

A message from Father Quentin ...

We are now celebrating the third Sunday of Advent and have one more remaining Sunday in Advent and two more weeks of Advent preparation. The anticipation of Christmas begins to set in for us.

The third Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudate Sunday, which comes from the first word of the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudate being the Latin word for rejoice.

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

- Phil. 4:4-5

In eager anticipation of the feast of Christmas we are given an opportunity to let out a cry of jubilation. With this Sunday of rejoicing it can be hard not to want to skip right over the rest of the season of Advent to Christmas, but as stated in James, we are encouraged to wait in expectation.

"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord."

- James 5:7



3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions
+ Memorial SI – Special Intention

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!

<u>Sat</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>	3rd Weekend of Advent
5:00pm	SP	+ Rita Wilpur by Karen Nichols
<u>Sun</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	
8:00am	SJ	SI of AnMarie
9:30am	ST	For the people of all 4 parishes
11:00am	SFX	SI of Ashley Mullins family by Tim & Katherine Austin
<u>Mon</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	No Masses today
<u>Tues</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	
12:05 pm	SFX	+ Joyce & Paul Haight by Patsy Kiefer & family
<u>Wed</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	
8:30am	ST	SI for Father Nick Blaha
6:00pm	SJ	+ Ralf Furgeson by John Massoth
<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	
8:30am	ST	For all deceased members of the Frank & Anna Stahl family by the family
<u>Fri</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	
7:00am	SFX	+ Frank Danford by Fran Truelove
<u>Sat</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	4th Weekend of Advent
5:00pm	SP	+ Debbie Doty by Mary & Alfred Roecker
<u>Sun</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	
8:00am	SJ	For the people of all 4 parishes
9:30am	ST	SI for Father Nathan Haverland
11:00am	SFX	+ Bill Truelove by Fran Truelove
<u>Mon</u>	<u>Dec 24</u>	Christmas Eve 5:00pm – St. Francis 7:00pm – St. Patrick
<u>Tues</u>	<u>Dec 25</u>	Christmas Day 8:30am – St. Teresa 10:30am – St. Joseph

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, Jill Devena, Gary Fevurly, Mary Fraas, Poseta Galvez, Paige Grosser, Karen Hansen, Ronald & Lorraine Heinz, Linda Hopkins, Mark Hopkins, Gary Jackson, Doyle Johnson, Carter Keehn, 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 Sazalsky, 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.

Mass intentions are needed for all scheduled Masses at St. Teresa. Please contact the office if you would like to have a Mass said. Thanks.

Area Communal Reconciliation Services:

St. Boniface, Scipio	Dec 16	5:00 pm
St. Teresa of Avila	Dec 19	7:30 pm
Sacred Heart, Emporia	Dec 20	7:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Thank You to everyone that helped make the Christmas Program and Party for our CCD families and parishes such a wonderful event! We couldn't continue to have such great programs without your support. Thank you!

Dec Church Cleaners: Irene Combes, Chianti Combes

Dec Hospitality: Joe & Shirley Lichtenauer

Jan Hospitality: Doug Henry

Ministers	Sunday – Dec 23 – 8:00am
Offertory	Marcus & Kelly Stice
Lector	Kelly Stice
Eucharist	Terry Arb & Danelle Foster
Servers	Jackson Biggs & Rylan Rasmussen
Ushers	Russ Stuke & John Lichtenauer
Rosary	Heidi Arb
Ministers	Tuesday – Dec 25- 10:30am
Offertory	
Lector	
Eucharist	
Servers	
Ushers	
Rosary	

St. Patrick Parish Announcements

Dec Church Cleaners: Joan Gagnon & Ann Collins

Ministers	Saturday – Dec 22 - 5:00pm
Lector	Dusty Rubick
Eucharist	Christine Dykes & Ann Collins
Offertory	Jim & Cindy Rubick
Ministers	Monday – Dec 24 – 7pm
Lector	Chris Ulupano
Eucharist	Bonnie Stark & Cara Engelken
Offertory	Kenny & Cookie Rausch

Youth Announcements for all parishes:

No CCD Classes will be held from
Dec. 19 to Jan. 2

Mark your calendars for these Dates:
Feb 1 – Deadline for Steubenville in July
Apr 1 – Deadline for NCYC in November

St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

New Altar Server & Refresher Training will be held at the beginning of the year for students in 4th grade or above. Current altar servers are also encouraged to attend training. Contact Jessica Beyer, DRE, at 620-490-1217 or at jmariebeyer@gmail.com by December 30th to enroll.

Thank You to everyone that supported the coat drive and the winter white and Adopt-A-Family trees this year. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of those in need this Christmas season. God bless you all!

Dec Church Cleaners: Wanda Weldin, Debbie Birk

Ministers	Sunday – Dec 23 – 11:00am
Greeters	Cynthia & Yasmin Rogers
Offertory	Tim & Katherine Austin
Lector	Theresa Martin
Eucharist and Cup	Leslie Mahoney Kim Robrahn & John Beyer
Sacristan	Andrea Jones
Cross	Trevin Myers
Servers	Trey Faimon & Matthew Dekat
Ushers	Tim Austin & Richard Mahoney
Hospitality	None Merry Christmas
Rosary	Leslie Mahoney
Ministers	Monday – Dec 24 – 5pm
Greeters	None – Merry Christmas
Offertory	Richard & Leslie Mahoney
Lector	Richard Mahoney
Eucharist and Cup	Ray Ryan Kim Beyer, Sharon Beyer
Sacristan	Andrea Jones
Cross	Taven Allen & Incense - Ella Herrman
Servers	Nevaeh Myers & Yasmin Rogers
Ushers	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Hospitality	None – Merry Christmas
Rosary	None – Choir Music

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rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.*

- Philippians 4:4-5

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	1 st Saturdays
3:30 – 4:00pm	ST	Saturdays
4:30 – 4:55pm	SP	Saturdays

Faith Minute.....

