

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament



Creating Disciples and Living the Stewardship Way of Life.

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

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

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Parochial Vicars

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S LETTER

Oct. 1, 2017 - THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Monday, October 2, we celebrate the feast day of the Guardian Angels. When was the last time you heard anything about angels, let alone guardian angels? Most importantly, when was the last time you prayed to your Guardian Angel? For the longest time, guardian angels were part of the normal curriculum taught in religion class and everyone knew the famous prayer:

ANGEL OF GOD, my Guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Although many of our young children are still taught this prayer, the use of it dwindles as fast as we grow-up. As adults we may be tempted to think it childish to pray to our angel, but in reality to not do so is what's foolish.

Angels are not just a pleasant construct of one's imagination, nor are they our deceased loved ones. Our theology on angels is well supported by scripture by Jesus Himself. In the Gospel of Matthew (18:10) He says, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in Heaven." Jesus has told us that their angels are in the very presence of God. Each of us has been assigned an angel and we know that they intercede for us. "I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints and enter into the presence of the glory of the Holy One." (Tobit 12:15) It is God's will that we cooperate with the angelic intercession that occurs.

If we have angels in Heaven who are interceding for us, then we should speak to them in the same way we pray to the saints, asking them to protect us and guide us. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews (1:14) says that angels are, "ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation." They serve us by protecting us both physically and spiritually. The iconic image of a guardian angel guiding two children across a dangerous bridge is not just a heartfelt image, it conveys a supernatural reality.

Countless people in Scripture encountered this reality and engaged the angels. Mary had an entire conversation with Gabriel at the Annunciation. And we know from the Gospels that angels ministered to Jesus in the desert. If we strive to imitate Christ and follow the example of Mary and the saints, then we are in good company when we decide to pray to our guardian angel. We need all the help we can get when it comes to attaining our salvation, so if you're not already, start praying to your Guardian Angel. What better day to start than on their feast day?

Dei Gratia (By the grace of God),

Fr. Andrew Bergkamp



CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH TITHING

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

	09/19-09/25	07/01-09/25
Actual Collection:	\$49,962.90	\$711,760.18
Budget:	\$62,046.16	\$806,600.08
Surplus (Deficit):	\$(12,083.26)	\$(94,839.90)

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

<p>10/01 <i>The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (Bishops Gerber Rm) 10:00am CYO Meeting (Bishops Hall) 6:15pm</p> <p>10/02 Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study 7:00pm (Bishop Gerber Room)</p> <p>10/03 Rosary after Mass (Church) 8:30am Baptism Class (Bishop Gerber Room) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (St. Joseph's Hall) 8:00pm</p> <p>10/04 Mom's Group (St. Joseph's Hall) 9:30am Discovering Christ (Bishops Hall) 6:00pm RCIA Class (St. Joseph's Hall) 6:30pm PSR Classes (School classrooms) 6:30pm</p> <p>10/05 MS Scripture Group(Bishops Hall) 7:00am</p> <p>10/06 Friday Breakfast Group (Bishops Hall) 7:00am</p> <p>10/07 Regnum Christi (Bishop Byrne Room) 7:00am Run for the Poor (College Hill Neighborhood) 9:00am ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION</p> <p>10/08 <i>The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43 Confirmation Parent's Meeting (Commons) 10:00am CYO Meeting (Bishops Hall) 6:15pm</p>	
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**We are filled with joy at the growth of our parish family.
 It means a lot to have you here.**

Blessed Sacrament Parishioners: 1,132 Families; 3,139 Individuals
Mass Attendance for the weekend of 9/24/2017: 1,439

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone" (Acts 2:42-43).

