

Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

DECEMBER 26, 2021

GOSPEL MEDITATION : Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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Open Monday - Fridays,

9am-5pm

Lunch taken: 12pm-1pm

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Church Website:

www.sacredheartpratt.com



Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: 4:30pm on Saturday and 8:00am on Sunday

Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

Important Dates

Dec. 28-30th No Masses, Father is gone on vacation
Parish office closed Dec. 31st
New Year's Eve Mass: 5:30pm in Pratt
New Year's Day Mass: 8:30am in Pratt and 10:45am in St. John
Please attend New Year's Eve/Day Masses and weekend Masses as well. They are two different liturgies and two different obligations.

January 5th CGS/PSR begins again

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:
Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer),
Madison Hunt-continue prayers for health,
Doug Will – health concerns; Michelle Jochems-
anemia, Lyola Hatfield-health issues; Elton Bowman-health issues; Barbara Agnew - health issues;
Connie Grizzell-health concerns, Dawnetta Park (Linda Johnson cousin)-health issues, Tom Wenrich, Ann Souza-health issues, Teri Simpson's twin granddaughters, Chandler and Chloe: in hospital with RSV, Jim Kiley-healing from surgery, Becky Ellis-health issues, Judy Barker (Pinki Liska's sister)-lung cancer, Matthew Egging-heart issues, Tristin McDonald-loss of child, Larry Conkle, Jeff Jochems-prostate

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
[cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
[7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12,
13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of Dec. 12, 2021 Number of Envelopes - 81

Envelopes	\$7,012.00
Offertory	397.00
Votive Lights	9.00
Christmas Flowers	260.00
Capital Improvement	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$7,728.00
Required Budget	<u>7,200.00</u>
Net Surplus	528.00
Year to Date	
Total Receipts	\$185,879.88
Required Budget	<u>172,800.00</u>
Net Surplus	13,079.88

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

Lyola Hatfield has moved to Wichita and requested to put her address in the bulletin. It is 1655 S. Georgetown St. Apt. 265, Wichita KS 67218

Food Assistance

Many who are eligible for food assistance (SNAP) in Kansas are not receiving it. For those who do participate, SNAP kept 65,000 people out of poverty in Kansas, including 34,000 children, per year between 2013 and 2017, on average. If you are struggling and you have not applied for food assistance, Catholic Charities Staff members will help you with the application. Call 620-792-1393.

Roses for Expectant Mothers: ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY or KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS EXPECTING.....and would like a rose placed in the vase on the wall next to Our Blessed Virgin Mary? As a parish, we would like to pray that you will have a healthy pregnancy and a safe and blessed delivery. After your baby is born, you will receive your rose from the vase and keep as a memento from our parish, the day your baby is baptized. If you are expecting a baby and would like a rose placed in the vase so our congregation can pray for you, please call Marla Stucky, 620-672-6178 or email [sstucky@cox.net](mailto:ssstucky@cox.net).



SAVE THE DATE

Make your appointment to be included in the new pictorial directory!

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Pratt, KS

Photo dates: Feb 23, 24, 25, 26, 2022



Feb. 22-26th we are making a new pictorial directory and want YOU to be included - it won't be complete without you!

You can easily make your appointment to be photographed by going to the church website and clicking the link.

You can also click the link in the newsletter, or the church Facebook page. You will need to go to February on the calendar to see the days to sign up.

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If you do not have computer access, you can make your appointment today. Just stop at the parish office.

Be photographed for the new directory and receive your copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait of your family at no charge. To get your copy of the directory you must be in the directory. Make your appointment and do your part to make this the best directory ever!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Please Support the 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Your gift to the 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will give peace of mind to neighbors who are experiencing hardship due to sickness, job loss, medical bills, unintended pregnancy, homelessness, disaster, and more. As you consider your giving plans for year-end, please support our friends and neighbors who are experiencing hardship through a gift to Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas at www.CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org

Sympathy: Roger D. Blasi, age 66, died on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Pratt Regional Medical Center after a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Cathy of 47 years; brother, David (Paula) Blasi; sister, Janet (Don) Offutt; and several nieces and nephews. Roger is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bruce Blasi.

Visitation was held Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Robert “Bob” Kent Doolittle, 81, passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2021 . He is survived by his wife, Judy of nearly 57 years; daughters, Darby (Brad) Flemming and Debra (Jim) Hiebert; grandsons, Elijah, Micah and Enoch Hiebert; sister in-law, Gloria Holcombe; brother in-law, LeRoy Bohrer; nephews, Matt, Jason and Doug Schwartz; and many special friends. Bob is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wallace Doolittle; and grandson, Jedidiah Hiebert.

Funeral service was held Friday, December 10, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Burial with military honors followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Please keep both families in your prayers.

December 25, 2021-The Nativity of the Lord

Gospel Reflection: “He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.



Calendar of Events
December 2021

Mon. 27

Tues. 28 No Mass in St. John

Wed. 29 No Mass, No PSR/CGS

Thurs. 30 No Mass

Fri. 31- New Year's Eve

5:30pm in Pratt New Year's Eve Mass

7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

January 2022

Sat. 1 New Year's Day

8:30am Mass in Pratt for New Year's Day

10:45am Mass in St. John for New Year's Day

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 2

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10:45am Mass in St. John



28-30 No Mass

31 New Year's Eve 5:30pm Pratt-Ethel

Warren by Vic & Cathy Graf

Jan 1st-New Year's Day

8:30am Pratt-Linus Gaider by Rita Strohl

10:45am St. John-Geri Henning by Richard Henning

1 (Sat. eve.)

Wilfred Loibl by Gene & Julie Cannata

2 (Sun.)Pratt - McKenzie Grace Galle by Danny & Crystal Bolen

St. John - Pro populo

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 2022
Week 1

SATURDAY, Jan. 1st, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Teresa Miller, Mary Harms

Commentator: Lynn Southard

Servers: Sarah Lamatsch

Joseph Kiley, Justin Kiley

Euch. Ministers: Linda Fletcher

Gifts: Curtis & Annette Adelhardt

Ushers: Curtis Adelhardt, Marion Fiegel

Sacristan: Kim Evert

Rosary Leader: Jeanette Gaider

SUNDAY, Jan. 2nd, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Jeanette Siemens,

Sarah Jackson

Commentator: Erin Sluss

Servers: Levi Thibault

Ryan Haas, Trent Thibault

Euch. Minister: Robin Langford

Gifts: Goodheart Family

Ushers: Mike Egging, Rick Stegman

Sacristan: Susan Pixler

Rosary Leader: Joyce Temanson

EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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ers for all Masses.

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