

# DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2018

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

NO MASS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:05 MASS

Gregory Stone by  
Jane Johnson

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:05 MASS

Paul Nunez,  
Anniversary of Death  
By His Family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:05 MASS

Laura Anne McClay by the  
Sacred Heart Altar Society  
9 A.M. THURSDAY MORNING  
UNTIL 10 P.M.

6 A.M. UNTIL 8 A.M.

FRIDAY MORNING

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Souls in Purgatory

By the Redeker Family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 –

#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:05 A.M. MASS FOR THE HOLY DAY

For the People of the Parish

5:30 P.M. MASS

Donna Patry by the  
Sacred Heart Altar Society

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 A.M.

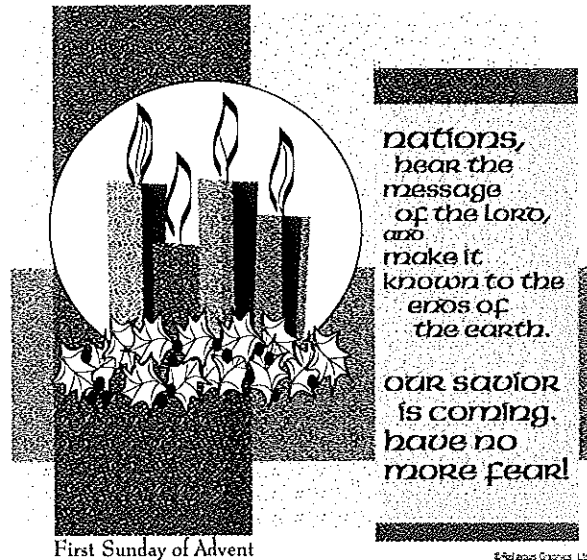
In Memory of Cole Robert Hayden  
By Grandma & Papa

11:00 A.M. MASS

For the People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Didde, Jim Jument, Bill Burgoon, Jaynice Pyle, Vickie Cooper-Foss, Galen Ouellette, Terry Shepard, Mary Pruitt, Raymond Boehm, Ginger Suther, Jack Shepard, The Family of Cole Hayden, Ken Halligan, Lisa Garman; Reba Miller, Koby Becker, Bev Robbins, Elva Higgins, Slater Hedrick, Bernice Smith, Eddie Heiman, Larry Fisher, James & Elizabeth Fisher, Joan Cook, Don Schamle, Kathy Jordan, Laura Sommer\* **Marian Warfel**, Sheri Bowden, Tim Chanay, Brenda Stinson, Richard Grabbe, Beckham Moody, Bill Helmick, Jackie Crawford, Dalton Hennessy, Shirley Brown, Gene, Amelia Elaine Rupp, Maria Wingert, Becky Browning, Jonathan Pogge, Gary Hunsicker, Tiffany White, Warren Black, Eddie Scheufler, Fr. Paul Frank, Mary Meeks, Cody Goodrich, Tim Morrow, Cindy D. Eden, Stacy, Mary Jean Miller, Patrick Shannon, Gary Bowling, Amy & Allen Richardson & Family, Carsyn Aylward, Kent Porter, Jenn Pattison, Liem Nickerson, Florence Tetuan, Connie Briar, Mark Gordon, & John Wegman.



First Sunday of Advent

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## LITURGICAL ROLES

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

5:30 P.M. MASS

Gifts: Charlie & Margy Porter  
Greeters: Dennis & Margaret Katzer  
Mary Alice Lasseter/Eric Guenther

Server: Sam Clevenger

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Engelbert

Music: Jane Johnson

Lectors: Temie Lehman

Sherry Engelbert

Sacristan: Debbie Blakeley

Rosary Leader: Judy Koczurowicz

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 A.M. MASS

Gifts: Betty Sands/Eileen Bowling

Greeters: Michael Keiter Family

Servers: Willie Dorsey/Jimmy Dorsey

Eucharistic Minister: Rosemary Pratt

Music: Guitar/Flute

Lectors: Ann Hunsicker/Temie Lehman

Sacristans: Ervin & Janet Prather

Rosary Leader: Ann Hunsicker

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:00 A.M. MASS

Gifts: Rob Orr Family

Greeters: Jim & Sherry Huschka

Brad & Annette Ferguson

Servers: James Sommer/Ben Sommer

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Henningsen

Music:

Lectors: Steve Boetel/Betty Birzer

Sacristan: Stephanie Orr

Rosary Leader: Galen Ouellette

Counters: Mike Fischer

John Golden

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS!

