

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

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DECEMBER 25, 2022

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Merry  
Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sat., December 24**  
4:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
- Sun., December 25 (Nativity of The Lord)**  
*Merry Christmas!*  
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Mon., December 26**  
No Adoration  
Parish Office Closed
- Tues., December 27**  
No Adoration
- Wed., December 28**  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Confessions  
7:00 p.m. - PSR Appreciation Dinner  
at St. Anthony's Parish Hall (By Invitation Only)
- Thurs., December 29**  
No Events
- Fri., December 30**  
No Events  
Parish Office Closed
- Sat., December 31**  
4:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
- Sun., January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**  
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat., December 24**  
4:30 p.m. - † John & Bobbie Bogner
- Sun., December 25**  
8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. - † Wilfred Panek
- Mon., December 26**  
No Mass
- Tues., December 27**  
No Mass
- Wed., December 28**  
6:30 p.m. - Int. PSR Catechists
- Thurs., December 29**  
7:30 a.m. - † Linda Zogman
- Fri., December 30**  
7:30 a.m. - † Gudula Gros
- Sat., December 31**  
4:30 p.m. - † Virgil Puetz
- Sun., January 1**  
8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. - † Eugene Heimerman

## WEEKDAY ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

- Mon., December 26**  
No Mass
- Tues., December 27**  
No Mass
- Wed., December 28**  
6:30 p.m. - *Christmas Break for Servers*
- Thurs., December 29**  
7:30 a.m. - *Christmas Break for Servers*
- Fri., December 30**  
7:30 a.m. - *Christmas Break for Servers*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEKEND - 12/31/2022 & 01/01/2023

### Lectors

- 4:30 p.m. - Al Thimmesch  
8:00 a.m. - Chris Heimerman  
10:00 a.m. - Carla May

### Rosary Leaders

- 4:30 p.m. - Pat Koester  
8:00 a.m. - Anne Weber  
10:00 a.m. - Carla May

### Gift Bearers

- 4:30 p.m. - Justin Koester's Family  
8:00 a.m. - Jarret Zogman's Family  
10:00 a.m. - Mark McFadden's Family

### Homebound EMHC's - January

Rachel Sponsel & Maribeth Long

### 1st Time Parent Class Facilitator January 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Taryn Dohrman

*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."*

~ WINSTON CHURCHILL

12/18/2022

**Sunday Collection - \$14,054.26**

**Christmas Donations - \$3,000.00**

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Stewardship of Treasure!

### Altar Servers

- 4:30 p.m. - Karsyn Koester  
Peyton Koester  
Logan McKim

- 8:00 a.m. - Gavin Correll  
Gianna Beying  
Sebastian Beying

- 10:00 a.m. - Jaren McFadden  
Landrie McFadden  
Kennedy Jennings

### EMHC's

- 4:30 p.m. - Pat Koester  
Ed Panek

- 8:00 a.m. - Josh Beying  
David Helten

- 10:00 a.m. - Jennifer McFadden  
Julia Qualls

### Ushers - January

- 4:30 p.m. - Dennis Meyer, Al Thimmesch,  
Greg Rausch & **Volunteer Needed**

- 8:00 a.m. - Mick Rausch, Daryl Bugner,  
Greg Teter & Dave Adams

- 10:00 a.m. - Ryan Koester, Michael Costello,  
Eric May & **Volunteer Needed**

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on either the first or second Sunday of the month at St. Anthony Parish and St. Mary Parish respectively when Fr. H Setter is celebrating Mass. Parent(s) who plan to have their child baptized are required to be actively practicing their Catholic faith, be registered and active in the parish for no less than six months prior to the baptism. First time parent(s) need to attend a baptismal class. Baptismal forms are available at the parish office, during office hours. Forms need to be returned at least one week prior to the date of baptism.

### MARRIAGES

The bride or groom must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months before preparation for marriage will begin. The bride or groom registered in the parish is expected to be actively participating in the life of the Church by living the Stewardship Way of Life. Please contact the Pastor to begin. Dates for the weddings will only be scheduled **AFTER** meeting with the Pastor. Do not schedule, commit to, or make down payments for venues, caterers, musicians, photographers, etc. until you have met with the Pastor. There is no guarantee to scheduling a wedding on your preferred day.

## FROM FATHER H

**Merry Christmas to All** - I would like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry and Blessed Christmas. I hope your holidays are filled with great joy and happiness as you gather with family, friends and loved ones during these days of celebrating God's greatest gift to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Please join me in praying for those less fortunate than ourselves who will spend these days alone or apart from loved ones, whatever the reasons may be. May God Bless them abundantly these days. Know that you remain in my prayers in a most special way. I am truly blessed to be your Shepherd. Please keep me in your prayers as well. I love you all.

~ Father H

**Stewardship Renewal** - Our deadline to return completed Stewardship Renewal forms has passed as we are now getting all of our information put into our parish data system. Our goal was to get everything updated in the data system by the end of December in order to have accurate and current information with respect to our ministries, organizations, etc. to begin the new calendar year. Sadly, I must report to you that of the **430** registered families we have here, only **150** time and talent forms were returned, and only **144** treasure forms were returned. I had honestly hoped that we would see a much more successful return rate. While I am saddened by such a small return, I am hopeful and optimistic that many of you have just overlooked getting these back to the parish office and will do so as soon as possible.

