



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Therese Parish - December 22, 2019

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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If you are a victim of sexual abuse by, or to report sexual abuse involving a cleric, diocesan volunteer or employee, contact Kathleen or or call 816.812.2500.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe

Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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816.741.2800

website: www.sttheresenorth.org

Mass Schedules

Weekend Masses

Saturday: (for Sunday obligation) 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00 noon, 5:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday, Thursday, Saturday:
8:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
6:30am, 8:30am

Rosary: Monday-Saturday: 7:55am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:25am

Confession

Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:00-8:20am
Saturday: 3:00-4:15pm
Anytime by request

Regular Business Hours

Parish Office: Monday-Friday,
8:00am-4:00pm
Closed Wed. 1:15-3:00pm

School Office: Monday-Friday,
7:30am-3:30pm

Early Education Center:
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-6:00pm



VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!

We are glad you are here.

If you are interested in becoming a member,
please visit our website: www.sttheresenorth.org

See above for all contact information. Please don't
hesitate to reach out to us for questions or if we
can be of any help.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Week Ending Friday, December 6, 2019

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$45,127	\$1,596,881
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$1,708,850
Difference	(\$32,548)	(\$111,970)
Building Loan Balance		\$3,130,681
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$1,906	\$43,976
Principal & Interest payments		(\$169,932)
Difference		(\$125,956)

Readings for the week of December 22

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: . . 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

From The Pastor's Pen

For over seventy years, one of the classic Christmas movies, *It's a Wonderful Life*, starred Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey. He dreams of getting out of his small hometown, but again and again has to stay there out of duty. George is always faithful, and at times reluctant, to do his duty.

That is until one day, it looks like he's going to lose his entire business and face bankruptcy and possibly jail. He wishes he had never been born and is literally on the edge of suicide when he's distracted by a man who in reality is an angel sent to help him. George receives a vision of what the world would have been like had he never been born and it's not a pretty picture.

Just one example, as a child he saved his younger brother from drowning. Then in World War II his brother saved a whole transport of military personnel. Since he was never there to save his brother, his brother died and since his brother died, all those on transport also died. And since he was never born, his widowed mother was childless.

George sees how different the world would be without one single life, his own. The point of all this is that there is value to his life. There's value to every human life and that our lives are woven into a fabric where if one thread is pulled out everything is affected.

At Christmas we celebrate how in Jesus, in one human life, the life of God has been woven into our lives. One life, the life of Jesus is now connected to our lives and affects all of us.

And that message isn't just for Christmas. Every human life matters. Every human life makes a difference.

Our Christmas Eve Masses (that fulfill the Christmas obligation) will be at 4:00,

6:30 and 9:00. The 4:00 Mass is always very crowded and that Mass will also be simulcast downstairs in the Wooldridge Center. We work hard to make everything run as smoothly as possible but ask for your help. If friends, neighbors or family members are also attending that Mass, please considering coming to Mass together to free up more parking spaces. The doors of the church for the 4:00 Mass will not open until 2:00 PM.

Traditionally, all the other Christmas Masses are full but not nearly as crowded. On Christmas Day Mass will be offered at 10:00 AM. Incense will be used at the 9:00 Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:00 Mass on Christmas Day.

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace. It is also Holy Day of Obligation as well as a great way to start the new year. Mass will be offered on December 31 at 4:30 and on January 1 at 9:00 and 11:00.

our celebrations be marked by joy and prudence.

I recently had a visit with Santa Claus (pictured). As you can see me sharing with him, all I want for Christmas is a completed pledge card. My thanks to everyone who has already submitted one. You may do so on line at www.sttheresenorth.org.

[sttheresenorth.org](http://www.sttheresenorth.org)

A very blessed Christmas to all. Thank you for being part of St. Therese Parish. Together we move forward with lives of intentional faith in every *little way*.

Father Joe Cisetti



STAFF COLUMN - KAREN ENGBRETSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

To bring in the holidays, the Treble Choir entertained the "Over 50 Gang" at their Christmas luncheon on December 11th.

The choir members are from 3rd grade and up and enjoyed singing for the group! Singing in a choir, no matter what age you are, is a wonderful way to form friendships, train the ear, use breath control, learn new languages, practice discipline, and have fun while

working as you bring smiles to others' faces.

It's something everyone can participate in and perhaps, something you might consider for yourself in 2020!

Peace and Blessings to You!