Sunday, Dec. 2: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Monday, Dec. 3: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Archbishop Emeritus James P. Keleher

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Abbot James Albers, OSB

Thursday, Dec. 6: Rev. Michael Stubbs

Friday, Dec. 7: Rev. Patrick Sullivan

Saturday, Dec. 8: Msgr. Stuart Swetland

## ADVENT COMMUNAL

## PENANCE SERVICE

**SACRED HEART, OTTAWA**

**DECEMBER 12, 2018**

**7 P.M.**

## ARE YOU?

- A committed Catholic,
- Faithful to the Church's teachings,
- Engaged in Parish Life
- Do you have a heart for sharing the faith?

If you answered **yes** to these questions, please see Fr. Bill. He needs **9** more volunteers to come forward and say **I'd like help with ENFLAME OUR HEARTS 2019**. This is a Diocesan-wide *Evangelization* program.

On Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the **ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold a short meeting, refreshments and then adjourn to the Church for a special spruce up in preparation for Christmas. Ladies, please consider joining us for a fun and productive evening.



## MOM'S NIGHT OUT PRAYER GROUP

If you have children at home and would like to join other mothers for a monthly one hour prayer and Catholic parenting, marriage enrichment support group, please fill out one of the interest sheets at each entrance and place it in the basket provided.

## PRAIRIE STAR RANCH NEWS

Parents and Grandparents have requested for years to be able to give the experience of Camp Tekakwitha for Christmas – now we can! Registration opens:

- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> for Senior High Max & Senior High Extreme

9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade campers entering 9-12 grade Fall 2019

- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for Junior High Camp  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade camps, campers entering 7/8 Fall 2019
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> for Camp Kateri  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade camps, campers entering 5/6 Fall 2019
- Family Camps – Email Registration beginning November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Visit our website at [archkck.org/camp](http://archkck.org/camp)

## Married Couples

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** The next weekend in Kansas City is **MARCH 1–3, 2019**.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website: [www.wvme4youandme.org](http://www.wvme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 OR email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)

The Faith and Prayer Ministry has **Advent Wreaths, candles and other items available for purchase after each Mass this weekend in the Main entrance.**



## KNIGHTS NEWS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**MEAL AT 6**

**(Vegetable Soup and Chili Potluck)**

**MEETING AT 7**

**Drawing for the Traeger grill this month**

## **ITALIAN KNIGHTS DINNER**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2019**

For more information or to reserve your table, contact Craig Evans @ 785-248-6207



## **'ENKINDLE' CONFIRMATION RETREAT DECEMBER 8, 2018 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

Held at Prairie Star Ranch, this complete Confirmation Retreat offers any youth the opportunity to partake in our 'Enkindle' Confirmation Program. All meals and programming are covered in the registration fee. All youth participants will need to have a chaperone with them during the event as well as a completed Permission Form and Waiver, a link which is provided in the confirmation page and email. Register today at [www.archkck.org/ranch](http://www.archkck.org/ranch) or contact the Retreat Team at [psrministry@archkck.org](mailto:psrministry@archkck.org) or call 785-746-5693.

## catholic charities

*Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas exists because there is a need, but we survive because of your generosity. Your help is someone's hope. Thank you for considering a gift to the Christmas Collection to support the mission of Catholic Charities.*

## MARRIAGE MINUTE

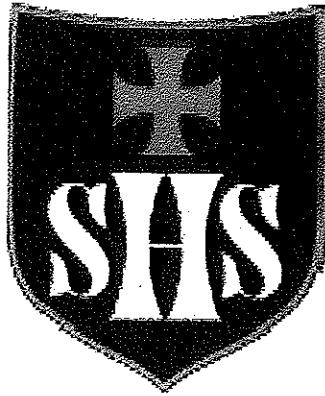
Keeping a promise is one lesson that every parent teaches their children. Why is this? When we keep a promise, we express our human dignity. In this week's reading from Jeremiah, we are reminded that God's mission to humanity is to fulfill His promises.

On our wedding day, we married couples make "fulfilling our promises" to our spouse the main mission of our life. Keeping our promises or vows is how we married couples image Christ's love for the Church.

