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OFFICE HOURS (Except Holidays)

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

For Holy Days & Weekdays consult bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM

Parents, please call office for
Sacramental preparation

MARRIAGE

Please call office to begin preparation at
least 4 months before your proposed
wedding.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call office (or rectory 436-4000)

For Scripture Groups, special needs, etc.

Call 436-2290

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308-672-2334

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1) For special needs, Prayer Tree,

Gina Mattley 436-2388

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2) Eucharistic Holy Hour, Fridays, 6:00 a.m.

3) Eucharistic Prayer Day, First Fridays.

APOSTOLIC

Legion of Mary Mary Klemp

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY of COMMUNION

Call the Parish Office if you or someone you
know needs added to this ministry.

Call Marah ~ Shai 436-4008

CATECHUMENATE

For those interested in the Catholic Faith
or for an upgrading, September thru Easter
information call 436-2290

1st SUNDAY of Advent

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with
power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

Church Etiquette: Priest Should be last in, and first out of Church

DAILY MASSES ~ INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 29
7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, Nov. 30
7:00 a.m. Bob Gifford Sr. †

Wednesday, Dec. 1
5:15 p.m. Jo Buehler †

Thursday, Dec 2
7:00 a.m. Barb Heywood †

Friday, Dec. 3
7:00 a.m. Dorothy McDonald †

~ **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** ~

Saturday, Dec. 4
5:00 p.m. Jolyene Koenig †

Sunday, Dec. 5
10:30 a.m. Alfred Maldonado † ~ Birthday

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Envelopes \$5806; Plate \$901.....Total \$6707
Other \$368

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 4TH & 5TH

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 pm.....Nick Roberts/ Katie Beth Soule
10:30 a.m.Jacob & Joseph Van Anne

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

5:00 p.m.(H) Tom Robinson
10:30 a.m.(H) Tony Calistro

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.

MUSICIANS:

5:00 p.m.....
10:30 a.m.Micki & Hannah Walker & Terri Buehler

GREETERS :

5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Matthew Kautz
10:30 a.m.Bob Newton

TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS FROM 3:00—4:00 P.M.
OR BY APPOINTMENT



1st Sunday of Advent... Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and

apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops. And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short. Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of November 28, 2021

Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle;
Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest;
Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

~ NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME...PLEASE COME BY OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER, 436-2290 ~



CHRISTMAS BASKETS...Please consider a donation to the Christmas Food Baskets that will be given to families in need in our community. Items needed are: Turkeys (8-10 lbs), call Agnes 436-4994 or Brandy 436-5090. Sugar, flour, cooking oil, stuffing mix, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, powdered milk or canned milk, soups, Jell-o, pasta and sauces, dry beans, and cookies. Monetary donations will provide fresh fruit, veggies and bread. Please write "Christmas Baskets" on your envelope and drop in the collection basket. Food items may be placed in the grocery cart in the gathering area. ~ Thank you, Christ the King Ladies Guild



24 HOURS OF ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will begin on Thursday night, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m. and end on Friday at 5:00 p.m. with Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer intentions are for vocations. You are invited to join at any time.

FIRST FRIDAY DAY OF PRAYER before the Blessed Sacrament will also be observed this Friday, December 3rd. Communion calls to the sick and homebound will take place. Pray for your intentions. Come spend an hour with Him.



The Knights of Columbus will have *Christ in Christmas* cards, magnets, and lapel pins available in the gathering area. They will be offering these as a goodwill donation. To cover the cost of these items, suggested donations are: **Cards - \$7.00; Magnets - \$2.00; Lapel Pins - \$1.00.** Contact is Neal Johnson at 308-672-0535 with any questions..

Faith Formation

Elementary Grades

Today, Sunday, Nov. 28, NO Class Grades P-5, 9:10-10:15 a.m.
Next Sunday, December 5, Class Grades P-5, 9:10-10:15a.m.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas program Dec. 19 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Today, Sunday, Nov. 28, NO LifeTeen/Edge 5-7:15 p.m.
NEXT Sunday, Dec. 5, LifeTeen/Edge, 5:50 p.m.-7:15 p.m.
Supper followed by class. No Sunday night Mass.

Confirmation students... please look at your list of requirements. There are several deadlines approaching before Christmas Break!

Once again, we are having a Sunday night meal after Mass for our youth. Can you take a turn to cook and serve a meal?

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for dinner last Sunday!



Advent begins today! Christ the King has lots of options to help enhance your Advent season in preparation for the birth of our Lord.

Women at the Well: Advent Encounter Retreat will be held at St. Agnes, **TONIGHT, Sunday, November 28th 6-8pm** with speaker Claire Dwyer. The books for the Women at the Well this year: "*Messages of Gratitude for Advent and Christmas, 3-Minute Devotions*", are available in the parish office for \$4.00 each.