SACRAMENTS / SUPPORT

Baptism

Infant Baptisms-contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213

Adult Baptism-contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Marriage

A 9-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). Contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-4:15pm

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00-8:20am

Anytime by request

Confirmation

Youth, grades 9-12, contact Tim Volk, 741.5400, ext. 119

Adult, contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Funeral Planning/Arrangements

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, ext. 212 or Karen Engebretson, ext. 258 through the Parish Office, 741.2800

Prayer Lists / Bulletin Prayers

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Bulletin Submissions must be received 10 business days prior to the requested date of publication, submit to tcollins@sttheresenorth.org

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL

REMEMBRANCES

Anne "Blogin" De Haemer – December 22

James P. Schmidt, Sr. – December 23

Donald E. Kloeppe – December 26

Margaret Ann Schmidt – December 26

Nellie Jacob – December 27

Roy W. Jeffries, Sr. – December 28

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Pauline Franklin Damrow – December 22

Frank James Roberts – December 26

Dianne Marie Heckman – December 26

Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Joseph Zollmann, father of Patricia Kissinger; Dee Donnelly, wife of Gene; and Michael Tritico.

May all who have died in Christ know the fullness of Resurrection Life.

Baptisms

Let us welcome into the family of God and into the St. Therese family those newly baptized.

Lucas Timothy Lampton, son of Seth Lampton and Teresa Phelps

Lilith Marie Langdon, daughter of Tyler Simmons and Natalie Langdon

Carter Joseph Chance, son of Joseph and Jessica Chance

Evan Patrick McConnell, son of Daniel and Mary McConnell

John Wiles Wright, son of Dustin and Callie Wright

PREPARATION CLASSES

Baptismal Preparation Classes

Typically Baptismal Preparation classes are offered the 2nd Monday of every month (except December). To register visit www.sttheresenorth.org and click on *Church* and then *Sacraments*.

Attendance is a MUST for first-time parents and strongly encouraged for those with over a three-year interval between baptisms. Both parents are expected to attend, even if one is not Catholic.

Contact Deacon Scott McKellar at the Parish Office with questions at 741.2800, ext. 213 smckellar@sttheresenorth.org.

R.C.I.A.

Are you interested in the Catholic Church and joining us in our faith journey?

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens for more information at 741.2800, ext. 212 or dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org.

Adoration

COME & SEE!

Come they told me! A new born king to see! / Our finest gifts we bring to lay before the King, so to honor him. / But, little baby, I am poor. I have no gift to bring that's fit to give our King. Shall I pray before you? / Mary nodded. / I prayed before him. I prayed my best before him. / Then he smiled at me. / Come they told me! A new born king to see! (adapted from Little Drummer Boy)

Come & See our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, be it for a few minutes or a long spell. ALL are welcome!

Adoration Chapel Hours:

M-Th 9am-11pm / Fr 9am-10pm / Sa 9am-1pm

Call: Monica 816.718.8176

MINISTRIES OF ST. THERESE

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Thank you for supporting the pantry with the special food donations requested each month. The request for this month is -

Toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.

Please Note: The Pantry is in need of plastic bags. Thank you for your generosity that helps the pantry serve so many families.

Altar & Rosary

Be prepared to play "Beat the Winter Blues Bingo" on January 11. Doors open at 5:30pm, bingo starts at 6:00pm.

Contact Amanda Bentley with meeting or membership questions at 316.641.4955 or at awbentley01@outlook.com. You may also register online at www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society or view the membership page for past and upcoming events.

Don't forget to visit *Our Lady's Gift Shop*

Knights of Columbus

Whenever you drop a few dollars in the contribution can, take a chance on a raffle, attend a dance or enjoy a fish dinner, you support the council's activities. The funds we collect are earmarked primarily for the support of our youths, needy families, priests and seminarians, the unborn, the developmentally disabled, our school and our parish.

The number of activities we undertake in a year's time is long and varied, but we believe we can do more. That's why we are always looking for new members and new leaders who are ready to take the leap into service to the parish and community. Our new members always come with fresh perspectives and new ideas, and when they become involved they boost our energy and push us to achieve.

All men of the parish are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested, if you want to give back to your parish and community, call 816.520.5656, or email to the Knights' address at council7199@gmail.com.

Bill Robinette, Grand Knight



**Join us for a fun Saturday night -
January 11, Wooldridge Center**

**Doors open at 5:30pm
so come and mingle**

Bingo begins at 6:00pm

Food is available for purchase

**Soda, beer, and wine for
a free-will offering**

Cash prizes

Christmas Poinsettia Remember a Loved One



We have a meaningful holiday tradition at St. Therese of remembering loved ones with prayer-soaked flowers used in Church during the Christmas season.

