

THE CHURCH OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

“Come, Follow Me..”
(Matthew 4:19)

“... Mary as Mother became the first ‘disciple’ of her Son,
the first to whom he seemed to say: ‘Follow me...’”
(Pope St. John Paul II)

Father John F. Jirak, J. C. L.
Pastor

Father Curtis Hecker
Parochial Vicar

MASSES Sat Vigil: 5:15pm | Sun: 6:30am + 9:00am + 11:00am |
Mon–Sat: 6:30am | Mon–Fri: 8:00am | Wednesday 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION Monday through Friday: 7:30am–7:50am |
Sat: 3:30pm–5:00pm

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PASTOR'S CORNER



December 11, 2016 - *The Third Sunday of Advent*

Happy Gaudete Sunday (Joy Sunday)

O.k., this time I mean it. How can Christmas be only two weeks away? I am starting to understand the sentiment of my parents, who are nineteen times grandparents, when they find themselves with less time on their hands than when they were raising kids themselves. What can we do? How do we slow things down?

Well, the purpose of the Advent season is to slow us down. In the readings we continue to hear about the need for patience, waiting and hope. This Sunday's second reading from St. James tell us to "be patient brothers and sisters until the coming of the Lord." Patience involves a deliberate, sometimes painful slowing down and waiting. If we find ourselves hurried and occupied at every step how can we cultivate patience?

The best way to slow down so as to live in patience is through prayer. Actually, I don't think that it is possible over the long run to remain in patience without prayer. Think of how Jesus constantly turned to the Father in prayer, often very early in the morning. Jesus' prayer disposed him to live patiently and trustingly in the Father's love.

What I am going to say may surprise you. If you want to make progress on slowing down and reducing the crazy pace of your life, then *add something*. Yep, the requirement for simplifying one's life is to add another thing, namely, prayer.

In prayer we do not change God, rather we find ourselves changed. At the beginning of the month I offered the Advent Challenge to spend at least 7 minutes in continuous prayer each day of the Advent season. For those of you who have taken on the challenge, great work, add another two minutes. For those of you who have not taken on the Advent Challenge of 7 minutes of daily prayer, how about starting today or tomorrow? You might be surprised about how adding "another thing" actually simplifies your life down with the result of greater patience and joy.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,
Rev. John F. Jirak

MONTHLY & YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT

	11-29-12/05	07/01-12/05
Actual Revenue	\$ 67,308.89	\$1,315,974.03
Actual Expenses:	\$ 60,717.81	\$1,370,487.71
Surplus (Deficit):	\$ 6,591.08	\$(54,513.68)

The Practice of Stewardship

Each parish member is asked to give a generous share of their **time** to develop their faith so as to better share it with others; a generous share of their **talents** to assist in the building up of the Kingdom of God; and a generous share of their **treasure** to support the many good works and services which are carried out in the parish, diocesan, and universal Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We invite you to join our parish family!

Please stop by the parish office any time Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 5pm and fill out a parishioner registration card. At this time you will also receive a new parishioner packet and a tour of the church campus.

