They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name,” and all were amazed. - Lk 1:62-63
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
If so, the RCIA Program is for you!

Mater Dei Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin in September. For more information about the RCIA Program, contact Deacon Chris Seago at 232-7744.

A vast majority of those joining the Church do so because someone invited them! Please prayerfully consider inviting a spouse, family member, friend or neighbor to join us in our celebration of the Catholic Faith.

SUPPORT MATER DEI PARISH WITH THE DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM - You can make a difference just by swiping your Dillons Plus Card. Mater Dei Parish will get credit for every purchase its members make using their registered Plus Card. If you have not enrolled in the Community Rewards Program now is the perfect time to do so!

Currently 155 parish families have enrolled in the program. Each quarter Mater Dei Parish receives around $1,000.00 from this program. If you shop at Dillons and use your Dillons Plus Shopper’s Card, please take the time to sign up for their Community Rewards Program. Just think what could be accomplished if all parish families who shop at Dillons would sign up for this program. (Signing up does not effect the points you earn for gas discounts.)

Here’s How to Participate:
• Go to www.dillons.com
• Select Savings & Rewards then Dillons Community Rewards
• Sign in or create an account to register your Dillons Plus Card
• Once your account is created, click on ‘enroll now’
• Enter 5-digit NPO # (11218) and search
• Select Mater Dei Parish and click on ‘enroll’

Easiest of All - If you don’t have email or you simply don’t want to register your account online, then Call 1-800-576-4377, option #3. Give them your card number and Mater Dei’s Number, 11218, and you are enrolled.

Not sure if you have selected Mater Dei Parish to receive credit for your purchases? Check the bottom of your Receipt - You should see a statement :  At your request Dillons is donating to MATER DEI PARISH.

Thank you for your continued support of Mater Dei Parish!

REMINDER - The Parish Office has relocated to the Mater Dei Child Care Center at 911 SW Clay. The Office door is located on the east side of the building.

Office Hours - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday through Friday

All correspondence should be addressed to 911 SW Clay St, Topeka, KS 66606.

If you currently send your tithing or capital campaign check directly from your bank, please update the address. We are still receiving checks from banks addressed to the office’s old address which causes delays in delivery. Thanks in advance for taking the time to get this corrected.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July.
There will be a 9:00 am Mass at MDHN on Wednesday, July 4th.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

NAME: _____________________________  ENVELOPE NUMBER ____________

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP __________________________________________

WHITE ENVELOPE - Tithing Pledge
Supports the Mission and Operations of Mater Dei Parish
Pledge for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

☐ Weekly $________________
☐ Monthly $________________
☐ Other $________________

We would like to say a blessed thank you to all who have already returned their pledge commitment. If you have not returned your pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment to financially support Mater Dei Parish and return your pledge to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket next weekend.

For those of you who may have misplaced your Stewardship Tithing Appeal letter, just complete the form below and return.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL
#8059 - MATER DEI PARISH

Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 26th
7:00 pm in Rossiter Hall

K of C Breakfast following
8:00 am Mass on
Sunday, July 15th
in Rossiter Hall

5th Sunday Rosary following the
5:00 pm Mass at MDA
Sunday, July 29th

Get Involved in our Parish
with our Knights - Contact
Mark Dechand, Grand Knight
mdechand@gmail.com

MATER DEI CHILD CARE NEWS-
The Center has 4 openings
for toddlers.

Summer Camp enrollment continues
8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Cost $145 to $150
weekly.
The Espinoza family thanks
your for your prayers.

Contact Mater Dei Child Care Center Director,
Margaret Lachowsky, 232-1603.

MONTHLY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP will
continue to pray the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
every 4th Wednesday of the Month. We invite everyone as
we humbly petition our
Blessed Mother to intercede
for us with her son to bring
our country back to God and Prolife. Pray the
Rosary at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church,
333 Freeman. Social Hour will follow the
Rosary. Plan to join us on Wednesday,
June 27th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
- Sunday, June 24th - Evening Prayer following 5:00 pm Mass at MDA
- Tuesday, June 26th - K of C Council #8059 Meeting - 7:00 pm - Rossiter Hall
- Wednesday, July 4th - Independence Day - Mass - 9:00 am - MDHN
- Sunday, July 15th - K of C Breakfast in Rossiter Hall following 8:00 am Mass
- Monday, July 16th - Mater Dei Parish prepares and serves Lunch at Let’s Help
- Sunday, July 29th - K of C 5th Sunday Rosary following 5:00 pm Mass at MDA

Mondays - Bingo at Hayden - Early Bird 6:30 pm, Regular Bingo begins at 7:00 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays - Eucharist Adoration - 9:00 am to 10:00 pm - MDHN Chapel
Thursdays - Fall Bible Study Sessions begins on Thursday, September 6th in the Parish
Meeting Room in the School Basement - Subject will be "The Book of Numbers".

