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Welcome

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.



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December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of ADVENT

Pastoral Perspective

Dear Parishioners,

The third Sunday of advent brings a touch of joy, as we remember that this season is preparing for the Christ child. The prophet Isaiah spoke about how the desert and parched land will rejoice and bloom.

Many times our spiritual souls, feel like a parched land, and one of the ways to prepare, for the Lord is through the sacrament of reconciliation or confession.

On Thursday, December 15 at 7 PM we will have our advent penance service. I invite you to participate and to allow your spiritual soul to be healed of whatever is hindering you from experiencing the Christ child in your mind and heart.

This is why John the Baptist came and prepared the people through the confession of their sins.

I hope and pray that you will take this opportunity.

Father Kenneth S. VanHaverbeke

PASTOR



Mass Intentions

Monday - December 12 - No Mass
Zechariah 2:14-17 / Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday - 8:10 a.m. December 13
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32
Don Witte family by Leroy and Charlotte Kraft

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. December 14
Isaiah 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 / Luke 7:18B-23
Alysson Miller by Bill and Lisa Jones

Thursday - 12 noon - December 15
Isaiah 54:1-10 / Luke 7:24-30
Jenny Stevens Gaddis by Jack and Alice Stevens

Friday - 8:10 a.m. - December 16
Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8 / John 5:33-36
✠Father Neil Diver former pastor

Saturday - 5 p.m. - December 17
See Sunday Readings
✠Patty McCullough by Bill and Rebecca Kilgore

Sunday - December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Mathew 1:18-24
9 a.m. Jim and Cathy Ashley by Bob and Susan Grelinger
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Welcome
NEW PARISHONERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors! If you would like to join our family, we invite you to become a registered parishioner. Check out the Welcoming Desk in the Gathering Space, our website, or visit us in the Parish Office for more information.

Adoration
Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.
in our Worship Space
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
open 24/7

We are excited to welcome new members at St. Vincent de Paul parish through Baptism!
Please call Kathleen in our parish office at 316-733-1423.

Confessions in Daily Mass Chapel
Confessions are heard 1/2 hour prior to all daily Masses, also from 4-4:50 p.m. Saturday afternoons.

Harry Hynes Grief Support will meet Tuesday, December 13th in the Brides Room at 10 a.m. We need one another to share our love and our stories as we walk together through the process of grief, especially as we approach the holidays.

We urge you to attend if you are feeling a loss in your life. Feel free to invite anyone who may benefit. No pre-registration is needed. Morning refreshments will be served. Thank You
The Bereavement Ministry.

*Join us at St. Vincent de Paul Parish
for an evening with
Sensene Christmas Music
December 11, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

Budget Weekly Needs: \$34,500
Week ending December 6, 2022

Regular Tithe	\$18,925.00
Annual Fund Drive	\$300.00
St. Augustine Indian Mission	\$20.00
Hospital Income	\$134.50
Children's Collection	\$49.00
Online/Electronic	\$70.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$20.00
Designated donations	\$430.00

Advent Reconciliation Service!
Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!

We will have several priests here for confessions on **Thursday, December 15, 7 - 9 p.m.**

Take advantage of the opportunity to receive this beautiful sacrament of God's mercy. May it help you prepare the way for the Lord this Advent season.



Diocesan Database Assistant, Office of Development and Planned Giving, Chancery: The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual to serve as Diocesan Database Assistant. Responsibilities include maintenance and update of a collaborative database serving our major ministries. Responsibilities will include data entry, gift processing, extraction of data, data management projects and preparation of reports. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon on December 21, 2022. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>, Administration, Human Resources, Careers.



Day of Prayer and Healing January 7

Entering Canaan: A Day of Prayer and Healing retreat for women and men who have been impacted by abortion will be offered in Wichita Saturday, January 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The day retreat can help participants begin the healing journey and bring hope to those who are suffering from the impact of past abortions. Registration is \$30 which includes lunch and all materials. Participation is confidential. For more information or to register, contact Stephanie Nemechek (316)269-HOPE (4673) or ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org.



Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Pastoral Center,
437 N. Topeka, Wichita

Lunch and materials provided free of charge
To Register Contact
Stephanie Nemechek
(316)269-3900 Ext. 134
nemecheks@catholicdioceseofwichita.org

Spiritual Life Center Programs; Advance registration requested - For more information and to register, please visit www.slwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167

REVIVE - Marriage Retreat

January 6th; 7 p.m - 8th; 12 p.m. | Jim & Meg Beckman
This weekend retreat will super-charge your marriage. Featuring talks by Jim and Meg Beckman, this retreat will create a rejuvenating and spiritual experience where you will be able to spend time with other couples in discussion and prayer, and one-on-one time for you and your spouse to grow in fellowship. Jim and Meg will speak on the critical role that marriage and family life will play in renewing the Church and the world today. Retreat costs apply.

Series: Creator, Creation, & Cosmos

January 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st; 7pm - 8:30 p.m. | Dr. John G. Brungardt
This four-part series led by Dr. Brungardt of Newman University will delve into the theology of Thomas Aquinas and how his understandings of the created universe relate to modern scientific discoveries. Kick off the new year with the SLC during these evening meetings! \$40 - see www.slwichita.org for more information.

CORE Impact Ministry Leaders' Retreat

January 11th; 4:30 p.m. - 13th; 11:30 a.m. | Jim Beckman
This retreat is designed to speak to the very core of who you are as a ministry leader. Put together by ministers who know what you are going through and who can personally relate to the challenges you face every day, this retreat is intended to speak to your divine purpose and calling and empower you not just in your ministry, but in your daily life. Rediscover and renew your calling, your mission in the Church today, and your primary vocation. Retreat costs apply.

Loving Through Loss: Couples' Workshop

January 21st; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Red Bird Ministries
Red Bird Ministries is a non-profit, pro-life, and pro-family, Catholic grief support ministry serving individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. An organization that systematically guides individuals and couples through the complexity and trauma that happens with a loss of a child. This workshop helps couples understand how the trauma of child loss affects the family dynamic, while teaching them how to love each other through the complexity of child loss. \$50 per couple - see www.slwichita.org for more details

The Center is open for private prayer from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day. Visitors may also take advantage of our walking paths, outdoor Stations and statues, as well as our St. John the Baptist Nature Trail.



Saint Lucy's Story - December 13

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life.

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Romans after his own people turned him over to their authority. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity.

What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found, but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged.

Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

Reflection

If you are a little girl named Lucy, you need not bite your tongue in disappointment. Your patron is a

genuine authentic heroine, first class, an abiding inspiration for you and for all Christians. The moral courage of the young Sicilian martyr shines forth as a guiding light, just as bright for today's youth as it was in A.D. 304.

Saint Lucy is the Patron Saint of:

The Blind
Eye Disorders

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The Advent Virus

Anonymous

WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.