It is most important that we realize that our parish family is just that, a family. A family that needs everyone to be active and committed to making our parish as vibrant and successful as possible, no matter who we are. We are all important, we are all needed, and we all matter. If you haven't done so, I would kindly ask that you take the few minutes it takes and complete your renewal materials and return them as soon as possible. I know in my heart that we can do better, because we are better than the current return rate that we have. Please join me in praying that every family of our parish becomes a "stewardship way of life" family by starting with the return of our renewal documents for 2023.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

**PSR Classes** - We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas.

**Questions for Faith Sharing** - The theme for this Sunday's readings is: Jesus, our Savior, was born of the Virgin Mary, so that God could dwell among us. **Question for Adults:** Jesus, God's very own Son, is God's greatest and most generous gift to us. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise and proof of God's incredible love for us. How do you return to God your greatest gifts? **Question for Youth:** How can you share the good news of great joy with others?

*Let us pray for the grace to help us follow Jesus' example of self-giving love, which brings new life.*

**The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is messiah and Lord." ~ Luke 2:10**



**Merry Christmas to all!** - Enjoy your break. CYM and high school religion classes resume on Wednesday, January 11.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2937 NEWS

**K of C Family of the Month** - Kody and Brianna Jennings, December Family of the Month

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

**Christmas Party** - Please plan to join us on Wednesday, January 4 following the 6:30 p.m. Mass for our Altar Society Christmas Party. We will be sampling Wine & Chocolate pairings as well as other snacks. This will be a great way to meet your chairladies and other members of your circle as we work together this coming year. This will be in place of the 1st Monday meeting. Please RSVP to Heidi at [heidibecker06@gmail.com](mailto:heidibecker06@gmail.com) by Monday, January 2 to aid in planning.

## December 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Away from the Manger

The Stewardship way of life can be demanding. Finding the right balance for your time, talent and treasure can pose a challenge, especially in a family setting. St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist are good examples of different locations on the Stewardship spectrum. It is hard to imagine St. Joseph too far from home. One of his greatest responsibilities as a steward was being present to his family. Contrast that with St. John, his calling was extremely different. Both Ss. Joseph and John were 100% all in for service to Christ, but, while Joseph attended to life around the manger, John attended to life away from it. If you are a father or mother or caretaker, look to Ss. Joseph and John to find the right balance on the Stewardship spectrum and have a very joyful Christmas!

## EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

**Annual Eve of the Eve Dance** - Region V Youth Board is hosting a Snowball Masquerade. This is open to all high school teens. Friday, December 30, 2022, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at St. Mary (2300 E. Meadowlark, Derby KS). Come enjoy a night of fun, food and fellowship! Snacks and drinks will be provided. This is a formal event, please dress formally and modestly. Masquerade masks will NOT be provided. Bring your own if desired. Entry cost \$5 per person or \$20 for a group of 5. Come as a couple, in a group or by yourself!

**"Seasoned Servants Connection" Newsletter** - Are you over the age of 50 and interested in receiving the "Seasoned Servants Connection" Newsletter? The Office of Marriage and Family Life publishes a monthly newsletter thru the months of September and May. There are articles on spiritual, mental, physical and emotional health, as well as ones on financial help and tips for grandparents. Information on classes and upcoming events sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry Office and Harvest House centers of the diocese are also included. If you would like to receive a newsletter either printed or electronic, please contact the office at 316-685-5240 or email Sharon Witzell at [witzells@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:witzells@catholicdioceseofwichita.org).

**Part-time Mobile Feeding Staff, The Lord's Diner, Wichita** - The Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking an enthusiastic individual for the position of Mobile Feeding Staff for The Lord's Diner. This individual will be accountable for the loading, transportation, serving of food and cleanup for the mobile feeding truck. This is a part-time position, 20-25 hours a week, and will involve working afternoon and evening hours.

**Part-time Cook and Mobile Feeding Staff, The Lord's Diner, Pittsburg** - The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an enthusiastic individual for the position of Part-time Cook and Mobile Feeding Staff for The Lord's Diner, Pittsburg. This individual will work 20 hours per week and assist in planning nutritious, cost effective meals for the guests, help with oversight of the preparation of the meal by volunteers, and assist with loading, transportation, serving of food and cleanup for the mobile feeding truck.

Applications will be accepted until these positions are filled. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/>

**Revive Marriage Retreat** - January 6; 7:00 p.m. - January 8; 12:00 p.m. with Jim & Meg Beckman at the Spiritual Life Center. This weekend retreat will supercharge your marriage. Featuring talks by Jim and Meg Beckman, this retreat will create a rejuvenating and spiritual experience where you will be able to spend time with other couples in discussion and prayer, and one-on-one time for you and your spouse to grow in fellowship. Retreat costs apply. For more information and to register, please visit [www.slcwichita.org](http://www.slcwichita.org) or call 316-744-0167.

**Day of Prayer and Healing** - On Saturday, January 7, A Day of Prayer and Healing retreat for women and men who have been impacted by abortion will be offered in Wichita Saturday, January 7, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The day retreat can help participants begin the healing journey and bring hope to those who are suffering from the impact of past abortions. Registration is \$30 which includes lunch and all materials. Participation is confidential. For more information or to register, contact Stephanie Nemechek at 316-269-HOPE (4673) or [ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org)



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