

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p><b>Monday 12/17 Late Advent Weekday</b></p> <p>7:00 am Adoration</p> <p><b>8:00 am Mass Int:</b> Deceased Members of the Lauer Family</p> <p>9:15 am Soulcore</p>	<p><b>Saturday 12/22 Late Advent Weekday</b></p> <p>4:30pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5:30pm Mass Int:</b> † Alice Mertens  <i>EMHC: Vickie Berntsen, Jody Gorges, Lyle Berntsen</i>  <i>Lector: Nicole Pracht, Trish Suddock</i>  <i>Rosary: Norman Pelz</i>  <i>Servers: John Gorges, James Gorges, Aaron Gorges</i>  <i>Ushers: Ella Berntsen, Billy Gorges, Justin Pelz, Vickie Berntsen</i>  <i>Gift Bearers: Norma Jean Vap Family</i></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 12/18 Late Advent Weekday</b></p> <p>12:00 am Adoration</p> <p><b>8:00 am Mass Int:</b> † Nicole Church</p>	<p><b>Sunday 12/23 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>8:00am Mass Int:</b> † Vic &amp; Barbara Becker  <i>EMHC: Linda Rausch, Agnes Metzen, Jim Armour</i>  <i>Lector: JP Brunke, Catie Neises</i>  <i>Rosary: Rick Sternecker</i>  <i>Servers: Abram Alvarez, Julian Alvarez, Vincent Alvarez</i>  <i>Ushers: Ron Neises, Jim Youngers, Kaden Bradshaw, Brad Seiter</i>  <i>Gift Bearers: Edward Lange Family</i></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 12/19 Late Advent Weekday</b></p> <p><b>8:00 am Mass Int:</b> † Jim Pauly</p> <p>9:15 am Soulcore</p> <p>6:00 pm <b>NO</b> Walking With Purpose</p> <p>7:00 pm <b>NO</b> 6th-12th Grade RE</p> <p>7:00 pm Parish Penance Service</p>	<p>9:15am <b>NO</b> K-5th Grade RE / RCIA / Adult ED</p> <p><b>10:30am Mass Int:</b> People of the Parish  <i>EMHC: Brian Schroeder, Art Gentry, Marilyn Garretson</i>  <i>Lector: Rennae Schroeder, Marc Wilson</i>  <i>Rosary: Kelsey Perez</i>  <i>Servers: Aidan Schroeder, Aaron Schroeder, Cole Schulte</i>  <i>Ushers: Dustin Goetz, Daniel Becker, Dale Zogleman, Donnie Leis Jr</i>  <i>Gift Bearers: Neil Youngers Family</i></p>	
<p><b>Thursday 12/20 Late Advent Weekday</b></p> <p><b>8:00 am Mass Int:</b> Kelly &amp; Sue FitzGerald</p> <p>2:00 pm Homeschool Group</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>NO</b> Marian Movement of Priests</p>	
<p><b>Friday 12/21 Late Advent Weekday</b></p> <p><b>8:00 am Mass Int:</b> Dan Thimesch</p> <p>9:15 am Soulcore</p>		

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

12/24-12/28 Parish Office Closed	12/26 7:00 pm NO 6-12th Grade RE	
12/24-12/28 NO Soulcore	12/27 5:30 pm St. John the Evangelist Feast Day Mass	
12/24 5:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass	12/27 6:30 pm Parish Dinner	
12/25 12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass	12/30 9:15am NO K-5th Grade RE / RCIA / Adult Ed	
12/25 10:30 am Christmas Mass	12/30 6:00 pm CYM Eve of the Eve Dance	
12/26 6:00 pm NO Walking With Purpose		

### DECEMBER 16: ST. ADELAIDE OF BURGANDY



Adelaide was born a princess to the King and Queen of Upper Burgundy in France. When she was 2 her father promised that Adelaide would marry the Prince of Italy when she grew up; this promise brought peace between the two countries. As promised, when Adelaide turned 16 years old she married the Prince who had become the King of Italy. Sadly, the King died after only 3 years of marriage. King Berengar took his place and was not kind to Adelaide. He wanted her to marry his son, but she refused because she believed that King Berengar had poisoned her husband so that he could become King. Since she would not marry his son, he had her thrown into prison. She was rescued by Otto the Great and they were married and became the Holy Emperor and Empress of Rome. They ruled the Holy Roman Empire in union with the Church, helping to make the Church strong and helping the Church grow. Together they had 4 children; one of them later became Emperor of Rome, Otto II. She held a lot of power as the Holy Roman Empress for many years, helping her husband, then her son and then her grandson, rule. She was devoted to the Holy Empire and to the Church and helped bring many people closer to Jesus.

