



MATER DEI PARISH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*



MATER DEI PARISH MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

Mater Dei Holy Name
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 am
St. Matthew's
Tuesday & Thursday - 8:05 am
Mater Dei Assumption
Monday - Friday, 12:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS

Mater Dei Holy Name
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Mater Dei Holy Name
Saturday - 3:30 pm



Thy Kingdom Come Spring Semester

ATTENTION MEN OF MATER DEI PARISH

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God?
Be a better husband? Become a more loving father?

Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be?

Then Come Join...

That Man is You!

Wednesday Mornings

Starting on January 26, 2022

6:00 am - 7:30 am, Parish Hall

Contact Info Kyle Mead, 438-9131

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

Week 14 - Resilience and Perseverance

- Speaker: Mark Hartfiel
- TMIY Session From Space
- Your Mission: Where Will Your Soul Land?
- The Seven Deadly Sins
- Daily, Monthly, and Yearly Spiritual Plan
- "My Kingship is not of this world."
- Entering Into the Fruits of the Spirit



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 26 - Confirmation

Feb. 2 - Marriage

Feb. 9 - Holy Orders

Feb. 16 - Ash Wednesday, Lent, Fasting & Metanoia

Feb. 23 - Examination of Conscience, the Ten Commandments & 7 Deadly Sins



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.

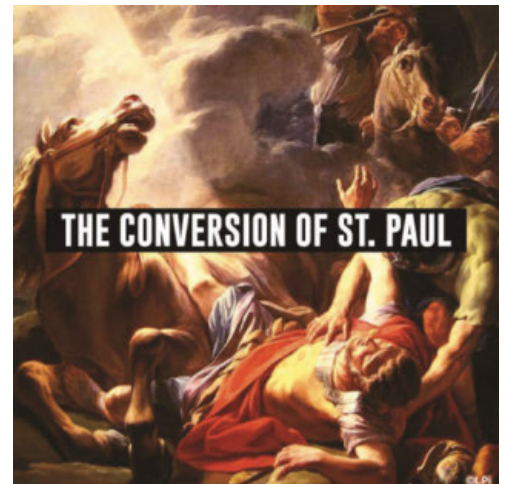


Today's Gospel is a transformational moment for Jesus. After standing up in the synagogue and reading Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of one who will free the captives, heal the blind, and bring glad tidings to the poor, Jesus tells those gathered: "Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus gives his

listeners any other interpretation: He is the Messiah. He is the one who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies.

Do we believe this? Do we believe that Jesus really can bring freedom and healing and spiritual richness, to us and to the world? If so, then how important is His Church? How important is the liturgy, the sacraments, acts of Christian service, learning the Church's teachings, and all the other good things we do at our parish?

Our parish activity is an essential way that Christ continues to fulfill these ancient prophecies, pouring His love out into the world. Help this essential work continue by supporting our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal today.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

JOIN US FOR THE RED MASS on **Monday, January 24th**, 12:00 pm Mass at Assumption. A Red Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation: judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government official, marking the opening of the judicial year. The Red Mass will be celebrated by the Bishops of Kansas. All are welcome.



KANSAS MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 25, 2022
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Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts aflame to defend life!
IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

IGNITE: YOUTH RALLY - 9:00 AM
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For information and to register visit: archkck.org/ignite

MASS FOR LIFE - 10:30 AM
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Kansas Bishops and Priests

KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE - 12:00 PM
March from TPAC to the Capitol; Rally on the Capitol steps coordinated by Kansans for Life

All events are free.
IGNITE is intended for youth but all are welcome.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?


The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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A Resolution for Your Marriage! . . . In 2022 resolve to tell, and show, your spouse that you love them every day. Join us on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** to learn a simple, but powerful tool, that makes saying "I love you" part of the fabric of your everyday life. The next in-person weekends will be **February 25-27 in Kansas City, KS or March 18-20 in Carthage, MO.** For more information, visit the website at www.WWME.org or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK OF January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops


Thursday: St. Agnola Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Jan. 23rd - RCIA, 9:00am – 10:30 am, MDS
 Jan. 24th - Red Mass, 12:00 pm, MDA
 Jan. 24th - Alter Society, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Parish Hall
 Jan. 25th - Finance Council, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Parish Hall
 Jan. 26th - TMIY, 6:30 am – 8:00 am, Parish Hall
 Jan. 26th - RCIA, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Parish Hall
 Jan. 27th - Light of the World, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Parish Hall



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**Have hope and
 firm faith in
 God, for he will
 help you in
 everything.**

—ST. ANGELA MERICI

**Mater Dei
 Knights of Columbus**

Pro-Life Baby Shower

Sunday, January 23rd and 30th

Please bring your **donations for Mary's Choices** next weekend or the following weekend. A box will be placed in the vestibule of Church to receive your donations.

Suggested items to bring include:

- Diapers
- Wet Wipes
- Baby Blankets
- Baby Clothes
- Socks
- Baby Rattles
- Baby Shampoo
- Cash

All proceeds will be donated to Mary's Choices

Sponsored by Mater Dei Knights of Columbus, Council #8059
 Pro-Life Committee



Topeka IrishFest 2022 – Save the Date - Change in Location

We invite all Mater Dei parishioners and their families to join us on **Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** for the annual Mater Dei Topeka IrishFest. This year, the festivities will take place at Every Plaza (630 S. Kansas Ave.) in downtown Topeka. We'll start off with our popular 5K FunRun at 10 a.m. and continue with Irish Food (including our popular Patty's Pockets), a beer garden, games, live music and Irish dancing. The Topeka St. Patrick's Day Parade will start at noon in the downtown area.

