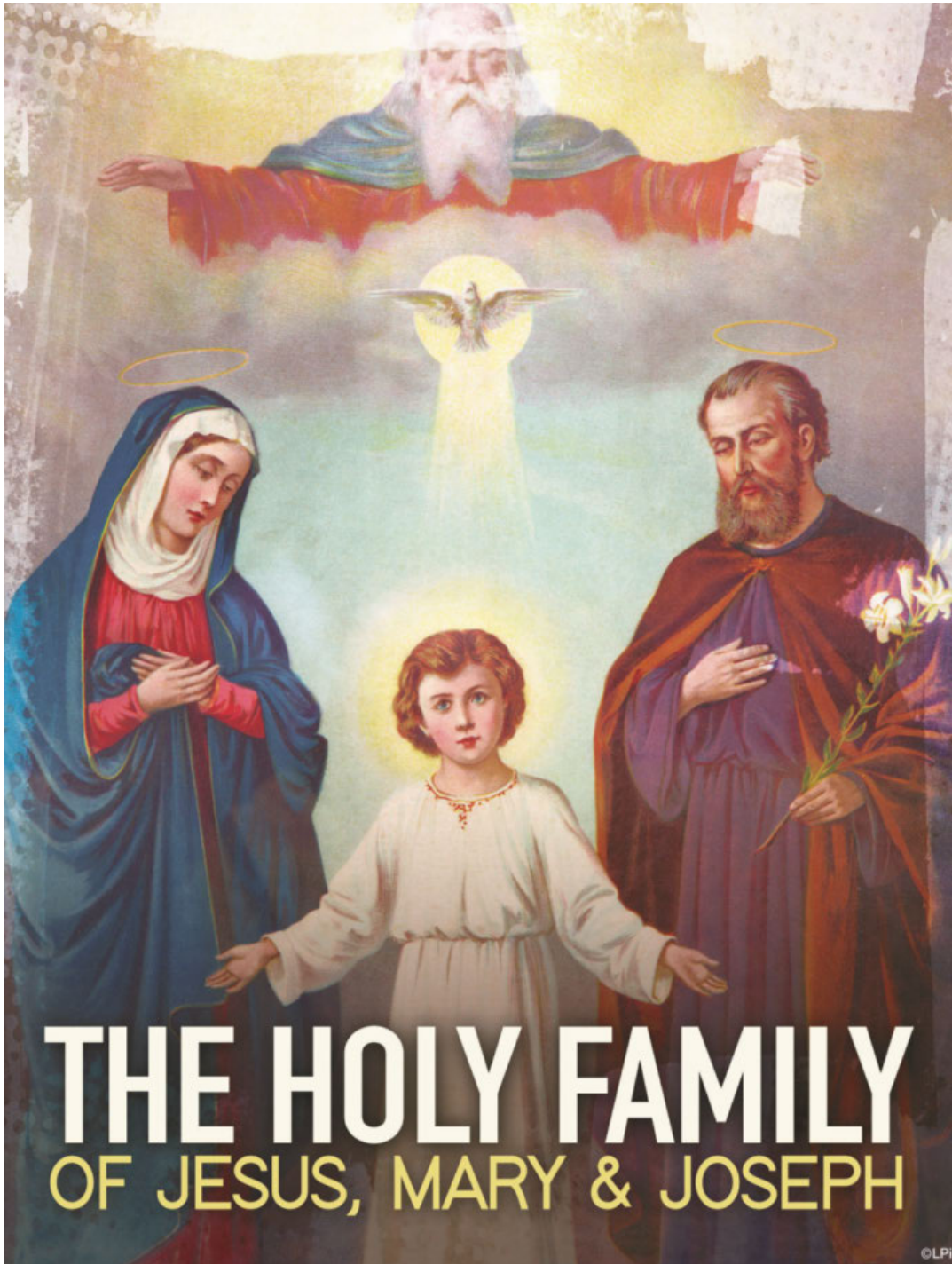


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WEEKEND MASS

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

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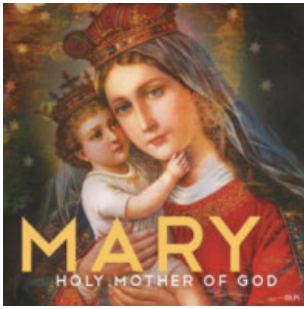
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Mass for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is Friday, December 31 at 4 p.m.

