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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

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December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of ADVENT

Pastoral Perspective

Dear Parishioners,

The Second Sunday of Advent, we always hear the voice of John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus. Saint Matthew, writing to a Jewish audience, shows that John the Baptist is the fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah 700 years prior.

John's words, 2000 years ago ring true for us today. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

Advent is the time to prepare for Christmas. In our homes, we will put up decorations and prepare for family and friends to come to our house. Are we preparing our hearts for Jesus Christ? The ultimate guest?

One manner of preparing, for the Lord is by going to the sacrament of confession. We have the sacrament of reconciliation offered before all of the weekday masses, every Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m., and our Advent penance service will be Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m.

Prepare the way for the Lord.

Father Kenneth S. VanHaverbeke

PASTOR



Mass Intentions

Monday - December 5 - No Mass

Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday - 8:10 a.m. December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14

Jenny Stevens Gaddis by Jack and Alice Stevens

Wednesday - 6 p.m. Vigil - Immaculate Conception December 7

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

✠Michael Schmitz by Jim and Cathy Ashley

Thursday - December 8 - Holy Day - Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

8 a.m. ✠Freida Bornhoft by Marty Bornhoft

6 p.m. ✠Margaret Seiwert by Vicki Koch

Friday - 8:10 a.m. - December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19

✠Jack Tones by Bill and Marian Stuhlsatz

Saturday - December 10

See Sunday Readings

5 p.m. ✠Judy Schoeffler by Leroy and Deborah James

Sunday - December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

9 a.m. People of the Parish

11 a.m. ✠Jim Pond by David and Marcia Wasinger

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH GROUPS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
TUESDAYS FROM 7-8:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAYS FROM 7-8:30 PM
meets upstairs in the youth room

Don't forget Thursday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Days of Obligation are the days, other than Sundays, on which we celebrate the great things God has done for us through Jesus and the Saints. Therefore, we come to church and celebrate the Mass.

We will have Mass Wednesday, December 7th, at 6pm; Thursday, December 8th at 8am and 6pm;

We as Catholic Christians are different! We are leaven, a light for others. Holy Days of Obligations and Sunday Mass attendance is one way we evangelize and show others how important Jesus is in our lives!

Budget Weekly Needs: \$34,500
Week ending November 28, 2022

Regular Tithe	\$17,665.95
Annual Fund Drive	\$1,940.00
St. Augustine Indian Mission	\$695.00
Hospitality Income	\$127.60
Children's Collection	\$105.00
Online/Electronic	\$23,127.75
SVDP Society	\$850.00

Memorial flower contribution
Marilyn and Arnie Kroupa honoring Marie and Dean Vincent and Josephine Kroupa



Still wondering what to get your friends and family for Christmas this year? Our Spirit store with St. Vincent gift items will be available in the gathering space after all masses this weekend.

The parish will receive 10% of all sales. This money will help support friend-raising activities like our Polar Express Movie night. Journals, coffee mugs, tumblers and sock hats are just a few of the items that are available.



Thank you to everyone that assisted with our Lord's Diner Event. Over 100 volunteers assisted with making this event a success. This year we raised \$132,500.

Items the Andover food bank is in need of for the holiday season

You may drop off here or at Andover United Methodist Church.

- Cans of Evaporated Milk
- Canned Yams
- Canned Broth (Chicken, Beef, Vegetable)
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Container French Fried Onions
- Canned Beans (Pinto, Refried, Kidney, Great Northern)
- 5lb bag flour
- Sugar (Granulated, Brown, Powdered)
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent

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

Spiritual Life Center - For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167

Series: Creator, Creation, and Cosmos
January 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st; 7p.m. - 8:30p.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.slcwichita.org for more information.

REVIVE - Marriage Retreat
Jan. 6; 7 p.m. - Jan. 8; 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.

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.

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.



The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary - December 8

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

Reflection

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life.

The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has

done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

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Mary first conceived Jesus in faith and then in the flesh, when she said "yes" to the message God gave her through the angel. What does this mean? It means that God did not want to become man by bypassing our freedom; he wanted to pass through Mary's free assent, through her "yes." He asked her: "Are you prepared to do this?" And she replied: "Yes."

But what took place most singularly in the Virgin Mary also takes place within us, spiritually, when we receive the word of God with a good and sincere heart and put it into practice. It is as if God takes flesh within us; he comes to dwell in us, for he dwells in all who love him and keep his word. It is not easy to understand this, but really, it is easy to feel it in our heart.

— Pope Francis, October 12, 2013

Handmaid of the Lord

The Gospel of Saint Luke presents us with Mary, a girl from Nazareth, a small town in Galilee, in the outskirts of the Roman Empire and on the outskirts of Israel as well. A village. Yet the Lord's gaze rested on her, on this little girl from that distant village, on the one he had chosen to be the Mother of his Son.

In view of this motherhood, Mary was preserved from original sin, from that fracture in communion with God, with others and with creation, which deeply wounds every human being. But this fracture was healed in advance in the Mother of the One who came to free us from the slavery of sin. The Immaculata was written in God's design; she is the fruit of God's love that saves the world.

And Our Lady never distanced herself from that love: throughout her life her whole being is a "yes" to that love, it is the "yes" to God. But that didn't make life easy for her! When the angel calls her "full of grace" (Lk 1:28), she is "greatly troubled" for in her humility she feels she is nothing before God.

The angel consoles her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus" (v. 30,31). This announcement troubles her even more because she was not yet married to Joseph; but the angel adds: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you...therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (v. 35). Mary listens, interiorly obeys, and responds: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (v.38).

— Pope Francis, December 8, 2013

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