



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

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany
of the Lord

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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: 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday: 9:00am – 12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS:
Tuesday: 5:30pm; Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday: 8:00am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Jan. 5, St. John Neumann
5:30pm	Carmen Alvarado
Wednesday	Jan. 6, St. Andre' Bessette
8:00 a.m.	✠Marguerite Snapp
Thursday	Jan. 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort
8:00am	✠Adolph Charbonneau
Friday	Jan. 8
8:00 a.m.	✠J.T. Kelso
Saturday	Jan. 9
8:00am	✠Mike Cope & Family
5:30pm	✠Elizabeth Jane Baker
Sunday	Jan. 10, The Baptism of the Lord
8:30am	✠Fred Kuestersteffen
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—The Holy The Epiphany of the Lord

Blind Faith

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

An act of FIAT requires more than just a bit of blind faith. We have many examples in Sacred Scripture of people who do not hesitate to respond to God's call, no matter how intimidating that call may be! Today we look to the magi from the east, who followed a star in the night sky to the crib of the newborn King. On the way, they encountered Herod, whose reaction to Jesus was one of jealousy and fear. They also encountered the chief priests and the scribes, who were fairly indifferent to the news of Jesus' birth. Yet these wise men persisted on, keeping their gazes on the star that led them to the Holy Family, where they paid homage to the Christ child. In your own efforts to grow in discipleship you may encounter similar difficulties. There will be people who react to you with hostility, trying to steer you off course. There will be people who are completely unconcerned with your efforts. They don't interfere, but they certainly don't help. Like the magi, you must lift your eyes to heaven and trust God to guide you to the exact place He intends you to be.

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 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!



THANK YOU

To all of those that helped to decorate the church for Christmas! The



church is beautiful. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

Our Deepest Sympathy....

To the family of **Bob Brandewiede**, who passed away on December 21, 2020.

—May the Love of God comfort you all.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2020-June 2021

**Due to early bulletin submission, collections for Dec. 27 will be in the Jan. 10 bulletin.

Collections for: Dec. 20, 2020

*Regular Collection	\$ 16,387.50
Children's Collection	\$ -
	\$ 16,387.50

Other:	
*Building Fund.....	\$ 1,286.00

Budget per week is.....	\$ 14,584.60
*Includes 12/20 ACH payments	

Collections year-to-date compared to budget
Through December 20, 2020 \$ (37,587.61)**

**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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will serve a carry out breakfast Sunday, January 10th from 8am—11am at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Carry out meals will be picked up from the parish hall kitchen. The menu: biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes. The cost is \$6.00. Social distancing and masks will be observed. Enter the parish hall through the west side glass double doors, exit through the south side steel doors. The proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Altar Society News

The next Altar Society meeting will be on Thursday, January 7, at 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center. Please come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAMS; ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167

UNBOUND PRAYER SESSIONS

On January 7th, the SLC will be hosting UNBOUND Ministry for private prayer sessions from 7pm to 9pm. These evenings will allow retreatants to receive personal and private spiritual aid and guidance from an UNBOUND prayer team. Space is limited, so sign up soon to reserve a spot and check for future events. This event will recur on the first Thursdays of upcoming months at the Spiritual Life Center.

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.

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

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. 2

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
The Christmas Mystery Part II

On this first day of the new year we feel once again the message of Christmas addressed to us in all its simplicity and depth. It speaks to us with the testimony of the Shepherds of Bethlehem, who - after seeing the Child with Mary and Joseph - reported what had been said to them (cf. *Lk* 2:17). And so they became the first messengers of the Event and of the Mystery, which, thanks to them, began to spread and radiate among the people. Above all, however, the Church enters the new year by celebrating the Divine Maternity of Mary, Virgin of Nazareth, who through her "fiat" became, through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Mother of the Eternal Word, the "Theotokos". The earthly birth of God, Christmas, is closely connected with the Divine Maternity of Mary. The birth of man is closely connected with motherhood. Man is conceived in the mother's womb and is born from her womb. When the fullness of time came and God, the Eternal Father, sent his Son, he also sent him as "born of woman" The New Year begins, so to speak, a new "fullness of time". And it is precisely this fullness, which from today we begin to express with the figure "1982", emerges from the mystery of Christmas. Together with the earthly birth of God, the message of peace came to men. It characterized the Bethlehem event with a particular cry: "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to the men he loves". "The men he loves ..."The Liturgy of today's solemnity indicates that man has his beginning in God; not only in time, not only in the womb of the mother, but in God himself. Today we celebrate the Maternity of Mary, fixing our eyes on the fatherhood of God, on his eternal paternal plan. "When the fullness of time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman ... to receive adoption as children. And that you are children, the proof is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts who cries out: Abba, Father! ". Thus we are children through the Son. Our origin is in the Father through the Son.

~St. John Paul II

New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register. Welcome and God Bless!

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers (two servers, no cross bearer)

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Anthony Salas & Lily Maxwell

Sun. 01/10 8:30am Emmet & Aedan O'Halloran

Sun. 01/10 10:30am Anthony Holguin & Calista Woerner

*Adrian

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm J. Damon & S. Herdler

Sun. 01/10 8:30am B. Nguyen & S. Koerner

Sun. 01/10 10:30am A. Cox

Lector

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Sylvia Yoder

Sun. 01/10 8:30am Leigh Ann O'Halloran

Sun. 01/10 10:30am Terri Bockhaus

Sacristans

Weekday Jan. 5—9—Mary Russell

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Gary Chaffee

Sun. 01/10 8:30am Paula Blann

Sun. 01/10 10:30am Mary Ann Bruggeman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Deb Henning

Sun. 01/10 8:30am Daniel Casey

Sun. 01/10 10:30am Carl Antle

Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC-Hospital—suspended

Ushers

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Ray Salas, Trent Shepherd

Sun. 01/10 8:30am Alan Pitts, Ray Schmitt

Sun. 01/10 10:30am James Cox, Amber Cox

Church Cleaners—Jan. 8—

Rosa Hernandez, Alondra & Itzel Torres, Jamie Aboyte

Wash Server Albs—Jan. 4

Claire Hanna & Teri Wray

Program Coordinator, Office of Hispanic Ministry

The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual to serve as Program Coordinator for the Office of Hispanic Ministry. This individual will work directly with the Director in carrying out the mission of the office. This position will include administrative duties, translation and interpretation of documents, coordination and facilitation of projects/ events to reach out to the Diocesan Hispanic community with special attention to youth and family efforts in our parishes. Deadline for accepting resumes is January 19, 2021. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>, Administration, Human Resources/Careers.

Readings for next Sunday in the new Journey Hymnal:

The Baptism of the Lord #880

The Order of the Mass: 140—165