My dear friends...

The new church year brings a status change for me as a deacon. I have asked for and been granted retirement status by Archbishop Naumann. I will still be a deacon and retain my faculties, able to Baptize, witness marriages and do graveside services, but not have a parish assignment.

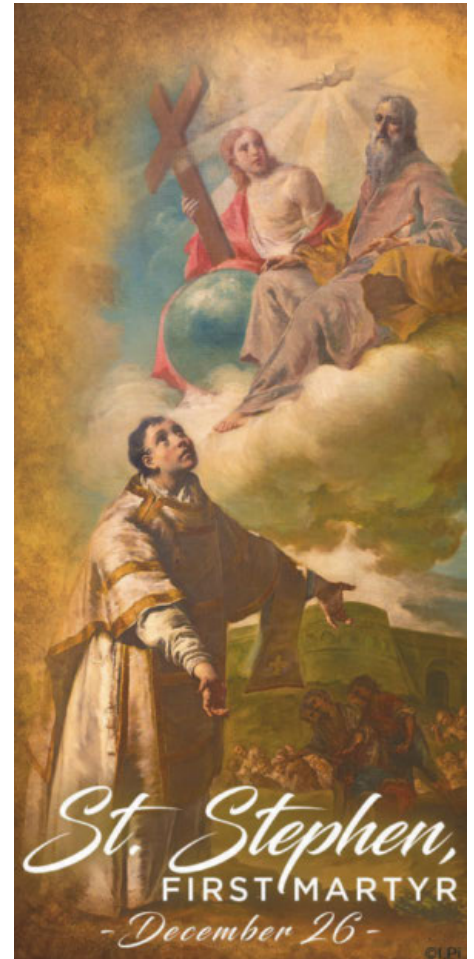
When we moved to Olathe in 2009 we had threefold criteria (1) be close to my job; (2) close to children and grandchildren; (3) close to retail. One thing we didn't consider was the faith community that we would join. But that community turned out to be our greatest blessing. The Prince of Peace and St. John Paul II communities have exceeded anything we could have ever dreamed of. I have had the privilege of Baptizing your children, being present for more First Communions and Confirmations than I can count, serving at your weddings and burying your dead and we have spent hundreds of hours in the Emmaus Room. So many, many fond memories. As I enter a new phase of my life I'm sure we will see one another in the community, probably at Price Chopper or HyVee or CVS and I look forward to those encounters and don't be surprised if we also see you at Mass at any of the Johnson County Parishes.

In parting I ask you to cherish the Church and Her Sacraments, they are Christ's gift to us. These encounters are our glimpse of an eternity with Our Lord and Savior. God bless each of you as the memorial of Our Lord's Nativity approaches.

Deacon Charlie



Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the season. The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins. The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The candles recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives.



The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow. ©LPI



QUICK CALENDAR

Saturday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 26

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 am † Tuyen Trieu

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Terry Ecklund

Monday, December 27

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

NO Mass

Tuesday, December 28

Fifth day in the Octave of Christmas

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 29

Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas

NO MASS or Confessions

Thursday, December 30

Seventh day in the Octave of Christmas

NO MASS

Friday, December 31

The Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

NO (7:00 am) MASS

4:00 pm The People of the Parish

Saturday, January 1

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am The People of the Parish

9:00 am † Mary Jo & Barney Byrne

11:00 am

Sunday, December 26

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Monday, December 27

Church office open 9a to Noon

Tuesday, December 28

Church office open 9a to Noon

No Mass

6:00p Marian Mantle

Wednesday, December 29

Church office closed

No Mass or Confessions

7:00p Resound

Thursday, December 30

Church office closed

No Mass

Friday, December 31

No morning Mass

4:00p Vigil Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 2

10:00a RCIA, St. Michael Room



JP2 Book Club / 2nd Tuesday of the month: 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 for 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.



Q: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

A: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi



We are grateful for those who helped decorate the church and social hall for Christmas, those who installed the audio/video system for the overflow crowds downstairs and for Frank and Louise Gordier, who lent us their Nativity set this year. Bless you all!



THE Giving Tree

Thank you St. John Paul II!

