

## **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22



The Mater Dei Parish Community offers the following family our nearueit sympathy death of their loved one. Your family will be following family our heartfelt sympathy on the remembered in our prayers.

... to the family of **Vince Hrenchir**, who died on January 18th at the age of 89.

May God open his arms and welcome them home and continue to be your strength and consolation.



### THAT MAN IS YOU **Thy Kingdom Come**

That Man is You! Wednesday Morning February 2, 2022 6:00 am - 7:30 am, Parish Hall Contact Info Kyle Mead, 438-9131

### Week 15 - Son of Man, Do You See?

- Speaker: Dr. Ralph Martin
- Prophesy as a Spiritual Gift
- Fr. Michael Scanlan
- Present Truth Foretold in 1976
- The Fall of Pagan Structures
- God's Blessings that We Make Idols
- What God is Making Ready



The Gospel is the Good News. It shows us the path to everlasting life. But sometimes it does this not just by showing us what to do, but also demonstrating what not to do. Today is a great example. Jesus preaches in Nazareth, where he grew up. The hometown crowd is expecting to

hear some inspiring words, and maybe even see some miracles. But that's not what Jesus has in store for them. Instead, he challenges them, pointing to their self-centeredness and their unwillingness to open-up to God. Definitely not the easy message they wanted to hear! This is a moment of decision for his audience. Do they allow Jesus's hard words to change them, leading to conversion and deeper relationship with God? Or do they put up walls, and respond with anger and stubbornness? We know how they chose. The challenge for us is to choose differently when we're confronted by a challenging message from Christ and His Church. One of those challenging topics in our parish today is the need to support the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. It can be easy to react to this conversation by putting up walls or tuning things out. But the parish's needs are real. What's more important than whether we give or not is whether we allow ourselves to be challenged by the invitation to contribute, allowing ourselves to lower our defenses and to prayerfully listen and discern. Try it out today, and see how the Lord prompts you.

**Evangelization Committee** will be presenting a talk on "Why Lent and Ash Wednesday?", in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus' breakfast on Feb. 20, 2022 after the 8:00 am Mass. Please join us for the presentation and a very good breakfast.



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

#### RECONCILATION

Mater Dei Holy Name Saturday - 3:30 pm



### **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:

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00

p.m., Parish Meeting Room.

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



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### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**PRO-LIFE BANQUETS** - <u>Upcoming Pro-Life Banquets</u> - Please support two local organizations doing great work to support and protect preborn children and their mothers.

**Tuesday, Feb 15** – Kansans for Life Banquet with keynote speakers Actor Jim Caviezel and Survivor Melissa Ohden. For more information and to register, visit www.kflkcbanquet.com.

**Tuesday, March 1** – Kansas City Pregnancy Center's first banquet at Sporting Park with Chief's Kicker Harrison Butker and prayer and comments by Archbishop Naumann. For information and to register, visit <a href="https://www.kcpregnancyclinic.org/banquet">www.kcpregnancyclinic.org/banquet</a>.

REVIVE-CAMP TEKAKWITHA'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT - 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) Do you hunger to grow in relationship with the living Christ, and want to develop holy friendships with other women? This is a weekend for you! Here you will find the space to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect. This is a retreat for all women 21-100. There will be speakers that inspire you, Sacraments that draw you into the heart of Christ, and time for fellowship with other women, free time, friendship, laughter, and joy. Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Prairie Star Ranch and the gift of sharing life with other women seeking the heart of Jesus. Retreat starts at 6:00 pm on Friday April 29, and ends at 1:00 pm on Sunday May 1. Cost for the Retreat: • Early Bird Registration (before February 15): \$225 • Registration after February 15: \$250 • Full Time Student: \$200 To register, go to: <a href="https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha-womens-retreat/">https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha-womens-retreat/</a>.

"EVERMORE IN LOVE" - " We felt like we did when we were first married!" The Living in Love retreat is back in person and better than ever! Now called the Weekend Immersion offered by EverMore in Love, this weekend will help married couples experience the wonder of being more in love. February 5 & 6 at Sacred Heart, Shawnee March 26 & 27 at Church of the Nativity, Leawood April 23 & 24 at Holy Spirit, Overland Park. More information, and special coupon code for our Archdiocese found at www.archkck.org/livinginlove.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

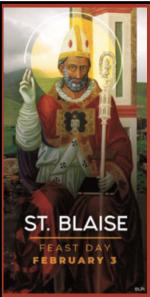
As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us—even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 February 6, 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.



