 8:15am and concludes at 11:45am. Details on registration to follow.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Information

Graduating Senior Recognition

is for any graduating student from the parishes that would like to be recognized at the parish they attend during Senior Sunday Masses. Parents, grandparents or students can notify the office and we will get the student's name on the list for the bulletin and have the parish information ready for Senior Weekend. Thank you.



The 4th Annual Walk with God for Young Adults

(18-35) is a 2-day pilgrimage held April 27 - 29th. There will be hiking, daily Mass, prayer, Adoration, Confession and Talks. Informational meeting will be held on Monday, April 9th, 7:45 pm at Lumen Christi Monastery, 36 S. Boeke St., Kansas City, KS 66101. Sign up by April 20th. For information contact the Little sisters of the Lamb: 913-621-1727 or the Little brothers of the lamb 913-998-6644

Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch will be held May 6 From 9am – 5pm. The day is offering you the chance to step away and enter into prayer, adventure, outdoor activities and time to reconnect. Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us for opportunities that include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and more. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Holy Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Register online www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Ranch team at 785-746-5693

NEW opportunity for families: A Special Needs Summer Camp for families who have a child (or children) with special needs will be held Friday, June 29 to Sunday, July 1 at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg. Go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds for details or contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for the Special Needs Ministry, at 913-647-3054.

RCYC Rural Catholic Youth Conference

Nov. 17 - 18, 2018 – Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel

This two day conference is held for all 9 – 12th grade students and will be packed full of music, good food, prayer and lots of fun! Early bird registration (before May 15) is only \$120 per person. Contact Angela in the office or your parish Youth Minister to get on the list to attend.



St. Patrick Parish Announcements

*Feast Day: March 17
The Apostle of Ireland*

April church cleaners: Cara Engelken, Laura Ulupano

Saturday	April 21 – 6:30pm
Lector	Chris Ulupano
Eucharist	Christine Dykes & Ann Collins
Offertory	Tom & Ann Collins
Saturday	April 28 – 6:30pm
Lector	Dean Stark
Eucharist	Cara Engelken & Mike Engelken
Offertory	Mike & Sue Stringer



St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

*Feast Day: December 3
The Apostle of the Indies & Japan*

April church cleaners: Susan Mueller, Debbie Birk

Sunday	April 22 –10:30am
Greeters	Chris & Andrea Jones
Offertory	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Lector	Chris Jones
Eucharist and Cup	Patty Beyer Philip Beyer, Gwen Birk
Sacristan	Micki Foster
Cross	Taven Allen
Servers	Hailee Goad, Grace Birk
Ushers	Paul Herrman, Greg Stice
Hospitality	Kara Reynolds, Richard & Leslie Mahoney
Rosary	Philip Decker
Sunday	April 29 –10:30am
Greeters	Jeff & Beth Sloyer
Offertory	First Communion Students
Lector	Diane Marshall
Eucharist and Cup	Donna Patterson Andrea Jones, Susan Mueller
Sacristan	Micki Foster
Cross	Eric Faimon
Servers	Trey Faimon, Kamron Clay
Ushers	Kim Beyer, Doug VanderLinden
Hospitality	1st Communion Reception
Rosary	Susan Mueller



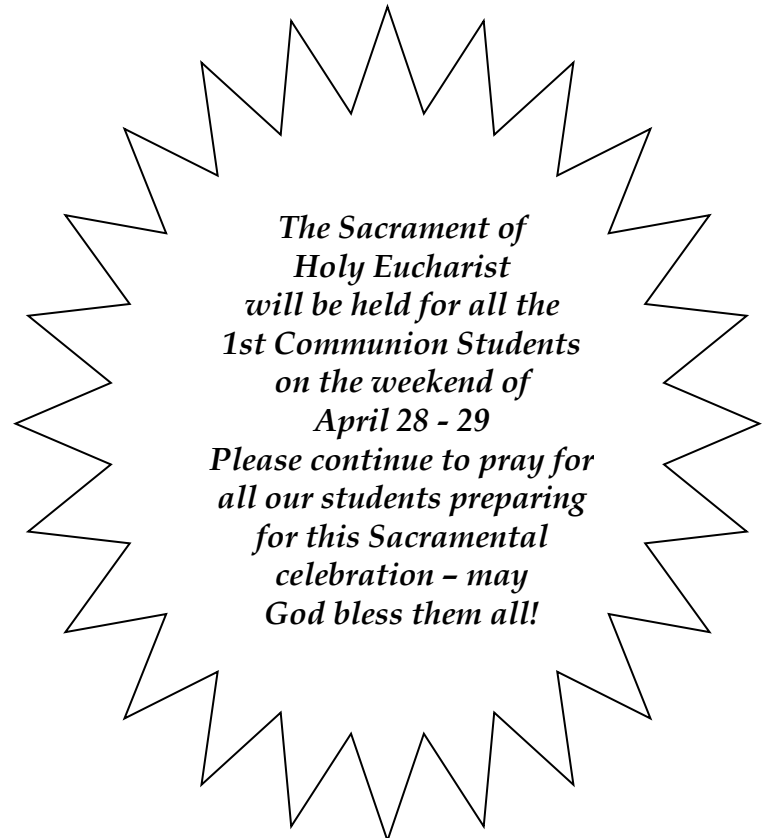
St. Joseph Parish Announcements

*Feast Day: March 19
Patron saint of Fathers*

Mass Intentions are needed for the parish at this time.

