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*Welcome*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

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December 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach Christmas, we have a number of opportunities to go to confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to hear the words of Jesus that we are forgiven and loved.

I will be offering this healing sacrament: Friday, December 20, 6:30 PM, Saturday, December 21, 6:30 PM, Monday, December 23, 6:30 PM

Also, this next week we have the installation of our history board wall in the hallway between the church sanctuary and the Ville. I am thankful for the committee of parishioners who searched through our archives and worked in creating this updated history board, and also for your generosity in participating in the diocesan campaign in which the anticipated returned monies to the parish, we used to update our history wall.

We have new displays of history of the Ville, the 1991 tornado, our patron Saint St. Vincent de Paul, as well as the history of the parish based on our core values.

Lots of exciting things happening in the parish. Together we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

**Father Kenneth S. VanHaverbeke**

PASTOR

### Reminder.

After hour emergencies, please call the parish phone number 316-733-1423, and an operator will contact Father Ken for any emergencies. This emergency operator is always available whenever the parish office is closed.

### Mass Intentions

**Monday - December 16 -**

*Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a / Matthew 21:23-27*

**Tuesday - December 17 - 8:10 a.m.**

*Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17*

SI Joyce Cobb Barker by Ellen and Mark Spaulding

**Wednesday - December 18 - 5:30p.m.**

*Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25*

†Sharon Bezdek by Pauline Kristek

**Thursday - December 19 - Noon**

*Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Luke 1:5-25*

†Brett Pierson by Wendy and James Schultz

**Friday - December 20 - 8:10 a.m.**

*Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38*

SI for the parents of Steve and Ann Buckendahl

**Saturday - December 21 -**

*Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45*

**9 a.m.** †Mr. & †Mrs. Roy Martin Sr. by Jeanine Gagnon

*see Sunday readings*

**5 p.m.** †Jim Creek by Karen Tones

**4th Sunday of Advent - December 22 -**

*Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45*

**9 a.m.** SVdP parishioners

**11 a.m.** †Duane Berkamp by Jill Engle

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# Welcome

## NEW PARISHONERS

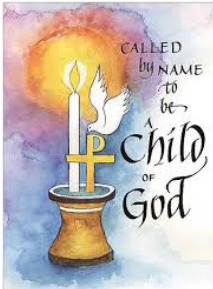
We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors! If you would like to join our family, we invite you to become a registered parishioner. Check out the Welcoming Desk in the Gathering Space, our website, or visit us in the Parish Office for more information.



## Adoration

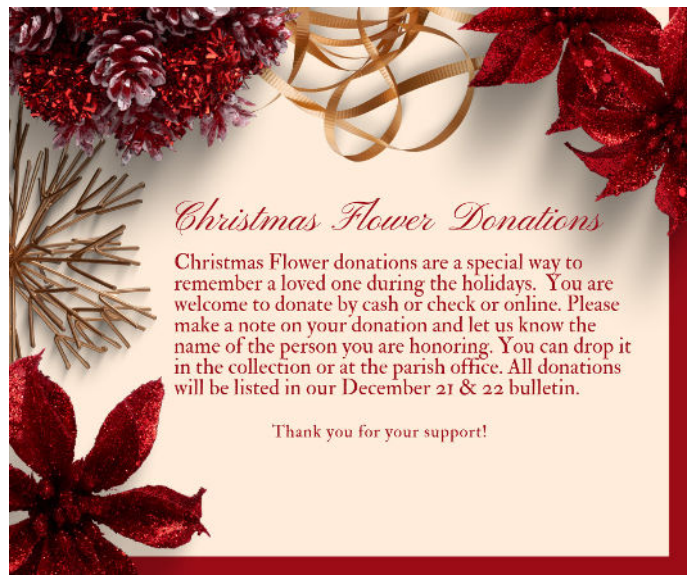
Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.  
in our Worship Space

Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
open 24/7



We are excited to welcome new members at St. Vincent de Paul parish through Baptism!

Please call the parish office at 316-733-1423.



### Christmas Flower Donations

Christmas Flower donations are a special way to remember a loved one during the holidays. You are welcome to donate by cash or check or online. Please make a note on your donation and let us know the name of the person you are honoring. You can drop it in the collection or at the parish office. All donations will be listed in our December 21 & 22 bulletin.

Thank you for your support!

## Confessions in Daily Mass Chapel



Confessions are heard 1/2 hour prior to all daily Masses, and 4-4:50 p.m. Saturday afternoons.

### Budget Weekly Needs: \$34,500 Week ending 12/09/24

Regular Tithe	\$25,994.00
Annual Fund Drive	\$1,190.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$245.00
Children's collection	\$31.15
Hospitality Income	\$164.46
Online/Electronic Giving	\$345.00
St, Augustine Indian Mission	\$537.00

## St. Vincent de Paul

### Youth Groups

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 P.M.



