



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Mary Mission Statement:*  
To be companions with Christ  
our Savior

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil -5:30pm  
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

### Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment  
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

Dec. 13, 2020

Third Sunday  
of Advent

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[www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org)

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### Altar Society

Sue Schmidt – (620) 327-7455

### CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry)

Bill & Carrie Weber – 212-0137

### Legion of Mary- President

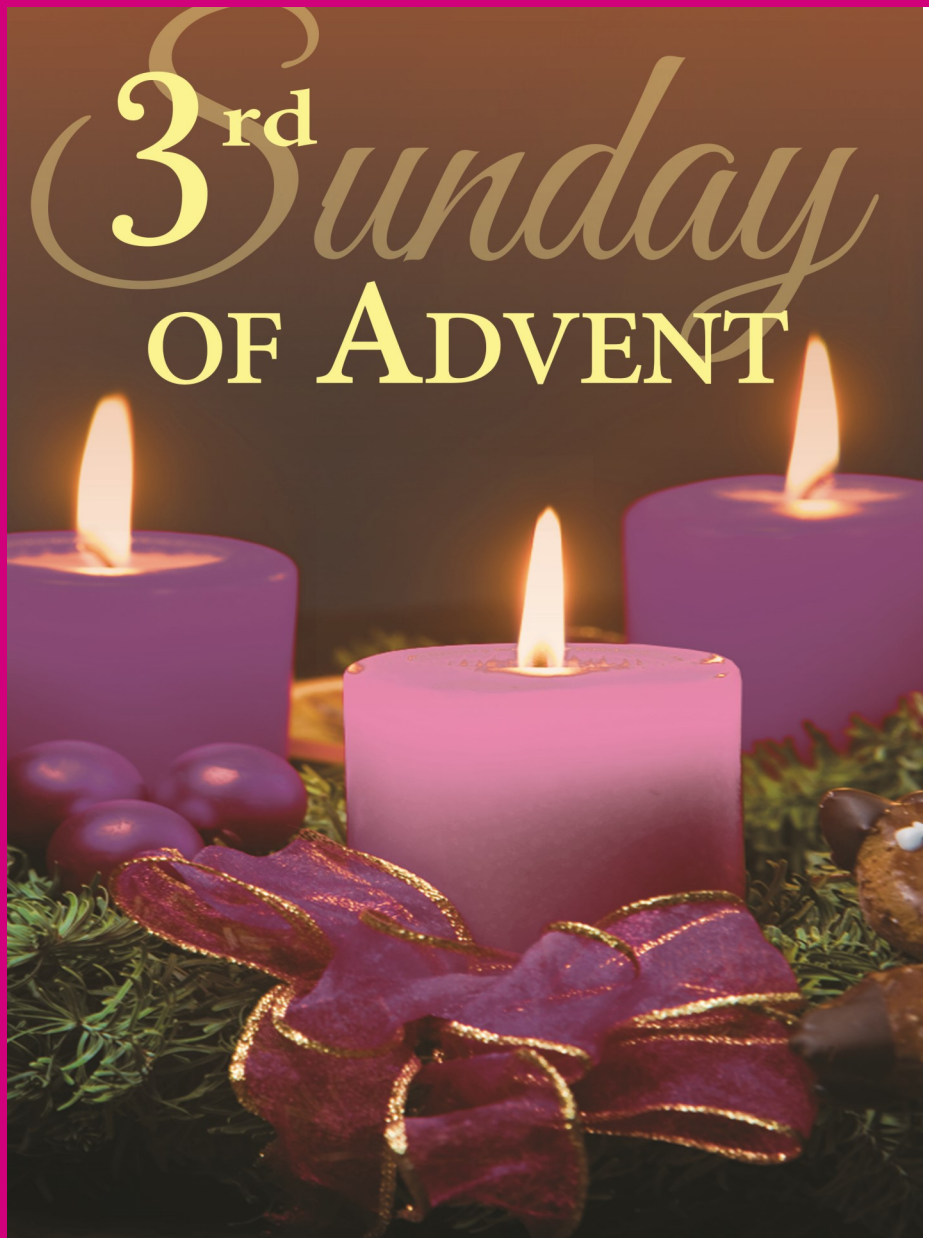
Steve Holub – 316-836-7822

### Knights of Columbus

Dave Englestad-316-804-8632

### Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Mandy Casey-(620) 200-7278



### Open Adoration Hours:

Tues: 12am, 1am  
Wed: 7am & 12pm  
Thurs: 2am, 3am, 4am, 6am  
Please consider an hour, or  
becoming a substitute!!

