

A message from Father Quentin ...

**"Thus says the LORD:
You, Bethlehem - Ephrathah,
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times."**

- Micah 5:1

Let us not be surprised when the Lord comes to us from among the ones who seem insignificant. The Lord will be present and at work among those who allow Him room to work.

May we learn to be open and humble so that the Lord can be present among us and may we look for the presence of Jesus among the lowly.

God bless us all.



4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions
+ Memorial SI – Special Intention

<u>Sat Dec 22</u>	4th Weekend of Advent
5:00pm SP	+ Debbie Doty by Mary & Alfred Roecker
<u>Sun 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 Dec 24</u>	Christmas Eve
5:00pm SFX	+ Jim Kiefer by Patsy & family
7:00pm SP	For the people of all 4 parishes
<u>Tues Dec 25</u>	Christmas Day
8:30am ST	+ Mike & Mareeta Setter by Gary & Wilma Setter
10:30am SJ	SI Bernice Smith by Liz Smith
<u>Wed Dec 26</u>	No Masses today.
<u>Thurs Dec 27</u>	No Masses today.
<u>Fri Dec 28</u>	
7:00am SFX	+ Mary Jean Heintz by Jim & Mary Knapp
<u>Sat Dec 29</u>	
5:00pm SP	For all deceased members of the Altar Society
<u>Sun Dec 30</u>	
8:00am SJ	+ Janet Lichtenauer by John Lichtenauer
9:30am ST	All deceased members of the Frank & Anna Stahl family by the Stahl family
11:00am SFX	For the people of all 4 parishes

Holy Day Masses for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Dec 31	6:00pm	St. Patrick
Jan 1	8:30am	St. Teresa
	10:30am	St. Francis Xavier

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!

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, Delbert Riebe, 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.



**Youth Announcements
for all parishes:**

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

Mark your calendars for these
2019 Deadlines for all 9–12 grades

Feb 1 – Steubenville, Springfield MO
July 19 – 21

Apr 1 – NCYC, Indianapolis, IN
November 20-24

Contact your parish youth minister or
Angela in the office for details.

St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Thank You to all those that volunteered for Minister positions for the Christmas Day Mass. God bless you!

Needed: Hospitality families for the 2019 calendar year. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church.

Jan Church Cleaners: Karen Milliken, Janella Newton
January Hospitality: Doug Henry

Ministers	Tuesday – Dec 25 – 10:30am
Offertory	Thimmesch family
Lector	Jennifer Stukey
Eucharist	Danelle Foster, Kevin Thimmesch
Servers	Rachel & Kent Stukey
Ushers	Russ Stukey, Kevin Thimmesch
Rosary	None
Ministers	Sunday – Dec 30 - 8:00am
Offertory	Russ & Jennifer Stukey
Lector	Kelly Stice
Eucharist	Terry Arb, Danelle Foster
Servers	Dustin Foster, Damian Foster
Ushers	Russ Stukey, John Lichtenauer
Rosary	Heidi Arb

St. Patrick Parish Announcements

January Church Cleaners: Bonnie Stark & Joan Gagnon

Ministers	Monday – Dec 24 – 7:00pm
Lector	Chris Ulupano
Eucharist	Bonnie Stark & Cara Engelken
Offertory	Kenny & Cookie Rausch
Ministers	Saturday – Dec 29 – 5:00pm
Lector	Dean Stark
Eucharist	Cookie Rausch & Alice Lickteig
Offertory	Mike & Cara Engelken & family

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.

Jan Church Cleaners: Susan Mueller & Kara Reynolds

Ministers	Monday – Dec 24 – 5:00pm
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
Ministers	Sunday – Dec. 30 – 11:00am
Greeters	Dan & Susan Mueller
Offertory	Kim & Sharon Beyer
Lector	Kim Robrahn
Eucharist and Cup	Patty Beyer Philip Beyer, Gwen Birk
Sacristan	Leslie Mahoney
Cross	Keegan Kuhlmann
Servers	Sage Kuhlmann, Caleb Robrahn
Ushers	Greg Stice, Derek Birk
Hospitality	None – Happy New Year
Rosary	Philip Decker

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

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.*

Isaiah 7:14

Faith Minute.....



Christmas time is filled with symbols: trees, holly, and of course, the Nativity. But did you know that if you're married, YOU are a sign too?

In the Christmas Eve liturgy, the prophet Isaiah tells us, "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you."

At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God does not love us from a distance. He became a baby boy so that he would share all our joys and sorrows—all our sufferings except sin.

As spouses, we proclaim this reality to each other and our families every time we share:

- Joy of our spouse's accomplishments
- Grief of a loss with our spouse
- The weight of an important decision

By entering deeply into our spouse's reality, we shine brightly like the Star of Bethlehem, guiding people to the love of God.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace

University will begin 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. Prior to attending, pre-register & order materials at: <https://fpu.com/1076234> - For more info, call the office, or Stan or Janet Wahlmeier at 620-203-1775 – Come learn how to make your money work for you!

All adult parishioners are invited to join Rural YM Outreach for lunch and discussion with international speaker Roy Petitfils at Sacred Heart, Emporia, Saturday, **Jan. 12 from 10am to 2pm**. Roy will speak on understanding teens. Parents, grandparents, catechists, youth leaders, priests and coaches are all invited to attend. Grant money for your parish will be allocated based on attendance. For more information 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 is 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.

Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held Jan 24 at St. Francis Xavier parish hall from 11am – 5pm. This is being coordinated by youth member Paige Sloyer. To donate, contact Paige directly or the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS Thank you for supporting the gift of life!

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. Register at: www.fire-ministries.org or for more information call 816-590-1744.

Prayer for Christmas.....

*Remember us, O God;
From age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
the blessings of the year.
Bless us, your children, at this Christmas
time and fill our hearts and the months
ahead with the bright hope that is ours
in the coming of your son, Jesus Christ
our Lord and Savior, You are our God,
living and reigning, forever and ever.
Amen.*



Holy Day Masses to celebrate Mary, Holy Mother of God

Dec 31 6:00pm St. Patrick
Jan 1 8:30am St. Teresa
10:30am St. Francis



God's blessing for a very Merry Christmas!

St. Teresa Parish Announcements

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

The Westphalia Community Christmas Event held on Dec. 8th was another huge success. Thank you to those who had a parade entry, donated soups, goodies, time or monetary donations. We were blessed with street light donations this year which we appreciate. Also, thanks to all those who attended the event to make it a success. Merry Christmas To All!

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.

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 no religious education classes during Christmas Break, December 23rd and December 30th

	Tuesday – Dec. 25 – 8:30am	Sunday – Dec. 30 – 9:00am
Servers	Guy Young, John Henry Rolf, Huck Young	Avery Blaufuss, Jaden Teter, Raelyne Morrison
Lector	Jeff True	Bill Pracht
Cantor	Gessica Tastove	Evelyn Ervin
Offertory	Robert & Margie Tastove	Frank & Irene Tastove
Eucharist and cup	Irene Tastove Dave Pracht, Marilyn Brooks	Dave Pracht Mary Ann Morgan, Alton Ludolph
Ushers	Frank Tastove, Sarah Mader	Margie Highberger, Mick Blaufuss



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/report abuse](http://archkck.org/report%20abuse)) 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.