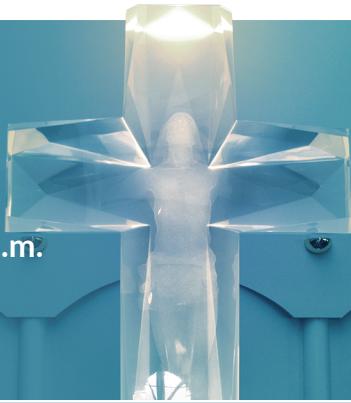




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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

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December 21, 2025



Dear Parishioners,

Our Fourth Week of Advent is only four days. Short time to prepare for Christmas...but that being said, we are not really preparing for Christmas. We are preparing to be on the shore of the Jordan River with Jesus at His baptism.

After the birth of Jesus, we still have Epiphany when the Magi come to Jesus and Mary; we have then the Baptism of Jesus, on January 11th.

Why is this important? It is at His baptism that the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus and the Father proclaims, "This is my beloved Son!" It is through the waters of our baptism, we too share in the sonship or "daughtership" of the Father.

It is all about baptism! So this Christmas day, enjoy family, friends, and the festivities. But remember, just remembering and be nostalgic is not what this is all about....its about being a son or daughter of God the Father, and a brother or sister to Jesus who humbled Himself to become one like us!

Merry Christmas!

Father VanHaverbeke

PASTOR

Mass Intentions

Monday -- December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday -- 8:10 a.m. December 23

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

†Wanda Sawyer by Dick Sawyer

Wednesday -- December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Luke 1:67-79

4 p.m. †Ron Drouhard by Mike & Nancy Galbraith

6 p.m. †Kayla O'Dell Harding by Linda & James Robbins

Thursday -- 10 a.m. December 25

Isaiah 9:1-5 / Titus 2:11-14 / Luke 2:1-14

People of the Parish

Friday -- 8:10 a.m. December 26

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

†Ed and †Margaret Seiwert by Amy Owens

Saturday -- 9 a.m. December 27

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

†Brad Crumley by friends

See Sunday readings

5 p.m. †Bill Johnson by Barbara Johnson

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday -- December 28

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 /

9 a.m. People of the Parish

11 a.m. †James Ashley by Aaron & Becky Huslig

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.



Adoration

Tuesdays

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Church Sanctuary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
open 24/7



CONFESIONS IN THE DAILY MASS CHAPEL



Confessions are heard ½ hour prior
to all daily Masses and from
4 – 4:50 p.m. on
Saturday afternoons

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

Middle School: Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm
High School: Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm

Masses for Christmas

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

**Christmas Day, Thursday
December 25
10 a.m.**

Weekly collection period ending 12/15/2025

Regular Tithe	\$10,741.75
Annual Fund Drive	\$140.00
Children's Collection	\$48.00
Online/Electronic Giving	\$12,390.63
SVDP Society	\$300.00
Hospitality Income	\$68.75
St. Augustine Indian Mission	\$402.00

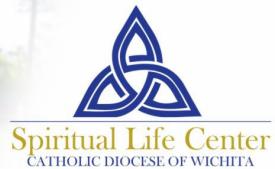


Confessions will be heard:

**Monday, December 22, 7pm
Tuesday, December 23,
7:30am (before the 8:10am Mass) and
7:00pm
Wednesday, December 24, Noon**

Office of Marriage and Family Life

Save the Date: 54th Annual Anniversary Mass, Sunday, February 1 at 11:30 am at Church of the Magdalen. All couples in the Diocese who are celebrating a wedding anniversary in 2025 and 2026, ending in 0 or 5, and all couples married 50 years or more, are invited to attend. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Bishop Carl A. Kemme will be the main celebrant. To RSVP, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1405717521949>.



SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAMS; ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (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

(Taste of the Middle East)

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

Cost \$15

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

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Please contact Margaret DeWitt at the Parish Office, 316-733-1423 or margaret@svdpks.org

Repent, and Believe in the Good News - Series

Presented by: Fr. Kevin Lix

Tuesdays, Feb 17, Mar 3 & Mar 17, 2026

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Save the date

"Repent, and believe in the good news"

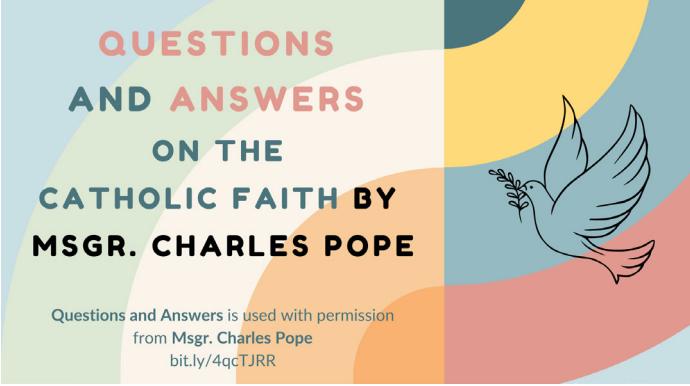
-(Mark 1:15).

Three Part Series - February 17th , March 3rd and March 17th

Cost \$30

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

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.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH BY MSGR. CHARLES POPE

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Q: Major religions address God by different names. Are we all praying to the same God? And since most in the world do not acknowledge Jesus, what can they expect in terms of judgment?

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Ed Eddy, Ft. Myers, FL

A: Whether we are praying to the same God, is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

A special understanding is given to the Jewish people. Of them, the Catechism states, "The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to God's revelation in the Old Covenant. To the Jews belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises" (No.839). They direct their prayers to God the Father, as we do though they do not understand God as Trinity, or accept Jesus or the Holy Spirit as God. And yet, it is fair to say they do direct their prayers to the same God, though imperfectly understood, to whom we direct our prayers though more perfectly understood.

As to the Muslims, they are monotheists, and, as a Catechism notes, "These profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day." (No. 841.) The Church's with other non-Christian religions is less certain and variable. Of these the Catechism says that God is clearly the common origin and end of the whole human race (cf No. 842).

Further, The Church recognizes in other religions that search, among hadows and images, for the God who is unknown yet near since He gives life and breath and all things and wants all men to be saved. (No. 843)

As to what the majority of people can expect, especially those who do not know or obey Christ, the Church expresses hope, but also warns that though their salvation apart from Christ is possible, that does not mean it is probable. For the Catechism also reminds that sin requires the remedy of faith, "But very often, deceived by the evil one, men have become vain in the reasoning, and have exchanged the truth of God for lie, and served the creature rather than the creator." Thus unbelief or imperfect belief is a form of darkness that hinders salvation and needs the healing of true faith. So, in the end, there is only one God and all

yearning for God is somehow directed to Him. But there are often errors in the ways people of the world understand him. And thus it is essential for the Church to correct errors, and draw everyone to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic faith in which there is the best hope for salvation.

Prayer & Action Is Open!! - A Week of Faith, Service, and Joy!

This transformative experience encourages participants to relinquish their own designs to the workings of God. This summer, high school youth are invited to participate in Prayer & Action, our diocesan mission program that transforms the local community through hands-on service and transforms hearts through deep prayer. Each day includes Mass, Adoration, inspiring talks, service projects at homes and local ministries, small-group community, and fun activities. Teens will stay at a host parish for the week under the guidance of adult leaders and diocesan staff.

Invite your high schooler to encounter Christ, discover their gifts, and become a joyful missionary disciple—right here within the Diocese. Registration opens December 15th, 2025. Cost per person is \$199.00. To find out more about Prayer and Action go to: <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith-formation/prayer-and-action/>

Week one: June 7th-12th

Week two: June 14th-19th

Week three: June 21st-26th

For questions or more information contact:
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