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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to prepare the way of the Lord for His coming as our King and Savior. By participating in various time-honored traditions, Catholic families can engage more fruitfully in the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

The Advent wreath is probably the most recognized Advent custom. Your family can make a wreath with a circle of wire and evergreens. It holds four equally spaced candles, three purple ones lit on the penitential Sundays and a pink one for Gaudete, the joyful third Sunday of Advent. There are many available prayers and hymns to accompany your personal Advent wreath ceremony.

The feast of St. Nicholas is on Dec. 6th and is a highlight of the Advent season for children. Each child puts out a shoe the night before St. Nicholas Day in hopes

the kind bishop will pay a visit. In the morning, they discover the gifts he has left for them. Many families give gifts on both St. Nicholas Day and Christmas.

A Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree. Each day, read a Bible story about someone on Jesus's family tree and hang an ornament symbolizing the story on your Jesse Tree. As you decorate your tree, you'll see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations.

The empty manger is a great way to recognize good behavior. When acts of service, sacrifice or kindness are done, the child receives a piece of straw to put in the manger. On Christmas morning Baby Jesus is placed in the manger. Encourage your children to make Jesus's bed as comfortable as possible through their good deeds.

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

December 1

3:00pm Axtell
3:00pm Corning
6:00pm Kelly
6:00pm Wetmore

December 8

3:00pm Frankfort
3:00pm Baileyville

December 15

3:00pm Seneca
6:00pm Sabetha
6:00pm St. Benedict

December 22

3:00pm Marysville

PARISH NEWS

Altar Society Christmas Party

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our Christmas Party on **December 2nd** in the Parish Hall. We will start at 5:30pm with a short meeting and then start the party at 6:00pm. We will be providing soup and heavy hors d'oeuvres. There will also be some games. It will be a great time, and a chance for the officers to thank you for all the hard work you put in throughout the year.

PTO Cookie/Candy Sale

The St. Gregory PTO Annual Cookie/Candy Sale will take place in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am-7:00pm and on Sunday, December 8th from 8:00am-noon**. Be sure to stop by and pick out your favorite cookies and candies to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Rosary on the Road

Sacred Heart Parish in Sabetha will be hosting a region-wide parish mission on the Rosary. The event will include dynamic speakers from Holy Family School of Faith. The mission will be each evening of Dec. 8th, 9th and 10th from 6:30-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Sabetha.

Visit <https://www.schooloffaith.com/rosaryontheroad> for more information.

Visit From Archbishop Naumann

Archbishop Naumann will be making a pastoral visit to our parishes on **December 8th**. A pastoral visit is an opportunity for the Archbishop to celebrate Mass with the parish community and visit with parishioners to hear of the many successes and challenges they encounter in the parish. He will celebrate the 10:30am Mass and then celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at a 3:00pm Mass. Please join us at one of these Masses in welcoming the Archbishop!

Little Blue Book

The Little Blue Book for the Advent and Christmas Season contains six-minute daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels. They are available in the resource center in the gathering space for all to enjoy.

Poinsettias for Christmas

If you would like to have a poinsettia in your loved one's name to decorate the church this Christmas, please fill out the information on the back of your Christmas Flower Offering envelope or contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant. The last day to order is December 19th.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 3

8:15am +Bill, Irene and Jeanne Sandmann

Wednesday, Dec. 4

12:05pm +Carol Slupianek

Thursday, Dec. 5

12:05pm +Virginia Schmitt

Friday, Dec. 6

8:15am +Sam and Edith Schmitz

Saturday, Dec. 75:30pm +St. Gregory and St. Malachy Parishioners
+Francis WacekSunday, Dec. 87:00am +Jim Schramm
+Don Marquardt

10:30am +Charles Ring

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 18:30am Bible Study, Parish Hall
6:00-7:30pm Confirmation ClassMonday, Dec. 2*Teacher In-Service* — *No School*
5:30pm Altar Society Meeting and Christmas PartyTuesday, Dec. 3

5:00-6:30pm Family Advent Night, Parish Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 44:00-5:00pm CCD
6:30pm RCIA, School Conference Room
7:00pm Bible Study, Parish HallThursday, Dec. 5

8:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, Dec. 6

9:00am-12:00pm Adoration

Saturday, Dec. 7

4:30-5:15pm Confessions

Sunday, Dec. 88:30am Bible Study, Parish Hall
3:00pm Confirmation Celebration with Archbishop Naumann

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Balance (as of 11/14/19)	\$829,631.50
Estimated Outstanding Expenses	\$278,408.05
Total Parish Liability	\$1,108,039.55

Total Contributions to Date	\$7,298,501.82
Donations (since 11/21/19)	\$706.88

We have changed the way we will show the weekly financial update on the building project to highlight the tremendous generosity we've seen already and how much we need to pay off the project. The donations we receive each week will be used to make a loan payment at the end of each month. The interest rate on the loan is currently 4%. There are a few bills we have not received yet for the project which account for the outstanding expenses we still have.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Welcome

Drew Thomas Price,
son of Skyler and Tina Price
who was baptized Friday, Nov. 22nd
at St. Gregory's.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice times for Christmas Mass choirs have been scheduled. Everyone is welcome! Please attend practice if you plan to sing at Mass.

