



MATER DEI PARISH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52



Holiday Mass Schedule

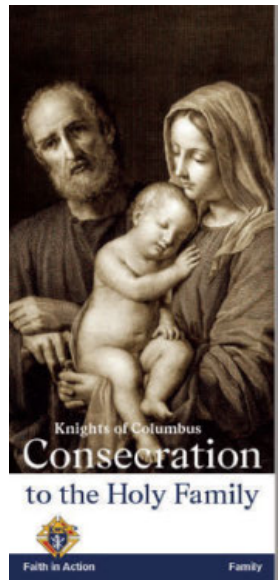
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| Sunday, Dec. 26 | 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:30 am Mass @ MDHN 8:00 am & 10:30 Mass @ St. Matthew |
| Monday, Dec. 27 | <i>No Mass at MDHN, Assumption & St. Matthew</i> <i>St. Matthew's Office Closed</i> |
| Dec. 28 – 30 | 12:00 pm Mass @ Assumption |
| Dec. 28 – 31 | <i>No Morning Mass @ MDHN & St. Matthew</i> |
| Dec. 31 | <i>No Noon Mass @ Assumption</i> <i>Mater Dei Office Closed</i> |
| Saturday, Jan. 1 | 9:00 am Mass @ MDHN 9:00 am Mass @ St. Matthew 5:00 pm Mass @ MDHN Confessions and Mass as usual at both locations |



*Parish Office & Child Care Center will be closed
December 31st*

OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK OF December 26, 2021

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| Sunday: | The Holy Family |
| Monday: | St. John, Apostle and Evangelist |
| Tuesday: | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs |
| Wednesday: | St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr |
| Friday: | St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve |
| Saturday: | New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace |
| Next Sunday: | The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church |



Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ.

To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

December 26th, the Knights of Columbus invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family at the **10:30 am Mass**. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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| Dec. 26 th | – K of C Brunch after 10:30 am Mass, Parish Hall |
| Dec. 28 th | – Finance Council, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Parish Hall |
| Dec. 29 th | – RCIA, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Parish Hall |
| Dec. 30 th | – Light of the World, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Parish Hall |



We Remember at Christmas 2021

The donations to the Church, in memory of your families and friends, are greatly appreciated. The Christmas flowers and decorations are living testimony to your loving remembrance.

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Richard Jacobs
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Lorie Muller
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken

relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

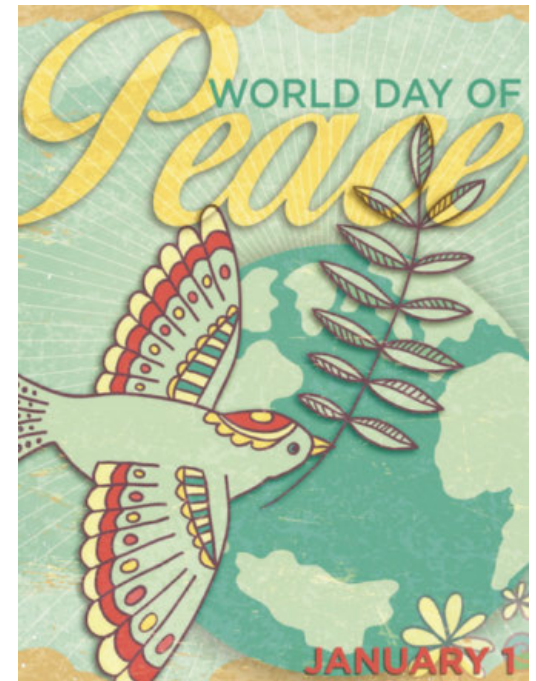
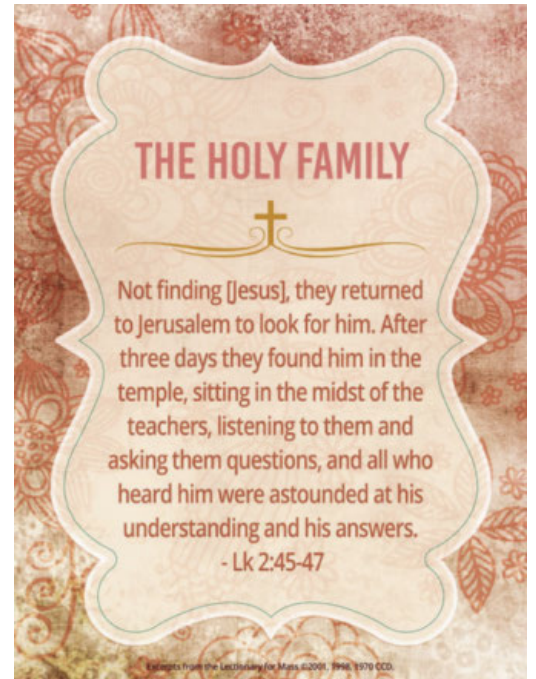
The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Job Opportunities



Mater Dei Child Care Center is looking for a Full-time Toddler Teach Float. Send resume to materdeiccc@materdeischool.org or call Ms. Virginia, 232-1603.