April Cleaners: Heidi Arb, Terry Arb
Hospitality: Willimas / Stice / Drumm

Sunday	April 22 – 8:30am
Offertory	Mary Lou Effinger, Lisa Litch
Lector	Heidi Arb
Eucharist	Kevin Thimmesch, Joe Lichtenauer
Servers	Rachel Stukey, Kent Stukey
Ushers	John Lichtenauer, Rex Arb
Rosary	Jackie Klenda
Sunday	April 22 – 8:30am
Offertory	Pete & Jill Foltz
Lector	Jackie Klenda
Eucharist	Irene Combes, Jennifer Stukey
Servers	Jackson Biggs, Damian Foster
Ushers	Rush Stuckey, Kevin Thimmesch
Rosary	Heidi Arb



Mark your calendars!!
Vacation Bible School July 8 - 12
TOTUS TUUS July 22 – July 27

Faith Minute.....

In the family, we have the unique and important opportunity to practice mercy every day. God has given us his only son, Jesus as this everlasting example. Jesus came so that we may have new life in the resurrection and to offers us eternal happiness. This comes to us through the Love and Mercy that God so generously bestows.



Today, reflect on the following that sheds great light on the dignity of the family and the mercy that is learned, fostered and found within.

“There is only one thing that can truly save the world, mercy! The mercy of God for human beings and the mercy of human beings for each other. In particular, it can save the most precious and fragile thing in the world at this time, marriage and the family.”

Fr. Faniero Cantalamessa

Forgiveness, patience, kindness, service, discipline, and affirmation are simple ways that we express mercy to one another within the family. Each time we do this, we make God’s mercy visible and show that we too believe and wait for the day that we can share in the gift that the glory of the resurrection brought.

Praying with the Saints.....

O glorious Apostle, **St. James**, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in heaven.

Amen

For all those attending a Prom in the coming weeks, there is the option of a Sunday evening 7pm Mass with Fr. Blaha at the Didde Catholic Campus, Emporia State University, 1415 Merchant Street. Go have fun and enjoy your time and make plans to attend evening Mass 😊



St. Teresa of Avila Parish Announcements

Sunday	April 21 – 5pm
Servers	Ridge Pracht, Gunner Ellington, Eli Ervin
Lector	Jeff True
Cantor	Gessica Tastove
Offertory	Jeremy & Holly Ellington
Eucharist and cup	Mary Ann Morgan Alton Ludolph, Larry Dieker
Ushers	Cara Bowen, Margie Highberger
Cookies	Knights Family Night
Hospitality	Knights Family Night
Sunday	April 28 – 5pm
Servers	Cassie Bowen, Avery and Lily Blaufuss
Lector	Bill Pracht
Cantor	Evelyn Ervin
Offertory	1 st communion children
Eucharist and cup	Robert Tastove Dave Pracht, Irene Tastove
Ushers	Cara Bowen, Margie Highberger
Cookies	1 st Communion Reception
Hospitality	1 st Communion Reception

Mark your calendars: Knights of Columbus Family Fun Night will be held April 21st beginning with 5pm Mass and a Free Will Meal following with Bingo, 50/50 drawing and Pennies from Heaven. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Saturday April 28th - Blood Drive & Breakfast the Knights will serve breakfast from 7:30 - 9:30am. Coffey county EMS will be onsite performing blood draws. For more info, please contact Kenton Ludolph.

First Communion will be Saturday, April 28th, during mass. Please pray for the children preparing for the sacrament of 1st Holy Eucharist: Caden Davis, Gracyn Ellington, Kaelynne Moore and Hope Pracht. There will be a reception following mass in the basement to celebrate the children.

April 21 & 28 will be a card shower for Conner Parks and groom elect Blake Kitrell. Card basket at church entry.

Mother’s Day Breakfast will be served on May 12th after Mass by the Knights. Please mark your calendars!

Knights of Columbus News: Election night will be Wed, May 2nd at 8 pm. A member will walk away with \$120. Please plan to attend. Free drinks and snacks will be provided.

April Cleaning:

Laundry: Teresa Kent
Cleaning: Donna M. Dieker, Tamara Schillig
Rachel Rockers, Sara Smith

Drawing for \$110 - Jeremy Ellington
Knight of month - Tyler Pracht
Family of month - Bill O’Malley