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 30	
5:15pm	Int/Jack & Sandi Simko 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, October 1	
6:30am	✠ Oliver Demrovsky
9:00am	Int/Tokerud-Schuett Family
11:00am	People of the Parish
5:15pm	✠ Jean Bauer
Monday, October 2	
6:30am	Int/Emily Riter
8:00am	Int/Dave & Marty Bryan Family
Tuesday, October 3	
6:30am	Int/Frank Schneweis
8:00am	✠ Leo Sander
Wednesday, October 4	
6:30am	Int/Ann Patton
8:00am	✠ Ray Letourneau
5:15pm	✠ Bob Wright
Thursday, October 5	
6:30am	✠ Linda Schutz-Hollerich
8:00am	Int/Matthew Marks
Friday, October 6	
6:30am	Int/Michael & Eunice Bodine
8:00am	✠ Cindy Honton
Saturday, October 7	
6:30am	Int/Isaac Traffas Family
5:15pm	Int/Living & Deceased Members of the Daughters of Isabella
Sunday, October 8	
6:30am	✠ Marge Maxa
9:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Int/David Gittrich
5:15pm	Presider's Intention

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR OCT 7 & OCT 8, 2017

Mass Time & Date	10/07, 5:15pm	10/08, 6:30am	10/08, 9:00am	10/08, 11:00am	10/08, 5:15pm
EMHC's	Pat & Kathy Harter, Rachel Hittner	Nick Dondlinger	M. Cohlmia, B. Carson, M. Belluomo, S. Farley, J. & C. Hammans	J. & R. Barr, M. Burgardt, D. & A. Saunders, C. Weber, B. Prather	Angela Burger
Lectors	David Saunders Delaney Saunders	Dennis Danders	Jan Aaron Nicole Stahl	Susan Kiefer Mark Kiefer	Brian Eckberg
Ushers	K. & D. Arkin, E. Yost, J. & T. Zluticky, B. Engle, O. Drouhard, M. Dwyer	Dan Brooks, Chris Shank	M. Alexander, D. Alcala, J. Rogerson, R. Bujarski, C. & T. Helmer, P. Deschaine, E. Degenhardt	D. Brinkman, M. Carney, J. Hitt, D. Kuhn, F. Oatman, L. Carmichael, E. Valliere, C. Valadez	Ron & Easton Veatch, Julie, Annie, & Mary Gipson
Offertory Gifts	Ben & Rachael Simon Family	Nick & Sarah Dondlinger Family	Matt & Julie Schindler Family	Aaron & Amy Noel Family	
Cantors	Julie Zluticky	Schola: Keri, Ann, Lisa, Brenna & Rachel	Schola: Keri, Ann, Lisa, Brenna & Rachel	Schola: Keri, Ann, Lisa, Brenna & Rachel	Christine Umbehr

PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY

2017 BARON BENEFIT

We are well underway in our planning for the Baron Benefit to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The new gym doors open at 6:30 p.m. to an evening of dinner, drinks, and enticing auction packages. There are multiple ways you can support our event:

1. **Donate:** We are gratefully accepting donations to our live and silent auction. If you have able to make a monetary donation or donate an item to our auctions, please contact Becky Hesse at beckyhesse1@yahoo.com or 316 644 6397.

2. **Attend:** Please join us at the event. Tickets for this fun-filled adult-only event are \$50 each in Advance, \$75 at the Door. Tickets can be purchased online, at the school website, or contact Angie Centeno at josecenteno@sbcglobal.net or 316 512 5301. www.auctria.com/auction/blessedssacramentwichtabaronbenefit2017

3. **Sponsorship:** We are also offering the ability to attend the event at the \$1,000 (Red), \$750 (Black) or \$250 (White) sponsorship levels. These can be purchased online – also at the school website or the link below. For more information about these sponsorships, check out the details online or contact Angie Centeno at josecenteno@sbcglobal.net or 316 512 5301. www.auctria.com/auction/blessedssacramentwichtabaronbenefit2017

Thank you for supporting Blessed Sacrament School!

SCHOLARSHIP POKER TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the Blessed Sacrament Men's Club Scholarship Poker Tournament on Sat. October 14th at 7:00 pm in Bishops Hall \$25.00 suggest donation and \$5.00 for drinks and snacks. Questions? Please contact Jason Aaron 516-4117

ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Attention all active and retired military personnel and spouses or family members. You are cordially invited to attend the Veteran's Day Mass at 8am on Friday, November 10th. A light breakfast will be served afterward in the Bishops Hall of the church.