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9am-4:30pm  
Friday: 9am-12:30pm  
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:  
Tuesday: 5:30pm ; Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday 8:00am



# Mass Intentions for the Week

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | Dec. 15                          |
| 5:30pm    | ✠ Virginia Schierling            |
| Wednesday | Dec. 16                          |
| 8:00 a.m. | ✠ Alice TenEyck                  |
| Thursday  | Dec. 17                          |
| 8:00 a.m. | ✠ Gertrude Mahoney               |
| Friday    | Dec. 18                          |
| 8:00 a.m. | Aleah Carson                     |
| Saturday  | Dec. 19                          |
| 8:00am    | ✠ Jerry Beat (Latin Mass)        |
| 5:30pm    | ✠ Phyllis Prouty                 |
| Sunday    | Dec. 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| 8:30am    | ✠ Gordon Ahlstedt                |
| 10:30am   | People of the Parish             |

Please Pray For our Sick, Home Bound & Care Home Parishioners:

|                  |                |                   |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Geraldine Adkins | Sara Quinones  | Walt & Lois       |
| Carmen Alvarado  | Brett Roufs    | Silvernale        |
| Elesa Garcia     | Bryan Sahlfeld | Ethel Wetschensky |
| Karen Mosqueda   | Norman Salmans |                   |

## Stewardship Message—Fiat “Rejoice”

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
The word of the day is rejoice! We hear it multiple times in the readings for this weekend, which is referred to as “Gaudete Sunday.” We rejoice because the Lord is near! Spend some time this week reflecting on the Responsorial Psalm (Lk 1:46-54). Here we have the Magnificat...Mary’s hymn of praise. In this passage, you can see Mary’s Fiat... not only is she willingly cooperating with God’s plan, but she is rejoicing in her complete surrender. She is not grieving her loss of self; rather she has found her true identity. We are called into a similar discipleship. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude and praise. We should rejoice in our Savior, who looks upon His lowly servants with deep and merciful love. Perhaps it is cliché, but an “attitude of gratitude” will cause us to give of ourselves in new and generous ways!

## COVID-19 SCHEDULE & INFO

We are committed to taking every precaution for our parishioners and their safety.

- Social distancing is practiced in the church.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the vestibule.
- New hardbound Journey Hymnals are available to purchase through the office for \$20.
- The church is cleaned & sanitized twice a week.
- There is a safety screen between parishioner and priest/extraordinary minister for distribution of communion.
- There is no offertory at this time, so please place your envelope/offering in the box in the vestibule on the right side. Thanks!

## eGiving

is now available online at [www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org) e-giving is another way to give using a debit or credit card. You may make a one time gift or recurring, it’s up to you!

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Envelopes will be in the back of church if you would like to give a donation in memory/honor of a loved one. Please drop in the collection box in the vestibule by Dec. 19/20, or bring to the church office by Dec. 23rd. Thank You!!

## CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Christmas next Sunday, 12/20 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Your help is greatly appreciated!!

## Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2020-June 2021

Collections for: Dec. 6, 2020

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| *Regular Collection     | \$ 21,769.56 |
| Children’s Collection   | \$ -         |
|                         | \$ 21,769.56 |
| Other:                  |              |
| *Building Fund.....     | \$ 280.00    |
| Budget per week is..... | \$ 14,584.60 |

*\*includes 12/5 ACH payments*

Collections year-to-date compared to budget  
Through December 6, 2020 \$ (40,204.91)

**\*\*Your contributions are greatly appreciated and very important to the operation of the parish and school. If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up and do your part. Thank you! —Father Voelker**

## ST. MARY SCHOOL

Substitute Teachers Wanted: If you or someone you know is interested in substituting at St. Mary Catholic School, please contact Joshua Bargdill at (316)282-1974. Substitutes need to have a teacher license or an emergency substitute license. To obtain an emergency substitute license one needs a minimum of 60 college credits. Our school can help you apply for the license.

### ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP

Please pick your 2021 Stewardship packets up to save us the cost of mailing them. To ensure that the parish ministries continue to perform at their best and to keep the ministry and tithing records accurate, we ask that you turn your forms in as soon as possible! You may do so by mailing or dropping them off at the parish office, or putting in collection box in church, or filling it out and submitting it online at [www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org)

### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is partnering with Kansas Eviction Prevention Program to help tenants and their landlords apply for up to \$5,000 in rental assistance. The program is designed to help people who are facing eviction while experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information or to start an application, call Matt Lowe at (316) 264-8344, ext. 4112.

Double your donation and help Catholic Charities meet a \$60,000 match challenge with your gift to its Be the Blessing appeal. When you generously share your blessings with Catholic Charities, your blessings count in the lives of the more than 18,000 people served by Catholic Charities each year. To learn more, visit [give.CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/be-the-blessing](http://give.CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/be-the-blessing). Help us meet the match by Dec. 31.

### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Harvest House will not be meeting in December, however, we would like to encourage our parishioners to give someone who you think may feel lonely this holiday season a call, a card or a note of encouragement. Ask your children to draw a picture, write a poem or short story. Let's love thy neighbor, especially during this difficult time.

### CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 33 seminarians and 17 retired priests.

### EARLY SUBMISSION BULLETIN DEADLINE

The December/January early bulletin submission times are:

December 20th bulletin is due—Dec. 10th by 10am

December 27th bulletin is due—Dec. 17th by 10am

January 3rd bulletin is due—Dec. 23rd by 10am

Call 282-0459, ext. 3, or email articles to [parish@stmarynewton.org](mailto:parish@stmarynewton.org)

## Parish Information

### Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.

### Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than 10am on Tue.

### Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - Wednesday: TBD Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

### Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Greg & Resa Davenport/Bill & Carrie Weber.

### Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 415 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call coordinator, call Laurie Kimere at (417)531-8904.

### Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Mickey Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call Barbara Fayette at 283-6467 to activate the line.

### Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

### Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459.

## Information About Sacraments

\*\*PLEASE CALL FR. VOELKER AT 316-282-0459 EXT. 1

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

### Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m.

Any time by appointment.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

## DOCTRINAL SECTION—ADVENT REFLECTIONS

On this Third Sunday of Advent, known as “Gaudete” Sunday, the Liturgy invites us to rejoice. Advent is a season of commitment and conversion in preparation for the Lord’s coming, but today the Church gives us a foretaste of the joy of Christmas that is now at hand. In fact Advent is also a time of joy, because in this season expectation of the Lord’s coming is awakened in the hearts of believers; looking forward to a person’s arrival is always a cause of joy. This joyful dimension is present in the First of the Bible Readings of this Sunday. The Gospel on the other hand, corresponds to the other dimension that is characteristic of Advent: that of conversion with a view to the epiphany of the Lord proclaimed by John the Baptist. The passage begins with the words “Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion... Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem” which is similar to that of the Angel’s annunciation to Mary: “Hail, full of grace”. The essential reason why the daughter of Zion can be joyful is expressed in the affirmation we have just heard: “the Lord is in your midst”; this means literally “is in your womb”, with a clear reference to the dwelling place of God in the Ark of the Covenant, always set in the midst of the People of Israel. The prophet wishes to tell us that there is no longer any reason for distrust, discouragement, sorrow, whatever the situation that must be faced, because we are certain of the Lord’s presence which alone suffices to calm and cheer hearts. We can reflect on whether we are really aware of this fact that the Lord is present among us, that he is not a distant God but a God-with-us, a God in our midst who is with us here, who is in the Blessed Eucharist, he is with us in the living Church and we must be heralds of this presence of God. Thus God rejoices in us and we can attain joy: God exists, God is good and God is close.

~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

### **The Lord’s Diner PT Weekend**

#### **Team Member:**

*The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual to serve as The Lord’s Diner PT Weekend Team Member. This individual will work 20-30 hours per week and assist in the kitchen, with volunteers, and in the dining area. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon, December 16, 2020. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/>*

#### **CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY**

January 29th, 7pm - January 31st, 1pm, Scott Weeman will be hosting a healing retreat at the SLC. This event is open to anyone struggling with an addiction or unhealthy attachments. Participants will be encouraged to encounter the Lord and grow closer to him through talks, reflection, prayer and sharing, as well as a faith-centric approach to the 12-Steps of Addiction Recovery principles. Confession and Mass will be offered.

## Liturgical Role

### **Altar Servers** (two servers, no cross bearer)

Sat. 12/19 5:30pm Ben & Matthew Heppler  
Sun. 12/20 8:30am Emmet & Aedan O’Halloran  
Sun. 12/20 10:30am Ryan Ruggiero & Evan Antle \*Dom

### **Cantor/Accompanist**

Sat. 12/19 5:30pm B. Nguyen, S. Herdler  
Sun. 12/20 8:30am P. McNeill, S. Koerner  
Sun. 12/20 10:30am A. Cox, E. Stabler

### **Lector**

Sat. 12/19 5:30pm Karen McAnulty  
Sun. 12/20 8:30am Rodger Graham  
Sun. 12/20 10:30am David Englestad

### **Sacristans**

Weekday Dec. 15—19—Mary Russell  
Sat. 12/19 5:30pm Shelly Oswald  
Sun. 12/20 8:30am Kathleen Morris  
Sun. 12/20 10:30am Terri Bockhaus

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Weekday Dec. 16th-D. Henning; 17th-M. Oden; 18th-S. Schmidt  
Sat. 12/19 5:30pm Deb Henning  
Sun. 12/20 8:30am Jerry Pomeroy  
Sun. 12/20 10:30am Steven Rusche  
\*sub is needed

### **Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC-Hospital—suspended**

### **Ushers**

Sat. 12/19 5:30pm Justin & Becky Patterson  
Sun. 12/20 8:30am Warren Wiens & Phil Blann  
Sun. 12/20 10:30am Brian Schulte & David Vinduska

### **Church Cleaners—Dec—18**

Sharon Erwin, Brigitte Loescher & Amber Holguin

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Readings for next Sunday in the new Journey Hymnal:  
Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) #868  
The Order of the Mass: 140—165**