

3rd Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Luke 3:1-6

Dec 16 to Dec 25, 2017

Mass Intentions + Memorial Mass SI - Special Intention Mass

- Sat Dec 16
 5:00pm ST SI For the people of all 4 parishes
 6:30pm SP James & Mary Ellen Hogan by Dorothy & Kenny Messick
- Sun Dec 17
 8:30am SJ + Art Casaert by John Lichtenauer
 10:30am SFX + Cheryl Rich by Dan & Susan Mueller
- Mon Dec 18 No Masses today.
- Tues Dec 19 No Masses today.
- Wed Dec 20
 8:30am ST Roger Rockers by Gerry & Diane O'Mally
 6:00pm SJ SI Myers family
- Thur Dec 21
 8:30am ST + Dorothy Dieker by Kenneth & Pamela Wasserman
- Fri Dec 22
 7:00am SFX + Gayle Kantack
- Sat Dec 23
 5:00pm ST + Ronnie Tastove by Bob & Sharon Olson
 6:30pm SP Sally Hermreck by Brenda Ludolph
- Sun Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent
 8:30am SJ SI for the people of all 4 parishes
 10:30am SFX Joyce & Paul Haight by Jeanne Mancuso
- Sun Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 5:00pm ST John Blaufuss by Donna & Doug Dieker
 6:30pm SP + for all deceased St. Patrick Altar Society members by the Altar Society
- Mon Dec 25 Christmas Day
 8:30am SJ SI for the people of all 4 parishes
 10:30am SFX SI for Father Quentin

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. Please 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.

A message from Father Quentin...

In the history of the prayer of the Church, December 17th has been an important moment in the Advent season. It is characterized by the praying of the “O antiphons” in evening prayer. You will recognize the “O antiphons” because they have been arranged into the song we know as *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. Each verse begins with Christ being given different biblical titles. I would invite you to look at these antiphons on each evening this week as we approach Christmas.

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

O Key of David, O royal power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.


O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

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 st Saturdays

Announcements for all 4 parishes

Christmas Mass Schedule for the 4 parishes:

Sunday - Dec 24	5:00pm	St. Teresa
Christmas Eve	7:00pm	St. Patrick
Monday - Dec 25	8:30am	St. Joseph
Christmas Day	10:30am	St. Francis

RCIA Instruction will begin again on Jan 4 at 7pm at St. Francis Xavier for anyone thinking of joining the church or continuing faith formation (for anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic faith). Please speak to Fr. Quentin if interested.

Mark your 2018 calendars now!! The new Everyday in Love Marriage Sessions will begin in January and what a privilege to have this opportunity right here in our 4 parishes! Sessions will be held from 1 – 4pm on the following dates:

- Smart Loving Jan 14 St. Francis
- Passionate Couple Jan 21 St. Teresa
- Talking with Purpose Jan 28 St. Patrick
- Living the Dream Feb 4 St. Joseph

To register go to: www.archkck.org/everyday

Archdiocesan Information

The Archdiocese now offers confidential and private domestic violence help. For more information go to archkck.org and search Domestic Violence or call 913-647-0301. If you, a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org or 911

Married? Or getting married? Check the website the Joyful Marriage Project (for strengthening marriages) created by Archbishop Naumann. Using the 4 level home-building analogy: Foundation, Structure, Storm-proofing and Open House, couples are invited to work on each level for ideas, prayers and reflections. To register for this free program go to: joyfulmarriageproject.com

Please pray for the following:

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

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Information

One Thing Remains for all Jr High and older will be held on Dec 30 beginning at 7pm at St. Patrick church in KCK. Fr. Scott Wallisch, Joe Heron & Mike Debus will present. For info: www.archkck.org/youthministry

TEC – Teens Encounter Christ Retreat 2018 dates for all High School to College (age 21) will be held Jan 13 – 15 and March 10 -12 at Prairie Star Ranch. This 3 day personal retreat is a wonderful way to start the new year with Christ! Full and partial scholarships for students from all 4 parishes are available through the office. Contact Angela or Father Quentin for more details. For retreat information or to register go to: www.archkck.org/ECATYOUTH

Camp Tekakwitha at Prairie Star Ranch will begin accepting registrations for the 2018 summer sessions beginning on Jan 30th for all youth 5th grade through Senior High. Full and partial scholarships for students from all 4 parishes are available through the office. Contact Angela or Father Quentin for more details. For more camp info go to: www.archkck.org/camp

Jason Evert is coming to Rural Youth and Parents! Mark your calendars for Feb 3 & 4 and watch for more information and early registration.