We Invite You to Volunteer for IrishFest - We are in need of volunteers for IrishFest and hope you'll sign up for a shift if you haven't already.

For more information about the day's activities, and to register for the FunRun, visit www.TopekaIrishFest.com.

The Topeka IrishFest is a major fundraiser for Mater Dei Parish so we hope you'll invite family and friends to join you at the festival. See you there!



St. Matthew Catholic School is having its first annual fundraising event, "**Sharing Our Blessings.**" All proceeds will be going to remodel the restrooms on the top and bottom floors of our school. The "**Sharing Our Blessings**" evening will consist of beautiful 360-degree views of Topeka, cocktails, a five-course meal, and a short program. It will be held at Townsite 16 (formerly known as Top of the Tower) on **March 27, 2022** beginning at 5:30 P.M. Tickets can be purchased online at saintmatthews.org/school under the Sharing Our Blessings tab or by mailing your check payable to St. Matthew Catholic School to the school at **1000 SE 28th St., Topeka, KS 66605**. Any questions please contact Theresa Lein, Principal at 785-235-2188.

Job Opportunities



Mater Dei Child Care Center is looking for a Full-time Preschool 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.



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.

Thank you to those who have volunteered one Monday a month. We are still in need of a few more consistent volunteers. If you are interested please contact Corey Everett at 785-414-0946 or corey715@gmail.com. You can also sign up online at www.materdeischool.org and click on the "Bingo Volunteer" link. Thank you for giving your time to this essential parish fundraiser.

Daughters of Isabella - Little Flower Circle - The next meeting will be held on **January 23, 2022 at 12:40 PM** in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St. A Rosary will be followed by the business meeting and social time. Masks are strongly encouraged. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Diana Ortiz at 785-554-4256.

MAGNIFY WOMEN'S RETREAT – MARCH 2022 - Looking for that perfect gift for the woman in your life? Desiring some time for self-renewal? Join us for a ladies' Lenten retreat at Prairie Star Ranch, March 18 - 20, 2022. The theme is Magnifying the Lord - in our own souls and also to others in the same way that the Blessed Virgin Mary models for us in her Immaculate Heart. Featured speakers include Fr. Edward Ahn, Kelsey Skoch and Fr. Andrew Mattingly, along with Katie Burton and Kaylene Brown. Take time to let the Lord speak to your head and fill your heart at this retreat that is for women thirsting for a deeper union with God while shutting out distractions of the current culture! More details and registration at mag90.com or email kaylene@mag90.com

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FORMED

Formed.org has been a great resource for members of the parish with a wide choice of programing, movies, and Catholic educational information. Generous members have helped pay for the parish subscription of \$1,999 per year. As our renewal date approaches, we again ask for your generous support. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or sent to the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity. The January 23rd Formed.org informational meeting has been cancelled. If you have questions please contact Kevin Mead, 785-266-7573.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

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PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Keith Adams | Janice Gill | Royce Muller |
| Marge Barr | Ora Lee Gish | Cheryl Ness |
| Kenny Bennett | Joyce Green | Daniel Osborn |
| Rick Bloomquist | Pat Hanrahan | Karla Rodehorst |
| Marlene Gatesman Boboige | Kathy Hestand | Celia Rodriguez |
| Bill Bond | Scott Holmes | Nellie Rodriguez |
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| 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 | Bev Wunder |

COLLECTION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022		
Receipts for Dec. 24 to Dec. 30, 2021		Fiscal Year to Date
White Envelopes	\$7,201.00	\$212,452.37
Banking	\$2,427.00	\$127,389.78
Plate	\$2,275.32	\$22,571.94
Total Collections	\$11,903.32	\$362,414.09
Amount Budgeted for Collections	\$15,000.00	\$390,000.00
Income Over/-Under Budget	-\$3,096.68	-\$27,585.91

COLD AND FLU SEASON



With the winter months upon us, we would encourage the use of common sense and basic hygiene at

all times and especially while in Church. Be assured that priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are washing their hands before Mass and will use sanitizer during Mass before distributing Holy Communion. No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the sign of peace; a bow or other gesture is always appropriate in place of shaking hands. If you are not feeling well, please stay home to avoid passing on the cold, flu or COVID to the other parishioners.



PARISH RESOURCES COUNCILS, COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

- 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**
Nancy Cina.....785-817-1708
- Funeral Dinners**
Doris Estes224-8537
Mary Sinnitt608-8192(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



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 24, 2022

8:00 am Mary Jacobs †
12:00 pm Leo DePrato †

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

8:05 am Mass at St. Matthew
12:00 pm Clyde Smalley †

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

8:00 am # Sandi Nakoneczny †
12:00 pm Henry Ryan †

Thursday, January 27, 2022

8:05 am Mass at St. Matthew
12:00 pm Irene Peters †

Friday, January 28, 2022

8:00 am # Alban Leiker †
12:00 pm Vena Willingham †

Saturday, January 29, 2022

5:00 pm Francisco Martinez †

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:00 am James Lane, Sr. †
10:30 am Gordon & Rita Seago ††
5:00 pm Mater Dei Parishioners

† Deceased

All School Mass



Parish Directory

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Deacon Chris Seago.....232-7744
Deacon Bob Ortiz.....232-7744

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Receptionist.....Gail Munoz

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Sick & Homebound Ministry.....Call Parish Office
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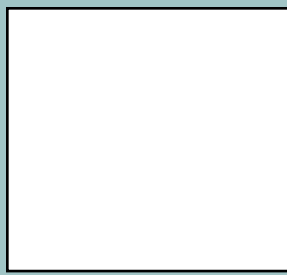
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