



# 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

December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday  
Of Advent

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### RCIA

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### Altar Society

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### CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry)

Bill & Carrie Weber – 212-0137  
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### Legion of Mary- President

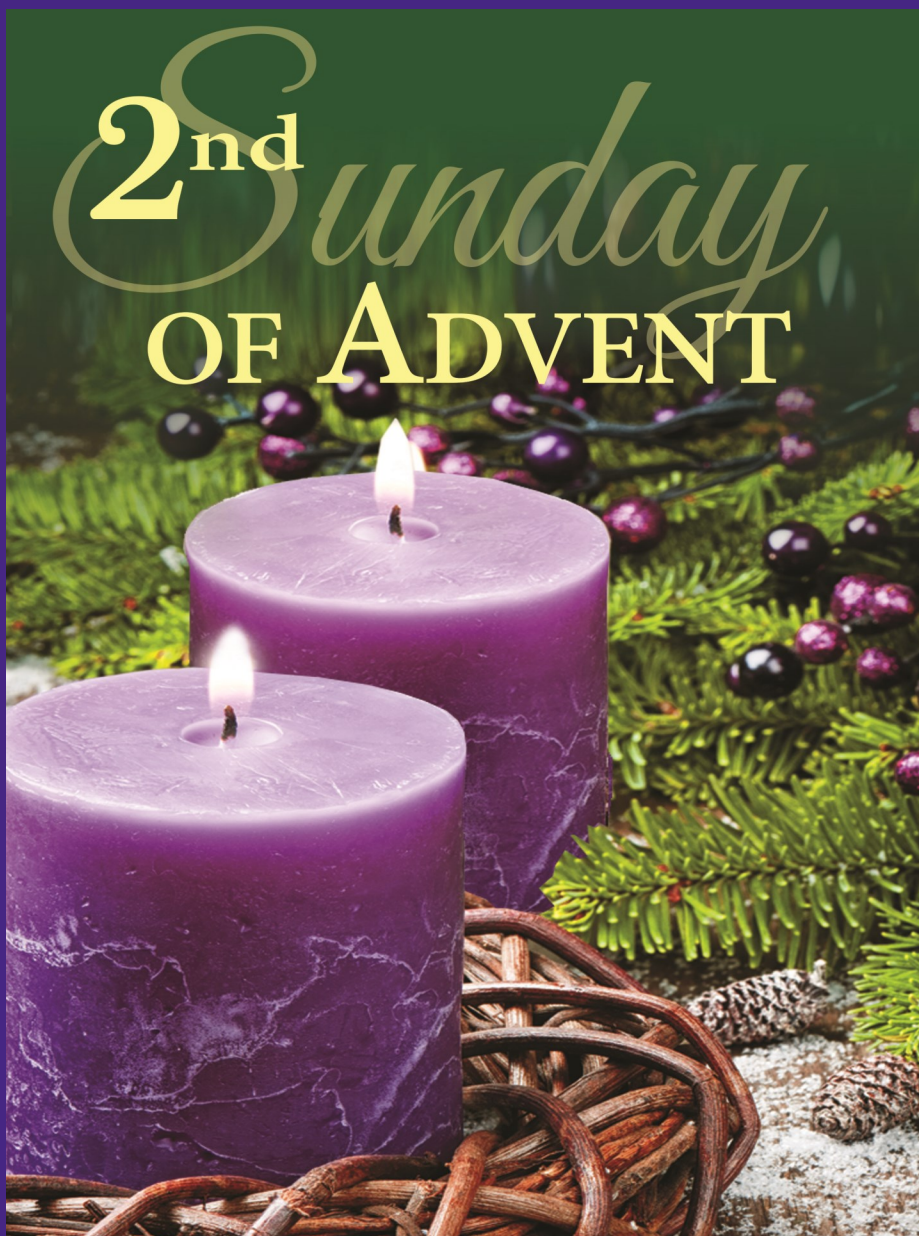
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### Knights of Columbus

Chris Kitzke-316-217-4541

### Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Mandy Casey-620-200-7278



### OPEN ADORATION HOURS:

Sunday: 5pm & 6pm  
Tuesday: 5pm  
Thursday: 2am & 3am  
Please call OLG at 316-283-3499 if interested in taking an hour or being a substitute!

### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9:00-4:30  
Friday 9:00-12:30pm

### WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesday-5:30pm, Wednesday 8:00am  
& 5:30pm-Immaculate Conception  
Thursday & Friday 8:00am



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Dec. 7, St. Ambrose
5:30pm	✠Jeanette Boston
Wednesday	Dec. 8th, The Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
5:30 p.m.	✠Fred Kuestersteffen
Thursday	Dec. 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
8:00 a.m.	✠Charlie Lanzrath
Friday	Dec. 10
8:00 a.m.	✠Alice TenEyck
Saturday	Dec. 11, St. Damasus I
8:00 a.m.	✠Wilma Schumacher
5:30 p.m.	✠Mary O'Brien
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	✠Casey Thomas

Please Pray For our Sick, Home Bound & Care Home Parishioners: Alma Gordon ♦ Bryan Sahlfeld ♦ Brett Roufs Walt & Lois Silvernale ♦ Stacy Morris ♦ Virginia Holub ♦ Norman Salmans ♦ Lou Kuestersteffen ♦ Maggie Morgan ♦ Jonah Wagner ♦ Nancy Budde

### Stewardship Message—

#### Prepare Room in Your Heart

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-16

Today's Gospel introduces us to the mission of John the Baptist who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in preparation for the way of the Lord. We also see, however, that there were earthly rulers who stood in stark contrast to the establishment of the Kingdom of God which John heralded. From Caesar in Rome, to his governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, to the tetrarch Herod who would deprive John of his earthly life, we are reminded that although we should "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" we should ultimately strive to seek Him who offers us eternal governance and salvation. As we enter further into this Advent season, let us remember to prepare room in our hearts for Him who is the Giver of all good gifts.

I was privileged to have been selected for the CYM Service Project. They not only did a great job on the projects I requested, but went above and beyond! They gifted me with a beautiful handmade wreath and welcome sign, also a mum plant and pumpkin for outside decorations! A big Thank You to Bill and Carrie Weber for their leadership and examples of stewardship to our youth community. Thank You again. ~Mary Kellogg

### LEGION OF MARY

Advent means 'coming'. We welcome new members at Legion of Mary! This Advent, share in the hope, peace, love and joy of the coming Christmas and on into the New Year. Thursday meetings - 5:00 p.m. in the Legio Mariae Room, at the back of Church; Rosary/Prayer/Spiritual Reading. Contact: Dixie Pomeroy at 620-327-2437 (h), with any questions.

### CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Brycen John Crabtree** received the Sacraments of Baptism on November 21, 2021. He is the son of James & Jessica Crabtree.

### Knights of Columbus

NRC Wellness center Knights of Columbus Annual Family Membership entitles any parishioner to enroll their family (self, spouse, and children over 12 years old) at a discounted rate (\$285 for the year Dec. 15, 2021 through Dec. 15, 2022). Contact NRC staff by December 13th, at 283-7330 or tstrain@newtonrec.org, pay 1/2 at enrollment (December 15th) & second 1/2 by February 15th.

### Our Deepest Sympathy....

To the family of **Martin Zimmerman**, who passed away on November 28th. He was the son of Audrey Zimmerman.

And to the family of **John Holub**, who passed away on November 27th. He was the brother of Steve Holub.

—May the Love of God comfort you all.

### Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2021-June 2022

Collections for:	<b>Nov. 21, 2021</b>	
*Regular Collection		\$ 18,087.68
Children's Collection		\$ 28.50
		\$ 18,116.18
Other:		
*Building Fund.....		\$ 517.00
Budget per week is.....		\$ 14,584.60
<b>*Includes 11/20 ACH payments</b>		
Collections year-to-date compared to budget		
Through Nov. 21, 2021		\$ (26,203.29)**
Collections for:	<b>Nov. 28, 2021</b>	
*Regular Collection		\$ 5,979.77
Children's Collection		\$ 150.20
		\$ 6,129.97
Other:		
*Building Fund.....		\$ 20.00
Budget per week is.....		\$ 14,584.60
Collections year-to-date compared to budget		
Through Nov. 28, 2021		\$ (34,808.12)**
<b>**Your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up &amp; do your part. Thank you!</b>		
		<b>—Father Voelker</b>

## DOCTRINAL SECTION

In these days the liturgy constantly reminds us that "God comes" to visit his people, to dwell in the midst of men and women and to form with them a communion of love and life: a family.

John's Gospel expresses the mystery of the Incarnation in this way: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"; literally: "pitched his tent among us". Does not perhaps the building of a church among the homes of a town or a city district evoke this great gift and mystery? The church building is a concrete sign of the Church community, formed from the "living stones" who are the believers, an image very dear to the Apostles. St Peter and St Paul emphasize how the "cornerstone" of this spiritual temple is Christ and that, united to him and well compact, we are also called to participate in the building of this living temple. If God therefore takes the initiative to come and dwell among men and it is always he who is the principal author of this project, then it is true that he also does not want to accomplish it without our active collaboration. Thus, to prepare oneself for Christmas means to be committed to building the "dwelling of God with men". No one is excluded; everyone can and must contribute in order to make this house of communion more spacious and beautiful. At the end of time, it will be completed and it will be the "heavenly Jerusalem": "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth", one reads in the book of Revelation, "...I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.... Behold, the dwelling of God is with men" Advent invites us to cast a glance towards the "heavenly Jerusalem", which is the goal of our earthly pilgrimage. At the same time, it exhorts us to commit ourselves to prayer, conversion and good works, to welcome Jesus in our life, to build together with him this spiritual edifice by which each one of us - our families and our communities - is a precious stone. ~Pope Benedict XVI

### St. Vincent dePaul Reflection

God speaks to us in all sorts of ways: through Scriptures, through his Church, but also through all the events, great and small, that happen to us. Since most of our lives are made up of very ordinary tasks which we must do each day, it is in these especially that the voice of the Lord is to be heard. We make the mistake so often of expecting God to speak to us through some great event or happening when, in fact, all the time He is speaking to us in all the small events of each day. Sometimes in life we don't know what to do. God leads us even when our path changes radically, ends abruptly or is surrounded in darkness. By sitting patiently and trustingly in prayer, we gradually see or feel his presence and guidance. It is also true that God often uses the people and the happenings in our daily life to teach us and lead us on the way we should go. Advent tells us to be attentive, to listen in patience and peace.

### SVdP Virtual Tea Party

Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Mary's St. Vincent dePaul are having a virtual tea party as part of a fundraiser. We would appreciate any donations, no matter how small as our funds are low at this time. We assist all Harvey County residence with rent, utilities, food and clothing. God bless you all for your continued support.

**Social Justice/Respect Life Commission** Thanks to all that are participating in the Giving Tree. Please return your unwrapped gifts (with the tag attached) no later than December 5. Please place them under the tree at Church or drop them off at the Parish Office. You will be Blessed for making a young person's Christmas better!



## 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 - 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

### Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Bill & Carrie Weber & Jonathan & Kasey 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.

## NEW HOPE SHELTER

As the end of 2021 approaches, we want to say THANK YOU for your partnership throughout the year. As of 9/30, New Hope Shelter had already served more than 200 men, women and children this year. The loving support of our church volunteers and supporters enables us to serve those in crisis for short windows of time as they find stability and start anew. A recent quote from a former resident who is employed full-time in a steady job since New Hope: *"Through the small group opportunities that were offered, the many one on one encounters with staff and volunteers, I experienced the love of God in new and powerful ways. The holidays could have been very sad and depressing. Instead, they were some of the most meaningful times I have experienced in recent years."* We invite your continued prayers and support as we continue to serve, love and equip in the months ahead. **The shelter is always looking for more volunteers. Look for the opportunities on our stewardship form to sign up to volunteer at the shelter.**