Jr. High Youth Rally will be held this year Feb. 25 from 9am – 4pm at Prairie Star Ranch for all 6 – 9th graders with presenter Emily Wilson. Watch the bulletin for more details coming soon.

Faith Minute.....

As you gather this Christmas with your family, whether it be at the table, around the tree, or by the manger scene, recall what gifts and graces you have been given this past year. Recall that your lives are made of days and nights and seasons and years, and we should each mark all our days in praise of God's graces and mercy.



Please pray for all those in need of the Lord's healing touch... Don Adams, Sue Baldwin, Rachel Belcher, Wallace Birk, Patt Bray, Lane Brooks, Courtney Cowan, Frank Danford, Marty Ferrell, Liz Fraas, Mary Fraas, Matt Fraas, Fr. Paul Frank, Paige Grasser, Jan Heins, Ronald Heinz, Gerald Hodges, Tony Jamar, Doyle Johnson, Kennedy Keehn, Molly Keehn, Marilyn & Roy Kuhlmann, Owen Looper, Cade Lenon, Al Lielshnieder, Garrett McCoy, Janice McDonald, Shawn Mead, Jamie Myers, Jim Nolan, Kay Salisbury, Brenda Schulte, Kinsley Spletcher, Jerry Whitworth, Ann Wiley, Danielle Wooten



*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

Philippians 4:4-5



St. Patrick Parish Announcements

Feast Day: March 17
The Apostle of Ireland

Thank you to everyone that came, helped and supported the youth for the Christmas Program.

Saturday	Dec 23 – 6:30pm
Lector	Ann Collins
Eucharist	Christine Dykes, Ann Collins
Offertory	Jim & Cindy Rubick
Saturday	Dec 24 – 7:00pm – Christmas Eve
Lector	Judy Broyles
Eucharist	Sue McCay, Jackie Klenda
Offertory	Kenny & Cookie Rausch
Saturday	Dec 31 – 6:30pm
Lector	Judy Broyles
Eucharist	Sue McCay, Jackie Klenda
Offertory	Kenny & Cookie Rausch



St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Feast Day: March 19
Patron saint of fathers

Mass Intentions are needed for the parish at this time.

Thank you to everyone that came, helped and supported the youth for the Christmas Program.

December cleaners: Irene Combes & Chianti Combes
December Hospitality: Russ & Jennifer Stukey
Pete & Jill Foltz

Sunday	Dec 24 – 8:30am – 4th Sun of Advent
Offertory	George & Janet French
Lector	Marie Drumm
Eucharist	Irene Combes, Michelle Lee
Servers	Andy Foltz, Jon Lee
Ushers	John Lichtenauer, Rex Arb
Rosary	Marie Drumm
Sunday	Dec 25 – 8:30am – Christmas Day
Offertory	Marilyn & Jamie Glissman
Lector	Marie Drumm
Eucharist	Irene Combes, Michelle Lee
Servers	Andy Foltz, Jon Lee
Ushers	John Lichtenauer, Rex Arb
Rosary	Marie Drumm
Sunday	Dec 31 – 8:30am
Offertory	Henry & Melissa Hall
Lector	Joe Lichtenauer
Eucharist	Terry Arb, Pete Foltz
Servers	Jackson Biggs, Damian Foster
Ushers	Rex Arb, Russ Stukey
Rosary	Theresa Biggs

Welcome to all Visitors!

If you are new to the area and would like to join one of our four parishes, or are visiting and would like or need Sacramental help or any other help during your stay, please notify the office or speak with Fr. Quentin directly. God bless you all!



St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

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

Thank you to everyone that donated a coat to the drive for those in need in our area. The recipients greatly appreciated the help.