Because of your generosity, we were able to help 21 adults and children at Holy Name Church and El Centro. Their gratitude was overflowing. We also collected \$1,000 in gift cards for Catholic Charities! These gift cards helped many other families purchase gifts for Christmas! Thank you for your generosity!

Respond & Reflect

First Reading: Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading: John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

Gospel: Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?

Would you be willing to lead the rosary before weekend Mass?

We are looking for volunteers willing to lead the rosary from your pew - or fill-in as a substitute leader - for our weekend Masses. We especially need volunteers for the 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Instructions on how to lead will be provided. Please email marcielogsdon@jp2kc.org to volunteer!



**Weekday Mass and Confessions are canceled
December 28 through December 31 while Fr. Farrar visits family for the Christmas holiday.
Mass intentions originally scheduled on these dates will be rescheduled.**

**There will be Mass for the
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 31.**

SUMMER 2022

**Tekakwitha Women's Retreat:
April 29-May 1**

Kateri 1: June 3-5

J-High 1: June 6-11

Kateri 2: June 13-15

Family Camp 1: June 17-19
(Seeking families with disabilities)

High School Max: June 20-25

J-High 2: June 27-July 2

Family Camp 2: July 8-10

Kateri 3: July 11-13

Family Camp 3: July 15-17
(Bienvenidas las familias hispano parlantes)
(Seeking Spanish speaking families)

J-High 3: July 18-23

Extreme: July 25-Aug 2



We are excited to announce the schedule for Camp Tekakwitha 2022! Come join us in faith, fun, and friends down at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha in 2022! Camp has always been a place of adventure activities combined with powerful, spiritual, and unique encounters with God. We look forward to spending time with you. Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat is happening again this spring! We are looking forward to gathering again to grow in friendship and love of Christ. We are also looking forward to the NEW Spanish Family Camp taking place in July! Visit archkck.org/camp for more information about Camp Kateri Tekakwitha. Registration dates will be announced in the coming weeks.



**St. John Paul II
Knights of Columbus chapter #16595
is sponsoring the annual Knights of
Columbus Free-Throw Contest!**
**This is a joint venture with Prince of Peace
and St. Paul Catholic Churches.**
**This is a fun opportunity for our parish
youth to meet the kids from our nearby
parishes while enjoying a couple hours of
fun. We will be following safe protocols.**

KofC Council Contest - January 22, 2022

KofC District Contest - February 5, 2022

Age groups:

Boys 9 -14 years old

Girls 9 -14 years old

Location: Prince of Peace basketball court

Time: 9 a.m. to - Noon both days

Registration is between 9 - 9:30 a.m.

**Download the registration form from our
homepage at jp2kc.org.**

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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.

GENERAL INQUIRIES

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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



December 06 - December 12, 2021

Operations	\$14,432.50
Capital Campaign	\$25,270.00
Angel Fund	\$130.00
Catholic Charities	\$265.00
Christmas	\$1,500.00
Christmas Flower Memorials	\$1,301.00
Faith Formation	\$60.00
Fund for Religious Retirement	\$540.00
Immaculate Conception	\$696.30
Leaven	\$48.00
St. Mary's Food Kitchen	\$55.00



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!

The Archdiocese remains committed to investigating any allegation of abuse of a minor made against any member of the clergy or any Church employee or volunteer — no matter the age of the incident or the current age of the victim. If you suspect abuse, immediately report to civil authorities: (1) Call the Kansas Protection Report Center at (800)922-5330 or report online at Reporting Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Adult and Child - Prevention and Protection Services (ks.gov). (2) Contact law enforcement if anyone is in immediate danger or injured. If the suspected abuse involves a cleric, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese, call the Archdiocesan Report Line at (913) 647-3051 or visit archkck.org/reportabuse. **We care about survivors of abuse.** Victim Care Advocate: (913) 298-9244.



Divine Mercy Parish in Gardner will host the professional singing group **Carolers of Note** on **Sunday, December 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Come hear these wonderful singers perform traditional Christmas carols in period costumes. Free will offering will be accepted.



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



Inspiration from St. John Paul II

"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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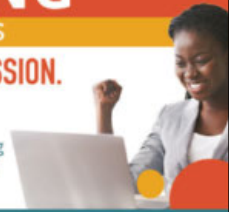
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