



123 North Andover Road  
Andover, KS 67002

*All are welcome*

**December 3, 2017**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

**Weekend Mass Times**  
**Saturday 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

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Kathleen Gideon / Parish Secretary

Pastor's Perspectives

The **Advent Penance Service** is Thursday, December 14th at 7 p.m. Take advantage of this Advent opportunity to celebrate forgiveness and be renewed in God's mercy and love. We will have several priests here for confessions. We also welcome many children to this beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. May we all be touched by God's mercy.

**Hearing God's Call** is the focus of the December Life Event which is today, Sunday, Dec. 3rd for families and Wednesday, Dec. 5th for adults only. I hope to see many of you there.

**Andover Community Christmas at St. Vincent's on December 17th from 6 - 8 p.m.** Come meet Santa and enjoy a free pasta dinner. This event is for all ages and is a come- and-go event so come and stay as long as you want. Please invite friends to join you. We also will have the Senseney Band in concert starting at 7 p.m. in the Worship Space.

**Advent starts today.** We prepare to receive Christ when he comes again and we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Expectation and hope create the mood for Advent. Hope is so needed in our world. Hope lifts our spirits and moves us to action. Without hope, we do not even try to improve ourselves or our world. Hope reminds us God is present and God's grace helps us do amazing things in our lives and our world. So let us stir up hope and may that hope lead us to prepare ourselves to receive Christ our Savior in this Advent time and at Christmas.

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday December 5**  
8:10 a.m. † Michelle Piha by Terry and Carol Tracy

**Wednesday December 6**  
5:30 p.m. † Millie Esposito by Deb and Leroy James

**Thursday December 7**  
noon † Bob LaForge by Art Schoenhofer

**Friday December 8 - HOLYDAY**  
**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**  
8 a.m. † Philomena Aquino by Jim and Judy Groff  
6 p.m. † Dave Ubben by friends

**Saturday December 9**  
5 p.m. † Lonnie Skinkis by Linda and family

**Sunday December 10**  
9 a.m. Sol Esposito by Linda Scheck and Donna Oestmann  
11 a.m. People of the parish by Father Kent



\* Tuesdays – Adoration from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel – Chapel open 24/7

### Stewardship – Who Are You Following?

In this first week of Advent, the message is clear: be vigilant and be ready! When we look for something, it is considered an intentional action; it is more than seeing or waiting, since these are passive actions. Being vigilant is an intentional action, in which we are ready to respond to what is needed. The father of the prodigal son was always vigilant, ready to respond immediately to the coming of his son that could be seen from afar. The father left his home to receive his son. As stewardship practitioners, we are also vigilant to see Jesus come this Advent season and see it especially in the people around us.



**Holiday gift ideas that do not require wrapping.** For a unique and lasting gift this year, honor a loved one with a donation to our Memorial Flower Fund. Your gift will be used to purchase poinsettias for our holiday

Masses. Memorial flower donations will be listed in our Christmas bulletin.

**We are proud to be part of Caring and Sharing**, a program that provides presents for children and holiday food baskets for families in need in our community. We currently have names of more than 150 children right



### Calling all Mass helpers!

It's time to sign up to help with our Christmas liturgies!

If you're an usher, lector, altar server or sacristan and you're planning to celebrate with

us, be sure to stop by the Information Counter today. We would love your help at the Christmas weekend Masses. Thank you for all that you do!

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our church! We hope that you enjoy your stay and if you would like to join our family here we invite you to become a registered parishioner.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4 - 4:40 p.m. or by request

### MARRIAGES

Congratulations! Diocesan policy states that you contact Father Kent at least 4 months in advance so marriage preparations can be scheduled.

here in our own community who are in need of help. We are collecting toys, books and gift items for all ages. You can drop them off in the collection box in the Gathering Space; they must be received by December 14. We have also been asked by the Andover Community Food Bank to provide canned chicken broth and French fried onions for the food baskets. Volunteers are also needed to help with sorting, wrapping and shopping. Please contact the parish office.

