

## A message from Father Quentin...

*"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence..."*

1 Peter 3:15-16

Hope is a virtue in Christians that stands out. Only in our faith can we have hope that transcends anything, no matter how difficult or earth shattering it may be, that comes up in our lives or the lives of anyone else around us.

We can all react differently and express emotions differently when it comes to experiencing the death of a loved one. There is a difference in a person who has deep faith and hope in that situation. They are able to maintain a calm or peace even in the midst of many tears being shed. It has much to do with being able to live out the passage above from St. Peter.

We can tell others the reason for our hope is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God Bless us.

## 6th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI - Special Intentions

### Sat May 5

5:00pm ST Mary Frank by Altar Society  
6:30pm SP + Rita Wilper by Karen Nichols

### Sun May 6

8:30am SJ SI VanderLinden family by John Massoth  
10:30am SFX SI for the people of all 4 parishes

Mon May 7 No Masses today

### Tues May 8

12:05pm SFX + Bui Thi Tu by Lethy Meyer

### Wed May 9

8:30am ST + Shirley Schillig by Joan Reynolds  
6:00pm SJ + Dorothy & Harry Bunescu by Liz Collins

### Thur May 10

8:30am ST + John Blaufuss by William & Veronica Benne

### Fri May 11

7:00am SFX + James Kiefer by Ruth Castle

### Sat May 12

5:00pm ST SI for the people of all 4 parishes  
6:30pm SP + Mike & Mareeta Setter by Gary & Wilma  
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### Sun May 13

8:30am SJ SI Jim & Phyllis Buffo  
10:30am SFX + Loran Martin by Dave & Kathy Freeman

## 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	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 June and all other parishes in October. 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.

**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.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Psalm 98

## **Archdiocesan & All Parish Information**

**Come and See! A Photojournalist's "Journey into the World of Mother Teresa"** will be presented on Monday, May 14 at Mother Teresa Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka, Kansas, in the parish hall. There will be a Taco Bar meal at 5:30pm., with a presentation at 7pm. There is no cost for this event, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

**"Parents, Kids and Porn: The Conversation"** is being sponsored by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) this national webinar will be held on May 15 at 11:00am and May 22 at 7pm. The webinar will address how to initiate age-appropriate discussion, how to approach technology & social media and ultimately how to create an atmosphere of openness and honesty in homes where parents are the go-to person for their children. Registration and more information is available at [www.religiousalliance.org](http://www.religiousalliance.org)

**19th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference** will be held this year August 3 – 5 at the Century II Convention Center, 225 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS. The presentation "One Lord, One Faith" will include speakers, break-out sessions, Adoration, Mass, music, vendors and more! Early registration until July 16 after that pricing changes. For more info or to register go to [info@catholicfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@catholicfamilyconference.org)

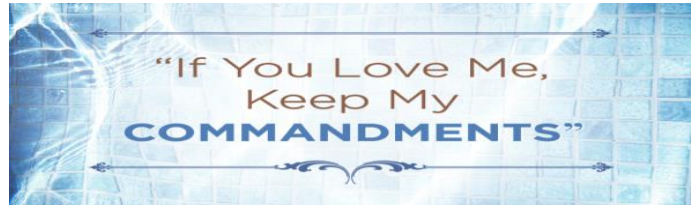
**Please pray for our shut-ins and all those ill and in need of the Lord's healing touch...**

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, Paige Grasser, Keith Hall, Jan Heins, Ronald 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, Tonja 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.



John 14:15-16

## **Youth & Young Adult Ministry Information**

**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](http://www.archkck.org/specialneeds) for details or contact Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for the Special Needs Ministry, at 913-647-3054.

**RCYC Registrations are now being accepted!!** **The Rural Catholic Youth Conference** will be held Nov. 17 - 18, 2018 at the 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. To get on the list, contact Angela in the office or your Youth Minister.

### **A Prayer Before Study, Testing or Presentations**

By St. Thomas Aquinas

Creator of all things,  
true source of light and wisdom,  
origin of all being,  
graciously let a ray of your light penetrate  
the darkness of my understanding.

Take from me the double darkness  
in which I have been born,  
an obscurity of sin and ignorance.

Give me a keen understanding,  
a retentive memory, and  
the ability to grasp things  
correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent  
of being exact in my explanations  
and the ability to express myself  
with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning,  
direct the progress,  
and help in the completion.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## St. Patrick Parish Announcements

Feast Day: March 17  
The Apostle of Ireland

May church cleaners: Sue McCay and Judy Broyles

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 12 – 6:30pm</b>
Lector	Ann Collins
Eucharist	Cookie Rausch & Alice Lickteig
Offertory	Dean & Bonnie Stark
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 19 – 6:30pm</b>
Lector	Judy Broyles
Eucharist	Cara Engelken & Christine Dykes
Offertory	Chris & Laura Ulupano & family



## St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

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

May church cleaners: Janet Wahlmeier & Kara Reynolds

Needed – Volunteer Partners to Clean the Church twice monthly. This stewardship will take about 1hr each time and all supplies are provided. Please contact the office if you would like to help. Thanks for your support!

Needed - Adoration Substitutes for the coming summer months. We have our regular adoration partners taking vacations and children/grandchildren playing ball so we are in need of substitutes. Please contact the office if you could offer help and spend some time with the Lord each Thursday. Thank you!