Contact Donna Patti at 741.5400, ext. 211 or dpatti@sttheresenorth.org if you would like to honor a loved one with a donation toward our Christmas flowers.

Fill out this form and return it to the Parish office or drop it at the Welcome Center.

Poinsettia (large) \$25_____ Qty_____

In Memor (honor) of _____

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22	MONDAY DECEMBER 23	TUESDAY DECEMBER 24	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25
NO Sunday School Simbang Gabi after 10:00am Mass 10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, EEC 11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room 6:15-8:15pm: Life Teen Advent Party, Offsite 6:15-9:00pm: Men's Welcome CRHP Formation Meetings, Birkel Room	NO SCHOOL THIS WEEK - CHRISTMAS BREAK 7:30-8:30am: Fatima Prayer Group, Parish Library 9:00-10:00am: Prayer Session, Cry Room 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel	Christmas Eve Masses - 4:00pm; 6:30pm; 9:00pm NO 6:30am Mass, but there will be the 8:30am Mass NO Eucharistic Adoration	Christmas Day The campus is CLOSED except for 10:00am Mass
THURSDAY DECEMBER 26	FRIDAY DECEMBER 27	SATURDAY DECEMBER 28	SUNDAY DECEMBER 29
Parish Office is CLOSED 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel NO Queen of Peace Prayer Group	NO 6:30am Mass 9:00am-10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 5:00-6:00pm: Wedding Rehearsal for Jessa Stiens/Robert Murrell, Church 6:00-10:15pm: Murrell Rehearsal Dinner, Wooldridge Center 7:00-9:00pm: Friday Night Bible Study, Parish Library 7:00-7:30pm: Divine Mercy in Song, Church	Soup Kitchen Signup in the Welcome Center 6:30-8:30pm: That Man is You, Birkel Room 9:00am-1:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 9:15am-4:00pm: Bride/Groom prep, Cry Room/Parish Library 1:00-2:00pm: Wedding of Jessa Stiens and Robert Murrell, Church 3:00-4:15pm: Confession, Church	NO Sunday School Soup Kitchen Signup in the Welcome Center 10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, EEC 11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room NO Men's Welcome CRHP Formation Meeting

FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is a time to be Merry! It's a time for festivities! For rejoicing!

And we're rejoicing not just because of the food, football, friends, and family!

We rejoice because Jesus loves us! We rejoice because this day, more than any other day save Easter, demonstrates to us how much our Lord truly loves us.

We rejoice and we celebrate because we are loved.

We rejoice because of the hope that love brings to us every day.

We rejoice because we have been gifted with the divine assurance that God's love for us does not falter or diminish when we sin.

His love remains constant, as does His invitation to us, with His grace and help, to get up and try again.

We rejoice because we are gifted with the opportunities to love one another.

We rejoice for the One who loves us above all with everything we do and everything we are.

God. Loves. Us.

Us.

We who are so mired in our sins, weaknesses, and failings, and who keep sinning, and failing, and falling to our weaknesses.

(Such as when we cheer for the Raiders - that's the worse sin by far)

And our Lord, our wonderful all-loving Lord, seeing all that we are and all that we do, and seeing the filth we cover ourselves in.

Seeing every sin and knowing every weakness, His response to all of that is to love us.

And not love us as one would "love" a pet, or an estranged coworker, or someone who insists that Batman v Superman is a good movie.

His is not a love that is distant or strained or limited.

No. He loves us so much that He, who is the creator of all, willingly and knowingly took on our weakness, our lowliness, our pain, and our sufferings. He became one of us.

We are merry because we know without a doubt that we are loved by our Lord who made all and is all, and we rejoice because we know that His love for us is so vast, so thorough, so personally intimate and yet overwhelming, so beyond our ability to understand, that it's incomprehensible.

It's a mystery.

God's love is a mystery. We haven't earned it. We don't deserve it. We can never repay Him for it.

And He doesn't care. He loves us anyways.

What He asks, and what He gifts us the opportunity to do, is to try to love Him with everything we are and do, as He loves us with everything He is, and everything He does.

To treat every day as the gift it is, with God's help and grace, to try again and again to love Him more and more.

