

MASS INTENTIONS—December 24th—January 1st
Saturday—6pm +Deceased Members of John H. Gottschalk Family
Midnight Mass—12am People of St. Patrick's Parish
Sunday—7:30am (Latin) Borkenhagen/Flax Families
 9am Joe Dwyer
Monday—12pm All the Adoration Subs (Bob & Cathy Bartelli)

Tuesday—5pm +Eileen George (Lisa Harriger)
Wednesday—7am (Latin) +Pat Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)
Thursday—Prison Mass +Dorothy Davenport (Steve & Julia Wadkins)
Friday—5pm (Latin) +Margaret George (Lisa Harriger)
 Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—4pm Kenneth and Marilyn Jacquinet
Sunday—9am Merit Montee
 10am People of St. Patrick's Parish



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Phyllis Tieri, Ray Jones,

Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, O Lord:
Julianne "Julie" Stevenson; Marilyn Catherine (Jones) Cole., And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

"IN THE BEGINNING..." (A journey through the development of a child—a parallel of Christ being formed in the womb from March 25th-December 25th). **Week 40**—Celebrate! Don't be surprised at how Chris looks after birth. Chris' head may be misshapen and the skin may be discolored with patchy looking rashes. Chris, like all babies, is made in the image and likeness of God. Even though childbirth is frightening, it helps to keep positive support people around you. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy His favour." Luke 2:14

IMPORTANT!!!—Any contributions you wish to have recorded for the 2016 year must be received by the church by December 31st (per the Chancery Office). This means the collection on Saturday, December 31st, will be recorded for 2016. The Sunday collection on January 1st, 2017, will be recorded as 2017 contributions. Please keep this in mind if you are planning your contributions with regard to income tax.

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—You may pick up your 2017 envelopes at the back of the church. We suggest you check to be sure the name on the box matches the name on the envelopes. Please notify the office if there are any problems with your envelopes.

PRAYER LIST—The monthly prayer list will be published as is on the first weekend of January. From that point forward, we will start with a clean slate. If there is a prayer intention you'd like to see remain on the monthly list, please call the rectory so it can be added to the new list. Thanks!

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!
Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Wed 3-4am, Tues 10-11am,
Thur 3-4pm, Sat 2-3am,
Sat 5-6pm (every other weekend),
Sat 6-7pm (every other weekend),
Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am, Sun 5-6am.

JUST A REMINDER—Please drop your Stewardship packets in the collection plate at your earliest convenience! Thanks so much!

PRAYER IS OUR MOST POWERFUL TOOL—EVERY 1st Saturday of the month we are committed to being in prayer. Our prayer intention is that God will guide us in our efforts to end abortion in Wichita, in Kansas, in America, and around the world. This event is typically well-attended by Catholics, however, people of all Faiths are invited to join us:
WHAT: A 20-Decade Holy Rosary with inspirational Pro-Life meditations
WHEN: Saturday, January 7th at 9:00 AM.
WHERE: South Wind Abortion Facility, 5107 East Kellogg Ave in Wichita, Kansas
WHY: Between 7,000-8,000 babies are killed by abortion in Kansas each year. Kansas still has three operating abortion facilities, South Wind in Wichita, Planned Parenthood and Center for Women's Health in Overland Park.

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."
The Nativity of the Lord

When we give someone a gift, such as at Christmas, we hope that it is something they are excited about and use often. If we were to visit their home a couple months after Christmas, we'd be disappointed to find the gift collecting dust on the shelf. God hopes that we will appreciate the gift that He has given to us in sending His own Son. Our response is to steward this gift by glorifying God, not just one day of the year, but with our whole lives. We go out into the world and imitate the shepherds in St. Luke's gospel who returned "glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen".