Please RSVP to the school office at 684-3752 before November 3rd. We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

The Prairie Fire Marathon is Sunday morning Oct. 8 Both 2nd Street and Douglas will be closed near us. Anyone who's driving to our 9am Mass should allow 10 extra minutes.

PILLAR OF PRAYER

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Are you ready to help? Committing to a day and hour for Eucharistic Adoration may seem impossible if you haven't committed before; but if you are committed to an hour, you know how important that hour can be for your week.

There are many hours that have only one assigned adorer, and your help is needed to share the commitment. Pick a day and contact the coordinator.

SUNDAY: John Hammans, 684-8384
MONDAY: Lorna Burgess, 620-218-4926
TUESDAY: Amy Rishbell, 390-1700
WEDNESDAY: Mary Sue Wright, 285.2765
THURSDAY: Rose Kuhlman, 684-2893
FRIDAY: Peggy Suniga, 737-3618
SATURDAY: Pat Harter, 683-6610

Questions? Contact our Perpetual Adoration Coordinator, Angie Holladay at 633-6776

IN MEMORIAM (present-2016)

Leroy Seba, Janet Grabendike, Eva Bauer, Richard Meyer, Cindy Honton, Danny Connolly, Merle Meeds, Norman Youngberg, Bonnie Grisamore, Mike Foley, Linda Schutz-Hollerich, Dorothy Wallace, Elizabeth Illidge, Susan Wolcott, Paulette Cain, Ray Letourneau, Ken Padgett, Sr., Linda Gross, Peggy McKenzie, John Snow, Joyce Cookson, Jeanne Martanovic, Marti Ruth, Jeanne Gordon, Frederick Horton, Tom Honton, Bonnie Wolfsbauer, Leo Sander, Vivian Brock, Drew Christensen, Cheri Blankinship-Wagle, Susie McHugh, Mary Gregory, Theresa Sloat-Elliot, Slade Adams, Melissa Peltzer, Donna Blair-Jones, Marie Marx, Florence Ostrosky, Peggy Schoenhofer, Elaine Peters, Dave Burrus, Paul Rothermel, Msgr. John Gilsean, 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

SICK David Gittrich, Thomas Higgins, Diane O'Brien, Frank Sevart, Marlene Horton, Sharla Canada, Deril Hosford, Donna Cotter, Beverly Paxton, Rita Guthridge, Julia Scott-Wagle, Scott Walker, Barbara Bennett, Melinda Hughes, Carolyn Maze, Mary Lou Cooke, Valarie Setna, Ann Patton, Robert Aylward, Suzi Montgomery, Barbara Saggi, Susan Beuerlein, Rita Youngers, Glen Skolich, Joseph Jenkins, Emily Dumler, Frances Keffer, Carmen Carter-Saiz, Joan Somes, Laszlo Gasper, Mary Edgington, Madeline Guiliano, Betty Allred, Joyce Eastburn, Stan O'Brien, Carla McKee, Richard & Pauline Rittlinger, Daniel Gallagher, Betty Smith, Lauren Patton, Kay Patrick, Jim Clare, Joanne Salazar, Duff Whisenant, Gary Kilian, Jeanette Bowker, Pat Cord, Andrew Lowry, Mary Sweet, Preston Deschaine, Gene & Mary Lou Schutz, Polly Snow, Debbie Mitchell

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

VOCATIONS April Hoffman & Paul Stadler

PILLAR OF FORMATION

"[Jesus] said to them 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

-Matthew 4:19-20

Stewardship Renewal

The following events will take place at all Masses

Sep. 30/Oct. 1 - State of the Parish Report, presented by Fr. Andrew and Fr. Adam

Oct. 7/8 - Lay Witnesses, Salvador and Erica Zurita

Oct. 14/15 - Stewardship Packets distributed

Oct. 21/22 - Stewardship Packets distributed & Special Appearance by Fr. Jirak

Nov. 11/12 - Commitment Weekend

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Attention all 9th and 10th grade students! This is your year to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Mandatory meeting for every teen and at least one parent on Sunday, Oct. 8 from 10:15-10:45am in the Commons.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Kisling at sarahkisling@gmail.com or 347-5303.

