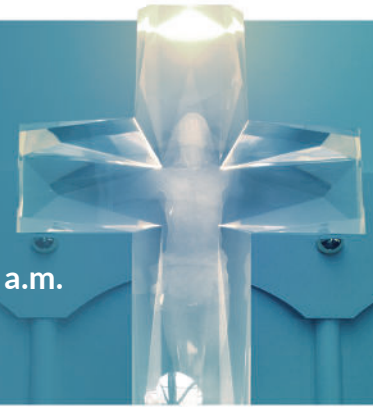




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*Welcome*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.



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December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome home Deacon Grant Huslig who will be preaching this weekend and sharing with us how we can participate in the formation of seminarians and support of our retired priests. In addition, he will also share a little of his journey as he approaches ordination to the priesthood in May 2025.

As we prepare for the Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus, we do so by preparing our physical homes and spiritual homes. In the midst of the details of hospitality, it is important to practice the spiritual discipline of gratitude.

Christmas is a wonderful time to let family and friends who are in your lives know just how much you appreciate them.

As I begin my fifth year at St. Vincent de Paul, I wish to thank you for your prayerful support of the ministry that I have been given here.  
May your Christmas be truly blessed!

**Father Kenneth S. VanHaverbeke**

PASTOR

## Mass Intentions

**Monday - December 23 -**

*Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66*

**Tuesday - December 24 - 8:10 a.m.**

*Isaiah 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Matthew 1:1-25*

4 p.m. Susan Hulett by Monique Viner and Mark Lewis

6 p.m. †Kayla O'Dell by Father Ken

**Wednesday - December 25 - 10:00 a.m.**

*Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18*

People of the Parish

**Thursday - December 26 - Noon**

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22*

†Midge Slupianek by Herb and Kathy Pello

**Friday - December 27 - 8:10 a.m.**

*1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1a and 2-8*

Jimmy Geisler by Jeff and Patt Tredway

**Saturday - December 28 -**

*1 John 1:5—2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18*

**9 a.m.** SI for Steve and Ann Buckendahl's parents

*see Sunday readings*

**5 p.m.** SVdP parishioners

**4th Sunday of Advent - December 29 -**

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 / Luke 2:41-52*

**9 a.m.** †Lorraine Pachankis by Johanne Pachankis

**11 a.m.** †Jeanette Altmanshofer by Suzette Zoneker

Office Hours: 9 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 the parish office at 316-733-1423.



### Confessions in Daily Mass Chapel

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



## St. Vincent de Paul Youth Groups

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 P.M.

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 P.M.



### Christmas Memorial Flower Donations

Kay Wegerer honoring Frank Wegerer & Dorothy & Walt Clouse  
Judy Heiman honoring Jim Heiman  
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Rohner honoring Mary, Ted & Michael Celichowski, LaVonne & David Rohner  
Barbara Whitehead honoring Steve Whitehead  
Julia Paulsen honoring Kathleen Louia, Dean, Sale & Neva Grandfield, and Jim & Mabel McCoy  
Liz & Richard Monger honoring Herb & Sophie Gaspers & Otis & Pauline Monger  
Gary & Cathy Metzger honoring Darcy & Cheryl  
Brenda Salmans honoring Frank & Arlene Holling & Ruth Hertel  
Joseph & Lisa Behrends honoring David & Mary Behrends  
Pam Cross-Jeller honoring Matt Cross  
Mary Truex honoring Robert Truex and Robert and Mary Joan Daley  
Patti McCurley honoring Al Mancero  
Brian Cheever

**Budget Weekly Needs: \$34,500**  
**Week ending 12/23/24**

Regular Tithe	\$22,968.00
Annual Fund Drive	\$845.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$5,260.00
Hospitality Income	\$135.16
Online/Electronic Giving	\$31,366.67
St, Augustine Indian Mission	\$2,207.00

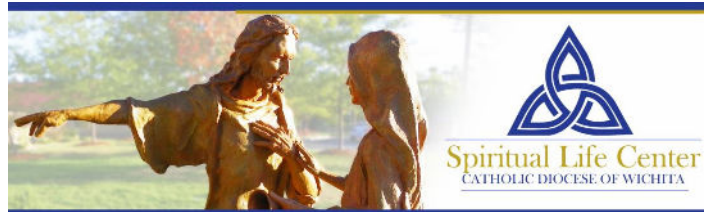


## Volunteers Needed at Catholic Charities

Looking for ways to serve? We are seeking volunteers to help in various roles within Catholic Charities. Weekly volunteers on Mondays are needed at Our Daily