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Dec 25 *Merry Christmas
 *No RCIA Class
 Mon Dec 26 *RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
 *Rosary in the Church 11:30am
 Tue Dec 27 *RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
 *Rosary in the Church 4:30pm
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:30pm
 *Parish Library Work Day 6:30pm
 -Parish Hall
 *Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm
 Wed Dec 28 *Rosary in the Church 6:30am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:15pm
 Thur Dec 29 *Rosary in the Church 8am
 *Theology on Tap-Kitchen Pass 6:30pm
 Fri Dec 30 *Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church
 *Rosary in the Church 4:30pm
 Sat Dec 31 *Rosary 6:30am
 *Latin Mass 7am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 7:40am
 *Confessions 3:30pm
 *Vigil Mass—Mary, Mother of God 4pm
 Sun Jan 1 *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God! And, Happy New Year!!!
 *Holy Day Mass 9am
 *Holy Day Mass 10am
 *No RCIA Class

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!
"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth, peace to men of good will." From Christmas Mass at Night.

These words, first proclaimed over 2,000 years ago, still have the power to move the hearts of believers to a profound joy. The joy that comes from knowing that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (JN 3:16)

My prayer for all of you is that you experience the true joy of Christmas—the joy of Our Lady and St. Joseph, the joy of the shepherds, the joy of the angels, the joy of the three kings, the joy that comes from knowing the Son of God has come into the world "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." (JN 3:17)

A good way to keep celebrating during Christmas time is to participate in one of the feast day Masses during the Octave of Christmas. Check the schedule above to find one that fits your schedule.

May our Holy Patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Peace in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Borkenhagen

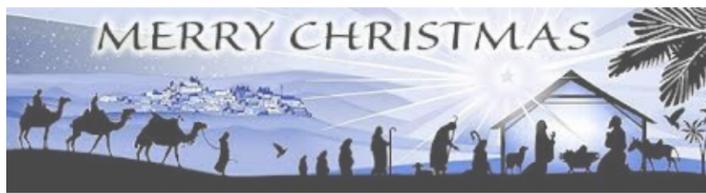
P.S. With January 1st on a Sunday, we have been informed by the Chancery office in Wichita that any donation that someone wants to count for their 2016 taxes, must be in the parish office by December 31st, otherwise we are to count it towards 2017 giving.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & PRAYERS—Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at USCCB.ORG for a printable calendar of activities and ideas for each day of this joyful season.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR CHRISTMAS—Lectio divina is a form of meditation rooted in liturgical celebration that dates back to early monastic communities. It was a method practiced by monks in their daily encounter with Scripture, both as they prepared for the Eucharist and as they prayed the Liturgy of the Hours. The Latin phrase "lectio divina" may be translated as "divine reading." As one reads and invites the Word to become a transforming lens that brings the events of daily living into focus, one can come to live more deeply and find the presence of God more readily in the events of each day. The method of lectio divina follows four steps:

- lectio (reading)
- meditatio (meditation)
- contemplatio (contemplation)
- and oratio (prayer).

Visit the usccb.org website for Lectio Divina guides.



ANOTHER SMART USE OF YOUR IRA—Last year, Congress made the IRA charitable rollover permanent. This allows taxpayers who are required to withdraw money from their IRAs to give directly to their parish. While you won't receive an income tax deduction for this, you also won't pay any income tax on the transfer.
Requirements for making an IRA rollover:
 • You must be age 70 ½ or older.
 • You must transfer money directly from your IRA to your parish.
 You can give up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA.

Altar Servers:

Dec 31—4pm E Wheat/B Chavez/L Gilmore
 Jan 1—9am M Bogner/A Nibarger/C Buller
 10am J Schibi/L Wolgamott/A Farris/J Forbes/Ky Waun

Extraordinary Ministers:

Dec 31—4pm Teresa Bogner
 Jan 1—9am Carl Treiber
 10am Doug Holzem

Lector:

Dec 31—4pm Nick Pfeifer
 Jan 1—9am Sophia Zetmeir
 10am Allison Colson

Offertory Gifts:

Dec 31—4pm Tom & Christina O'Hara
 Jan 1—9am Charles & Regina Sprague
 10am Rikki James Family

Ushers:

Dec 31—4pm McKinney/Moreno/Cupp/Ritz
 Jan 1—9am C & S Johnson/M Crabtree/J Simon
 10am G & K Haynes/M & F Mall

Money Counters:

Dec 31 & Jan 1—David and Robie Martin
 Bob and Pam Burzinski



NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$12,727.00