THIS WEEK'S MASS READINGS
<b>Monday</b> - Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17
<b>Tuesday</b> - Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25
<b>Wednesday</b> - Judges 13:2-7, 24-25A / Luke 1:5-25
<b>Thursday</b> - Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38
<b>Friday</b> - Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45
<b>Saturday</b> - 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56
<b>Sunday</b> - Micah 5:1-4A / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45



## December 16, 2018

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December is dedicated to the Nativity.*

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND** • Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**WEEKDAYS** • Monday-Tuesday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:30 pm  
Thursday-Friday 8:00 am

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**WEEKDAYS** • 20 minutes before Mass  
**WEEKEND** • Saturday 4:30 pm  
1st Sunday of the month before/after Mass

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**ADORATION SCHEDULE CHANGE**

There will be no adoration on Monday December 24, Tuesday December 25, Monday December 31 and Tuesday January 1 due to the holidays.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will be closed the week of Christmas, December 24 through December 28, and for New Years, January 1. Normal office hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

**HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JOHN THE BAPTIST ...**

...speaks to the heart of the stewardship message. He does not tell the tax collectors to stop collecting taxes, but he tells them to stop taking more than the required amount. He does not tell the soldiers to desert their positions, but he tells them not to use their positions to oppress others. He tells them to share their excess with others. He preaches a message of social justice. As stewards of God's gifts, we should be mindful of living the same way. We should share of ourselves in whatever manner is helpful to the greater good. Advent is a perfect time to take action. Can you donate your extra coats? Do you have food you can share with the food pantry? Perhaps you have money you can give to those in need? Might you take the time to visit the homebound? Take this opportunity to reflect on your stewardship and be intentional about living a life of justice and integrity.

**PLEASE RETURN ADVENT ANGEL TREE GIFTS**

Please make sure to return your Angel Tree gifts unwrapped to the parish office or under the angel tree with the angel tag attached by December 18th!!

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR STEWARDSHIP FORMS**

It's not too late to turn your Stewardship Forms in! We'd love to keep collecting them over the next couple of weeks to have them before Christmas. You can hand it in during the offertory collection at Sunday Mass, turn them in to the office, drop it in our mail box, or mail them in! There will be blank stewardship forms in the back of church for those who have misplaced theirs.

**PARISH "FIELDTRIP" TO ST. GEORGE'S ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**

There will be a parish "fieldtrip" to St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral on December 30th for an overview in the chapel, attendance at the divine liturgy followed by a tour and talk led by Fr. Ignatius. Anyone interested in attending can meet at the cathedral at 9:45am or meet at St. John's at 9:05am to carpool.

**RSVP FOR PARISH DINNER**

Please remember to RSVP if you plan to attend the Parish Dinner for the Feast of St. John the Evangelist on December 27th. You may drop your RSVP cards in the collection basket, drop them by the office, mail them in, or you can call the parish office (620-545-7171) with your head count. Please RSVP by Friday, December 21st.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE (TITHE)**

Dec 8, 2018 ..... \$650.00  
Dec 9, 2018 ..... \$10,066.87

Year to Date (July 1 - Dec 9)

YTD Actuals ..... \$211,134.31  
Thank you for your gift to St. John's Parish!

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

12/22	Jessica Armour	316-200-6562
	Shelly McCosh	316-617-3243
12/29	Jean Horsch	620-545-7292
	Deb Pelz	620-584-2243

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Dec 16th Breakfast at Schulte

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please pray for all those listed below:**

Colton Smith, Shane Armour, Anna Mueller, Gary Klausmeyer, Ross Klausmeyer, Colton Horsch, Frances Johnson, Josh Buller, Marilyn Lies, Al Montanez, Joanne Flippin, David Oberley, Stephanie Faber, Donald Love, Jolene Schauf, Doris Albaugh, Barbara Flax, Jacob Woods

**Pray for those in the military:**

John Ihrig, Matthew Youngers, Austin Peak, Travis Winningham, Brian A Thimesch, Megan Darke, Brandon Darke, Wyatt Curry, Grant Martin

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Dec 16th	Joseph Bennett
Dec 17th	Patty Wilson
Dec 18th	Matthew Barnett, Gerard Favreau, Austin Hastings, Joshua Papsdorf, Lois Vulgamore
Dec 19th	Madeline Alvarez
Dec 20th	Brian Cotton, Michael Robinson, Alan Weiss
Dec 21st	Arnie Rausch, Edward Smith
Dec 22nd	Daniel Thimesch, Janet Watt

**EVE OF THE EVE HOLIDAY HOEDOWN**

Kick off your boots and join us for the Annual Region 5 CYM Eve of the Eve Dance! Saturday, December 30th, 7:00-11:00pm at St. Mary's in Derby. Cost is \$5, dress is semi-formal with a country spin. Open to all high school students in the Wichita Diocese and their friends. Students/parents will be responsible for transportation to and from the dance.