Can't make it into the office?
Register online or by phone: 316-682-4557

EUCHARIST

WEEK AT A GLANCE

12/11 Third Sunday of Advent <i>Is 35:1-6a, 10</i> <i>Jas 5:7-10</i> <i>Mt 11:2-11</i> Mystagogy (Bishop Gerber Room) 10:00am Blessing of the Baby Jesus (Bishops Hall) 10:00am Parish Holy Hour with Vespers (Church) 4:00pm CYO Meeting (Bishops Hall) 7:00pm
12/13 Rosary after Mass (Church) 8:30am Encore Penance Service (Church) 11:00am Encore Potluck (Bishops Hall) 12:00pm Altar Society Rosary (Church) 6:45pm Altar Society Meeting (Bishops Hall) 7:00pm
12/14 Mom's Group (St. Joseph's Hall) 9:30am Advent Formation Series (CYO Room) 6:30pm Following Christ (Bishops Hall) 6:30pm RCIA Class (School Library) 6:30pm PSR Classes (School classrooms) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (St. Joseph's Hall) 7:30pm
12/15 7th/8th Grade Scripture Study (Bishops Hall) 7:00am
12/16 Friday Breakfast Group (Bishops Hall) 7:00am Women's Familia (Bishop Byrne Room) 9:00am 5th/6th Grade Challenge Girls (Library) 3:15pm Little Flowers (St. Joseph's Hall) 3:15pm
12/17 Regnum Christi (Bishop Byrne Room) 7:00am
12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Is 7:10-14</i> <i>Rom 1:1-7</i> <i>Mt 1:18-24</i> Parish Holy Hour with Vespers (Church) 4:00pm CYO Meeting (Bishops Hall) 7:00pm

*DID YOU KNOW? You can listen to our Sunday homilies online!
Check them out on our website or iTunes.*

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10 5:15pm Int/Kurt & Jessica Schmidt
Sunday, December 11 6:30am People of the Parish 9:00am † Jerry McGuigan 11:00am † Helen C. Kennalley
Monday, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 6:30am † Dave Burrus 8:00am † Matthew West Walker
Tuesday, December 13 <i>Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i> 6:30am Int/Sister Lucy Fidelis 8:00am † Chuck & Dee Kopper
Wednesday, December 14 <i>Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 6:30am Int/Rose Marie Cox 8:00am Int/John & Hortense Schaefer Family 5:30pm Int/Katie Oatman
Thursday, December 15 6:30am Int/Lt. Col. Wayne Bodine 8:00am † Slade Adams
Friday, December 16 6:30am † Drew Christensen 8:00am Int/Doug Stuhlsatz
Saturday, December 17 6:30am Int/Jeff Zluticky 5:15pm Int/Wayne Smith
Sunday, December 18 6:30am † Mary Lou Lauer 9:00am † Susan Rangel 11:00am People of the Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2016

<u>Mass Time & Date</u>	<u>EMHC's</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
12/17 - 5:15pm	Amy & David Degenhardt, Karen Hrdlicka	Mark Kiefer Susan Kiefer	<i>Please check online sign-up sheet</i>	Kevin & Donna Arkin, Ray Bujarksi, Sergio & Alec Garcia, Olivia Moore, Jeff & Tim Zluticky
12/18 - 6:30am	Nick Dondlinger	Brett Cass		Dan Brooks & Chris Shank
12/18 - 9:00am	Missy Cohlmia, Barb Carson, Mike Belluomo	Bruce Kouba John Baldessari		Knights of Columbus Blakely Venerdi, Brooke Wise, Emma Brophy, Tate Becker
12/18 - 11:00am	Dave & Annette Saunders, Don Brinkman, Sara Farley	Malcolm Harris Glenn Fondaw		Brian & Seth Campbell, Jon Schoelwer, Juan Yanez, Delaney Saunders, Matt Bye Ciarra Valadez, Emma Valliere
OFFERTORY GIFTS:	5:15pm- Brian & Amy Eckberg Family	9:00am- Jon & Amy Baxt Family	11:00am- Mike & Gretchen Postiglione Family	
CANTORS:	5:15pm- Reid Whisenbant	9:00am- Julie Zluticky	11:00am- Adult Choir, D. Hickerson & S. Skinner	

STEWARDSHIP IS THE GRATEFUL RESPONSE OF A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE WHO

PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY

In observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the Children's Liturgy of the Word will not meet on December 25th or January 1st.

KIDS FOR JESUS-BABY JESUS BLESSING

This Sunday, during and immediately following the 9am Mass, please join us for the parish-wide Bless the Baby Jesus ceremony and reception. Have your kids and grandkids bring the Baby Jesus from their nativity set for a blessing immediately after Mass. The K4J families will host a parish-wide reception immediately following in the coffee and doughnuts area.

PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

BE INCLUDED!! We want all of our families in our new picture directory!

Sign-up online for your family's spot **today**. A link is available on our website under the pillar of hospitality OR you can call the parish office and we can assist you in signing up for a spot, 316-682-4557.

Bring canned food with you and get \$5 off coupon! Military and Senior Citizen coupons also available.

Pictures take place in the Bishop Gerber Room.

ENCORE PENANCE SERVICE

Join us for a penance service on December 13th at 11am for all of our parishioners 60+. This is a great opportunity for short lines and helps you avoid night-time driving! The penance service will be followed by a potluck in Bishops Hall. **Hope to see you there!**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

The Christmas Flower Memorial is a beautiful way to honor your family, friends and loved ones during this holy season. A memorial Mass for the departed souls remembered will be at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Please place your donation in the special collection envelope located at the Church entrances. Please return in the collection basket or to the parish office by Dec. 18th. Suggested donation: \$20 per memorial.

Donations received by December 18th will be displayed on a memorial board in church throughout the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS CARDS STILL AVAILABLE

The Knights of Columbus Christmas card sale is still going on! The display is now set up in the parish office, stop by Monday-Friday between 8:30-5pm!

ADVENT ANGEL FAMILY TRADITION

Don't forget to advent angel!!

PILLAR OF PRAYER

PERPETUAL ADORATION

PARISHIONERS: Any hour is available to you, however, please consider these hours with special needs:

SUNDAY: JOHN HAMMANS, 684-8384

VERY URGENT 2 PARTNERS: 3-4PM

PARTNER: 2-3AM; 3-4AM; 4-5AM; 5-6AM; 7-8AM; 1-2PM; 7-8PM; 11PM-12AM

MONDAY: LORNA BURGESS, 620-218-4926

PARTNER: 12-1AM; 1-2AM; 2-3AM; 3-4AM; 4-5AM; 7-8AM; 8-9AM; 9-10AM; 10-11AM; 11AM-12PM; 12-1PM

TUESDAY: AMY RISHELL, 390-1700

URGENT: 1-2AM; 10-11AM; 12-1PM

PARTNER: 2-3PM; 11PM-12AM

WEDNESDAY: MARY SUE WRIGHT, 285.2765

PARTNER: 4-5AM; 1-2PM

THURSDAY: ROSE KUHLMAN, 684.2893

PARTNER: 4-5AM; 8-9AM; 9-10AM; 1-2PM

FRIDAY: PEGGY SUNIGA, 686.4920

VERY URGENT 2 PARTNERS: 3-4AM; 11PM-12AM

URGENT: 2-3AM; 5-6PM; 7-8PM; 10-11PM

SATURDAY: PAT HARTER, 683.6610

VERY URGENT 2 PARTNERS: 3-4AM; 10-11AM; 2-3PM; 10-11PM

PARTNER: 2-3AM; 12-1PM; 1-2PM; 3-4PM; 5-6PM; 9-10PM

IN MEMORIAM (present-Oct 2015)

Drew Christensen, Cheri Blankinship-Wagle, Susie McHugh, Mary Gregory, Theresa Sloat-Elliot, Slade Adams, Melissa Peltzer, Marie Marx, Florence Ostrosky, Peggy Schoenhofer, Elaine Peters, Dave Burrus, Paul Rothermel, Msgr. John Gilseman, Mary Harris, Janet Eckberg, Marlys Tokerud, Mary Kay Vestring, Tom Cornell, William McGuigan, Eric Dickson, Dee Kopper, Jackie Schenk, John Vanderpool, Howard Earl Clark Sr., Michael Cremin, Robert Burton, Tim Howell, Michael Meinecke, Gary Keltner, Kent Smith, Florence Spatz, Melvin Brummer, Gary Carson, Beulah Grilliot, Fr. Robert Burger, Marilyn Hein, Carolyn Daugherty, Brad Lupton, Evan Bowar Sr.

