

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Nativity of the Lord

Masses for the Week



MONDAY	December 24
4:00 p.m.	+ Hank Sanchez
9:00 p.m.	+ Josef and Grete Pauls
TUESDAY	December 25 Merry Christmas!
8:00 a.m.	+ Bernard Steinhauser
WEDNESDAY	December 26
7:30 a.m.	No Mass
THURSDAY	December 27
7:30 a.m.	No Mass, No Adoration
FRIDAY	December 28
7:30 a.m.	No Mass
SATURDAY	December 29
5:00 p.m.	+ Matt Whitley
SUNDAY	December 30
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	+ Carly Gassman

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one or a special intention, please contact the church office, 263-1570.

Liturgical Ministers Next Weekend

Monday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. (Caroling @ 3:30)

E.M.C. Debbie B., Henry R., Sylvia R.
Lector Richard B.
Ushers Ray V., J.T. Guy, Matt M.
Servers Ted H., Tommy H.
Musicians Donna R., Theresa B., Kim S., Children

Monday, December 24, 9:00 p.m. (Prelude @ 8:30)

E.M.C. Inge T., Bill M., Donna B.
Lector Kristi A.
Ushers Jack W., Marc A.
Servers Zander E., Colin R., C.J. Brooks
Musicians Diane M., Shannon W., Pam S., Debbie W., Barb K.

Tuesday, December 25, 8:00 a.m.

E.M.C. Jerry M., Mike W., Sandy I.
Lector Ben I.
Ushers Jeff C., Bob D.
Servers ???
Musicians Betsy C., Laurita B., Lynn B.

Saturday, December 29, 5:00 p.m.

E.M.C. Debbie B., Lisa S., Kristi A.
Lector Jennifer S.
Ushers Ralph M., Jon A., Logan A.
Servers Haylie O., Brayden S.
Musicians Betsy C., Theresa B., Pam S.

Sunday, December 30, 8:00 a.m.

E.M.C. Mike W., Sandy I., Dennis T.
EMC to Sick Sandy I., Dennis T., Lisa S., John S.
Lector Kate W.
Ushers Bob W., Larry R.
Servers Braden W., Colin R.
Musicians ???, Katy B.

Sunday, December 30, 10:30 a.m.

E.M.C. Inge T., Julia W., Mandy D.
Lector Mack T.
Ushers Bruce D., Jim F.
Servers Bryer B., Dylan D., Clayton V.
Musicians Cyndy C., Laurita B., Lynn B.

December 23, 2018

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY (23)

- Reconciliation 9:30-10:00 a.m.
- Bob & Glee Kooser Anniversary Reception, 2:00-4:00
- Salina Rescue 3:45 p.m., meet in parking lot

MONDAY (24)

- Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m., Children's Choir 3:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Mass 9:00 p.m., Prelude 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY (25)

- Christmas Day Mass, 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY (29)

- Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Basement
- Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Please pray for Natalie Mason, Theresa Callahan, Dorothy Engle, Joan Hirsch, Nathan Montgomery, Dennis Johnson, Steve Wedel, Joe Germer, Amelia Rupp, David Cross, and those suffering.

Please pray for our homebound: Joseph Anguiano, Dodie Becker, Bea Cole, Vera Dick, Margaret Dillon, Bruce and Marilyn Dimmitt, Mary Lou Fair, Ethel Friederich, Bill Fueser, Betty Grant, Bonnie Haslouer, Gordon and Joyce Kippenberger, Janice Kleinsorge, Marcella McMahon, Bill Miller, Mary Randall, Clarence Stroda, Pat Sweeney, Mae Whitehair, Opal Whitehair, and Mary Jean Wilson.

