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Welcome

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

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December 14, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love are the themes for this year Advent. Each virtue for each week.

Thus far, I have invited you to:

First Week: Think of a metaphor, parable, visualization of you running to Jesus when He calls you. Mine was playing in my treehouse and being called into supper. Love the treehouse...but supper is even better! Like Zacchaeus in the tree coming down to have Jesus come into his home. (Luke 19:1-10)

Second Week: There are three comings of Jesus we are preparing for during Advent: Historical coming of Jesus (Mt 1 & 2); Realization that Jesus is here and now (Mt. 28:20); and the coming of Jesus at the end of time (Mt. 24).

Assignment given: Where did I see Jesus this day, week, month? And how did I respond?

The third week of Advent is marked with joy! Hence a little bit of pink/rose. We have a pink/rose flower at the base of the Altar. Joy is a very real and deep happiness that is rooted in faith and trust.

This season, try to use the same amount of energy, time, etc., that you are using to prepare for the family Christmas for your spiritual life. Come to Confession/ Reconciliation. Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. Perhaps come to a daily Mass. Read the nativity story in Matthew's Gospel. Prepare the way of the Lord!

Blessings.



Mass Intentions

Monday -- December 15

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

Tuesday -- 8:10 a.m. December 16

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32

† Jim Ashley by Rosemary Walls

Wednesday -- 5:30 p.m. December 17

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

† John E. Gahagan by Dan McAdam

Thursday -- 12 p.m. December 18

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

† Ron Drouhard by Mike and Nancy Galbraith

Friday -- 8:10 a.m. December 19

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

† Joseph Pilcher by Lisa Jones

Saturday -- 9 a.m. December 20

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

† Lorraine Pachankis by Joanne Pachankis

See Sunday readings

5 p.m. † Patricia VanHaverbeke by Roberts Family Dentistry

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday -- December 21

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24

9 a.m. † Duane Bergkamp by Jill Bergkamp

11 a.m. People of the Parish

Father VanHaverbeke

PASTOR

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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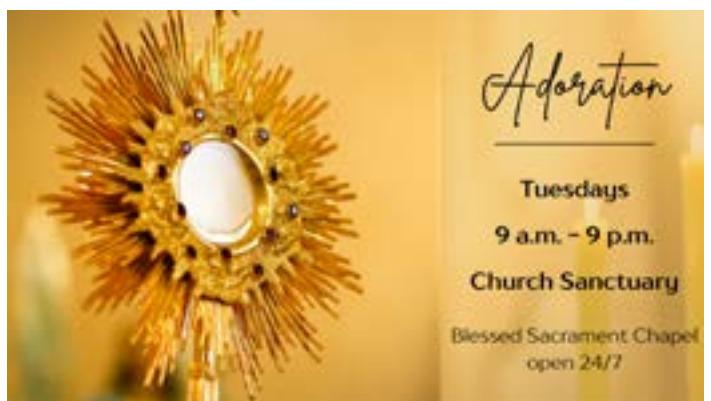
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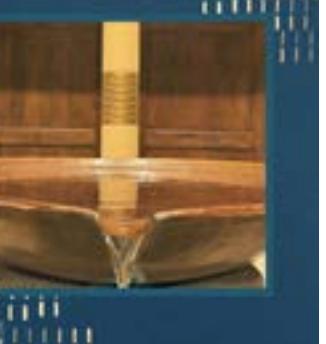
Welcome
NEW PARISHIONERS

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.



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

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




Weekly collection period ending 12/9/2025

Regular Tithe	\$35,816.00
Annual Fund Drive	\$4,285.00
Children's Collection	\$45.75
Online/Electronic Giving	\$13,336.40
SVDP Society	\$661.00
Hospitality Income	\$86.35
St. Augustine Indian Mission	\$125.00

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Vigil, Wednesday December 24
4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, Thursday December 25
10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church is seeking a reliable and detail-orientated Part-Time Host/Hostess.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church is seeking a reliable and detail-orientated Part-Time Host/Hostess. This position is crucial for ensuring welcoming environment for parishioners and visitors. This would be on Sunday's, 7:30am-3pm, and occasionally weekend evening parish events in the Ville. If you are a dedicated individual with a strong work ethic and take pride in your work, we encourage you to apply. Duties would include: getting the donuts; maintaining clean restrooms; assist parishioners as needed; dust/sweep parish office during Mass; lock church; 25-30 hours per month. Please contact Margaret DeWitt at the Parish Office, 316-733-1423 or margaret@svdpks.org



Christmas Tree Angels

This mighty group assembled and decorated the parish Christmas tree this year. We are grateful for the help of (from left to right): Mike James, Steve Seachris, Terry Osburn, Len Miller, Jim Beebe, and Robert McKay.



SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAMS; ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

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

Domestic Church: Evangelization Retreat

Jan 16 to 18, 2026

The Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat is for Catholic married couples who want to grow in holiness together as a couple and family. It provides a renewed experience of marital spirituality and an introduction to Domestic Church Movement formation. Couples new to the Domestic Church Movement may choose to take advantage of continued formation after the retreat. However, the retreat can fruitfully be attended by any sacramentally married couple even if they decide not to join the movement. The retreat includes daily Mass, confession, talks, and time for couples to encounter the Lord together.

Retreat cost is \$375 per couple including overnight accommodations, retreat materials, and meals (Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch), or \$325 commuter. Please register the names of both spouses.

Nursing babies are welcome! We ask toddler+ ages not to attend as it is a distraction for you as parents. The focus of this retreat is you and your spouse with God at the center, and even though we love them, 2+ ages will be a distraction for you as a couple.

Find more information and register at slcwichita.org or 316 744-0167.

Journey with the Holy Family to Egypt

Presented by: Fr. Dan Kampschneider

Mon, Jan 26, 2026

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Holy Sites and Insights

COME, journey with the Holy Family to Egypt as you celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on December 28th. Fr. Daniel Kampschneider, who served on the faculty of the Pontifical North American College in Rome and is now the Vicar of Retired Priests in the Diocese of Omaha. He has made the journey of the Holy Family in Egypt and will come to Wichita to be our guide.

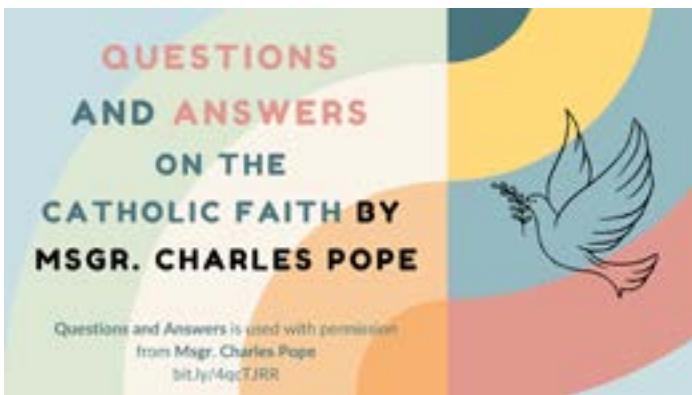
COME to the Spiritual Life Center, January 26th, 6:30-9:00 p.m., and hear the untold story. It is sure to stir the imagination and deepen your appreciation for the Holy Family's early years and ongoing struggles.

What a great way to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family (December 28th) and call upon Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as we pray for those facing immigration and family challenges in our time.

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Registration/Reception

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Talk

Cost \$15



Church did not feel free simply to move aside the Feast of St. Stephen and St. John, which were very ancient.

As for the chronological whiplash of moving back and forth in time, within the Christmas feasts, we should recall that in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy we access eternity, rather than merely chronological time. For God, all times and events are equally present, and we meet him there, rather than simply on our schedule.

Q: I regularly attend daily Mass, and I must admit I get a bit confused at Christmas time. The very day after Christmas we are celebrating the Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr and later in the week we celebrate the Feast of St. John the Apostle. Why do we jump around so much at Christmas? It feels like we lose the focus on Jesus birth. -
James, St. Louis, MO

A: Yes, and to add to your reflection, we also seem to move forward and backward in time during the Christmas cycle. The Feast of the Holy Family, celebrated on the Sunday between Christmas and New Years features a Gospel of Jesus at 12 years of age. Then at Epiphany, celebrated more than a week later, Jesus is back to being an infant. Further, we observe the feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28, a terrible slaughter that took place after the visit of the Magi, and then we move backward in time to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on the Sunday near January.

Some of these anomalies are explained by the fact that the liturgical year did not develop evenly over the centuries. The feasts of St. Stephen Martyr, and St. John the Apostle, are very ancient feasts on the Church's calendar. The celebration of Christmas, and at the feasts related to Christmas, developed in later centuries.

It surprises many of us moderns that the ancient Church did not focus a great deal on the birth of Christ. We are very sentimental about Christmas and the baby Jesus. But the early church focused primarily on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

In later centuries the Christmas feast became more elevated, but the focus was still more theological than sentimental. Thus did not seem so alarming that the very day after Christmas, we were back to celebrating other saints such as St. Stephen, and St. John.

Later, as a celebration of Christ's incarnation deepened, theologically and culturally, there was developed the octave of Christmas, but the

The Third Week of Advent: December 14, 2025

Light the first and second purple candles and the pink candle Read from Scripture: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:20) Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 3:
"Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen."

Reflect: On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your joy this Advent? How might God be inviting you to open yourself up to the joy of the season?