COLLECTION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

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REGIONAL NEWS

JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR FR. RAYMOND MAY, JR. - Please join us as we celebrate the
25th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Raymond E. May, Jr. at his parish, Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church, St. Marys, KS on Sunday, June 24th at 4:00 pm Mass followed by a Dinner
Reception in the Centennial Building. Visit our website: www.Immaculateconceptionstmarys.org
to RSVP or leave your Best Wishes under our 25th Anniversary tab for Fr. Ray. For further
information, please contact Betty or Alice at the office: 785-437-2408.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE #503 - Please join us on Sunday,
June 24th at Christ the King Church in Yadrich Hall at 12:30 pm for the Mother/Daughter
Banquet. Along with covered dish luncheon, please bring baby shower gift to be presented to
Mary's Choice. Mary's Choice will also be in attendance to share with us the services they
provide for women in our community. Following the luncheon around 1:30 pm will be open
meeting. If you know of member or their family members in distress, sick or in need of Circle's
prayers, please contact Theresa Smith-Lawton at 640-1403. If you are interested in or would
like more information about Daughters of Isabella, contact Marilyn Unrein at 230-8448 or Cindy
Keen at 228-9863.

CHRISTIAN WIDOW AND WIDOWERS ORGANIZATION (open to all faiths) will have a
salad potluck in the Formation Room at Most Pure Heart at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 28th.
Bring a veggie salad, meat salad or dessert and your friends. Dime Bingo will be played after
dinner. For more information, call Joann at 233-7350 or Doris at 273-2673.

TAKE A PERMANENT VACATION FROM CONTRACEPTING! The FertilityCare™ System
(creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly on a variety of area locations and long
distance. This fulfills your marriage policy requirement, it's helpful for achieving and avoiding
pregnancy, it has medical applications and it's better than IVF for infertility. Register online at
www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858-0198.

RCYC 2018 “CRAFTED AND WORTHY” - Join 100s of ArchKCK youth at the 2nd Rural
Catholic Youth Conference this November 17-18 at Topeka’s Capitol Plaza Hotel. This dynamic
two-day conference features national speakers, The Mikey Needleman Band, Mass, adoration,
breakouts, spectacular food, evening social and more! Final registration is due October 1st. For
more information visit: www.archkck.org/rural-outreach
**PARISH DIRECTORY**

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**CHILD CARE CENTER** ...................................232-1603
Director, Margaret Lachowsky

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**COUNCILS, COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS**
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Finance Council
School Council
Deb Schmitz, Chairperson.....................................233-1727
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Melanie Salsbury, President..................................608-5489
Knights of Columbus
Mark Dechand, Grand Knight................................215-2499
Altar Society
Jodi Spindler, President.......................................232-7744

**PARISH PRAYER CHAIN**
Call-Erin Storrer.............................................224-6163
Gail Johnson......................................................286-1352

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**WHO IS A PARISHIONER?**
One who is registered and regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish and demonstrates support of the parish mission by completing and fulfilling an annual stewardship commitment.

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**
One baptism class required before your child is baptized. For baptism dates and registration, call the parish office.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**
Although Archdiocesan regulations require only a minimum of 6 months notice, our Pastor recommends contacting him well in advance of the Archdiocesan requirement. (8 to 12 months prior to the anticipated wedding date is preferred to ensure the availability of one of our churches and/or Rossiter Hall.)

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**PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

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**STEWARSHIP**

What power lies in a name? Have you ever met a "David," "Holly," or "Jack" and said, "They don't look like a David, Holly, or Jack?" Sometimes our name actually adds something to our person. Peculiar people sometimes have peculiar names. Some people of tremendous strength have names that we deem strong as well. Sometimes we give nicknames to people because of some attributes they exhibit.

In the Bible, names mean a lot. Saul changes his name to Paul when he converts. Adam means "man," as in the first man. Eve means "to live" or "to breathe." Elizabeth took great care to name her son John as God commanded, even if other family members did not understand why such a unique name not found in their lineage. It was a unique name for a child who had a unique future of preparing the way for the Messiah.

We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. People may wonder what does a David, Holly, or Jack really look like, but they should never wonder what a Christian looks like. Unfortunately, too often those who bear this name don't resemble the characteristics embodied in the name. Simply, a Christian looks like Christ. A Christian acts like Christ. A Christian truly is Christ to a world that seeks to uncover the true meaning of his name.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Sunday Bulletin** | **Office Deadline** | **Email Deadline**
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7/8/2018 | Tuesday | 6/26/2018 | Noon | Tuesday | 6/26/2018 | 4:00 PM
7/15/2018 | Thursday | 7/5/2018 | Noon | Friday | 7/6/2018 | 4:00 PM
Religious Freedom WEEK

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you. Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly. We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage. We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.

Amen.
Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices – every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themself. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.
# Ministry Schedule

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH, 5:00 PM, MATER DEI HOLY NAME CHURCH**

| Nancy Kennedy<br>Bob Koreen | Steve Crawford<br>Pat Cummings | Jan Crawford<br>Kim Raines | Not Available<br>Maureen Kennedy | Katie Mead<br>Ian Mead |

**SUNDAY, JULY 1ST, 8:00 AM, MATER DEI ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

| Mary McGuire<br>Michael McGuire | Alan Conroy<br>Marilyn Revell | Peggy Oliva<br>Bill Simons | John Livingston<br>Karen Mead | Sage Adair<br>Molly McGuire<br>Maggie McGuire |

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST, 10:30 AM, MATER DEI HOLY NAME CHURCH**

| Terry Marlin<br>Jenny Orozco | Diana Ortiz<br>Holly Stuart | Bob Ortiz<br>Cathy Zlatnik | Not Available<br>Jenny Orozco<br>Frankie Anguiano<br>Sandy Anguiano |

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST, 5:00 PM, MATER DEI ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

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