Don't let the chaos of the secular craziness distract you from your mission! This Advent, convince your spouse he or she is the most important person in your life through:

- Extra verbal affirmation;
- Over-the-top service
- Generous physical affection;
- Thoughtful inexpensive gift
- Simple "date night in" after the kids are in bed

For more, [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com)



## Sacred Heart School Pizza Nights

Monday's are hard. Don't want to cook? Pizza Time has it covered. Pizza Time here in Ottawa is helping to make Monday's easier while giving back to our school. Starting Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, Pizza Time will donate 20% of their sales for delivery, dine-in and carry-out when you bring in this flier! Alcohol, Buffet, Specials and coupons are excluded.

Mark the first Mondays down as Pizza Night for Sacred Heart:

Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

Monday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

Bring in this printed flier and Pizza Time will donate 20% to our school. You can print it out at home or let the office know you need some and we will get them to you.

Benefit Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Ticket: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Excludes alcohol sales, buffet prices, coupons, specials, and gratuity.



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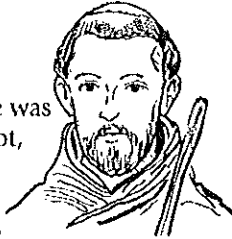
December 2018

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Fr. William Fisher, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Dominic of Silos

St. Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000 AD in La Rioja, Spain. Recognized for his leadership abilities, he was made abbot, but was exiled for refusing to sell monastery lands to the local ruler. He was welcomed by King Ferdinand I of Castile and appointed abbot of St. Sebastian's monastery at Silos. Joan of Aza prayed for a child and saw a vision of St. Dominic. Her son, whom she named Dominic, founded the Dominican Order.



### Anticipate Advent

A rich Advent makes a joyous Christmas. Use the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Christ's coming. Offer extra prayers, perform penance, and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).*



## Celebrate Christmas with child-like wonder

There is no greater miracle than the gift of love Christmas represents. We didn't earn it and we can't deserve it. Yet, we get so harried with the holiday rush that we miss the wonder of it. Ever notice how children never do? This year, slow down and celebrate Christmas like a child.

Tie gifts with heartstrings. Instead of boosting credit card balances or draining your checking account, keep what you give simple, meaningful, and from the heart. For example, give a coupon for babysitting to friends with children. Prepare a meal for someone who needs a break from cooking.

Offer your hearth. The holidays can be lonely for people separated from

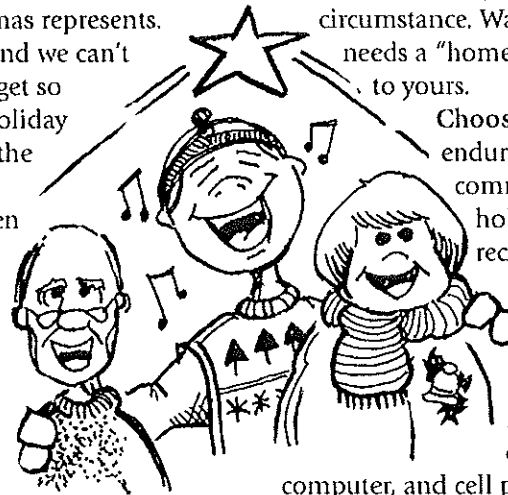
their loved ones by distance, death, or circumstance. Watch for anyone who needs a "home" and invite them to yours.

Choose peace. Instead of enduring the Christmas commercials and bad holiday specials, record the good shows and watch while you relax. Or rent your favorite spiritual movies.

Better still, turn off the television, computer, and cell phone, and enjoy the silence.

Greet the Babe with joy. Seek reconciliation in Confession so you can receive the Eucharist at Christmas.

Sing like an angel. Check your local listings for Christmas concerts, Messiah sing-a-longs, or other spiritual songfests. Host a caroling party in your home and sing loud with Christmas joy.

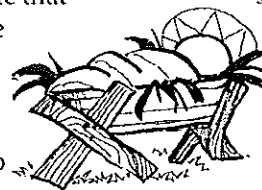


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics celebrate Christ's birth?

Every Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus, the Son of God, became man—while retaining his divinity—and died for our sins and rose again. We believe this because God, who is Truth, revealed it.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a*



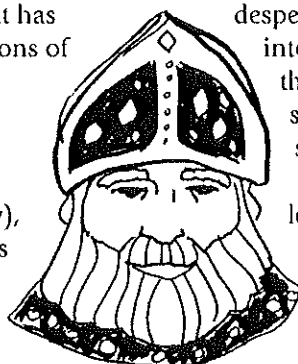
*son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'" (Isaiah 9:6). God came to Earth and lived among us.*

# Honor the spirit of St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas is one icon of the holiday season that has meaning in both the secular and spiritual celebrations of Christmas.