Study Groups: We will be offering Father Toups, "*Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story.*" As Rejoice follows the four weeks of Advent, it will help us appreciate the places, people, and events that complement the story of the very first Advent. **Books are \$10 and can be picked up in the parish office. We will meet beginning this Wednesday, December 1st at 9:30 a.m.** We'll start in the chapel with the Rosary and then head downstairs for our study. We will also offer a Thursday night Study group beginning this Thursday, December 2nd at 5pm in the Ed Center.



Parish Wide Book: "*The True Meaning of Christmas*" by Michael Patrick Barber. Why was Jesus laid in a manger? Who are the Magi? What is the mysterious Christmas star? How did December 25 become Christmas? And how did the Christmas celebration become associated with things like Santa Claus and decorated trees? As Barber explains, only by understanding the message at the heart of Christmas can we fully enter into the joy it promises. There will be a copy for each family in the Gathering Area.



The Word Among and Little Blue Books are available in the gathering area.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

LEGION OF MARY Cancelled until Further Notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR before the Blessed Sacrament this week at 6:00 a.m.. This hour is dedicated primarily to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the return of lapsed Catholics to the Church.

STATUE OF OUR LADY The statue of Our Lady in the home of: Renee Kautz, 2350 Five Rocks Rd. Apt 330, Gering. December escorts are: Lee Trautman & Neal Johnson.

If you would like to schedule a time to have the Statue in your home, please call Neal Johnson at 672-0535

If you would like the Vocation Chalice in your home please call the office, 436-2290



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS: Pre-
paring the Manger.** Where do you fall
in the “Christmas-songs-in-November”
debate — do you like them, tolerate
them, or outright hate them? There’s no
theological problem with Christmas

songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger. Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master. It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.” So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THOUGHTS ~

“I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.”

~ Jeremiah 33 ~

“Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way.”

~ Psalm 18 ~

“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all....”

~ 1 Thess. 3 ~

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have enough strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

~ Jesus, Luke 21 ~

“Be who you are and be that well.”

~ St Francis de Sales ~

“ Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

~ St. Pio ~

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Ladies Guild is selling Holiday Wreaths in the lower Gathering area after all Masses. Stop and check them out. They make great gifts!



Healthy Holiday Eating Tips for the Holidays.

How do you stick to your diabetes meal plan when everyone around you is splurging? **Holiday-**

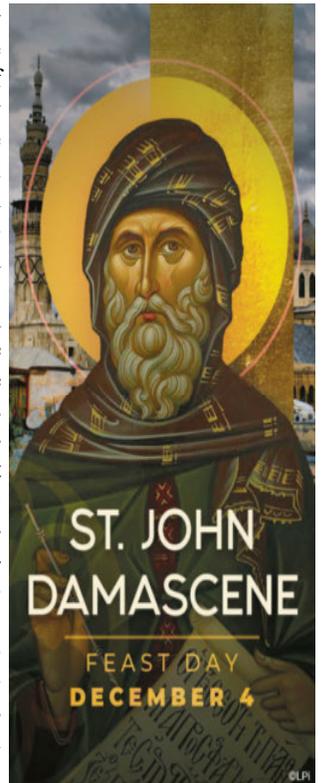
Proof Your Plan Eat close to your usual times to keep your blood sugar steady. If your meal is served later than normal, eat a small snack at your usual mealtime and eat a little less when dinner is

served. Invited to a party? Offer to bring a healthy dish along. **Out-smart the Buffet** When you face a spread of delicious holiday food, make healthy choices easier: Have a small plate of the foods you like best and then move away from the buffet table. Start with vegetables to take the edge off your appetite. Eat slowly. It takes at least 20 minutes for your brain to realize you're full. Avoid or limit alcohol, it can lower blood sugar and interact with diabetes medicines.

Stay on top of your blood sugar, check it more often during the holidays. **Keep Moving** Being active is your secret holiday weapon; it can help make up for eating more than usual and reduce stress during this most stressful time of year. Get moving with friends and family, such as taking a walk after a holiday meal. **Get Your Zzz's** Sleep loss can make it harder to manage your blood sugar, and when you're sleep deprived, you'll tend to eat more. Aim for 7 to 8 hours per night to guard against mindless eating. Most of all, remember what the season is about—celebrating our Savior's birth and connecting with the people you care about. When you focus more on the fun, it's easier to focus less on the food.

St. John Damascene | Feast Day

December 4 St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas. St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.





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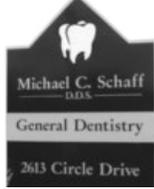
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