PRAYER REQUESTS

SICK Scott Burrus, Donna Cotter, Beverly Paxton, Tom Honton, Rita Guthridge, Betty Rott, Paulette Cain, Julia Scott-Wagle, Scott Walker, Barbara Bennett, Melinda Hughes, Carolyn Maze, Mary Lou Cooke, Sharon Stephens, Valarie Setna, Ann Patton, Robert Aylward, Suzi Montgomery, Barbara Saggu, Susan Beuerlein, Rita Youngers, Glen Skolich, Joseph Jenkins, Donna Blair-Jones, Emily Dumler, Frances Keffer, Carmen Carter-Saiz, Joan Somes, Laszlo Gasper, Mary Edgington, Katie Stout, Madeline Guiliano, Peggy McKenzie, Betty Allred, Joyce Eastburn, Stan O'Brien, Carla McKee, Pauline Rittlinger, Daniel Gallagher, Betty Smith, Lauren Patton, Kay Patrick, Jim Clare, Joanne Salazar, Duff Whisenant, Gary Kilian, Jeanette Bowker, Pat Cord, Leo Sander, Andrew Lowry, Mary Sweet, Preston Deschaine, Gene & Mary Lou Schutz, Jeanne Gordon, John & Polly Snow, Debbie Mitchell

MILITARY Cpt. John Hunninghake, MD, June Baldessari, Paul Vanderpool, Landon Salazar, Jeremy Hastings, Lawrence Schutz, Mike Gann, Charles Robertson, Anthony Baldessari, Bobby Illidge, Clint Hitt, Tanner & Marissa Hesse, Mark Bartak, Shane Saiz, Luke Vanderpool, Alex Knowles, Julie Wilson, Marie Baldessari, Jeff Mrazik, Nicholas S. Turner, Katelyn Bauer

VOCATIONS April Hoffman & Paul Stadler

PILLAR OF FORMATION

THE BELLS ARE RINGING

And the parish is singing...in rejoice of the percentage of stewardship packets turned in. Currently 30% of our parish family has turned in forms!!

While this may not seem like a high percentage, the average parish receives less than a quarter percentage of their parish forms in the year!

Can't find your packet?

- Stewardship packets are at any church entrance or can be picked up at the parish office OR
- Forms can be completed online at www.blessedsacramentwichita.com

Not sure what to check? Don't know where to help?

Please feel free to call the parish office if you are interested in knowing which ministries may need a little more TLC or just need help discerning where you may fit. 316-682-4557.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Jude Francis Johnston
Son of Isaac & Sophia

Ryleigh Constance Truman
Daughter of Matthew & Kristen

Amilia and Avrielle Watkins
Daughters of Adam and Peggy

John Vincent Bosco and Natalie Immaculata Mercy Kilsing
Son and Daughter of Ryan & Sarah

Gabriel Bennett Arredondo
Son of Jose & Jacquelyn

Ricardo Fernandez
Son of Giovana

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

JOIN US for Financial Peace University, starting Sunday, January 8 at 10am in the school library. Sign up on our website (link available under the pillar of service) or call 316-682-4557. For questions about the course, contact Matt Truman at matruman@live.com.

GRIEF SHARE SERIES

The next GriefShare series, designed to turn mourning into joy, will be offered on Thursday evenings beginning January 12th from 7-8:30pm at the Spiritual Life Center. This is a 12-week series.

Please call the SLC for any questions regarding this series or any of their other programs: 316-744-0167. slcwichita.org

PILLAR OF SERVICE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanks to everyone who is participating in the annual "Giving Tree" project, where Parishioners have the opportunity to buy a Christmas gift for people in our community who otherwise probably wouldn't be remembered, or who have very little. If you are interested in participating, the "Giving Tree" is in the west church entryway. Simply take one of the paper ornaments, pick up the listed gift item on the ornament, and return it by the deadline to the parish office.



