

A message from Father Quentin ...

We have now entered in to the season of Advent this weekend. The season is characterized by expectant waiting in hope. We begin with a similar theme that we ended the year with. The realization that we are in the time between when Christ has ascended into heaven and when Christ will come the final time in all His glory at the end of time.

I believe that in our day and age waiting is extremely difficult. If we have a question or are wondering about something, we can ask a device we hold in our hand and get an immediate answer or multiple answers and explanations. If we are hungry, we have a microwave that can instantly heat up food. If we need something we just go to a store or go online and order it and in short order, we have received it. These are just a few examples.

The beauty of the Advent wreath is in the use of candles. Yes, a candle gives light instantly when it has been lighted, but there is something about candles that makes time slow down. I encourage you to take some time before an advent wreath this season to pray and wait in expectation for the celebration of Christmas. Let us not skip the season of Advent and go straight to Christmas. Instead let us learn from and experience in its fullness this season of expectant waiting in hope.



1st Sunday of Advent

**Mass Intentions
+ Memorial SI – Special Intention**

<u>Sat</u>	<u>Dec 1</u>	
	5:00pm SP	For the people of all 4 parishes
<u>Sun</u>	<u>Dec 2</u>	1st Sunday of Advent
	8:00am SJ	For the people of all 4 parishes
	9:30am ST	All deceased members of the Frank & Anna Stahl family by the family
	11:00am SFX	+ Bill Truelove by Fran Truelove
<u>Mon</u>	<u>Dec 3</u>	No Masses today.
<u>Tues</u>	<u>Dec 4</u>	
	12:05pm SFX	Sally Hess by the Knights of Columbus
<u>Wed</u>	<u>Dec 5</u>	
	8:30am ST	+ Ronnie Tastove by Ron & Louise Ohl
	6:00pm SJ	SI of Tim & Katherine Austin
<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Dec 6</u>	
	8:30am ST	+ Mike Davis
<u>Fri</u>	<u>Dec 7</u>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	7:00pm ST	
<u>Sat</u>	<u>Dec 8</u>	
	8:30am SJ	For the people of all 4 parishes
	10:00am SFX	Fr. Ken Kelly by Knights of Columbus
<u>Sat</u>	<u>Dec 8</u>	2nd Weekend of Advent
	5:00pm SP	+ Mary Fitzpatrick by Mike & Ryan Fitzpatrick
<u>Sun</u>	<u>Dec 9</u>	
	8:00am SJ	+ Ralf Furgeson by John Massoth
	9:30am ST	All deceased members of the Frank & Anna Stahl family by the family
	11:00am SFX	For the people of all 4 parishes

God bless all those in need of the Lord's healing touch.....

Judy Abendroth
Paul & Sandra Austin, Sue Baldwin, Andrew Barr, Betty Bodenhamer, Penny Buffo, Dustin Calhoun, Amy Chapman, Sara Chapman, Mary Ann Collins, Rita Crouch, Pat Dennison, Gary Fevurly, Mary Fraas, Poseta Galvez, Paige Grosser, Karen Hansen, Ronald & Lorraine Heinz, Linda Hopkins, Mark Hopkins, Gary Jackson, Doyle Johnson, Kennedy Keehn, Jim Mast, Ethel Matthews, Jonie McClure, Debbie McNabb, Pat Miller, Mirabelle Menard, Deb Neil, Shirley Nolan, Robert Norman, Helen Pauly, Jane Rehm, Dennis Rice, Lois Shepherd, Kenny Singleton, Caroline Spatz, Kinsley Splechter, Brianna Thomas, James Thomas, Kayla Trumbly, Elaine Weston, Gladys Young



Please pray for the following:

- + For our Holy Father, Pope Francis; Archbishop Naumann; Fr. Quentin and all religious that serve us.
- + For Deacon Nicholas Ashmore, Deacon Dan Weger, Brother Brent Stull, Joe & Isaac Wahlmeier & all young people discerning their called vocation.
- + For Noah Foster, Kyle Mares, Stephen Szalsky, Greg Smith, Dominic Wahlmeier & all military family members.
- + For the end of abortion and for peace in our world.
- + For all our faithful departed, those that will die this day and for all the souls in purgatory.

Mark your calendars to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 7 - 7:00pm St. Teresa
Dec. 8 - 8:30am St. Joseph
 10:00am St. Francis Xavier

This is a Holy Day of obligation.

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 need help or anything during your stay, please notify the office or contact Fr. Quentin directly.
God bless you all!

“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Luke 3:1-6

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 – 7:55am SJ Sundays
5:30 – 5:55pm SJ Wednesdays
7:30 – 8:00am SFX Fridays
7:00 – 7:55am SFX 1stSaturdays
3:30 – 4:00pm ST Saturdays
4:30 – 4:55pm SP Saturdays



St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Mark your calendars: St. Joseph Christmas Program will be held at 4:30pm on Dec. 8 at St. Patrick. Dinner will follow the 5pm Mass. We hope you can join us in supporting our youth and joining in community fellowship!

