Holy Family

Catholic Church in Eudora

Serving the Communities of Eudora, DeSoto, and Linwood, Holy Family is a parish of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and served by Capuchin Franciscan Friars

November 29, 2020 - *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

OUR 9:30 AM SUNDAY MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON HOLY FAMILY'S FACEBOOK PAGE

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Contact Parish Office to schedule
Weddings:
Contact Parish Office 6 months prior
Confessions:
Sat: 3:30-4:30 P.M.
Mass Times:
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:30 A.M.
Tues/Thurs: 7:00 A.M.
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9:00 A.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

HOMILY HEADLINE: ***Are you watching for the Lord?***

What's Happening...

Nov. 29 - Men's Bible Study in the FPR Ed Center 7 pm
Arrival of Advent in the church 7 pm
Nov. 30 - Women's Bible Study in lower parish hall 7 pm
Dec. 1 - #iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday
Finance Council meeting 6 pm
Buildings & Grounds meeting 6:30 pm
Dec. 2 - Public recitation of the Rosary following Mass
Eucharistic adoration@ Old Stone Church 6 - 8 pm
Dec. 3 - Eucharistic adoration @ Old Stone Church 8 am - 1 pm
Dec. 5 - First Saturday Mass @ Old Stone Church 8 am

Bread to Offer

THE SEASON OF PREPARING

One liturgical season that we do not celebrate as much as we should in my humble opinion is the season of Advent. The reason is obvious as we study the time of year that we are in and how commercial the season of Christmas has become. We miss the meaning of Advent, not to mention the meaning of Christmas.

But I am interested in the thought of Advent. As Christians, we are celebrating a new year this Sunday, and it should move us to consider this new year as a Christian would look at it, not as a "person of the world" would. In the liturgical readings at Mass for the four Sundays of Advent, we remember the time when people waited in anticipation for the coming of the Messiah. And while we know that the Messiah has come in Jesus Christ, and we have remembered the Lord's Life, Death and Resurrection many times, we can still reflect on and celebrate how God has come to us once again.

In fact, Franciscan theology looks at the Incarnation, Jesus' birth, as the time when God's creation takes on an honored place in the history of the world. It is the time when we acknowledge that Jesus came into the world to complete the picture of what God intended to do for all time. The presence of Jesus makes sacred the world in which you and I dwell, and Jesus' birth is the beginning of that presence.

Consequently, we should prepare for His coming in an appropriate way. One of the ways to think of preparation is with the Advent wreath. I hope you take the time and effort to place four candles in the middle of your dining table, reminding you and your family of the four Sundays of Advent. There is a way to set up the Advent wreath on line simply by asking the question on **YouTube:** "How do I make an Advent wreath at home?"

We are giving you an Advent set of meditations this weekend—very good I think. Also Deacon Bill Graveman will have a special evening to begin Advent this evening, November 29 at 7 pm in Church.

My book on Cycle B of the Sunday readings is also available to you. I have placed them in the back of Church. It contains both my thoughts on the Gospel of each Sunday during Cycle B of the Church (2020-2021 year) and especially some personal leading thoughts for you to meditate on during each week.

YOUR GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

November 15, 2020

New Church Construction

Cost	$3,599,046.49
Paid to date	$2,909,859.59
Loan Balance	$689,186.90*
Principal Balance	$621,998.75
Monthly Loan Payment	$7,641.93

*Includes interest on loan

General Collection

Envelope & Cap Campaign	$2,893.00
Online Envelope & Cap Camp	$2,253.00
Plate	$60.10
Mass Intentions	$75.00
Capital Improvements	$74.00
Verle Istas Memorial	$290.00
Christmas Flowers	$65.00
Total for Operating Budget	$5,710.10
Weekly Goal (Operating)	$7,434.00
Difference	*-$1,723.90*

Other Collections

Total Collected	*$0.00*

Collections Sent To Archdiocese

The Leaven	$20.00
Church in Latin America	$30.00
Catholic Charities	$10.00
Total Collected	*$60.00*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO HOLY FAMILY!

Gluten free hosts are available for any one who needs them. Please talk to a sacristan or contact the parish office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Jan 21st, 2021 Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life in Topeka! The annual Kansas Mass for the Legal Protection of the Unborn, and the March & Rally for Life will take place this year in Topeka, KS on Thursday, January 21st, 2021.

10:30 am Mass with the Kansas Bishops – Livestreamed!
12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally

All are invited to join in the March for Life from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the state capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally at the capitol steps. Stay tuned for more detailed information and the livestream links. Visit the www.archkck.org/prolife website for continued updated information and details on the day's event.