Traditional Choir (6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass):
Wednesday, December 4th and 11th at 5:45pm.

Adult Choir (10:30am Christmas Morning Mass):
Tuesday, December 10th and 17th at 6:30pm.

CHURCH DECORATING

All parishioners are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas on **December 15th beginning at 4:30pm**. Pizza will be provided afterwards for everyone who helps.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

It's time for us to update our church directory! We know everyone is super busy, especially this time of the year. For now, we just need you to put it on your calendar and save the date. Lifetouch will be here to photograph all families on January 14th - 18th and 21st - 25th. Our directory won't be complete without you. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details and information.

AREA EVENTS

December 14 Celtic Christmas at St. Columbkille Parish Hall, Blaine KS. Holiday cookies & candies by the pound. Homemade cinnamon rolls, kolaches, breakfast burritos, soups, ham sandwiches, chili dogs and homemade pies. Holiday shopping vendors. 8:30am-1:30pm.

ADVENT VIDEO SERIES

Take the Advent journey with Mary and Joseph by joining us for a new video series titled **REJOICE! Advent Meditations with Joseph**. Prepare for CHRIST, not just Christmas. Meet in the St. Peter & Paul Parish Hall in Seneca, on the Sunday's of Advent @ 6:30 PM beginning Dec. 1st and going through Dec. 22nd. Call or Text Joan Henry at 785-799-4151 for more information and to RSVP so books can be ordered.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for November 24th	\$9,009.85
ACH for November 25th	\$2,890.00
(\$11,254 Expected average collection needed each week)	
—Please remember the church in your will or trust—	



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The St. Gregory PTO is hosting our first JClub Catholic Book Fair. JClub is the only program of its kind managed by religious sisters, the Daughters of St. Paul. The books selected for the Catholic Book Fair help kids grow in faith, develop Catholic identity, and form Christian character. **After Mass on November 30 and December 1 and during our Advent Family Night on December 3, a set of sample books will be on display.** Please take a moment to look at these books and complete an order form if you are interested. Orders are due, with payment, to the school by Dec. 4th and books will arrive before Christmas. Checks must be made payable to St. Gregory Catholic School.

Upcoming Events:

To celebrate the beginning of Advent and the true meaning of the Christmas season, St. Gregory School will be hosting an **Advent Family Night** on December 3rd from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Parish Hall, sponsored by the school PTO. The night will include three come-and-go stations including a meal, a family craft, and family adoration. **We hope to see all of you here that night for Food, Fellowship, Fun, and a Focus on our Faith!!**

Christmas Program to showcase our talented students will be on December 18th at 10:00am and 7:00pm. Fun music and an always entertaining play will highlight the event.

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2	Arnold Bruna, Arleta Martin, Martha Meier
Dec. 3	Matthew Lauer, Lauren White
Dec. 4	Ellinor Haight, Sarah Wecker
Dec. 5	Ella Richardson, Emily Richardson
Dec. 6	Donna Wilson, Don Kramer
Dec. 7	Libby Brinegar, Abbi McAnerney, Ike Sevilla
Dec. 8	Steve Boehm, Brew Baker, Benjamin Frese

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 1	David and Gerry Schwarz
Dec. 2	Loren and Marjorie Gugenhan Doug and Janell Novotny

CHRISTMAS MAGNETS

Altar Society is selling magnets as a fundraiser this holiday season. They can be used on your tailgate or back of your vehicle, refrigerator, toolbox or any metal surface. What a great gift idea! They will be taking orders and will have some on hand soon. They measure 6x6 inches and are available for \$5 each. Please contact Jess Miller by call/text at 562-7949 or the Parish Office to purchase one today.



Please pray for Linda Mitchell, Rick Ham, Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Betty Melcher, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Karen Palazzola, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Scotty Hudson, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Throm, Joel Rivera, Janet Holle, Bill Mullins, Parker Price, Jolene Fisher, Jessie Sawin, Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Torey Butler, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hubert Faulkner, Hudson Gartner, Rosie Brinker, Raymond Throm, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Bill Brinker, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Bill Schwindamann, Scott Frerking, Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Fragel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoehr, Francis Kloeker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis and Bernard Bussmann.

To make changes to the prayer chain, call Margaret Huffman at 785-713-9653 or the Parish Office.

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Baptisms: See website for information
Weddings: Contact Father Nathan

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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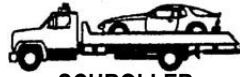
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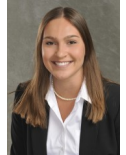
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