It's all about joy!



This week of Advent is all about JOY! Not a sugar-coated "holiday feeling," but a deep trust and peace that comes from God and often "surpasses all understanding."

When asked how to get this joy, John the Baptist told people to live their current situation well. What does that mean? It means to focus your efforts on the vocation God has called you to. And we each have a special vocation or calling the Lord has created us to do.

Consider these options to increase your joy and the joy in your family:

- Pray that God would help you see your spouse and children as God sees each of them.
- Affirm your spouse's or child's strength or beauty.
- Tell him or her why they are a great dad, mom, son, daughter, sister, brother, etc.

As we lean into our vocation, and help others more clearly see theirs, joy is released.

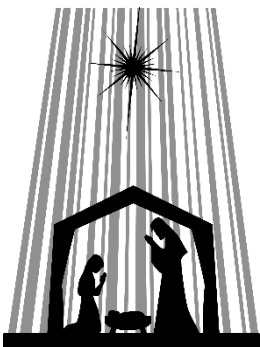
Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be held Jan. 23 at 6:30pm at St. Francis Xavier hall. This 9-week course is open to everyone in the community. Cost is around \$100 for materials. For more info please call the office, or you can also contact Stan or Janet Wahlmeier at 620-203-1775

All adult parishioners are invited to join Rural YM Outreach for lunch and discussion with Roy Petitfils. Roy will be speaking at Sacred Heart, Emporia, Saturday, **Jan. 12 from 10am to 2pm.** Roy is an internationally recognized expert in dealing with & understanding teens. Anyone that knows and loves our teenagers is welcome to attend – parents, grandparents, catechists, youth leaders and priests. Rural parishes will earn grant money for their parish youth programs based on attendance. Please check out www.roypetitfils.com or for more info. Go to www.archkck.org/rural-outreach

Surge of the Heart 3 Day Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti will be held Jan 13-15 from 7 - 8:15pm at St. Joseph in Olpe. Jon is a national speaker that travels the country helping Catholics understand the story of Jesus Christ and his Church. He will help us see how we can live an authentic relationship with Jesus in the messiness of everyday life.

Teens Encounter Christ Retreat will be held Jan 19 -21 at Savior Pastoral Center and is for all students 16-21yrs of age. TEC is a retreat hosted by the Archdiocese that guides attendees in applying the Paschal mystery to their lives. Register at www.sunflowertec.org Cost is \$90, parish scholarships available.

F.I.R.E. Men's Retreat at Prairie Star Ranch will be held Feb 9-10, This F.I.R.E. retreat is a very unique Catholic men's retreat that combines a love for outdoor activities like camping, hiking, hunting and fishing with powerful and exciting encounters with the Sacraments. Attendees will have fellowship, inspiration and renewal and hopefully leave ready to Engage in their faith like never before Register now at: www.fire-ministries.org or for more information call 816-590-1744.



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

More Archdiocesan Announcements

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

The next “Living in Love” retreat for married couples will be held February 16-17 at Holy Spirit Parish, Overland Park. Take a weekend to see what has made a difference for 700 other married couples of our Archdiocese!! Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for more information. Come share a wonderful new year opportunity with your Valentine!

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.wme4youandme.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 is extended to Margie Tastove and Jean Wood for serving as officers this past year for the Altar Society. Mary Ann Morgan and Rachel Rockers are the newly elected officers joining Donna Mader and Monica Rolf for 2019.

Best Choice Labels, Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels are needed. Please have them turned in before the end of this month. There is a container you may leave them in at the entry of church.

Come join us for tying blankets for the Haiti Mission Trip next Monday, Dec. 17 at 1pm in the church basement.

The Haiti Medical Mission Team will be leaving Jan. 14 for the annual trip to the House of Bread in Montrouis, Haiti. There will be a basket in the vestibule with a list of medical supplies still needed. Items will be collected until Jan. 3rd A second collection will be taken Dec. 23rd for those who want to donate. This is a very worthy cause and we are grateful for all prayers and donations. God's blessings to our parish family and prayers for a successful and safe trip to Haiti.

December 19 at 4:00pm there will be a parish church cleaning for Christmas. All help is appreciated.

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

Reminders: There will be a Communal Reconciliation at the church on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:30pm.
There will be no religious education classes during Christmas Break, December 23rd and December 30th

Sunday	Sunday – Dec. 23 – 9:30am	Tuesday – Dec. 25 – 8:30am
Servers	Gunner Ellington, Alana Mader, Ella Ervin	Guy Young, John Henry Rolf, Huck Young
Lector	Alice Nolan	Jeff True
Cantor	Evelyn Ervin	Gessica Tastove
Offertory	Mike & Erin Spletcher	Robert & Margie Tastove
Eucharist and cup	Margie Tastove Robert Tastove, Alton Ludolph	Irene Tastove Dave Pracht, Marilyn Brooks
Ushers	Terry Schillig, Crystal Moore	Frank Tastove, Sarah Mader