Many people in Wichita rely on food pantries for support, so we encourage you to consider dropping off a little extra food this year in one of the God's Food Pantry collection boxes in the church entryways. 500-600 needy people go through the line during each bi-monthly food distribution, so the need is great.

The website "Signup Genius" is the method we most frequently use when requesting support for a particular project (like the monthly homeless luncheons, etc.). Each request goes to about 200 Parishioner email addresses, and people can participate if they are interested, or not. It is truly amazing to see the generous responses to our requests.

Donations to the annual Thanksgiving collection for St. Vincent de Paul are still coming in and we have received almost \$20,000; thank you! If you didn't have a chance to contribute, it's never too late. Your donation goes directly help those in need in our Parish and community.

This Christmas, twenty deserving families will enjoy a delicious, home cooked meal with their family, sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Many thanks to the Blessed Sacrament Altar Society for a very generous gift to significantly help offset the cost of this project.

The food of the month for the weekend kids' food program is breakfast food (breakfast bars, small cereal boxes, Carnation types of breakfast drinks, pop-tarts, individual packets of oatmeal, etc.) Donations can be dropped off in the Parish office entryway drop box. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the kids who receive them!

HELP AT THE LORD'S DINER

New Year's Day is our parish's next turn to volunteer at the Lord's Diner. It is difficult to get enough coverage on a holiday such as this.

Please consider helping to serve some of our city's neediest on that holiday. If you would like to help with either the afternoon shift, preparing food, or the evening shift, serving the meal, please email Margaret Dawe at thelordsdiner@blessedsacrament.com.

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament

PARISH STAFF

Office Manager: Rachel Hittner
Parish Life Coordinator: C.Y. Suellentrop
Stewardship Coordinator: Renee Riter
Bookkeeper: Dana Howland
Liturgy Coordinator: Ben Dunlap
Music Director: Rachel Dugan
Athletic Director: Pat Harter

SCHOOL

Principal: Dan Dester
Vice Principal: Pam Loyle
Office Manager: Michelle Hittner
Building Maintenance: Mark Alexander
125 N Quentin • **Hours:** 7:30am–4:00pm
Phone: 316.684.3752 • **Fax:** 316.687.1082

SACRAMENTS

Anointing

Call the Parish Office, 682.4557

Baptism

Classes required for parents. Call the Parish Office, 682.4557

Eucharist to Homebound

Every Sunday and on 1st Saturdays.

Call the Parish Office, 682.4557

Holy Matrimony

Begin preparation at least six months prior.

Call the Parish Office, 682.4557

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Please see article on page 4.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Every first Friday from 2:35 to 3:05pm during the months of September through May.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Offered at the 6:30am Mass followed by the rosary on the first Saturday of each month.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request or wish to join the prayer chain, during business hours call the Parish Office, 682.4557, after hours until 9:00pm, call Marla Dahlgren, 681.1933.

ROSARY

Prayed aloud for vocations 30 minutes before the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses.

PARISH RECORDS

Newcomers

Welcome to our parish family! We want to meet you! Please call the Parish Office, 682.4557, to register.

Current Parishioners

Change in name, address, phone number or planning to move? Kindly notify the Parish Office to update your records.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us each Sunday for Coffee and Donuts in Bishops Hall immediately after the 6:30am and 9:00am Masses, and after the 11:00am Mass-but only on the First Sunday of the month.

PARISH LIBRARY

Open before and after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses (except 6:30am).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Services include transportation, home visits, house cleaning, meals, respite care, financial assistance, etc. Please call the Parish Office, 682.4557. Calls and services are confidential.

THE LORD'S DINER

Our parish serves the Lord's Diner the first Sunday of each month. To volunteer, call the Parish Office, 682.4557.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our parish wants to stay up-to-date! If you have any exciting parish news or photos from parish/school events, email them to our social media administrator at randi222@gmail.com.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submit announcements by noon on Mondays in writing to the Parish office or by email to rhittner@blessedsacramentwichita.com.

Announcements will be printed as space allows.