Gospelthink

First Sunday of Advent
MARK 13:33-37
Watch!

Prayerthoughts

a. As the Lord speaks here, he is referring to his own death as well as all death. What do I think about death? Is it something that I fear, or something that I look forward to?
b. Jesus used two words describing the preparation we should have: one is "alert"; the other is "watch." He is referring to whether or not I am prepared. Am I prepared for my death?
c. In Jesus' story, we are all given a certain "work" to do as we await the Lord's coming. In my life right now, do I take enough time to "prepare" to meet the Lord?
d. In Jesus' parable, the possibility of the Lord finding me "sleeping" is brought up. I often find myself "sleeping," that is not prepared for the Lord. What can I do to be prepared more?
e. As the Lord says to me to "watch," what is the thing about my life that I should correct most of all?
f. My prayerthoughts…

Today I will write a prayer asking for a happy death.

Thank you to all who helped with the Fall Parish Clean Up Day. The grounds were raked, bushes trimmed, weeds pulled, and gutters emptied. Truckloads of leaves and debris were removed. The results of this hard labor are reflected throughout Holy Family's various church properties and are greatly appreciated.

Our Building and Grounds team replaced a heat exchanger unit on the west roof top of the parish hall. Again, labor costs for installation were saved because of our men who are willing to offer their skills and labor. Holy Family thanks these volunteers for their dedication to our parish.

Thank you to an angel for donating a new altar cloth. The white cloth is used as a sign of respect toward the holiness of the altar where the bread and wine become the body and blood of Our Lord. A beautiful example of a volunteer recognizing a need and addressing it.

With this writing Thanksgiving will have passed, but may our good Lord continue to bless all of our parishioners abundantly. We are thankful for all of you! You are truly Angels Among Us!

If you know of someone who has a need, deserves recognition, or if you are called to one of our ministries at Holy Family Parish, please contact Jill Connell, Volunteer Coordinator at 913-706-9037 or connellgal@gmail.com.

GOSPELTHINK

What is the Lord *saying* to me today?

Monday, November 30 – MATTHEW 4:18-22

I called Andrew and the other Apostles as I have called you to follow me. *Am I following the Lord completely in my life?*

Tuesday, December 1 – LUKE 10:21-24

I tell my apostles and you to be childlike in your approach to me, totally trusting in me. *Is it clear by my actions that I truly trust in God?*

Wednesday, December 2 – MATTTHEW 15:29-37

I try to care for the needs of all, giving them what they need. *Do I have the same attitude, that is, trying to give to others?*

Thursday, December 3 – MATTHEW 7: 21. 24-27

I want you to listen to these Scriptures because they become the foundation of your life. *Do I listen to the words of Scripture and read them at least once a day?*

Friday, December 4 – MATTHEW 9:27-31

I heal, but I ask the lepers whether they believe I can heal them. *Have I put my faith completely in the Lord?*

Saturday, December 5 – MATTHEW 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

I instructed the Apostles to go and preach the Good News. *Am I saying the "Good News" by how I act and talk?*

Sunday, December 6 – MARK 1:1-8

My friend John the Baptist prepared for me. *Do I bring the Lord's presence into the places I inhabit?*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, November 30 St. Andrew
9am No Mass

Tuesday, December 1 Advent Weekday
7am Living & Deceased residents of Medicalodges

Wednesday, December 2 Advent Weekday
9am † David Varel

Thursday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier
7am Living & Deceased members of Meier & Jinkens Families

Friday, December 4 Advent Weekday
9am † Verle Istas

Saturday, December 5 Advent Weekday
8am † Thanh Nguyen
5pm Wilkus & Ruppert Families

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent
9:30am All Holy Family Parishioners

Prayers For the Sick

Good and gracious God, send healing and comfort to each sick member of our community.

Susan Pelzel
Don Durkin
Allan Beck
Karen Heinen
Tom Weathers
Meta McInroy
Veet Cleveland
Tina Jinkens
Tony Schwager
Karen Lavendusky
Tim King
Joyce Weis
Henrietta Junneman
Carolyn Miller
Katie Sharp
Tom Pyle

Background of the Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Mark shows Jesus telling a parable that has significance both for the time of Jesus and for the end time. It has immediate significance for Jesus' disciples because it warns of the lord of the house returning to his servants at "cockcrow" (13:35), a clear foreshadowing of the cockcrow that wakens Peter to remorse for having denied any knowledge of Jesus (14:30, 72).

