

ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH, ANDALE, KS

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Joseph Catholic Church parish family is dedicated to serving God and community through prayer, service, and hospitality, so that we may live as faith-filled stewards.

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Office hours · Monday-Friday 8:00 am-noon,
Tuesday and Thursday. 2:00-4:00 pm

Mass schedule

Weekend · Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am

Weekdays · Monday-Friday 7:15am

Confession schedule

Monday through Friday, 7:00-7:10 am
Sat 3:30-4:30 pm



Reflections from Fr. Daryl

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. (Luke 2: 15-19)

In this Gospel, St. Luke gives us three responses to the event that we celebrate on this day, the birth of our Lord. The first response comes from the shepherds. After the angel gives them the message of a newborn child in Bethlehem, they immediately begin the journey to go and see all that has taken place. They seek to see for themselves the newborn child and the Savior of the world. Once arriving, they share with all they encounter the message they had received. On this day of our Lord's birth, are we ready to follow where our Lord leads us so too may see all these things God has done for us? We need only to look into our hearts to find the newborn child present within us, filling us with his peace.

The people who heard the message from the shepherds are all amazed at what they hear. We too are to be amazed at the love that is shared with us on this day by God our Father. He loves us so much that he sends His only Son to us. As we look upon the manger, our Lord is inviting us to see the joy and peace, justice, mercy and love the child brings to us on this most blessed day.

As Mary and Joseph witness all that takes place around them, we are told that Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. As we gather with family and friends for the Christmas dinner and the opening of gifts, may we also take time to reflect on the birth of our Lord. Let us recognize our need for the Messiah to be present to us in our lives. May this day lead us to a deeper commitment to follow his will in our lives so we may fully share in his grace. Our God has done great things for us as he has promised.

**May Christ come to you this Christmas
With the gift of Love,
The blessing of Hope,
And the promise of Peace.**

LORD'S DINER VOLUNTEER NIGHT

Saint Joseph will be serving at the Lord's Diner on Monday, January 1. Please contact Cindy Voegeli at 650-0121 by December 27 to volunteer.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 24

5:00pm †Nancy Maus
Midnight Intention of Celebrant

Monday, December 25

10:00am †Ann Patton

Tuesday, December 26

No Mass

Wednesday, December 27

Saint John the Apostle
7:15am †Sarah Probst

Thursday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents
7:15am †Paul Barbeau

Friday, December 29

Saint Thomas Becket
7:15am †Mark Seiler

Saturday, December 30

Octave of Christmas
5:00pm †Louis Sanchez

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Family
8:00am for the parish
10:00am †Carlene Reichenberger

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Christmas Masses: Sunday, December 24 at 5:00pm, Midnight and Monday, December 25 at 10:00am

Mary, the Holy Mother of God: This year, this is not a Holy Day of Obligation. On Monday, January 1, Mass will be at 9:00am only.

No Mass on Tuesday, December 26

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.



YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

In accordance with IRS regulations, all contributions received in the parish office on or by December 31 will be credited as a 2017 contribution on your annual contribution statement. All contributions received in the parish office after December 31, 2017, unless it has a December post mark date, will be credited as a 2018 contribution. Thank you for your generous support of our parish .

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Aaron Engels, Nathan Engels, Mathew Focke, Gabriel Goff, Shane Lies, Hollie Martin, Chase Penney, Cole Penney, Conner Penney, Lauren Penney, Gina Reichenberger, Lucas Reichenberger, Nicholas Robben, Matthew Salmans, Nick Scheer, Trystan Tevis, Tony Weninger
Contact Dee Reichenberger at 644-7246 or dee.reichenberger@gmail.com

SERVERS

Sunday, December 24

5:00pm G Hein/S Simon/C Horsch/E Stuever/S Gorges
Midnight Nol Meyer/B Meyer/C Rau/K Rau/E Rowland

Monday, December 25

10:00am R Winter/C Parthemer/T Tevis/C Albers/J Albers

Tuesday, December 26

No Mass

Wednesday, December 27

Z Winter/F Molitor

Thursday, December 28

J Martin/CM Winter

Friday, December 29

D Reichart/N Maxwell

Saturday, December 30

5:00 C Probst/E Aouad/CJ Winter

Sunday, December 31

8:00 I Kuhn/T Smith/B Horsch

10:00 N Martin/D Martin/Noa Meyer

LECTORS

Sunday, December 24

5:00pm Joe Penney
Midnight John Stuever

Monday, December 25

10:00 Bart Reichenberger

Saturday, December 30

5:00pm Phyllis Betzen

Sunday, December 31

8:00am Lisa Schwaiger

10:00am Grant Lane

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday, December 24

5:00pm Rachel Gorges/Peter Hilger/Denise Veith
Midnight Jim Lies/Matt Suchan/Wesley Mertes

Monday, December 25

10:00 Angela Tucker/K Reichenberger/T Smith

Saturday, December 30

5:00pm Amiee Engels/Tom Mohr/Tony Hilger

Sunday, December 31

8:00am Pete Martin/Joe Voegeli/Cindy Voegeli

10:00am Angela Tucker/T Smith/Peter Hilger

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday 5:00: Neil Betzen, RJ Bybee, David Eck, Trent Edelman

Sunday, 8:00: Frank Heimerman, Allan Hein, Ted Horsch, Ron Horsch

Sunday, 10:00: WL Schumaker, Joshua Seiler, Neal Seiler, Rodger Simon

Offertory Procession for next weekend: Saturday, 5:00 Myron Engels family/Sunday, 8:00, Joe Voegeli family/10:00, Bryce Seiler family

THE GIFT OF OUR TREASURE

Information not available at the time of printing.
Please see next week's bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration will **not** take place on Monday, December 25. On January 1, Adoration will begin at 9:45am, after the 9:00am Mass.

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

STEWARDSHIP

In our first reading, we witness King David being called to build the temple – a sacred place to house the Ark of the Covenant. In the gospel, we see Mary being called to carry the infant Jesus – the New Covenant. And today, if you take the time to look in a mirror, you will see a baptized Christian, called to carry Jesus in his/her heart and share Him with everyone he/she encounters. There is beautiful continuity from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and from sacred scripture to you and I. It is one of the most beautiful gifts we could receive on this Christmas Eve. Today, find a moment of silence. Humble yourself before God and give thanks.

EARLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

For December 31, the deadline is December 21

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our council is doing a Super Bowl squares fundraiser to support Christians being persecuted in the Middle East. Half of the money raised will go to this fund and half paid out to the winners. Ticket price per square is \$50. There are 100 squares available. \$500 will be paid out to the winner of the score at the end of each of the first 3 quarters and \$1000 will be paid out for the final score. One \$50 ticket will be eligible for all 4 quarters. Please contact Robby Spexarth at 316-207-3028 if you would like to purchase tickets. More information will be posted on social media and other Knights of Columbus members helping with this effort.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Emergency: Father Daryl at 316.706.1627

Baptism: Call the office to set up appointment with Fr. Daryl.

Matrimony: Call the office at least 9 months in advance.

Prayer Requests: Bonnie, 444.2520

Altar Society: Debbie, 208.8483

Knights of Columbus: Robby, 207-3028

Formed.org, parish password is D2FACY

Bulletin notices no later than noon on Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration: Ginny, 665.1004

Project Rachel: If you or a friend is hurting from an abortion, call 634.1300

Unplanned pregnancy? Call 1.800.848.LOVE