**PRAYING YOUR WAY**

What do you do for a prayer life? Do you follow a set study or book? Does your family pray together? Prayer is vital to the Christian life. It's important to find a way to include it in our busy lives. Not only does it deepen our relationship with God but it can also bring peace of mind and help relieve our stress.

There are many books written about prayer, entire studies done, courses you can take, advice to give, but this plethora of information can lead a person to believe that there's a right way and a wrong way to pray. A belief that if you're not following a certain formula or spending a certain amount of time, then your efforts may be ineffective. Anyone who has ever tried to make prayer a regular part of their life has experienced some of the difficulties that come with it. If the room is too quiet you might fall asleep. If there are too many distractions you can't focus. Your mind wanders thinking about your to do list. You feel like you have nothing to say or you fear you'll say something wrong. So how do you make it work?

Blessed Jordan of Saxony was once asked what the best form of prayer was and he answered, "The way in which you can pray most fervently." Which is to say that the best way to make prayer work in your active, busy life is to find the way that works best for YOU. Whichever way of prayer it is for you, you should feel focused, connected to God, and fervent in your supplications. Personally I love a candle-lit adoration chapel at night, praying through one book of the bible at a time, and praise and worship music. I do not do these things perfectly, I have been known to doze off in a dark adoration chapel once or twice, I've read a couple of chapters in to a book of the Bible and then not looked at that book again, but the important thing is that we don't let those setbacks keep us from returning to the Lord who loves us.

Your favorite ways to pray might be entirely different from mine. That's great! Find what works for you! It might vary from day to day and year to year, but make it your own. Seek out a relationship with God in different types of prayer until you find what you feel you've been missing in that connection.

**PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Save the Date! Our Advent Penance Service here at St. John the Evangelist is Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. We will be having Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening. There will be multiple priests here to help hear confessions.

**OTHER PARISH PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA**

December 16th at 2:00pm at St. Cecilia  
December 16th at 4:00pm at St. Peter  
December 23rd at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit

**END OF YEAR GIFTS AND FINANCE**

If you plan on giving an end of year financial gift to the parish, in order for any financial contributions to count on the 2018 taxes, they must be dated and turned into the office no later than December 31st.

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

Fr. Tatro will be offering House Blessings on Sunday, January 6th on the Feast of the Epiphany. You can sign up to have your house blessed in the church gathering place. Fr. Tatro will be making short 5-10 minute stops at each house to do the blessing. You do not need to be home to have him bless your house. If you are not home at the time he comes to visit he will do the blessing outside of the front door. Make sure to sign up by Christmas to get on the list!

**CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING**

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worry about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 37 seminarians and 19 retired priests.

**A BETTER CHOICE**

At A Better Choice we announce to new mothers, in their fear and uncertainty, the miracle of new life and the hope of the promises of Jesus Christ. We invite you to support our mission this holiday giving season as we resurrect a culture of life in our society and lead mothers to choose life. Please consider supporting our mission with a financial donation, a material donation, or the gift of your time. A list of our most urgent needs (baby formula, diapers, baby wipes and wash, etc.) can be found at pregnancywichita.com. Your prayers and generosity truly save lives. May God's light fill your heart and home in 2019.

**SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL—BACKPACK 4 KIDS**

Nearly 400 Catholic school kids now go to bed on the weekends with food in their tummies through the generous donors of the St. Vincent DePaul Backpack 4 Kids Program. Approximately \$35,000 still needs to be raised to continue feeding these hungry children in the Wichita Diocese each weekend. Will you help these children too? Just \$5.50 will feed a Kansas child for the weekend. It doesn't sound like much but it makes all the difference in the world. If you would like to contribute please send your donation to St. Peter's Catholic Church, c/o St. Vincent DePaul Backpack 4 Kids Program, 11000 Southwest Blvd, Wichita KS, 67215.