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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



*John the Baptist appeared in the in the
desert proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

— Matthew 1:4

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December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception – St. Joseph Parish welcomes you!

Thank you for coming today! Whether you are just visiting or have recently moved to our area, we are happy that you joined us! Newcomers are invited to register at the Parish Office during regular business hours, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am to Noon; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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Sunday Masses

Sat. Vigil 4:00 pm St. Joseph
 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception
 Sunday 8:00 am St. Joseph
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Tuesday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph
 Wednesday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Thursday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph
 Friday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Saturday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph

Confessions 1:00-1:30 PM every Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church.

Baptisms Please call the Parish Office for the time and place of class.

Weddings Before setting a wedding date, contact Fr. Glenn at least 6 months in advance.

Bulletin Notices Must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 11:30 am.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 1:00-1:30 PM

Saturday Confessions are at Immaculate Conception Church. Enter through the main front doors and wait in the church foyer for your turn. A confession usher will give you directions. Confessions are heard in the Mary Chapel. Please wear a mask and follow the social distance guidelines.

Altar Angels

For the week of December 7 through December 12
 SJ - Pat Schuler and Brenda Hruska
 IC - Kathryn Wills



Saturday, December 5		
4:00 pm	†Michael Rayser	(SJ)
5:30 pm	Our Parishioners	(IC)
Sunday, December 6		
8:00 am	†Sharon Chmidling	(SJ)
10:30 am	Tony & Katie Poppe (25th Wedding Anniversary)	(IC)
Monday, December 7		
8:30 am	†Helen Gallagher	(IC)
Vigil Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
4:00 pm	†Mark Simanowitz	(SJ)
Tuesday, December 8		
Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
8:30 am	†Jeanette Zelinski	(SJ)
12:00 pm	†Josephine Lamond	(IC)
7:00 pm	†Msgr. Alexander Harvey	(IC)
Wednesday, December 9		
8:30 am	†Living & Deceased Members of the Frank George Budke Family	(IC)
Thursday, December 10		
8:30 am	†Elizabeth Selzer (Anniversary of 100th Birthday)	(SJ)
Friday, December 11		
8:30 am	†Harry Edgell	(IC)
Saturday, December 12		
8:30 am	†Pete Sowle	(SJ)
4:00 pm	†Clayton Spears (40th Anniversary)	(SJ)
5:30 pm	†Kathryn Haverkamp	(IC)
Sunday, December 13		
8:00 am	†Living & Deceased Members of the Leo & Frances Wacker Family	(SJ)
10:30 am	Our Parishioners	(IC)

Offertory Collection

November 22, 2020

Offertory **\$4,638.43**

**Campaign for
Human Development** **\$1,408.00**

November 29, 2020

Offertory **\$3,482.24**

Utilities **\$ 968.00**

Next weekend the second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which assists Religious communities with prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please Give generously.

The 2020 boxes of Offertory Envelopes will be in the back of St. Joseph Church this weekend. If you are unable to locate a box with your name, and you wish to use envelopes, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!

The bulletin cover today features a photo of John the Baptist baptizing the believers.

Requesting Our Prayers

Support Our Troops With Your Prayers!

PFC Samuel Corona	PVT Ronny Jarred
PFC Grace C. LeClerc	PFC Thomas W. LeClerc
LTJG Stuart McDaniel	MAJ Emily Pollard
A1C William H. Sample	SGT Michael Wall
PO Matthew D. Young	

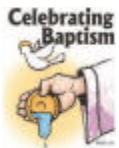
Please add Connie Rodriguez to the list of people we need to pray for. Thank You!



We extend our prayers and sympathy to family and friends who recently lost loved ones.

Mary K. Sculley, mother of parishioner Troy Sculley, passed away on November 20, 2020.

Her Funeral Service was held on November 28, 2020 at the R.L. Leintz Funeral Home, with Deacon Dean Gilbert presiding. Parishioner **Rita Dahl**, who recently celebrated her 100th Birthday, passed away on November 24, 2020. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be held on December 7, 2020 at St. Joseph Church, with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm. presiding. **Arthur H. Burre**, husband of parishioner Joan Burre, passed away on November 27, 2020. His Funeral Service was held on December 3, 2020 at Davis Funeral Chapel. **Rita M. Winkelbauer**, mother of parishioner Tom Winkelbauer, passed away on November 28, 2020. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held on December 5, 2020 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Horton, KS. May Mary, Rita Dahl, Arthur and Rita Winkelbauer find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.



We are happy to welcome into the Catholic Faith, through the waters of Baptism, **Mary Caroline Babb**, who was baptized by her grandfather, Deacon Nestor Acosta, on November 28, 2020 at St. Joseph Church. Mary is the daughter of

parishioners Brodie and Vanessa Acosta Babb. Congratulations to the Babb family.

Parish Council Nominations

Thank you to those parishioners who mailed in their Parish Council Nominees. We have a good list of nominees! Due to the holiday season already upon us, we will set the voting to the side until after the Christmas and New Year holiday. Thank you again for your participation!

Xavier School News

Xavier Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers and part-time teachers in extended care. If you are interested in working with talented children and staff at our Xavier K - 8 campus or at our extended care program please contact the school office at 913-682-3135

Elijah's Supper

What an awesome effort of reaching out to others! Despite having to work with a limited number of volunteers due to the virus, volunteers at the St. Joseph site prepared, packaged and delivered 897 meals on Thanksgiving. For the cooks out there, you know what it takes to prepare a meal for about 10 people. Well multiply that by 100 and that will give you some idea of the amount of work that was done. Beginning Wednesday, volunteers spent five hours cutting up what appeared to be a sea of pumpkin pies and put them in containers along with a roll, butter, and a muffin. Then, early Thursday, the main course was prepared consisting of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, and green beans. It was then packaged with the pumpkin pie. Thanks, thanks, thanks to so many individuals who gave up a good portion of their Thanksgiving Day so that others could enjoy theirs. God bless you all. A special thanks to Mike Cyr who recorded hundreds of phone calls and engineered the delivery process so that all these meals could be delivered in less than three hours. This guy is a genius! Lastly, a double thanks to my wife Mitzie, who orchestrated the entire effort. Her leadership, organizational expertise, and unflinching desire to reach out to others made this effort such a huge success.