The gift we receive on Christmas from God is Himself who is love. His love expressed through all the blessings we've received in this world. His love found in His Church. His love found in the mercy of the sacrament of confession. Him in the fullness of His being in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The gift He wants from us, is to every day strive to love Him with all that we are and all that we do, no matter how small, and to never stop trying.

I very recently learned that I am in far better company as a priest who loves comic books than I previously thought. Not only did our own Bishop Johnston mention Batman in his homily during his installation Mass, but Archbishop Fulton Sheen has also used superheroes in his talks.

Here is a talk Archbishop Fulton Sheen gives regarding the link between Superman and Christmas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TysmHutD-b8>

Fr. John Riccardo – "The Gift" Christmas Homily on Hope

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOB66xjWnLU>

A Fr. Mike Christmas – Give Jesus Your Best and Worst

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YPtYR12K4c>

Fr. Mike – Christmas: A Time for Hope

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K90uPNiNaA4>

Merry Christmas to all!

May God bless you, keep you, guide all that you do, and help to lead you home.

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

OF SPECIAL NOTE . . .



A Heart of Gratitude

Last Minute Christmas Shopping...

A friend and I were reminiscing after Mass one day about our habit of waiting until the last minute to shop for Christmas. We agreed that the pressure of the inevitable Christmas Eve store closings (even Amazon has a deadline to ensure delivery) inspired us to some of our most creative gift giving and a tendency to greater generosity, just in case some inspirations weren't on the mark.

Pledge cards are a bit like last minute shopping. We know we want to get it done and we know that it is important. We even realize that the Fr. Joe will be ecstatic over another pledge card under his tree, but perhaps you've misplaced the form or don't have a stamp. Not to worry, we have online pledge forms at www.sttheresenorth.org and all you have to do is click on the Heart of Gratitude to get started!!! Hard copies are also available at all church entrances.

January 1, 2020 starts the new year pledges so be sure to check off a resolution to be generous early because you probably have more enjoyable things to do on New Year's Eve.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed and happy Christmas and a joyful New Year!

To date, parishioners have submitted 469 pledge cards. Thank you!

Holy Day Mass Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve - 4:00pm; 6:30pm; 9:00pm (NO 6:30am Mass but there will be an 8:30am Mass)

December 25, Christmas Day - 10:00am ONLY

December 31, New Year's Eve - 4:30pm; (NO 6:30am Mass but will be an 8:30am Mass)

January 1, New Year's Day - 9:00am;

With Holy Day Masses right around the corner, Christmas Eve/Day, and New Year's Eve/Day, all ministers will be needed for the over 300 positions to be filled. This includes lectors, ushers, servers, and ministers of

Holy Communion.

The signup sheets are no longer posted but you may email Donna at dpatti@sttheresenorth.org.

And thank you for your consideration.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Studies

Sundays, 11:30am-1:00pm, Birkel Room.

Contact: Jan Lee, jklinkc@hotmail.com

Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm, Martin Room,

Contact: Julie nissenfamily5@gmail.com.

Walking With Purpose, Women's Bible

Study. Contact: michelle.crosby06@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

If you would like people to pray for you and your intentions, OR if you would like to participate in this ministry and pray for the prayer intentions we receive, contact Virginia Smith at 587.9837 or Dennis Falls at dennisfalls.7@gmail.com.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday mornings, 7:30-8:30am, Parish Library

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus Prayer Group

Tuesday mornings, 10:00am, Birkel Room

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Thursdays, 9:30am, Parish Library

That Man Is You

Men's group meets on Saturday mornings in the Birkel Room, Breakfast (free) served at 6:45 am, discussion at 7:00am, break at 8:20, to attend Mass. Contact Joshua Wunderlich at 402.570.7624 or joshua.wunderlich@gmail.com.

Divine Mercy in Song

Sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or listen and pray, Friday, 7:00-7:30pm in Church. Contact Chris Maag at cmaag1@att.net.

WHAT'S ON CAMPUS

Adoration Chapel

Open Mon—Thurs: 9:00am-11:00pm;

Fri: 9:00am-10:00pm;

Sat. 9:00am-1:00pm

Come at anytime or sign up for an hour.

Located on the north side of Church.

For info Contact Monica 816.718.8176 /

Paola 816.309.3858 (espanola), email to:

eucharisticadoration@sttheresenorth.org

Our Lady's Gift Shop

Open before and after weekend Masses.

Special gifts, missals, bibles, medals, so much more. Email ourladygs@gmail.com.