You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one

day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Jan. 30th - Religious Education Class, 9:00am - 10:30 am, MDS

Jan. 31st - Boy Scout Troop 26 Court of Honor, 6:30 am - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall

Feb. 1st – Parish Council, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Feb.  $2^{nd}$  - TMIY, 6:30 am – 7:30 am, Parish Hall

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - RCIA, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Parish Hall

Feb.  $3^{rd}$  – Student Appreciation Day, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Parish Hall

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Light of the World, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

Feb. 4th - PTO Daddy-Daughter Set-up, 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Parish Hall

Feb. 5th - Daddy-Daughter Dance, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Mass & Dance, Parish Hall

### **OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK OF January 30, 2022**

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

**Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest

**Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day of

Consecrated Life

**Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

St. Ansgar, Bishop

**Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

**Next Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki

and Companions, Martyrs



### 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 <a href="https://www.WWME.org">www.WWME.org</a> or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net.



### 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 <a href="mailto:corey715@gmail.com">corey715@gmail.com</a>. You can also sign up online at <a href="https://www.materdeischool.org">www.materdeischool.org</a> and click on the "Bingo Volunteer" link. Thank you for giving your time to this essential parish fundraiser.



2022 Adult Enrichment



All adults are invited to join Sister Karolyn and Rural Outreach on February 26th. Sister will unpack the four identities of the heart, so that we may more deeply embrace how to live the truth in love and build the body of Christ.

Snacks & giveaways; no RSVP; no cost Adult attendance earns grant money for your rural parish youth ministry!

Everyone is welcome - rural & non-rural parishioners, parents, grandparents, youth leaders, DREs, & catechists.

February 26, 2022 9:00-11:00 am Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Center 411 Pioneer St, Seneca, KS

3:30-5:30 pm (ending in time for 5:30 Mass) Holy Angels, 520 E. 4th, Garnett, KS

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### 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. New this year, the

festivities will take place at Evergy 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, banger and mash, and Irish stew), a beer garden, games, live music and Irish dancing. The entertainment lineup to date includes the Boys of the Prairie and Driscoll School of Irish Dance.

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. If you missed us after Mass, contact Sarah Hutley at 785-230-7032 or Bill Simons at 785-230-5437 for information and to sign up.

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!



"After 22 years Touch of Heaven will be closing and having a liquidation sale. Displays/shelving are also for sale. We want to thank those that have supported us, we are grateful. Our Location is 4151 SW Twilight Dr Topeka, KS. Hours are: Sun - Mon: closed; Tues: 10am - 1pm,

3pm - 6pm; Wed: 10 am - 1pm; Thurs - Fri: 10am - 1pm,

3pm - 6pm; Sat: 10am - noon."

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







Schuylor Baum - Navy
Jacob Crawshaw - Air Force
Ethan Figgs - Navy
Ryan France - Navy
Martin Gray - Marines
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
Isaac Schreiner - Navy
Dylan Treadwell - Army
Garrett Wilson - Navy
Tyler J. Wilson - Air Force

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**



COLLECTION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022			
Receipts for Dec. 31, 2021 to Jan. 7, 2022		Fiscal Year to Date	
White Envelopes	\$8,282.00	\$220,734.37	
Banking	\$6,213.00	\$133,602.78	
Plate	\$660.00	\$23,231.94	
Total Collections	\$15,155.00	\$377,569.09	
Amount Budgeted for Collections	\$15,000.00	\$405,000.00	
Income Over/-Under Budget	\$155.00	-\$27,430.91	

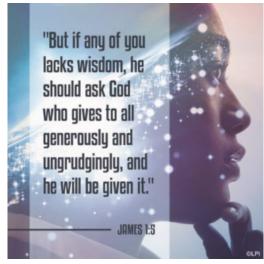
Mater Dei Child Care Center for School Agers SCHOOL DAY OUT! February 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

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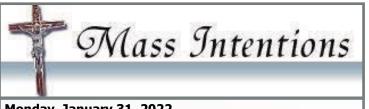
- Serving breakfast
- Hot lunches
- Snacks
- Stem activities

Call Ms. Virginia, 232-1603 to reserve a spot.









Monday, January 31, 2022

Marie Anderson 🕆 8:00 am 12:00 pm Agnes Feeney ⊕

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mass at St. Matthew 8:05 am

12:00 pm Leo Ulrich 🕆

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

8:00 am# Catherine Simecka & 12:00 pm Dorothy Butler 🕆

**Thursday, February 3, 2022** 8:05 am Mass at St. Matthew

12:00 pm Elsie Green 🕆 Friday, February 4, 2022

8:00 am # Maureen Lane & 12:00 pm Ken Zweig ₽

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Deceased Member of the Bond 5:00 pm

and Martinek Families &

Sunday, February 6, 2022

8:00 am Nadine Seitz 🕆 John Birzer ⊕ 10:30 am

Mater Dei Parishioners 5:00 pm

> ⊕ Deceased # All School Mass

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