### Budget Weekly Needs \$34,500

Week ending 11/28/2017

Regular Tithe	\$16,434.25
Children's Collection	\$88.00
Annual Fund	\$474.00
GO Board/Designated Donations	\$105.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$270.00
St. Augustine Indian Mission	\$123.00

**Save the date:** On December 9th and 10th, we will be welcoming Fr. Mark Beran from St. Augustine Indian Mission. In conjunction with his visit, we will have the annual book sale with the proceeds benefiting the mission.



ST. AUGUSTINE  
INDIAN MISSION

## Costa Rica Follow-Up

I recently heard from our mission trip guide, Milton, in Costa Rica. He was telling me that La Union Catholic Church which we served during our 2017 mission trip was thriving. They were in the process of clearing land behind the church to build a kitchen and a classroom.

That was amazing news to my ears, considering only five people attended mass services before we arrived in Costa Rica! We are fortunate in hearing that the fruits of our labor continue to grow, some people aren't always given that gift of knowledge after a mission trip.

I hope if you are considering going on a mission trip you will join us this summer as we head down to Belize to work with a Catholic Church in need. We currently have eight openings for our trip still and are eager to fill them with students and chaperones.

If you would like more information, you can pick up a flyer on the bulletin board or contact Eve Baker through the church office 733-1423 or 832-8027 cell.

Over the many years of church history, it was assumed when someone was said to be

**"answering God's call,"** they had a vocation to be a priest, nun, or a saint.



In our more modern understanding, we know vocations encompass far more than life in a religious community, and all of us have a vocation, or call, to be what God has in mind for us. The challenge is to figure that out.

Please join us December 3rd at 4:45 or December 6th 5:45 as we grow in our understanding of learning God's will for us. You can register in the gathering space under the life banner, website, or email [www.susan@svdpsks.org](mailto:www.susan@svdpsks.org).

**Dance before Christmas** – No charge. Everyone



welcome – come to watch or come to step on toes. Friday, December 8 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Social Space. Bring your snacks. Water and soda will be provided. Cookies at half-time break. NO ALCOHOL – Will play mostly country songs in the first half then a variety of music.

**Blood Drive / Andover Community** – Bloodmobile here Sunday December 17, 8 to 1 p.m. To schedule your life-saving appointment, visit [recrossblood.org](http://recrossblood.org) and search sponsor code: Andover KS or call 800-733-2767.



**A Better Choice, Inc.** We are seeking a dynamic, committed individual to serve as Executive Director. The Executive Director is a full-time position. send resume and letter of interest to: Ann Rider at [arider@ariderlaw.com](mailto:arider@ariderlaw.com)

**Director of High School Finance:** This position reports to the Superintendent of Schools and will be responsible for general supervision of the finances of Wichita Catholic Secondary Schools, Bishop Carroll, Kapaun Mt. Carmel and Trinity Catholic High Schools and their related food service operations. This involves oversight of the high school assets, capital projects and annual operating budgets. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon on December 27. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>, Ministries & Offices, Human Resources.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School** would like to invite families who are interested in our school to a Multi-Cultural Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Our pre-registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be January 28 through February 2, 2018. Completed pre-registration forms will need to be submitted to our School Office during that week between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration paperwork can be accessed via a quick link on the homepage of our website at [www.StThomasWichita.com/School](http://www.StThomasWichita.com/School). Contact Shelly Babich, Parish Business Manager, at [SBabich@StThomasWichita.com](mailto:SBabich@StThomasWichita.com) or 316-684-9201, extension 106.

**Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.** Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about the December 8th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, Contact Dacia & Kieran (800) 470-2230 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)





Amy Dow Owens  
 Andrew Baldwin  
 Andy Pelz  
 Angie Kuhn  
 Annie Koch  
 Ashley Likes  
 Barry Smith  
 Bill Johnson  
 Bob Pekich  
 Brett Wright  
 Carol Olson  
 Doris Henderson  
 Gil Ponte  
 Gwen Trevitt  
 Ivy Tomblin  
 Jane Latsko  
 Jerry Hying  
 Jessica and unborn twins  
 Jim Parker  
 Josephine Barrabra  
 Joan Roths  
 Judy Reagan  
 Julia Wagle-Scott  
 Karen Roman  
 Keith Chodak  
 Leon Drouin