UPCOMING ENCORE EVENT

Blessed Sacrament ENCORE (60+) will travel by Deluxe Motor Coach to Abilene, KS on Wednesday October 11th from 8am to 4:30pm.

This trip includes: Travel, Eisenhower fees, and the World famous Fried Chicken Dinner at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene. \$35/person, reservations by October 6th to the parish are required.

FAITH AND FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Faith and Family Festival is a gathering of families growing in faith and is aimed at providing formation for adults, children and youth. This family-friendly day will include dynamic speakers, a conference for couples, activities for youth and children, prayer and exhibits. The day will conclude with a vigil Mass and cookout. Check out faithfamilfestival.org for more information & to register. (Oct. 21, here at Blessed Sacrament!)

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The liturgy of the word for children have begun! It is offered during the 9 a.m. Mass for children ages 3-5. The children go to the St. Joseph's room during the liturgy of the word and return at offertory.
No registration. All are welcome!

PILLAR OF SERVICE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This past week, we received a generous monetary donation from a former client who greatly appreciated assistance from our St. Vincent de Paul during a difficult time in her life. Her life is back in order now and she was able to give us a very generous donation, in appreciation of what our Parish did for her.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our SVDP banner during the Stewardship Fair last weekend. We greatly appreciate the amazing support from "the giving Parish"! Literally of hundreds of Blessed Sacrament Parishioners have helped us with our outreach to the poor, in some form or another. If you have questions about SVdP, please come to one of our meetings, everyone is welcome. We meet on the first Sunday and third Tuesday (time and location are always listed in the bulletin.)

Thanks again to all those who help deliver furniture to those in need! We can always use more trucks and helpers though, so please contact John Harris, 208-6773, Johnv55@cox.net if you want to be added to the contact list (no obligation!)

We appreciate all who donated food and/or helped cook/serve the delicious hot breakfast at St. Anthony's family shelter this weekend. On average, we serve about 35-40 people, and the majority are children. Imagine, as a child, being bounced around and suddenly finding yourself in a homeless shelter. The intent of serving this bountiful breakfast to these families is to show them the love of Christ at a difficult time in their lives.

Save the date, the Dear Neighbor annual Trunk or Treat event in the Hilltop neighborhood will be Oct. 28. Blessed Sacrament parishioners have supported this significantly in the past, helping the children in Hilltop to have a safe and fun Halloween event.

The food of the month for our Weekend Kids' Food Program is kid-sized boxes of breakfast cereal.

ALTAR SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Altar Society is collecting gently used infant items for the Gerard House. They are in need of teething, rattles, early board books and play mats. New items are also welcomed, but not necessary. Toys for young toddlers are welcomed as well. Boxes are set up for collection in the parish office through October 6.
Your donations are appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE: Our Holiday Home Tour will be December 2nd from 7-10 p.m. The tour will feature four homes decorated for Christmas to get you in the holiday spirit. Transportation provided by bus with food and drinks at each house. Ticket information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament

PARISH STAFF

Office Manager: Rachel Hittner
Parish Life Coordinator: C.Y. Suellentrop
Stewardship Coordinators: Renee Riter and Becky Meyer
Bookkeeper: Dana Howland
Liturgy Coordinator: Ben Dunlap
Music Director: Rachel Dugan

SCHOOL

Principal: Dan Dester
Vice Principal: Pam Loyle
Office Manager: Michelle Hittner
Athletic Director: Pat Harter
Building Maintenance: Jeff Murry
125 N Quentin • **Hours:** 7:30am–4:00pm
Phone: 316.684.3752 • **Fax:** 316.687.1082

SACRAMENTS

Call the Parish Office for inquiries on all sacraments, 682.4557

Baptism Classes required for parents.

Confirmation Classes required.

Holy Matrimony Begin preparation at least six months prior.

Anointing of the Sick

Eucharist to Homebound Every Sunday and on 1st Saturdays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Please see article on page 4.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND BENEDECTION

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, 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 on the First Sunday of each month, it's held after the 11am Mass as well!

PARISH LIBRARY

Open before and after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses (except 6:30am & 5:15pm).

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 to the Parish office, email Rachel at: rhittner@blessedsacramentwichita.com.
Announcements will be printed as space allows.