Church	Dec - Janet Wahlimeier, Debbie Birk
Cleaners	Jan – Susan Mueller, Kara Reynolds

Sunday	Dec 24 – 10:30am – 4th Sun of Advent
Greeters	Danny & Debbie Birk
Offertory	Kim & Sharon Beyer
Lector	Ray Ryan
Eucharist and Cup	Denise Humlicek Diane Marshall, Nichole Louia
Sacristan	Michelle VanderLinden
Cross	Ashlyn Doebele
Servers	Hailee Goad, Sage Reynolds
Ushers	Tim Austin, Richard Mahoney
Hospitality	None – Merry Christmas!
Rosary	Altar Society
Sunday	Dec 25 – 10:30am – Christmas Day
Greeters	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Offertory	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Lector	Richard Mahoney
Eucharist and Cup	Kim Robrahn Michelle VanderLinden, Leslie Mahoney
Sacristan	Leslie Mahoney
Cross	Nikita Rogers
Servers	Taven Allen, Grace Birk
Ushers	Chris Jones, John Massoth
Hospitality	None – Merry Christmas!
Rosary	Christmas Choir Music
Sunday	Dec 31 – 10:30am
Greeters	Theresa Martin
Offertory	Kara Reynolds family
Lector	Donna Patterson
Eucharist and Cup	Kim Beyer Sharon Beyer, Donna Patterson
Sacristan	Leslie Mahoney
Cross	Eric Faimon
Servers	Trey Faimon, Cameron Clay
Ushers	Greg Stice, Derek Birk
Hospitality	None- Happy New Year!
Rosary	Philip Decker

Winter Weather Updates: During bad weather, we will notify you of our 4 parish Mass status by Flock Note and area News broadcasts. Please check your flock note messages and watch local television stations for cancellations. God's blessings to all for safe travels during this wintertime.



St. Teresa Catholic Church

404 Garrison Ave
Westphalia, KS 66093

Saturday Evening Mass 5pm
Fr. Quentin Schmitz

Advent Communal Penance Service

Dec 19 St. Teresa, Westphalia 7 pm

Mass Assignments for December 23rd

Servers: Ridge Pracht, Landon Schillig, Eli Ervin

Lector: Alice Nolan **Cantor:** Ruth Pracht

Offertory Gifts: Frank & Irene Tastove

Eucharist Ministers: Ron Ohl, LaDonna True, Alton Ludolph

Ushers: Paul Falke, Cara Bowen **Cookies:** No religion (Christmas break)

Hospitality: No religion (Christmas break)

Mass Assignments for December 24th (Christmas Eve Mass @ 5pm)

Servers: Guy Young, Austin Teter, Avery Blaufuss, Alana Mader

Lector: Jeff True **Cantor:** Evelyn Ervin

Offertory Gifts: Robert & Margie Tastove

Eucharist Ministers: Larry Dieker, Marilyn Brooks, Mary Ann Morgan

Ushers: Terry Schillig, Frank Tastove

A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart as Christmas time draws near. May hope fill each room you decorate and bring joy to those you hold dear. May peace be before you at every meal and faith ring through every song. For Christ is alive, the light of the world, may he bless you all season long.

Thank You!! The Westphalia Community Christmas Event was a huge success. Thank you to those who donated soups, goodies and their time. Another thanks to those who donated towards the new Christmas street decorations. And last but not least, to those who attended the event to make it as successful as it was. It was a wonderful night for many. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Reminder:

There is a church cleaning for the holiday on Monday, December 18th.

For the medical mission trip to Haiti, there will be a basket for donations for medical supplies at the entry of church. There will be a list of approved medical supplies and medication that are in need of taking.

There is also a raffle for a processed hog for the Haiti mission trip. 1 ticket=\$1; 6 tickets=\$5. The drawing will be December 21st. Contact Judy Highberger for tickets and any questions.

Judy: (620) 365-9190; (785) 489-2463

If you have any announcements that need to be put in for that weekend bulletin, please contact Elaine (Call, text, email (620) 363-0536; elainemarie91@gmail.com) or Crystal: (Call or text (620) 364-6673) by Wednesday of that week.