This parable also bears a significant relationship to the parable of the vineyard (12:1-9). In that parable, the owner of the vineyard goes away and allows hired hands to tend his vineyard. In this parable, the owner also goes off, but he leaves his house in the charge of trusted servants. In both parables, the owner stands for God, and the vineyard or house represents the sacred space where God dwells. In the first parable, the sacred space is violated by hirelings; in the second parable, "the lord of the house" is on his way back home. The parable ends, as it were, with a question: What will the lord of the house find when he returns? And it explicitly ends with the advice to "watch" (13:33, 35, 37), an exhortation that belongs to the Wisdom traditions.

The exhortation to watchfulness appears three times in this chapter. It appears first when Jesus tells the disciples to "Watch out for yourselves" in regard to those who might deceive them (13:9). It occurs a second time in the context of Jesus' warning about "false messiahs and false prophets" (13:22-23). And it is repeated three times in connection with this parable—once at the beginning and twice at the end (13:33, 35, 37).

The word "watch" is the key word of the chapter. It belongs to the Wisdom traditions, because it is in those traditions that the acknowledgment of uncertainty is prized. It is wise to know what one does not know. So here Mark shows Jesus acknowledging that only God the Father can know when the end will come. Not knowing, one must be always on the watch.

Act Of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Arrival of Advent
with Deacon Bill
and Adoration
Come for Inspiration
in your Advent Preparations

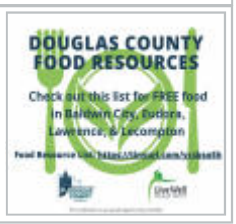
November 29 at 7 p.m. in the church

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas has removed December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception from being a holy day of obligation. We will have one Mass at 9:30 am on December the 8th if you would like to attend.

The "Value Them Both" petition. We will begin to pray weekly for the passage of the Value Them Both amendment with a petition during the Prayer of the Faithful. What is VALUE THEM BOTH? VTB is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion in our state. This means that all of our existing pro-life laws including bans on taxpayer-funded and late-term abortions, and parental consent requirements will be considered unconstitutional once challenged. The VALUE THEM BOTH amendment will reverse the Supreme Court ruling and once again allow Kansans, through their elected representatives, to pass laws that will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from abortion. Please pray for passage of VALUE THEM BOTH.

We are selling Holy Family Christmas cards before and after church. Just like last year they will be sold in 6's or 12's, the price will be the same $6.00 for 6 and $12.00 for 12. With each purchase you will get a FREE St. Theresa's cookbook. If there are any questions or you would like to order remote please contact Mary Lou Hamlin at mlhamlin58@gmail.com or 785-542-2662. We may run out so please get yours early!

Visit https://tinyurl.com/ycsbso5h for a comprehensive list of local food resources in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in **collaboration with Douglas County and LiveWell Douglas County.**



Holy Family is joining other parishes of the Archdiocese along with Catholics around the country for #iGiveCatholic. As the first-ever online giving day created to celebrate our Catholic faith, the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving.

As we reflect with grateful hearts on how blessed we are, we are inspired to give back to God from our deep sense of gratitude, sharing what we have to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, and preserve our Catholic heritage for future generations.

Giving Tuesday is December 1. Advanced giving runs from November 16 through December 1, 2020. Donations we receive will go toward Phase 2 of the Fr. Pat Riley Education Center for additional heating and air conditioning, a kitchenette, conference room, storage and possibly a handicap accessible parish office. To donate please visit our website

The Finance council has approved an expenditure to the Capuchin Province of Mid America so that I can give you the Spiritual workbook, *Seed Sown the Year of Mark Cycle B*. Therefore they are free of charge to you and are available for pick up in the back of church. I hope that you will take one so that your entire next year will be truly dedicated to God.

You can make a difference this year while you shop for holiday deals. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0564491 and AmazonSmile will donate to Holy Family Church, at no cost to you.

Join us online or in person as we pray the Rosary in the church after the 9:00 am Mass every Wednesday. It will begin at approximately 9:30 am on Tina Jinkens' Facebook page and will be shared afterwards onto the Holy Family page. Join us in the parish hall or gather at home and pray the Rosary together.

Urgent Life Resources

Pregnant? Need Help?
Gabriel Project 913-602-0306 / gabrielprojectkc.com
Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline:
877-558-0333 / AbortionPillReversal.com
Post-Abortive Help: Project Rachel & Project Joseph
913-621-2199 / projectrachelkc.com
End of Life Decisions:
archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care
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