Needed: January Hospitality volunteers – please contact Terry Arb for more information. Thank you

Dec Church Cleaners: Irene Combes, Chianti Combes

Dec Hospitality: Joe & Shirley Lichtenauer

Ministers	Sunday – Dec 9 – 8:00am
Offertory	Mark & Janella Newton
Lector	Jennifer Stukey
Eucharist	Kevin Thimmesch, Joe Lichtenauer
Servers	Rachael Stukey, Andy Foltz
Ushers	Joe Arb, Kevin Thimmesch
Rosary	Catherine Williams
Ministers	Sunday – Dec 16 – 8:00am
Offertory	Kevin & Denise Thimmesch
Lector	Jennifer Stukey
Eucharist	Kevin Thimmesch, Joe Lichtenauer
Servers	Rachael Stukey, Colton Stice
Ushers	Joe Arb, Kevin Thimmesch
Rosary	Catherine Williams

St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

Coat Drive Donations of any new, clean, good condition coat with working front zipper will be accepted until Dec 9

The Winter White Tree items can be returned unwrapped by Dec 9 and will be given to Catholic Charities.

Christmas Adopt-A-Family: All gifts need to be wrapped, with tags attached, and returned to the church by Sunday, Dec. 9, for delivery to ECKAN. Contact the main office or Catherine Faimon for more information or help.

Dec Church Cleaners: Wanda Weldin, Debbie Birk

Ministers	Sunday – Dec 9 – 11:00am
Greeters	Richard & Leslie Mahoney
Offertory	Jeff & Beth Sloyer
Lector	Tim Austin
Eucharist and Cup	Patty Beyer Philip Beyer, Gwen Birk
Sacristan	Micki Foster
Cross	Ashlynn Doebele
Servers	Kamron Clay, Caleb Robrahn
Ushers	Travis Skillman, Dan Mueller
Hospitality	Michelle Baldwin, Tim & Katherine Austin
Rosary	Duane Smith
Ministers	Sunday – Dec 16 – 11:00am
Greeters	Paul & Robbi Herrman
Offertory	Philip & Patty Beyer
Lector	Ray Ryan
Eucharist and Cup	Nichole Louia Denise Humlicek, Diane Marshall
Sacristan	Micki Foster
Cross	Sage Reynolds
Servers	Brody Reynolds, Neveah Myers
Ushers	Chris Jones & John Massoth
Hospitality	Fran Truelove & Donna & Pat Patterson
Rosary	Ray Ryan

St. Patrick Parish Announcements

Dec Church Cleaners: Joan Gagnon & Ann Collins

Ministers	Saturday – Dec 8 - 5:00pm
Lector	Ann Collins
Eucharist	Mike Engelken & Cookie Rausch
Offertory	Judy Broyles & family
Ministers	Saturday – Dec 15 - 5:00pm
Lector	Judy Broyles
Eucharist	Alice Lickteig, Cara Engelken
Offertory	Jake & Alice Lickteig

Advent Communal Confessions

Sunday – Dec 9 - 12:15pm
St. Francis Xavier, Burlington

Tuesday – Dec 11 - 7:00pm
St. Patrick, Scranton

Faith Minute.....



Can you keep a promise?

Keeping a promise is one lesson that every parent teaches their children. Why is this? When we keep a promise, we express our human dignity.

On our wedding day, we married couples make "fulfilling our promises" to our spouse the main mission of our life. Keeping our promises or vows is how we married couples image Christ's love for the Church and it radiates in our family.

Don't let the chaos of the secular craziness distract you from your mission!

This Advent remind your spouse he or she is the most important person in your life! How? Maybe through one of the following:

- Extra verbal affirmation
- Over-the-top service
- Generous physical affection
- Simple "date night in" after the kids are in bed • Thoughtful but inexpensive gift

One of the best things we can do on an ongoing basis to keep our family secure is to fortify our marriages and family relationships. Marriage is a vocation, a life's work and must be taken seriously! We owe it to our spouses, our families, ourselves and ultimately God to invest time in making our marriage and family great. For more ideas, you can go to: www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

The Garnett Assembly of Fourth Degree Knights Italian Dinner and Christmas party

has been postponed until December 9. The times and location outlined in the letter are still the same. Call George Miller (785-448-0185) or Jerry Clay (913-837-6720) to RSVP – Thanks

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

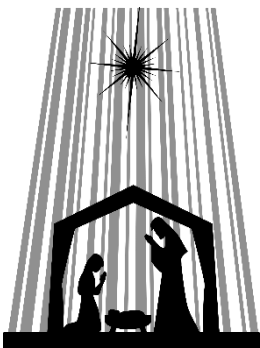
would like to say 'Thank You' for your help to your neighbors in need this year. Listed is the 2018 totals in which approximately every 60 seconds Catholic Charities provides help and opportunity to families across our 21 county service area:

