



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.

PASTOR Father Kent Hemberger

Pastor's Perspectives

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.

PASTORAL STAFF - (316) 733-1423

Margaret DeWitt / Business Manager
Michael Rodriguez / Food Service Coordinator
Nick Engels/ Director Of Music
Bryan Miller / Saturday Mass Music Leader
Michele Carlini / Director of Stewardship
Eve Baker/Director of Youth Ministries
Carl Maniaci / Technology/Design/Publishing Coord.
Susie Wilson / Facilitator of Faith Formation
Teresa Marshall-Patterson / Dir. RCIA & Liturgical Min.
Sister Kathy, SSND / Spiritual Enrichment Ministry
Shane Atwood / Building & Grounds Supervisor
Kathleen Gideon / Parish Secretary

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@svdpks.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 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

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. Contact Shelly Babich, Parish Business Manager, at 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





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