Mater Dei Parish has a part-time janitorial position. The position is a minimum of 15 hours per week with the possibility of 25 hours. For more information, please contact the Parish Property Coordinators at 785-380-8777.



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- ◆ Stem activities

Enrollment - call Ms. Virginia to sign your child up, 785-232-1603, or email her at materdeiccc@materdeischool.org. 14 school age spots available. Must sign-up 3 days before the day you need child care.



MONDAY NIGHT BINGO AT HAYDEN SPONSORED BY OUR PARISH.

Come and play Bingo. It is a fun, inexpensive night of entertainment. You may even win some money while supporting our parish. Bring your family and friends. The more people participating, the more it benefits our Parish. **Early Bird starts at 6:30 pm with Regular Bingo starting at 7:00 pm.** If you would like to volunteer (must be 18 years or older) contact Corey Everett at corey715@gmail.com, or by phone, 785-414-0946.

Mater Dei Bingo to End?

Mater Dei Bingo at Hayden High School began in March 2015. It quickly became the parish's number one fundraiser. It has helped us pay Hayden almost \$200,000 in student fees and assessments.

Mater Dei families, Matt & Corey Everett and Gary Walker, have dedicated almost every Monday evening for the past 6 years to Mater Dei Bingo. The parish is extremely grateful for all they have sacrificed. However, it is time for them to be able to take some much deserved time off.

Mater Dei Bingo at Hayden will end on Monday, December 27th if we cannot find approximately 24 consistent volunteers to take over. Twenty-four volunteers would allow four groups of six to take turns each Monday evening of the month.

If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information, please contact Corey Everett at 785-414-0946 or corey715@gmail.com. Please prayerfully consider giving one Monday night a month for Mater Dei Bingo.

Thank you!



OUR RCIA PROGRAM MEETS WEEKLY and is a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. There is no obligation to attend every week, but you may be interested in the different subjects discussed. **Classes are Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Following is the upcoming schedule:

- Jan. 5, 2022 – The Creed
- Jan. 12 – The Sacraments
- Jan. 19 – Baptism
- Jan 26 – Confirmation



Prep Classes are held the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.

Baptisms are held the 4th Sunday of month after the 10:30 a.m. Call the Parish Office, 785-232-7744, to schedule Baptismal Prep Classes and/or Baptisms.

Evangelization Committee

Come join us on the Mater Dei Parish Evangelization Committee. New members and new ideas are welcome and encouraged. Help us to bring Jesus's mission for all of us to our parish family, to our local area and the country. To take a look for yourself either come to a meeting on the **3rd Monday of the month** (6:00 pm in the school basement) or contact one of our members: Gabe Hillebert, Theresa Wicker, Ann Leiker, Deacon Bob or Diana Ortiz, Justin McLuckie, Terry Marlin, Kevin or Karen Mead and Andrea Hillebert.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



January 1, 2022



Saint of the Week
St. Stephen | Feast
Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was

brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES – JANUARY 2022 - New Year Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat, Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meager Road - Easton, KS, Friday, **January 7th at 5:30pm – Sunday, January 9th at 4:30pm.** Join us for our Annual New Year's Spiritual Reflection and Planning. Set aside time this year to focus on spiritual growth by creating growth goals and devising steps to reach goals. Please bring your own personal items that will aid in this process such as: bible, notebook, agenda, journal, catechism, laptop, etc. There will be conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. The suggested donation is \$170/Single or \$250/Couples for the Cabins and Courtyard Rooms or \$100 for the Single Guest Rooms (Meals Included). To attend, sign-up at christspce.com, send an email to: info@christspce.com or call 913.773.8255.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN! - RCYC, our Archdiocesan Rural Catholic Youth Conference, registration is now open! This conference is for all high school aged youth and will be held at Prairie Star Ranch **March 26-27, 2022.** Early Parish Registration discounts apply. Please see the following fliers and our website www.archkck.org/rural/youth for more information.