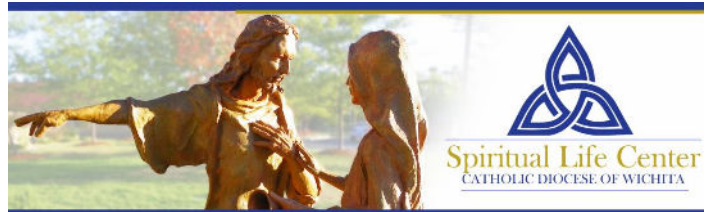







### Tree Climbers

A hearty thanks to several folks who helped Shane set up the parish 18-foot Christmas tree. Shown here are Lee Elder, Terry Osborn, Len Miller and Mike James. Eric Barger also helped but not pictured. Teresa Marshall, Kathleen Gideon, Lisa Fulkerson, and Shane Atwood helped with decorating.



### SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAMS; ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

For more information and to register, please visit [www.slcwichita.org](http://www.slcwichita.org) or call (316) 744-0167




### 10-2 Fire of the Sages: The Earliest Church in its Jewish Context

December 17,  
10:00am - 2:00pm -  
Dr. Matthew Umbarger

What was Jesus thinking when He gave us the Church? To answer that question, in part, we have to delve deep into the Jewish roots of the Church, because surely Judaism was the assumed context of Jesus and the Apostles. During this 10-2, Dr. Umbarger will consider Catholic Christianity as a development within Second Temple Judaism (Jewish traditions that flourished between 538 BC and 70 AD), while focusing on Catholic liturgy (Mass and Liturgy of the Hours) and ecclesiology (the theology of the Church) as Jewish expressions of Messianic faith. Cost \$25, lunch is included.



**Senseny Concert**  
**December 15 - Sunday**  
**7 - 8:00 p.m. in church**




**Next Fraternal Benefit Night**  
Kevin Pierce seminar on Catholic Investment  
January 30th @ 7pm

[cloud.kuester7.com/index.php/s/ap3z2kb2ibpigSi](http://cloud.kuester7.com/index.php/s/ap3z2kb2ibpigSi)  
Sign up/RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/CathInvestFBE>

### UNBOUND EVENING EVENTS

UNBOUND Ministry hosts evening events from 7:00pm - 9:00pm two Tuesdays out of each month: First Tuesday Prayer Sessions and Third Tuesday Reflection Evenings. Check our website, [www.slcwichita.org](http://www.slcwichita.org) or call 316-744-0167 for more information or to inquire about upcoming dates.



**Surviving Divorce:** A program designed to help with the tragedies and struggles of divorce no matter where you are on that journey. This is a 12 week class that begins January 14th, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at St Thomas Aquinas, 1321 N Stratford Lane, Wichita. The cost is \$20 for materials. Scan the QR code to register and make your payment, or call Lucy Zobel at 316-516-6244.

*The Center is open for private prayer from 7:00 am to 8:30 pm 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.



## Blessed Anthony Grassi's Story

Anthony's father died when his son was only 10 years old, but the young lad inherited his father's devotion to Our Lady of Loreto. As a schoolboy, he frequented the local church of the Oratorian Fathers, joining the religious order when he was 17.

Already a fine student, Anthony soon gained a reputation in his religious community as a "walking dictionary," who quickly grasped Scripture and theology. For some time he was tormented by scruples, but they reportedly left him at the very hour he celebrated his first Mass. From that day, serenity penetrated his very being.

In 1621, at age 29, Anthony was struck by lightning while praying in the church of the Holy House at Loreto. He was carried paralyzed from the church, expecting to die. When Anthony recovered in a few days he realized that he had been cured of acute indigestion. His scorched clothes were donated to the Loreto church as an offering of thanks for his new gift of life.

More importantly, Anthony now felt that his life belonged entirely to God. Each year thereafter he made a pilgrimage to Loreto to express his thanks.

He also began hearing confessions, and came to be regarded as an outstanding confessor. Simple and direct, Anthony listened carefully to penitents, said a few words, and gave a penance and absolution, frequently drawing on his gift of reading consciences.

In 1635, Anthony was elected superior of the Fermo Oratory. He was so well regarded that he was reelected every three years until his death. He was a quiet person and a gentle superior who did not know how to be severe. At the same time he kept the Oratorian constitutions literally, encouraging the community to do likewise.

He refused social or civic commitments and instead would go out day or night to visit the sick or dying or anyone else needing his services. As Anthony grew older, he had a God-given awareness of the future, a gift which he frequently used to warn or to console.

But age brought its challenges as well. Anthony suffered the humility of having to give up his physical faculties one by one. First was his preaching, necessitated after he lost his teeth. Then he could no longer hear confessions. Finally after a fall, Anthony was confined to his room. The archbishop himself came each day to give him Holy Communion. One of his final acts was to reconcile two fiercely quarreling brothers. The liturgical feast of Blessed Anthony Grassi is celebrated on December 13.

## Reflection

Nothing provides a better reason for reassessing a life than a brush with death. Anthony's life already seemed to be on track when he was struck by lightning; he was a brilliant priest, blessed at last with serenity. But the experience softened him. Anthony became a loving counselor and a wise mediator. The same might be said of us if we put our hearts to it. We needn't wait to be struck by lightning.

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"God walks into your soul with silent step.  
God comes to you more than you go to Him.  
Never will his coming be what you expect,  
and yet never will it disappoint. The more  
you respond to his gentle pressure, the  
greater will be your freedom."

– Ven. Fulton Sheen