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

### The Parish Leadership Team

The Movement called "Amazing Parish" has been adapted by many parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Its founder is Pat Lencioni, a New York Times best-selling author and who has worked with hundreds of corporations to help them achieve success through organizational health and leadership. This Leadership team meets regularly with the Pastors to assist with the needs of the Parish of St. Mary. Our leadership team members are: *Matt Anderson, Joshua Bargdill, Mary Ann Bruggeman, Amber Holguin, Mike Weber, Fr. Voelker and Fr. Max Biltz.*

### 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Liturgical Role

### Altar Servers

Tues. 12/7 5:30pm Anthony Holguin & Wilson Eustace  
Wed. 12/8 8:00am Luke & Leah Littlejohn  
Wed. 12/8 5:30pm Ella & Lily Baier  
Sat. 12/11 5:30pm Gage Mathews & Lily Maxwell  
Sun. 12/12 8:30am Ethan Stucky & Payton Ryan  
Sun. 12/12 10:30am Wilson Eustace & Joely Gerber \*Anthony

### Greeters

Tues. 12/7 5:30pm Shane Bollinger family  
Wed. 12/8 8:00am Gary Littlejohn family  
Wed. 12/8 5:30pm Charles & Pauline Casey  
Sat. 12/11 5:30pm Gary & Claudia Chaffee  
Sun. 12/12 8:30am Mike & Monica Davis  
Sun. 12/12 10:30am Steve & Terri Bockhaus

### Cantor/Accompanist

Tues. 12/7 5:30pm T. Osner, S. Herdler  
Wed. 12/8 5:30pm T. Osner, S. Herdler  
Sat. 12/11 5:30pm M. Frazier, L. Curiel  
Sun. 12/12 8:30am A. Leininger, S. Herdler  
Sun. 12/12 10:30am A. Leininger, E. Stabler

### Lector

Tues. 12/7 5:30pm Sandra Kelso  
Wed. 12/8 8:00am Betty Lanzrath  
Wed. 12/8 5:30pm Leigh Ann O'Halloran  
Sat. 12/11 5:30pm Karen McAnulty  
Sun. 12/12 8:30am Sharon Erwin  
Sun. 12/12 10:30am Leo Chouinard

### Sacristans

Weekday Dec. 7—11—Mary Russell  
Tues. 12/7 5:30pm Gary Chaffee  
Wed. 12/8 8:00am Shari McCall  
Wed. 12/8 5:30pm Tami Carlgren  
Sat. 12/11 5:30pm Shelly Oswald  
Sun. 12/12 8:30am Paula Blann  
Sun. 12/12 10:30am Tami Carlgren

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Dec. 9—Marcia; Dec. 10—Deb  
Schowalter Villa—Mike O'Halloran  
Tues. 12/7 5:30pm Barb Bunting  
Wed. 12/8 8:00am Daniel Casey  
Wed. 12/8 5:30pm Mary Ann Bruggeman  
Sat. 12/11 5:30pm Ron Ferguson  
Sun. 12/12 8:30am Tara Kitzke  
Sun. 12/12 10:30am Steve Rusche

### Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC—

Dec. 4—Shari McCall

**Hospital EMHC:** Dec. 12—Shari McCall

### Ushers

Tues. 12/7 5:30pm Ron Ferguson, Steven Rusche  
Wed. 12/8 8:00am Phil Blann & Mike Davis  
Wed. 12/8 5:30pm Randy & Tami Carlgren  
Sat. 12/11 5:30pm Greg Scott, Trent Shepherd  
Sun. 12/12 8:30am Erick & Koelton Erwin  
Sun. 12/12 10:30am James Cox & Adam Haag

### Church Cleaners— Dec. 10

Sharon Erwin, Amber Holguin & Brigitte Loescher

### Wash Server Albs Dec. 6-

Linda Guhr & Marcia Mathews