Jerry Frietchen

Digital Donuts!

This Sunday, December 6, from 9:30-10:00 AM, we are hosting our second "Digital Donuts" session for any parishioners who want to participate. There is no agenda, and no cost. Tom Graham will be hosting. Starting at 9:30 on Sunday, December 6, you can sit down with your own coffee and donuts and point your browser to: <http://call.lifesizecloud.com/5006925> and log in as a guest. When it asks for a passcode, type in 1864 (the year St. Joseph's Church was founded), and kick back with your fellow parishioners.

Holiday Hero for Foster Children

Christmas will be here before we know it and KVC, a non-profit child welfare agency, is in great need of Holiday Heroes to sponsor children for Christmas. It has approximately 2,500 children across the state hoping for a good Christmas this year. The KVC team is collecting gift cards, presents and monetary donations November 30 – December 18. Please visit <https://kansas.kvc.org/get-involved/holiday-giving/> for more information. Thank you for helping make Christmas a little brighter for so many children!





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I remember one day when I was a kid at St. Mel's elementary school in Woodland Hills, California, I opened up my brown paper lunch bag and saw that the sandwich I'd made for myself had only peanut butter. No jelly, no preserves. And I complained out loud. That day was raining outside, so we were eating our lunch at our desks in the classroom. My fifth-grade teacher, Sister Mary Carmel, looked up from her desk and said "You'll eat what's there and not grouse about it." [I had to look up "grouse" in the dictionary later.] When I continued to mumble, she said, "There are poor starving children in India who would give a day's wage to get whatever it is you got."

In those days, we just kind of presumed that Sister knew personally about poor starving children somewhere. She was a nun. Nowadays, we don't have to presume. Nowadays, we can Google "poor starving children in India" and see 300 photos and a dozen video clips, just from the last month. One of the benefits of modern technology is that we are connected and aware of much more than we could be when I was a kid. That brings with it a capacity to actually DO something about such a situation. At the click of a "GoFundMe" button, we can buy food for that poor starving child somewhere. But one of the sneaking problems is that we can also feel that we have to do it all ourselves. We see someone in need on the TV, or on the Internet somewhere, and we get the feeling that we are the ones who have to fix that problem.

We can't fix them all. That's the limitation of our humanity. If you recall the ending of the movie "Schindler's List", Oskar's anguish was that he could not save all the Jews. And the response of the Jewish community in the movie was an ancient Talmudic quote: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire."

John the Baptist today says "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John was preparing the world for redemption, but he was not the Redeemer. He knew that Jesus was the Redeemer. People were coming to John by the hundreds, and looking for him to help them deal with their sins and their guilt. How difficult it is to keep our heads and remember our foundations when people are coming to us to solve their problems.

John could have capitalized on his newfound "fame", but he humbly continued to live out his role as the one preparing the way. John can help us to realize that we don't have to do everything, we just need to do our part. In these troubled times, this can be a real help to our sanity and our responsibility overload. Let God be God, and let us do our part.

**May God Bless You All,
--Fr. Glenn**

This Week in our Parish



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:00 pm Vigil Mass (SJ) **Live Streamed**
5:30 pm Vigil Mass (IC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)
9:30 am Religious Education Classes
9:30 am Digital Donuts (see article on page 3)
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm: Psalm: 85:

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass (SJ)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Parish Office will be Closed Tuesday

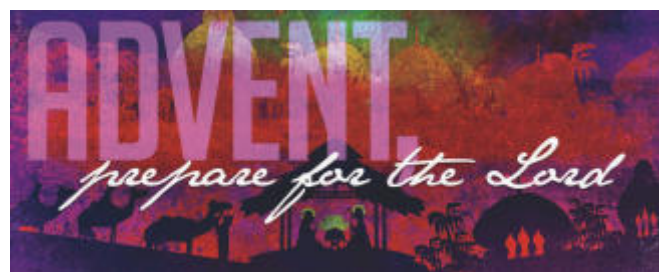
8:30 am Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass (SJ)
12:00 Noon Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass (IC)
6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)
7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass (IC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9 am-10 pm Eucharistic Adoration (IC)
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)
7:00 pm RCIA, Kinzler Hall (SJ)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:25 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations,
Cook Room (SJ)



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)



Monday, December 7

4:00 PM - St. Joseph

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 AM - St. Joseph

12:00 PM - Immaculate Conception

7:00 PM - Immaculate Conception

No reservations are required. You must wear a mask and social distancing protocols will be in place.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Mass reservations for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will open on Wednesday December 9, and close at noon on December 23. We will NOT be able to accommodate any walk-ins on the day of Mass itself. There will be four Christmas Eve Masses and one Christmas Day Mass.

Due to the Parish Office being closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1, you may also make your reservation for the weekend of December 26- 27, and January 2-3 starting the Monday prior.

December 24 Masses

4:00 PM - St. Joseph Church

5:00 PM - Immaculate Conception Church

7:00 PM - St. Joseph Church

11:00 PM - Immaculate Conception Church

December 25 Mass

10:30 AM - St. Joseph Church

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