Lisa Miller Mashnouk  
 Lori Hoppock  
 Lucy Habashy  
 Marge Burchfiel  
 Marie Wilson  
 Mary Bussey  
 Mary Lou Kroupa  
 Michael Greenberg  
 Matt Cross  
 Michelle Clark  
 Noah West  
 Paul Graber  
 Peggy Schwendeman  
 Phil Knapp and family  
 Randy Roman  
 Rhonda Herbers  
 Richard Gardner  
 River Jean Engel  
 Robert Carter  
 Robin Randall  
 Shannon Montenegro  
 Thelma Runyan  
 Tom Brahan  
 Tom Fitzpatrick  
 Verda Dougherty  
 Zei Kerschen

**Upcoming BAPTISMAL DATES are listed below.  
 Please contact Kathleen at the parish office, 733-1423**

December 10 during the 9 a.m. Mass  
 December 17 between Masses  
 December 23 during the 5 p.m. Mass  
 December 31 during the 11 a.m. Mass  
 January 6 during the 5 p.m. Mass  
 January 14 during the 9 a.m. Mass  
 January 21 between Masses  
 January 28 during the 11 a.m. Mass

**Baptism Enrichment Sessions** –Worship Space.  
 Please call Teresa Marshall-Patterson at 733-1423 to schedule one session by appointment.

**Prayerful Remembrance** – If you would like to notify the parish that a friend, loved one, or fellow parishioner is in need of our prayers or in the hospital, please call the office @ 733-1423. Names for our prayer list will be placed in the bulletin for one month, and then a request must be resubmitted. You may also call Elaine Carney @ 207-3000 or 733-7818 to be placed on our phone prayer line.

**EUCARIST CAPTAINS**

December 9 & 10  
 5:00 PM Janet Brinton  
 9:00 AM Carolyn Kaplan  
 11:00 AM Beth Cunningham

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

December 9 & 10  
 5:00 PM Alexis Rohr, Landon Rohr, Logan Huslig  
 9:00 AM Nicholas Sporleder, Shilo Hickman, Dallas Jamis  
 11:00 AM PJ Catanese, Brody DeGarmo, Addyson Boettcher

**LECTORS**

December 9 & 10  
 5 p.m. Pam Cross & Jim Ludwig  
 9 a.m. Peggy Collins & Bruce Lutz  
 11 a.m. Ray Connell & Deb Outwater

**SACRISTANS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 9  
 5:00pm Karen Tones & Susan Pfeifer  
 Sunday, December 10  
 9:00am Jo & Bill Rima  
 11am Barb Whitehead & Linda Scheck

**SOUND MINISTERS**

December 9 & 10  
 5:00 pm Richard Skibba  
 9:00 am Joseph Seiwert  
 11:00 am Ken Bui

**TIME TRAVELERS SCHEDULE**

Dec 9 5 p.m.	Dec 10 9 a.m.	Dec 10 11 a.m.
Min: L. Bellecci	Min: M. Morales	Min: E. Baker
A Min: T. Burklow	A Min: S. Lane	A Min: K. Visokey
A Min: L. Burklow		A Min: S. Visokey
A Min: K. Neufeld	Min: C. Wellbrock	Min: D. James
	A Min: T. Rohr	A Min: M. Seachris

**Friday morning COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE INFIRMED**

December 8 Carol & Jim Ludwig

**WEEKEND COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE INFIRMED**

December 9 & 10 Nancy Bauck

**Bread Baker Schedule**

December 7 – Marilyn Cederberg, Becky Spain, Carol Ludwig, Janet Brinton, Kathy Pello, Carolyn Smith

**USHERS**

December 9 & 10		
Darren Farley**	Nancy Bauck**	Peter Catanese**
David Ricke*	Mary Widak*	Deb Outwater*
Lori Farley	Bill Bauck	Kate Catanese & P.J.
Farley clan	Jim Reid	Harry Outwater
Sheila Ricke	Janet Kaiser	Ryan, Zach & Grace
Jeannine Randles	Lisa Kaiser	Tony Sementelli
Diane Kraus	Steve Widak	Chris Sementelli
Paul Kraus		Liberty Sementelli