Jan 25, 2022 - The most important Kansas Rally, Mass & March for Life! - Join others from all across Kansas for IGNITE for LIFE, the most important Kansas public witness for life in our lifetime as we pray and march for the legal protection of unborn children and women through the passage of the Value Them Both Amendment in 2022!

IGNITE for LIFE begins with praise & worship music and an inspiring speaker program with keynote Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Bishops of Kansas and many priests from the Archdiocese. Afterwards, all are invited to march to the capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally. IGNITE is free and open to all - visit www.archkck.org/ignite for details and to register.

In Kansas, we value unborn children and women. St. Joseph, defender of life, please pray for us!

Camp Tekakwitha Applications Come join us in faith, fun, and friends down at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha in 2022! - Camp Kateri Tekakwitha combines demanding outdoor activities with powerful, spiritual instruction bringing about a unique encounter with God. Although our adventure activities are memorable, often the love that campers experience through prayer is what they remember most.

Working at Camp Tekakwitha is challenging and rewarding. We strive for excellence and faithfulness throughout each day. Camp needs faithful, joyful, and highly motivated people to staff our 2022-summer season, if you are called to apply, here is the information.

For application and information regarding staff dates go to <https://archkck.org/camp/general-information/campstaff/>

Because this is a professional position, you will be asked to provide a resume and cover letter. Please have those files available to upload as you move forward with the process of applying. Please email any questions to youthadmin@archkck.org or youth@archkck.org.

Safe environment training is provided by the Archdiocese.

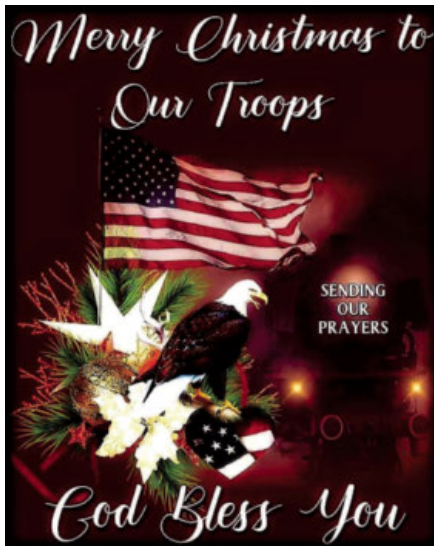
Hiring begins now. Turn in your application soon. If applying after Jan. 25 please email abailey@archkck.org to inquire about any available positions.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT—SEEK: RECOGNIZING A NEED FOR GOD - Are you looking for a way to go deeper? Do you want to start the New Year off with a bang? Join students across the Archdiocese on January 7th and 8th at Forest Park Retreat Center in Topeka for "SEEK: Recognizing a Need for God."

The cost of the retreat will be \$20 and includes overnight lodging and food. Friday night, beginning at 6:00 PM, is open to any high school student wanting to make it an overnight retreat, including confession, adoration, and a time of prayer. If you cannot make it Friday, you are still welcome to attend! Come Saturday starting at 9:30 AM. Sign up here: www.archkckoyouth.org under "trips and retreats." Please RSVP by Jan 5th, 2022.

Remember in your Prayers

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| Keith Adams | Ora Lee Gish | Cheryl Ness |
| Marge Barr | Betty Glettig | Daniel Osborn |
| Kenny Bennett | Joyce Green | Kay Payne |
| Rick Bloomquist | Pat Hanrahan | Karla Rodehorst |
| Marlene Gatesman Boboige | Kathy Hestand | Celia Rodriquez |
| Bill Bond | Scott Holmes | Nellie Rodriguez |
| Marcy Bowen | Erin Hutton | Josulyn Salsbury |
| Toni Brown | Delina Jones | James Shirey |
| Robin Burns | Larry Johnson | Troy Slusser |
| Mindy Darling | Michaela Lake | Del Smith |
| Mark Dechand | Kathe Langer | Susie |
| Mary Denise Dexter | Adriana Luna | Mellanie J Sutphen Strafford |
| Becky Boboige Egan | Jesus Luna | Tracie K. Sutphen Thornton |
| Jackie Erwin | Omelia Luna | Ren Valdivia |
| Kent Evans | Tim McCarthy | Austin Vail |
| Joe Frederick | Melinda Mitchiner | Deborah Weaver |
| Jeremy Frey | Lindsay Miller | Vena Willingham |
| Janice Gill | Royce Muller | |