Please pray for our troops and first responders

Jared Aprill, Travis Bacon, Keith Blasi, Jared Casanova, Jennifer Chaput, Zac Chaput, Matt Cole, Casey Collier, Matthew Collier, Gehrig Geissinger Katrina Hargraves, Sean Hargraves, Jon Hauswirth, Cole Hiatt, Eric Hiatt, Kevin Herrman, Sean Herrman, Charles Hinkle, Brian W. Kite, Matthew Kooser, James LaFlamme, Tim Mason, Bill McKenna, Jesse Morton, Cody Neff, Michael Orth, Jimmy Orton, Marcus Pastran, Dawn Potter, Brian Rowe, Cale Strunk, Wesley Sturdivant, James Swisher, Robert Tanoury, Curtis Velasquez, Tyler Wassenberg, Tim Wilkins, Daniel Woods and Justin Zeller.

Please pray for all who have been deployed: Joshua Chaput, Zac Chaput, and Marcus Pastran.

Stewardship



A Way of Life

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called through **Stewardship** to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Sunday Offering – December 16, 2018

Weekly Goal: \$7,520.00

Envelopes: \$18,220.00 YTD Goal: \$179,985.12
Loose Plate: 395.00 Amt.Given 183,611.66
Online Giving: 295.00
Total: \$18,910.00 YTD Difference: \$ +3,626.54

In the positive! May God bless you for your support!



Religious Education

"Let the children go unto Jesus"

CRE (Catholic Religious Education)

Dec. 26 – No class

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

Dec. 26 – No class

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Dec. 26 – No class

May your Christmas be a joyful celebration of His birth!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The youth and adults have been practicing to delight you with the warmth of the Christ child born during this holy season. Mass times are-

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Mass, youth choir, 4:00 p.m.

Children's Choir at 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Mass, adult choir, 9:00 p.m.

Prelude at 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass, 8:00 a.m.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Christmas Day

for 8:00 Mass. Please call Theresa if you can serve. TY!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

will be singing for Christmas Eve Mass Dec. 24th at 3:30. All children K-12 are invited to sing at this joyous family Mass. We will gather at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Christmas Eve to warm up our voices. Parents, please come to the organ to pick up children after Mass.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

Our hearts have been touched by the generosity shown by our parishioners to help one another. Thank you for caring so much. The warmth and generosity you have shown will long be remembered. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad!

OUTDOOR NATIVITY

A new addition to our parish grounds is an outdoor nativity, located south of the Church steps. This beautiful replica of the holy family was made possible through memorial funds from Joan Siebert, Bill Keefe, John Pientka, David Zey and Hank Sanchez. We are especial thankful to these families for their generosity in providing such a beautiful display for St. Andrew Parish.



OUR GIFT TO YOU~

Do you believe it's possible to be happier than you have ever been? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? Bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible—and in his latest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, he explains how. Please accept this book as a gift to our parishioners.



May peace, blessings, good health and happiness be yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



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School masses will be the week of January 7. Please join us if you can. Collections will go to the School auction.

Thank you to Mrs. Baier, Mrs. Meuli, & Mrs. Hunter for your extra help with the Preschool Christmas Programs. Thank you for helping teach our preschoolers the real meaning of Christmas! Special thanks to Mrs. Brierton for accompanying as well.

Thank you to Mrs. Radabaugh & Mrs. Elliott and the first and second grade students and parents for a fun Christmas Tiger Day!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us a St. Andrew's School!

School resumes on Thursday, January 3. Have a safe and fun Christmas break!!

Thank you for your wonderful support of the SCRIP program! Please remember to use SCRIP for your Christmas and regular shopping.



Christina L. Bacon, Principal



STEWARDSHIP SIGHTINGS

YOU were spotted being good stewards recently:

- ~ to Santa and Mrs. Claus for always being here!
- ~ Ladies of St. Andrew funeral committee for serving John Morton's meal;
- ~ to all who helped to make St. Andrew Pre-School program so special;
- ~ Josie Anquiano, Debbie Baier, Sara & Tony Geiger for preparing our church for the Christmas season;
- ~ Katie Barbieri, Alex Hunter, Angie Evans, Amber Kuntz, Manuela Simenson, Mrs. Sluder, Kristin McAsey and Jelisa's mom for driving the choir to singing events this past week;

Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us!