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 13 –10:30am</b>
Greeters	Richard & Leslie Mahoney
Offertory	Chris & Andrea Jones
Lector	Doug VanderLinden
Eucharist and Cup	Leslie Mahoney Kim Robrahn, Michelle VanderLinden
Sacristan	Michelle VanderLinden
Cross	Christian Decker
Servers	Landon Myers, Yasmin Rogers
Ushers	Travis Skillman, Jeff Sloyer
Hospitality	None – Happy Mother's Day!
Rosary	Rosie Waner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 20 –10:30am</b>
Greeters	Paul & Robbie Herrman
Offertory	Chris & Catherine Faimon
Lector	Tim Austin
Eucharist and Cup	Ray Ryan Kim Byer, Sharon Beyer
Sacristan	Michelle VanderLinden
Cross	Ashlynn Doebele
Servers	Cheyenne Clay, Sage Reynolds
Ushers	Logan Herrman, Trevin Myers
Hospitality	Steve & Shirley Marcotte Dave & Kathey Freeman
Rosary	Duane Smith



## St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Feast Day: March 19  
Patron saint of Fathers

Mass Intentions are available for the parish at this time starting in June. Contact the office to have a Mass said or for a specific date. Thank you.

Altar Society Dues are now being collected. The \$20 dues can be given to Jennifer Stukey or put in the collection in an envelope marked Altar Society Dues. All ladies of the parish are considered members. The dues go towards parish activities, CCD activities and items for the church. If you have questions, contact Pres. Theresa Biggs, Vice-Pres. Heidi Arb, Sec/Treas. Jennifer Stukey

What is Hospitality? It is a monthly breakfast (coffee & donuts) on the 1st Sunday of the month and hosted by a couple of parish families after the 8:30am Mass. Please contact Terry Arb if you are interested in hosting. We will need volunteers starting in October

May Cleaners: Barnhardt / Litch  
Hospitality: Joe & Shirley Lichtenauer

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 13 – 8:30am</b>
Offertory	George & Janet French
Lector	Mary Lou Efinger
Eucharist	Terry Arb, Lisa Litch
Servers	Jackson Biggs, Rachel Stukey
Ushers	John Lichtenauer, Joe Arb
Rosary	Marie Drumm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 20 – 8:30am</b>
Offertory	Diane & Perry Chapman
Lector	Mary Lou Efinger
Eucharist	Danelle Foster, Lisa Litch
Servers	Jackson Biggs, Rachel Stukey
Ushers	John Lichtenauer, Joe Arb
Rosary	Marie Drumm

Planning has begun for.....

### Vacation Bible School

**July 8 – 12**

St. Francis Xavier, Burlington

### TOTUS TUUS

**July 22 – July 27**

St. Joseph, Waverly

Volunteers are needed for each event, please contact the office if you would like to help. Thank you!

## Faith Minute.....



What is the most important characteristic you want to instill in your children as well as help foster in others? Some may say honesty, while others trustworthiness or being a hard worker... but when it comes down to it..... what is the Lord calling us to impart and help others foster? It is compassion for others or love of neighbor.

How do we teach and foster compassion?

- Be an example in the home and workplace - comfort others that need support with kind, encouraging words, a small note or a hug.
- Describe your child as good at being a caring person when you say you are proud of what they can do – not just good at sports, academics, etc.
- Cultivate caring by complimenting empathetic acts. Point out immediately when you think your child has demonstrated an act of compassion.
- Compliment your co-workers or boss when you feel that their kindness has made the work environment better, more productive, fetc.
- Make being kind more important than any other skill. People are taught to compete to be the best athlete, student, musician, office worker, etc. and being kind almost always takes a back seat. Make kindness in your family top priority so that it can become a way of life and carry over in a job.
- Finally, set high expectations at home and in the work place that kindness and compassion for all matter most.

## Happy Birthday to Father Quentin!!



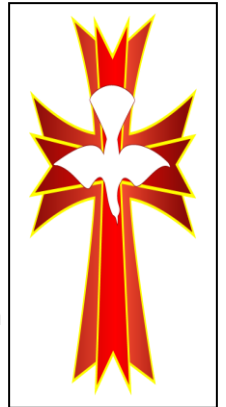
Prayers for a year ahead that is filled with all the graces needed most and complete with increased joy, peace and love.

### *May is the Month of Mary*

*Through Mary we grow closer to our savior, her son, Jesus. During the month, you are encouraged to pray the Hail Mary, one decade of the Rosary or an entire Rosary daily with your family. May this daily practice be filled with a new peace only Christ can bring and turn into a habit that keeps you connected to the Lord all the days of your life.*

### Looking ahead to Confirmation Fall Classes

Will you have a 7th grade or older student that will need to be signed up for the Confirmation classes that begin this fall? We ask that you contact the office so that we can add you to the information list and so that you can be prepared as classes begin at the end of summer. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you!



## St. Teresa of Avila Parish Announcements

Sunday	May 12 – 5pm
Servers	Austin Teter, John Henry Rolf, Alana Mader
Lector	Alice Nolan
Cantor	Evelyn Ervin
Offertory	Paul & Jean Falke
Eucharist and cup	Irene Tastove Mary Ann Morgan, Alton Luldoph
Ushers	Margie Highberger, Terry Schillig
Sunday	May 19 – 5pm
Servers	Avery Blaufuss, Lily Blaufuss, Emily Rolf
Lector	Mick Blaufuss
Cantor	Gessica Tastove
Offertory	Steve & Jean Frank
Eucharist and cup	Robert Tastove Dave Pracht, LaDonna True
Ushers	Paul Falke, Cara Bowen

Thank You to the parish for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion gifts and to the Altar Society for the cakes and reception. It was very thoughtful and much appreciated. Thanks from, Cayden, Graycn, Hope, and Kaelynne.

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

The 99<sup>th</sup> Westphalia Alumni will be May 12 from 8-11pm at Westphalia elementary school. Admission is \$10. Includes food and drinks. All ages are welcome!

May Cleaning Laundry: Louise Ohl  
Cleaning: Judy Highberger, Angie Gardner  
Michelle Ratliff, Rebecca Teter