Schuyler Baum - Navy
 Jacob Crawshaw - Air Force
 Ethan Figgs - Navy
 Ryan France - Navy
 Joseph Immenschuh - Army
 Mike Liotta - National Guard
 Mark Lojewski - Army
 Eddie Lyons - Navy
 Jared Koopman - Army
 Clayton Mettleton - Air Force
 Benjamin Metzger - Army
 Peter Oberle - Navy
 Mason Pakerson - Air National Guard
 Issac Schreiner - Navy
 Dylan Treadwell - Army
 Garrett Wilson - Navy
 Tyler J. Wilson - Air Force



**PARISH RESOURCES
COUNCILS, COMMITTEES &
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Finance Council
Kevin Schmidt, Chairperson.....232-7744

School Business Team
Deacon Bob Ortiz, Chairperson
ortizdiogm@gmail.com

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Candice Schulz, President.....554-7104
or candice.d.schulz@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus
Doug Holmes, Grand Knight.....817-6936

Altar Society
Merrill Befort, President.....232-7744

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN
Erin Storrer.....224-6163
Gail Johnson.....286-1350

Funeral Dinners
Doris Estes224-8537
Mary Simnitt608-8192(c) or 234-6115(h)

Event Coordinators
Candice Schulz or Darian Hillebert380-8777
or email events@materdeiparish.org

URGENT LIFE RESOURCES

Pregnant? Need Help?
Gabriel Project.....913-602-0306
or gabrielproject.com

Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline.....877-558-0333
or AbortionPillReversal.com

Post-Abortive Help – Project Rachel & Project Joseph: Archkck.org/ prolife-end-of-life-care

National Catholic Bioethics Hotline:
215-977-2660

Suicide Hotline.....800-273-8255 | 913-602-0030
|suicidepreventionlife.org

Domestic Violence:
YMCA.....785-233-1750
Warm Line.....800-922-8189
Valeo.....785-233-1730
Family Service & Guidance Center....785-232-5005
Christ First Counseling.....785-272-0788

| COLLECTION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Receipts for November 25 to Dec. 3, 2021 | | Fiscal Year to Date |
| White Envelopes | \$9,256.00 | \$177,656.37 |
| Banking | \$1,027.00 | \$106,947.78 |
| Plate | \$899.00 | \$17,734.13 |
| Total Collections | \$11,182.00 | \$302,338.28 |
| Amount Budgeted for Collections | \$15,000.00 | \$330,000.00 |
| Income Over/-Under Budget | -\$3,818.00 | -\$27,661.72 |



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27, 2021

8:00 am No Mass @ MDHN or St. Matthew
12:00 pm No Mass @ Assumption

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

8:00 am No Mass @ MDHN or St. Matthew
12:00 pm Patricia Mahoney † MDA

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

8:00 am No Mass @ MDHN or St. Matthew
12:00 pm Raymond Hafner † MDA

Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:00 am No Mass @ MDHN or St. Matthew
12:00 pm Agatha Dugdale † MDA

Friday, December 31, 2021

8:00 am No Mass @ MDHN or St. Matthew
12:00 pm No Mass @ Assumption

Saturday, January 1, 2022 @ MDHN

9:00 am Mater Dei Parishioners
5:00 pm Vena Willingham †

Sunday, January 2, 2022 @ MDHN

8:00 am Mater Dei Parishioners
10:30 am Johnny Birzer †
5:00 pm Pauline Knowles †



Parish Directory

Administrator.....Fr. John Torrez
Deacon Chris Seago.....232-7744
Deacon Bob Ortiz.....232-7744
PARISH OFFICE.....232-7744

Bookkeeper.....Amanda Kincaid
Receptionist.....Gail Munoz

SCHOOL.....233-1727
School Principal.....Andrea Hillebert
Secretary.....Monica McCaffrey

CHILD CARE CENTER.....232-1603
Director.....Virginia Cardenas

MINISTRY SUPPORT.....232-7744
Directory of Religious Education.....Ethan Gentry
gentrye@materdeischool.org

Liturgy Coordinator.....Kathy Woods
Sick & Homebound Ministry.....Call Parish Office
Eucharistic Adoration.....Call Parish Office

Bulletin Editor.....Gail Munoz, 785-232-7744
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9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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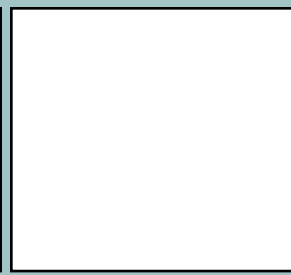
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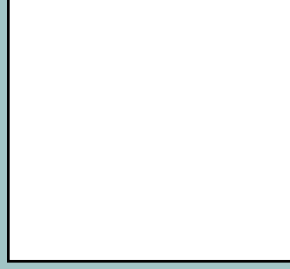
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