Parish Library

Located in the Wooldridge Center-lower level. Open at all times except when used for meetings. Check-out and return procedures found in the library.

Early Education Center

Infants through Pre-K, located in the Early Education Center building on the south side of campus. Contact: Betty Phillips, Director, 746.1500.

St. Therese School

Educating students Kindergarten through 8th grade, Education and Parish Center.

Contact: Theresa Roth, Principal, 741.5400.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Serving clients in Southern Platte County with food and emergency assistance.

Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:00noon. Call 741.8661.

Coffee & Donuts-Wooldridge Center

After Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am Masses, September—May. Off for the summer.

Childcare during 10:00am Mass

No reservation needed, located in the Early Education Center Bldg., 2nd floor west entrance.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Coming Soon: LoveEd

LoveEd is a parent-guided, age-appropriate, gender-specific program that teaches children about God's plan for life, love, sexuality, and purity. It equips parents to have positive, life-changing conversations with their kids. It facilitates these conversations at two important life transitions: as they enter puberty (around grade 5 or 6), and just before they begin high school (grade 7 or 8). The LoveEd program contains three steps. First, there is a two-hour parent training that will take place on Sunday, January 26 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Wooldridge Center. This training gives parents the confidence and tools to respond to the teachable moments of life, and prepares for the parent/student events, which is the second step in the program. The parent attends the age-appropriate 2 hour student event with their child. The event for parents and their students from 4th-6th grade, ages 9-11, will take place on Sunday, February 2 from 1:00-3:00. On that day, there will be separate events for boys and girls. On Sunday, February 16 from 1:00-3:00, there will be parent/student events for children in 6th-8th grade, ages 11-13. On this date, there will be also be separate events for boys and girls. The final step of the program are parent/student in-home follow-up lessons. Opportunities to sign up and purchase materials for these events will be offered soon. In the meantime, please reserve these dates on your calendar:

January 26; 1:00-3:00 Parent training event in the Wooldridge Center

February 2; 1:00-3:00 Parent/student event for students in 4th-6th grades, ages 9-11 in Wooldridge Center (boys) and Good Shepherd Hall (girls)

February 16; 1:00-3:00 Parent/student event for students in 6th-8th grades, ages 11-13 in Wooldridge Center (boys) and Good Shepherd Hall (girls)

DYNAMIC PARISH - THE DREAM CORNER

As Deacon Doug eluded to in his column of last week, the Dream Event was just the start of a challenge to become a better person . . . a better parish . . . to be the best version of ourselves, which affects every facet of who we are and what we do.

So to continue the “Dream phase,” if you will, we’ll share a weekly quote and post (anonymously, of course) of some of the attendees dreams.

If you want to share your dream, add your message to the Dream Board in the Wooldridge Center.

With the idea of starting something new, let’s start with this quote

Every great dream begins with a dreamer.

And this week’s “visionaries” want A) to become more involved B) and another wants to travel.

VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Sixth Annual 4th Grade Christmas Card Art Contest.

The entire fourth grade class submitted their designs and here are this year’s four winners!!

Congratulations to them all.

Liviana B.



Margaret W.



Lauren P.



Claira H.



*"The true Christmas spirit is putting others'
happiness before our own,
and finding we've never known such happiness."*

*May your holidays be filled with joy and peace
from the Parish Staffs*

*Father Joe, Father Randy, Father Andrew
Barbara, Betty, Donna, Den. Doug, Erinn, Jeff, Jennifer,
Jonathan, Karen, Kathy, Den. Rick, Den. Scott,
Steve, Theresa, Tim, Den. Tony, Tressa*

*"If you can't find the spirit of Christmas in your heart,
you'll never find it under a tree."*



*Behold, when the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son into the world.
Christmas blessings, from the Library Ladies*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

NORTHLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Gabriel – Sunday, December 22, 2:00

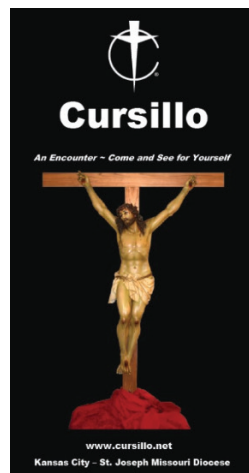
Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an afternoon of enrichment for any couple that has experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, on Saturday, January 18, from 1:00 - 4:15pm at the Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO. Entitled "Lighting the Way Together - Castles to Lighthouses", the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm with a free willing offering to defray the program costs. For more information or to RSVP email Rich and Wendy Lorenz at wendyteach3@yahoo.com by January 10th.

Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Join us for a very special Holy Hour in community. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed till 8:00PM. NO RSVP necessary. Any questions call Bob Furnari 816.694.2212 - 7:00-8:00PM EVERY Tuesday night. We start PROMPTLY at 7:00PM—doors will be locked 10 minutes after that.

Divine Mercy Chapel at the Catholic Radio Station next door to St. Pius High School. Call if directions are needed.



Upcoming Weekends

Men: February 20-23, 2020

Women: March 26-29, 2020

Location: Sisters of St. Francis
Retreat Center in Independence

Contacts:

Judy Newkirk 816.806.1997
jknewkirk65@gmail.com

James Newkirk 816.807.7700

Make a Friend

Be a Friend

Bring a Friend to Christ

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL

Call the Parish Office to add or remove a name. (Due to confidentiality guidelines, only the person requesting prayer or a designated family member may place or remove a name)

Paula Acconcia	Rachel Day	Judy Louth	Gina Reiter
Eugene "Bud" & Ellen Anderson	Gayle Dean	Sal Lozano	Beverly Rietveld
Nicole Aerts-Bramble	Ron & Betty DuPaul	Ellen Madrick	Amy Roberts
Jay Atkinson	Anita Eastland	Betty McDonald	Larry Ryan
Cynthia Barchesky	Charlene Fick	Wendy McKellar	Mary Ann Ryan
Nathalie Blogin	Ken Finke	Mike McKenna	Jossalyn Sainz
Debra Bommarito	Sandy Gardner	Jessica McLain	Natalie Ann Salas
Bryan Bownik	Bert Giarraputo	David McPherson	Forrest Salyers
Irwin & Lois Broussard	Pat Goss	John Mikulic	Carmen Serrone
Ed Burgess	Suzanne Grisham	Jerry Musil	Carolyn Shatto
Daniel Burnos	Doris Hahn	Arlene Nadeau	James Spawn
John Burton	William Hansford	Paul Neidig	Ted Stephens
Barbara Cahill	Grace Heater	Cleo "Woody" & Rosemary Nollette	Shirley Stevenson
Mike Callahan	Mary Henke	Linda Osterhaus	Joann Strever
Frank Canino	Kevin & Becky Isom	Doyne Parisi	Telsie Szabo
Jim Carroll	Barbara Jordan	Jill Pehlman	Maureen Tejeda
Keith Carter	Vince Kehr	Barbara Personelli	Evalin Ulrich
John Casey	Marcia Kenski	Dorothy Porter	Rosemary Van Haaren
Joe Cento	Glenda Kimsey	Jackey Pratt	Phillip Ward
Frank Cohara	Garrett Krier	Helen Prendergast	Geri White
Timothy Childers	Anna Lapuma	Leticia Rabang	Lionel White
Larry Colling	Clara Lawson	Danielle Reeder	Kristi Widmer
Janet Cozad	Nancy Leggio	Pat Reeder	Nicholas Worth
Albert Daniels	John Lopez		Dcn. Tony Zimmerman



PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

Ryan Ault son of Robert & Kristi	Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca	James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle	Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy
John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy	Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara	Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy	Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger
Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	James Pate husband of Jennifer	Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Laureen
Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda	Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz Stine	William Rory & Candice O'Brien brother & sister-in-law of Michael O'Brien	
Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam			

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 22

- 8:00am — McClean Family members
- 10:00am — Bob Baker +
- 12:00pm — Jack and Ann Connor +
- 5:00pm — Mass for the People

MONDAY, December 23

- 8:30am — Judy Bowers +

TUESDAY, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6:30am — NO MASS
- 8:30am — Spencer Norris +
- 4:00pm — Intentions of Lundergan/Szabo Families
- 6:30pm — Steve Davern +
- 9:00pm — Jim Williams +

WEDNESDAY, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:00am — Mass for the People

THURSDAY, December 26

- 8:30am — Francis Roberts +

FRIDAY, December 27

- 6:30am — NO MASS

- 8:30am — John and Dolores Gioia +

SATURDAY, December 28

- 8:30am — Intentions of Lundergan/Szabo Families
- 4:30pm — Christa McCall

SUNDAY, December 29

- 8:00am — Mary Ann Rumker +
- 10:00am — Robert Blake +
- 12:00pm — William Edwards +
- 5:00pm — Mass for the People