

SAIN^T JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 12, 2021



*Holy Hour
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
this Sunday*

In gratitude for Archbishop Naumann's dedicated service as Chairman of the Pro-Life Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, our parish will offer a dedicated Eucharistic Hour this

Sunday, December 12 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This day is not only the Third Sunday of Advent but also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas as well as the unborn child.

This Eucharistic gift is in gratitude for all that our Chief Shepherd has done on behalf of the unborn and all those whose lives are vulnerable to harm and for Bishop William E. Lori as he begins his service as the new Chairman.

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM &

11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday-Wednesday

5:30 PM

Thursday-Friday

7:00 AM

CONFESSION

Located in Cry Room

Saturday

3:00-3:45 PM

Wednesday

6:00-7:00 PM

WEBSITE

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KofC Breakfast and pictures with Santa!
This Sunday after the 7:30 & 9:00 a.m. Masses!
All are invited!

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Saint John Paul II Catholic Church is called to open doors to Jesus Christ through authentic witness in the home, joyful hope in worship, and fruitful service to our neighbors, offering the opportunity not to have more but to be more.

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ADVENT

Penance Service

Sunday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul Catholic Church
 21650 W. 115th Ter., Olathe

Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 11300 W. 103rd St., Overland Park

Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Prince of Peace Catholic Church
 16000 W. 143rd St., Olathe

Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Catholic Church
 555 W. Main St., Gardner

Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m.
St. John Paul II Catholic Church



Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord
Friday, December 24
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord
Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m.

There will not be a 4 p.m. Mass celebrated on December 25 to fulfill your Sunday obligation. Mass times will be Sunday, December 26 at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. *Attending Christmas Mass fulfills your obligation for the Holy Day, not your regular Sunday Mass obligation.*



ARE YOU CRAFTY OR ENJOY CREATING WORKS OF ART?!

We're looking for a variety of artists who would be interested in decorating the hallways in the lower level for the Catholic Youth Formation program. Ideas of what we are looking for are: stencils, graphics, calligraphy, vinyl transfers etc. If you can share your talents please text or email Rebecca Browns at rebeccabrowns@jp2kc.org



Thank you for supporting this year's Giving Tree! All gifts must be returned by noon THIS Sunday, December 12th. Gifts for adults can be wrapped, but the items for kids should be returned unwrapped. For questions, contact Mark Chandler at 804-402-5360 or gochiefs.mc@gmail.com.

QUICK CALENDAR

Saturday, December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope
Vigil Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm Quinlan Enos

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 am The People of the Parish
9:00 am † Ken Meyer
11:00 am Lucy Shepard

Monday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Marytr
NO Mass

Tuesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
5:30 pm † Paul Tuyen Trieu

Wednesday, December 15

Third Wednesday of Advent
5:30 pm † Tom Hudson

Thursday, December 16

Third Thursday of Advent
7:00 am For the success of the Open Wide the Doors to Christ Capital Campaign

Friday, December 17

Third Friday of Advent
7:00 am † Mary Kruse

Saturday, December 18

Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm † Jim Dimitry

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 am
9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am † Joe Wisnasky

Sunday, December 12

After the 7:30 & 9:00a Masses: KofC Breakfast & pictures with Santa!

10:00a RCIA, St. Michael Room

11:30a CYF Class, grades 1-2

Noon Giving Tree gifts due back to the church

3:00p Holy Hour in thanksgiving for Archbishop Naumann's service to the USCCB Pro-Life Committee

6:00p CYF Class, grades 7-8

7:30p Penance Service at St. Paul Catholic Church

Monday, December 13

7:00p Penance Service at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Tuesday, December 14

6:00p Marian Mantle

7:00p Penance Service at Prince of Peace Catholic Church

7:00p Book Club, Conference Room

Wednesday, December 15

7:00p Resound

Thursday, December 16

7:00p KofC Meeting, Social Hall

7:00p Penance Service at Divine Mercy Catholic Church

Sunday, December 19

10:00a RCIA, St. Michael Room

3:00p Penance Service at St. John Paul II Catholic Church

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Join Us For a Holy Angels Christmas

Holy Angels Church in Basehor, KS invites you to a Christmas Concert featuring legendary singer/songwriter, **Michael Martin Murphy**, on **Tuesday, December 21** in their main church located at 15408 Leavenworth Road. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. The concert will begin with the Holy Angels Adult Choir performing, followed by Mr. Murphy singing a selection of songs from his Christmas album, as well as some of his early hits, including "Wildfire," "Carolina in the Pines," and "What's Forever For." Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$25 per ticket, and can now be purchased online by going to the Holy Angels Church website at holyanelsbasehor.org.

For more information, please contact Paul Rittof, Parish Business Administrator, at 913-724-1665.

Q: What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?



A: Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism! ©LPI

Feast of St. Lucy, Virgin ~ December 13 Patron Saint of blindness

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life. After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother's illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God.

While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen. The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but it wouldn't burn so they finally resorted to their swords, and Lucy met her death.



Though details of her life remain unknown, it is widely known that during her lifetime Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were forced to endure horrific torture and often met painful ends during Diocletian's reign. Though the details surrounding her death remain only as legends, it is all modern-day Christians can rely on.

Lucy's legend did not end with her death. According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them.

Lucy, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," is the patron saint of the blind. She is often seen with the emblem of eyes on a cup or plate. In paintings, she is often depicted with a golden plate holding her eyes and often holds a palm branch, which is a symbol of victory over evil.

Saint Lucy's Prayer: Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every corner of our day. Amen

Adapted from catholic.org/saints

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FAQs



Q: I already donate to St. John Paul II, do I need to make a commitment to the capital campaign?

