

Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION: In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8a.m. 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

January 5th CGS/PSR begins again

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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-cancer/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 January 02, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of Dec. 19, 2021 Number of Envelopes -61

Envelopes	\$7,160.00
Offertory	376.25
Flower Fund	125.00
Online Giving	750.00
Total	\$8,411.25
Required Budget	\$7,200.00
Net Surplus	\$1,211.25
Year to Date	
Total Receipts	\$195,249.32
Required Budget	180,000.00
Net Surplus	\$15,249.32

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

We are still in need of more servers, Eucharistic ministers, Rosary leaders, and ushers on Saturday. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all who helped prepare the church for Christma!

They are; Luke, Kumberg, Julie, Adelyn, Maisy and Eve Fields, Ryan, Jenna and Maggie Haas, Tracey and Rayden Crow, Kim Evert, Marsha Freeman, Teresa Miller, Claire Kiley, Mike Westerhaus, Stephanie Becker, Jody Swayden, Judy Doolittle, Mary Harms and Chris Himmelwright.

We plan to take down Christmas Decorations, Sunday January 9 at 2:00 pm.

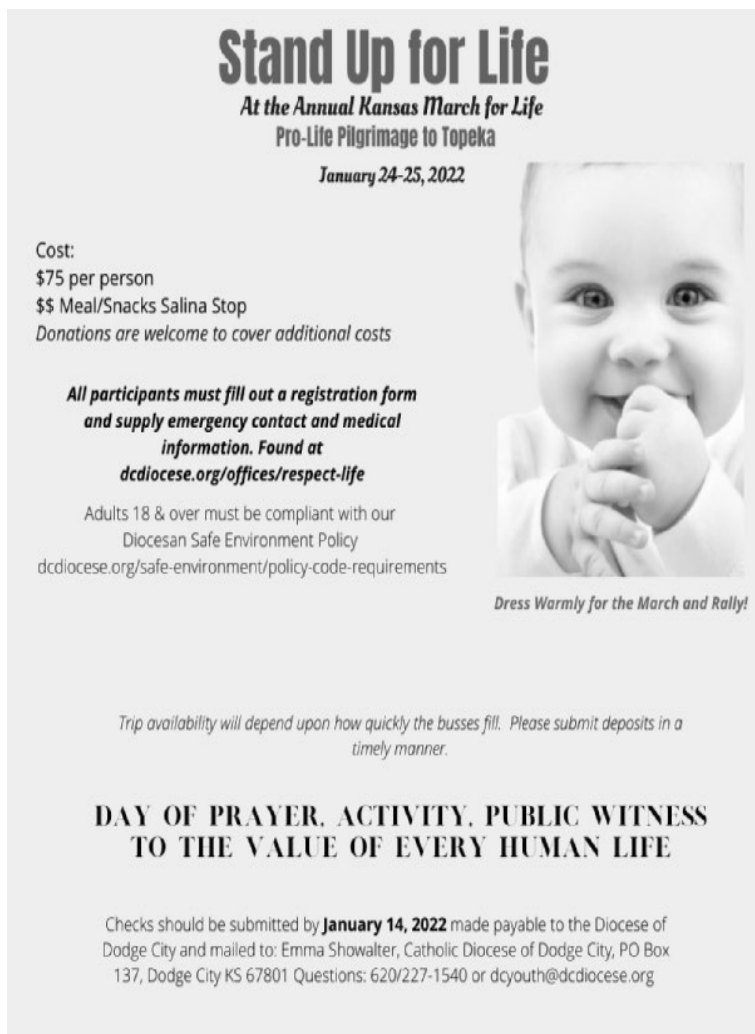
Pictorial Directory in February

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. Please plan on an hour for your appointment. You will have a chance to review your pictures. 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.

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&-typId=63945&step=2>

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!



Stand Up for Life
At the Annual Kansas March for Life
Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka
January 24-25, 2022

Cost:
\$75 per person
\$\$ Meal/Snacks Salina Stop
Donations are welcome to cover additional costs

All participants must fill out a registration form and supply emergency contact and medical information. Found at dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life

Adults 18 & over must be compliant with our Diocesan Safe Environment Policy
dcdiocese.org/safe-environment/policy-code-requirements

Dress Warmly for the March and Rally!

Trip availability will depend upon how quickly the busses fill. Please submit deposits in a timely manner.

**DAY OF PRAYER, ACTIVITY, PUBLIC WITNESS
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Checks should be submitted by **January 14, 2022** made payable to the Diocese of Dodge City and mailed to: Emma Showalter, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, PO Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801 Questions: 620/227-1540 or dcyouth@dcdiocese.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Father Charles is on vacation. Please keep him in your prayers for safe and healthy travels. Please call the office in an emergency.

We will only have daily Mass on Fridays at 8am. Fr. McKinney is covering for all of our Masses while Fr. Charles is gone.

Calendar of Events
January 2022

Mon. 3

Tues. 4

No Mass in St. John

Wed. 5

NO Mass

4 – 6pm CGS class

6 – 7pm 2nd-6th PSR class

7 – 8pm 7th-12th PRS class

7:15 – 8:15pm K of C Meeting

Thurs. 6

No 8:00 Mass

Fri. 7

8am Mass

7pm Spanish prayer/rosary

Sat. 8

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 9

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10am-12pm CGS class

10:45am Mass in St. John

2pm Help take down decorations in the church.

All CGS/PSR classes restart this coming week.



January

4-6 No Mass

7 RIP Dr. Michael Haen by Ruth Menzer

8 (Sat. eve.) Pro populo

9 (Sunday) Pratt – RIP John Giefer by John &
Marie McGuire

St. John – RIP Geri Henning by Richard
Henning

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 _____
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best time to call _____

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 2022

Week 2

SATURDAY, Jan. 8th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Luke Kumberg, Lynn Southard
Commentator: Arlene Garland
Servers: Michelle Jochems
Colton & Dawson Kalous
Euch. Ministers: Linda Conkle
Gifts: Traci & Travis Crow Family
Ushers: Volunteers
Sacristan: Linda Conkle
Rosary Leader: Mary Schmidtberger

SUNDAY, Jan. 9th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Alan Pribil, Erin Sluss
Commentator: Jeanette Siemens
Servers: Maisy Fields
Emmanuel Avila, Emma Gallagher
Euch. Ministers: Kim Lee
Gifts: Gallagher Family
Ushers: Jerry Siemens, Marcos Avila
Sacristan: Erin Sluss
Rosary Leader: Kay Jean Bowman
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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ushers for Saturday, and servers for
all Masses.**

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