Bread to help unload food from the truck and restock shelves (9-11:30 AM). Computer savvy volunteers are needed at Cana Counseling to help with front office duties during business hours. Interested? Complete the volunteer profile here:

<https://www.catholiccharitieswichita.org/volunteer/> or call Tiffany Oltjenbruns at 316-264-8344 ext 1261.



## UNBOUND EVENING EVENTS

UNBOUND Ministry hosts evening events from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. 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.

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.

## YOUNG ATHLETES

An innovative sports-play program for children with intellectual disabilities, ages 3-7, designed to introduce them to the world of sports!

WICHITA LOCATION  
ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL GYM  
132 S. MILLWOOD AVE.

### WINTER SEASON

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm

- o January 15
- o January 22
- o January 29
- o February 5
- o February 12
- o February 19
- o February 26



**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
Questions?  
Contact Baylee Holmes  
316-269-3900 | [holmes@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:holmes@catholicdioceseofwichita.org)



## 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>



**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.



# WICHITA SAINTS BASKETBALL

Sunday Practices | 5:00-6:15pm | Downtown YMCA

Register Today



### Practice Days

December 15	January 12
December 22	January 19
December 29	January 26
January 5	February 2
	February 16

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*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:6



## Saint of the Week

### Saint John the Evangelist's Story - December 27

It is God who calls; human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the Gospels, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew: Jesus called them; they followed. The absoluteness of their response is indicated by the account. James and John “were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him”

For the three former fishermen—Peter, James and John—that faith was to be rewarded by a special friendship with Jesus. They alone were privileged to be present at the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemane. But John’s friendship was even more special. Tradition assigns to him the Fourth Gospel, although most modern Scripture scholars think it unlikely that the apostle and the evangelist are the same person.

John’s own Gospel refers to him as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (see John 13:23;) the one who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and the one to whom Jesus gave the exquisite honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross. “Woman, behold your son.... Behold, your mother” (John 19:26b, 27b).

Because of the depth of his Gospel, John is usually thought of as the eagle of theology, soaring in high regions that other writers did not enter. But the ever-frank Gospels reveal some very human traits. Jesus gave James and John the nickname, “sons of thunder.” While it is difficult to know exactly what this meant, a clue is given in two incidents.

In the first, as Matthew tells it, their mother asked that they might sit in the places of honor in Jesus’ kingdom—one on his right hand, one on his left. When Jesus asked them if they could drink the cup he would drink and be baptized with his baptism of pain, they blithely answered, “We can!” Jesus said that they would indeed share his cup, but that sitting at his right hand was not his to give. It was

for those to whom it had been reserved by the Father. The other apostles were indignant at the mistaken ambition of the brothers, and Jesus took the occasion to teach them the true nature of authority: “...[W]hoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:27-28).

On another occasion, the “sons of thunder” asked Jesus if they should not call down fire from heaven upon the inhospitable Samaritans, who would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. But Jesus “turned and rebuked them”

John recalls, perhaps with a smile, that he and Peter ran side by side, but then “the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first” (John 20:4b). He did not enter, but waited for Peter and let him go in first. “Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed”

John was with Peter when the first great miracle after the Resurrection took place—the cure of the man crippled from birth—which led to their spending the night in jail together. The mysterious experience of the Resurrection is perhaps best contained in the words of Acts: “Observing the boldness of Peter and John and perceiving them to be uneducated, ordinary men, they [the questioners] were amazed, and they recognized them as the companions of Jesus” The Apostle John is traditionally considered the author also of three New Testament letters and the Book of Revelation. His Gospel is a very personal account. He sees the glorious and divine Jesus already in the incidents of his mortal life. At the Last Supper, John’s Jesus speaks as if he were already in heaven. John’s is the Gospel of Jesus’ glory.

#### *Reflection*

It is a long way from being eager to sit on a throne of power or to call down fire from heaven to becoming the man who could write: “The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers” (1 John 3:16).

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