A: A commitment to the capital campaign is different than a commitment to the general operations of the parish. A capital campaign commitment is an additional commitment to the parish that exclusively funds the capital campaign. This commitment is over and above a commitment to the general operations of the parish. Both commitments are important since the commitment to the general operations covers the cost of the day-to-day operations of running a parish.

Q: Who will be asked to contribute to the Open Wide the Doors to Christ capital campaign?

A: Every parishioner of St. John Paul II Parish will be asked to participate financially in the Open Wide the Doors to Christ capital campaign. Commitments and donations from our parishioners will be maintained by the parish office. Funds received for the capital campaign are restricted for that use only. The funds cannot be used for the general operations of the parish. So it is important to support the parish for both general operations and the capital campaign.

JP2 Book Club / 2nd Tuesday of the month: Our next discussion will be **December 14 at 7 p.m.** We are reading *The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: from the visions of Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich* by Anne Catherine Emmerich. We will meet in the Conference Room. Contact Bridget Van Gotten bvangott@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome even if you haven't read the book

Marian Mantle / Weekly on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.: Join the Marian Mantle Prayer Group to pray for loved ones who are not practicing Catholics. We meet weekly on Tuesdays immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass at approximately 6 p.m. in the Church. For more information, contact Sharrid Girard at 913-530-6229 or sharridg@gmail.com.

RESOUND / Wednesdays at 7 p.m.: Each Wednesday we will come together to listen to the voice of our Lord in the Catechism, starting with the part on Christian prayer. We begin each meeting with Evening Prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours*. All adults are welcome! No registration or commitment required. Materials are provided. For more information, contact curtiskeddy@jp2kc.org

JP2MOMS (Mothers of Ministry & Service): JP2Moms is a group of mothers of all ages and stages whose mission is to promote Catholic family values through a variety of social, service, and spiritual activities. Members are mothers (biological, adoptive, or spiritual) who come together to share meaningful experiences. Find us on Facebook @JPMoms for more information or email jp2moms@jp2kc.org.

Women of JP2: A new, vibrant women's organization that just started in the parish! Women of JP2 will promote and guide women in any life stage to ministries and activities that deepen their relationship with Christ, the parish, and other women. Contact womenofjp2@jp2kc.org of more information.

St. Mary's Food Kitchen ~ 4th Sunday of the month
St. Mary's Food Kitchen is a non-profit organization that serves hungry people every day of the year. Our parish serves at St. Mary's Food Kitchen on the 4th Friday of each month. **Our December St. Mary's serving day falls on Christmas Eve. Congregation Beth Shalom has graciously volunteered to provide the entire meal and to serve on that day. No food or JP2 servers will be needed. Thank you Beth Shalom. We will resume our regular service on Friday, January 28, 2022.**



When we feed the hungry and shelter the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. This past fiscal year we provided food and shelter to 35,119 people. We provided 84,111 summer meals to children.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas continues to develop programming that removes barriers and supports people on the road to self-sufficiency. This past fiscal year we have provided skills training, employment and financial education to 10,116 people. Your donation to the Christmas Second Collection will help Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provide programs and services to people in need throughout all 21 Counties of our Archdiocese.



Thank you St. John Paul II Catholic Church! Thank you for your support this Thanksgiving season! The parishioners of JP2 donated 81 meal kits. Thank you for these generous donations. They helped us feed over 2,000 families this Thanksgiving!

Madi Abbott
Catholic Charities Outreach Coordinator

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UPDATE TO FAMILY INFORMATION?

Have you recently had a baby, moved to a new address, got a new phone number or email address? These changes may be made through our website at jp2kc.org. See "Update Parishioner Information" under the **Connect** tab.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Please see our website (jp2kc.org) for information regarding the following sacramental needs.

Becoming Catholic	Mass intentions
Funeral	New parishioner
Infant baptism	Religious education
Marriage	Sacramental emergency



Due to early submission deadlines, collection information will appear in a later publication.



Thank you for your commitment to St. John Paul II Parish. Our parish operations are sustained by your generosity. In order to maintain stability and fulfill our parish's mission, we need your consistent financial support. St. John Paul II Parish offers the following giving options:

- Automatic Bank Withdrawal (ACH) - the form to sign up is found at JP2KC.org under the Give menu.
- Online Giving via checking/savings account or credit card - these donations can be recurring or one-time.
- USPS Mail to the Parish Office (18335 W. 168th Terrace, Olathe, KS 66062).
- Text-to-give (833-979-1388) Normal text message rates from your carrier may apply.
- Visit GIVE at JP2KC.org for complete details on all of these giving options. Thank you for your commitment to our parish!

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 National Catholic Bioethics Hotline (215) 877-2660
Suicide Hotline	(800) 273-8255 Suicidepreventionlifeline.org



Do you like to sing? We are starting an adult choir. Contact Katie Dahlstrom at katedahlstrom@jp2kc.org for more information!

Beginning January 2022 the liturgical ministry schedule will no longer be drafted on a bi-monthly basis. The schedule will now be drafted monthly and will be generated on the 15th of the month. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday it will be drafted on the next business day. The JANUARY 2022 ministry schedule will be drafted on December 15th. If you haven't already done so, please update your Mass preferences since Mass times have recently changed. Please update any known can't serve dates for January. Please email marcielogsdon@jp2kc.org if you have questions about the MSP scheduler or have concerns about your schedule. Thank you for your dedication to the ministries of St. John Paul II Catholic Church!



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"Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God. Jesus Christ is "the only Son from the Father...full of grace and truth."

— John Paul II. World Youth Day, 1993. Denver, Colorado.

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