MIRACLES

No gift could be more precious than God's gift of our Lord and Savior – born that first holy night. May the miracle of His birth fill you heart with love.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER SERVED

Becky Ryan will be preparing turkey & all the trimmings. Delivery available. **Tuesday, December 25, 3:00-6:00.** ELKS CLUB, 417 NW 4th St. in Abilene. Please call Kenny #479-0588 if you can volunteer or donate desserts.

Greetings from Fr. Don Zimmerman



A very, merry Christmas from the entire staff at St. Andrew's Parish and School! May you have many blessings in the coming year. Please be aware of the schedule this week.

*God's Peace and Blessings to you,
Fr. Don Z.*

Dear Parishioners,

I want to extend my Christmas wishes and prayers to all of you. Thank you for your faith. At any family event, the baby usually gets the most attention. The baby Jesus deserves our utmost attention. The birth of Jesus tells us that we have a Savior who loves to save us. He desires to redeem us and to be in eternal communion with every one of us. He came as a baby so we won't be afraid of him. He was born in a smelly, dingy manger. Because of this, there is no place in our life that he is afraid to go—even the messiest parts of our lives. He wants to enter into our life and redeem every situation. He came to conquer the world, not with weapons, but with His love and mercy. May you experience His Presence of peace and joy in your life.

May we all respond to God as Mary did—by saying "yes!" May God bless you and all your families.

Bishop Vincke

"INSTANT FAMILY" – new movie at GPT

Golden Plains Theater is showing the movie *"Instant Family"* from December 21-26. Saint Francis Ministries is a not-for-profit, faith-based organization whose mission is to provide healing and hope to children and families. *Instant Family* is a movie based on the director's real-life experiences with fostering. The movie does an excellent job at highlighting the realities that both foster parents and children can face as well as the great need for more foster parents. During the month of November, there were 8 Saint Francis licensed foster homes in Dickinson county. Despite having these homes, 24 children were still placed outside of their home county. This means Saint Francis still needs about 14 more licensed foster homes in Dickinson County. They will set up at a booth outside of the movie for anybody interested in finding out more about foster care or adoption.

KOOSER's 65th ANNIVERSARY Invitation

Normaglee O'Neil and Bob Kooser were united in marriage on January 2, 1954 at St. Malachy's Church at Beattie, KS. They are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 23 at St. Andrew Church in Abilene, beginning with the renewal of their vows at the 10:30 Mass. Reception will be from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Parish Center. Cards may be sent to: 1311 N.W. 5th Street, Abilene.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEALS

Community Lunch on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be served by local churches including St. Andrews at Presbyterian Church (across from High School). All are welcome. Thank you to those helping to serve.

Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of ~

John F. Morton Sr.

brother of Dan Morton and Ralph (Linda) Morton



Paul E. Tighe Jr.

father of Becky Arenas

Loretta Zuerlein

sister of Jan (Reg) Konrade

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Parishioners who have moved away and would love to hear from us:

Fr. Abraham Panthanlanickal

St. Henry Catholic Church
6401 Harding Pike

Nashville, TN 37205

(Dec. 29, 2018 is Father's 30th
anniversary of his ordination)

Terry & Doris Chaput

1036 Hillside Road
Grove, OK 74344

Corkey Humphreys

17500 West 119 St., #2201
Olathe, KS 66061

Joyce & Gordon Kippenberger

705 N. Brady Street
Abilene, KS 67410

Cam & Howard Pastran

505 Old Post Road
Walpole, MA 02081

Formed.org ENTER CODE **N7KTYW** *free videos, movies, books*

Prepare your child for Christ's birth. Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis! *O Holy Night* is a wonderful reminder of who we celebrate during the Christmas season!

An INVESTMENT IN YOUR PARISH

As we are near the end of 2018 you may be considering a tax-deductible donation to St. Andrew. This would greatly assist us in meeting the needs of the School and the Parish. Thank you for your generous hearts.

Our local station... **St. Therese Catholic Radio**, Abilene **106.5 FM**, An EWTN Catholic Affiliate

Sunday Readings:

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

December 30, 2018

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52



Welcome to our Parish!

We are happy you are with us today! Thank you for joining us in the celebration of the Mass. If you recently moved to town, and would like to make this your home parish, please call the office #263-1570 and we will be happy to meet you!