We know that St. Nicholas was born at the end of the third century in Asia Minor. His parents died when he was young and left him well off. His uncle, the archbishop of Myra (southeast of Turkey), ordained him and upon his uncle's death, Nicholas served as bishop until his own death. Throughout he suffered imprisonment and persecution.

One legend involving St. Nicholas concerns a



desperate man on the verge of selling his daughters into slavery to pay his debts. Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold into an open window (some say down the chimney) in the man's house to stop him.

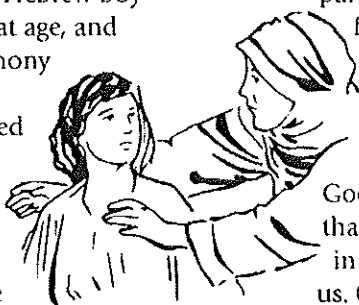
Our present-day Santa Claus stems from the legends of St. Nicholas, but in the Church he is a saint, a confessor of the faith, and a holy bishop. We can learn from his generosity to the poor, and imitate his acts of kindness to others.

## from Scripture

### Luke 2:41-52, Living in the world

In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This was an important time in Jesus' life. Back then, a Hebrew boy became a man around that age, and was recognized in a ceremony called a Bar Mitzvah. On this occasion, Jesus decided to stay behind, causing anxiety to his parents.

This was the first time Jesus spoke in the Gospels and the first time he referred to his identity as God's Son. He spoke of his unique mission of saving the world. He knew his duties to his heavenly Father but

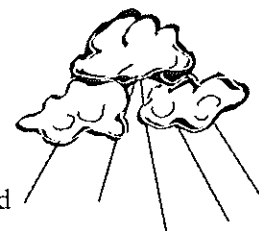


he understood the time to fulfill them would come later. Meanwhile, he returned obediently with his earthly parents to Nazareth and fulfilled his duties to them.

Jesus respected his family, yet he continued to pursue his place in God's plan. The lesson is that we can grow in holiness in wherever God has placed us. Christians can be found in neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. In all these places, we have to find ways to live a holy life in the world.

## Q & A What is meant by "fear of the Lord?"

"Fear of the Lord" is more about awe—recognizing God's power and might – than



about fear of the merciful creator who loves us most. Fear of the Lord is also known as "reverence," and is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding...counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:2). These gifts, when used, make us open to God's love.

Fear of the Lord helps us have a healthy respect for God's majesty. We fear offending God for the same reason we fear offending someone we love. If we really love someone, we wouldn't do anything (on purpose) to hurt them or damage the friendship. This is what happens when we sin. "The [Christian] no longer stands before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1828).

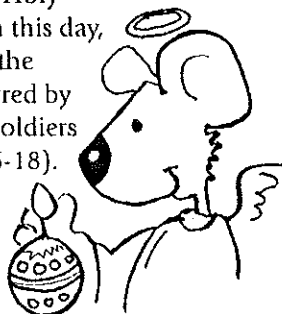
## Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 4 – St. John Damascene (749). A Doctor of the Church and the last of the Greek Fathers, St. John was born in Syria when it was under Muslim rule and was counselor to the caliph. He is known for his writings in favor of the use of sacred images for devotion. These writings brought him into serious conflict with the heretical Christian emperor. He later became a monk under the direction of St. Sabas.

Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St.

Juan Diego, also Native American. She asked that the bishop of Mexico build a chapel for her, and had him carry roses to the bishop as a sign. When the roses were emptied from his tilma (cape), it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 28-The Holy Innocents. On this day, we remember the infants massacred by King Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2:16-18). We also pray for the safety of unborn children.



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Save the Stork's Van  
with Mobile Ultrasound  
Altar Society

Donations received by Dec. 3 will be matched! If you can help get LifeCare to the finish line by December 31, the van can be put into production in January and can be on the road by April or May of 2019. Then LifeCare will start offering its services on college campuses, at events and in communities around Ottawa to women and men who are facing unplanned pregnancies and might be considering abortion. This van will truly be a *life saver*. What a privilege to be a part of that!

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