- **12,810** : times the Mobile Resource Bus provided food, shelter, utility aid, case management & financial classes
 - **16,100** : meals served through the Kids Summer Food Program
 - **1,600** : volunteers helping each month
- Finally, know your Christmas donation will help the less fortunate in 2019 – Thank you!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

will be offered at St. Francis Xavier, Burlington starting January 23 at 6:30 pm. This 9 week course will be led by Stan and Janet Wahlmeier and is open to everyone in the community. Cost will be around \$100 for materials. You can pre-register at: <https://fpu.com/1076234> and for more information please contact the office, or you can also contact Stan or Janet directly at 620-203-1775 or at wahljs@terraworld.net

Sister Andrea would like to say **THANK YOU** to all that made such generous donations to the Mission Appeal. Donors such as yourself have helped keep the missions going for the past 40 years. God bless you!



Looking ahead, please mark your calendars with the Christmas Mass Schedule.

Christmas Eve Masses:	5:00pm	St. Francis Xavier
	7:00pm	St. Patrick
Christmas Day Masses:	8:30am	St. Teresa
	10:30am	St. Joseph

Archdiocesan Announcements

Special Needs Ministry BREATHE Respite Care Program Saturday, Dec 15 from 4 – 8pm at Holy Cross Catholic School, 8101 West 95th Street, Overland Park, KS. BREATHE Respite Care provides the gift of time away from caregiving for families who have a loved one with a disability age 5 and older. Please contact Tom Racunas, Archdiocese Lead Consultant of the Special Needs Ministry, at 913.647.3054 if you have questions or want more information. To register a loved one go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds and complete the form.

2019 IGNITE Youth Rally in Topeka, January 22 at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. The event begins at 9am with keynote, David Scotten from “I Lived on Parker Avenue”. His story is one of adoption, forgiveness and hope. Mass will be held at 11:15am concelebrated by Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Brungardt and then the March to KS Capital Steps and Kansans for Life Rally following Mass. Wichita Adore Ministries will be providing worship music. Call the Pro-Life Office at 913-647-3059 with questions or register at: www.archkck.org/ignite

Mark Your Calendars now for a Marriage Get-A-Way!! The next World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held March 1-3, 2019 in Kansas City. As a married couple, you deserve the best and your children need to see you are reaching for it. Two parents very much in love and close to Jesus is truly the greatest gift you can give your children and each other! For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

NOTIFICATION: The Archdiocese remains committed to investigating any allegation of abuse of a minor made against any member of the clergy or any church employee or volunteer — no matter the age of the incident or the current age of the victim. Individuals are encouraged to call the confidential report line at (913) 647-3051 (or visit archkck.org/reportabuse) to make a report to Jan Saylor, archdiocesan report investigator, and to call law enforcement directly. If a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, call 911.

St. Teresa Parish Announcements

December: Laundry: Irene Tastove
Cleaning: Donna Mader, Erin Splechter, Mika Mader, Holly Ellington

Thank YOU to everyone that helped make the 40 Hours of Adoration such a wonderful event. God bless you all!

Altar Society News: Monday, Dec 3rd will be the Christmas Altar Society Party / Meeting at 6pm in church basement. Food and refreshments are provided and all ladies are welcome to attend.

Christmas Play Rehearsal: Dec 2 and Dec 9 there will be dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play. If your child cannot attend these dates, please let Margie Tastove know.

Westphalia Community Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018. The parade will start at 4:00 P.M. Line up will begin at 3:00 pm. Please contact Sarah Mader for more information. 620-228-3429. The Soup Supper will follow in the Church basement. Santa Claus will be here to visit with you! Lion's Club will be having a raffle with several prizes. Everyone is invited to join in an evening full of fun and Christmas Spirit!

Toy Drive and Food Drive will be held in conjunction with the Community Christmas. Items will be disturbed within our community. Drop Boxes are located at Patriots Bank and at St. Teresa Church.

The Christ the Child Gifts will be on December 9th. Please have all baby gifts in the back of church.

The Children Christmas is December 16 and the knights of Columbus will serve their Christmas breakfast after the play in the basement. All are welcome to attend!

Bad Weather Call List: Any families that need to be added to the call list for bad weather, please contact Sarah Mader.

Sunday	Sunday – Dec. 9 – 9:30am	Sunday – Dec. 16 – 9:30am
Servers	Cassie Bowen, Eli Ervin, Ella Ervin	Emily Rolf, Lily Blaufuss, Preston Blaufuss
Lector	Jeff True	Paul Falke
Cantor	Evelyn Ervin	Gessica Tastove
Offertory	Ken & Tammra Schillig	Terry Schillig
Eucharist and cup	Robert Tastove Margie Tastove, LaDonna True	Larry Dieker Ron Ohl, Mary Ann Morgan
Ushers	Margie Highberger, Crystal Moore	Mick Blaufuss, Frank Tastove