

THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sat.	12/30	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Holy Family</i> (St. Francis) + Charlie VanLeeuwen
Sun.	12/31	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Holy Family</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	12/31	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Holy Family</i> (St. Francis) + Barbara Seiwert
Mon.	1-1	7:30 a.m.	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> (St. Francis) + Evelyn & Roger Fuller
Tue.	1-2	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Larry VanLeeuwen
Wed.	1-3	6:25 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Betty Lero
Thur.	1-4	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Claudine Mundell
Fri.	1-5	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Daughters of Isabella
Sat.	1-6	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the Faith
Sat.	1-6	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) + Bill Spielbusch
Sun.	1-7	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	1-7	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) + Howard Kennedy

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 4:30 p.m.—5:20 p.m. at St. Francis & 30 minutes before daily & Sunday Masses

St. Ambrose Church

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion: Lois Carlson
Lector: Laura Hoppas
Server: Paul Westerman
Rosary Leader: Pat
Gifts: Jack & Carolyn McGowen
Ushers for January: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer
Donuts and Coffee for January 7th: St. Elizabeth Circle

St. Francis Church

Lector & Song Leaders:
Sat. Donna Wood & Jolene Born
Sun. CYM & Kelli Bradshaw
Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:
Sat. Keith Smith
Sun. Kenny Crager
Altar Servers:
Sat. Kenna, Elise, Josey
Sun. Grant, Chandler, Chase
Gifts:
Sat. M/M Keith VanLeeuwen
Sun. CYM
Rosary Leaders:
Sat. Jane Anne Beachner
Sun. Joe Schoenhofer
Church Cleaners for January 5th: Judy Born, Janis Carter, Alice Coomes, Kristi Dillinger
Ushers for January:
Sat. Dennis Duling, Mike Schoenhofer, Keith VanLeeuwen
Sun. Jamie Bradshaw, Mike McCracken, Dan Vitt

*Wishing You a New Year
 filled with New Hope,
 New Joy
 & New Beginnings.*

THANK YOU FR. ANDREW HOFER O.P. for covering the Masses this past week while Fr. David was out of town. Below is Fr. Andrew's address:

*Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.
 Dominican House of Studies
 487 Michigan Avenue, N.E.
 Washington, D.C. 20017*

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD is Monday, January 1st, and it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Father David will have the regularly scheduled Mass at 7:30 a.m. at St. Francis Church on Monday, January 1st.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION will be held this Wednesday, January 3rd starting with Mass at 6:25 p.m. and classes to follow in the classrooms at 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we should consider the role of stewardship within our own families. Do we receive one another with love and gratitude? Do we recognize each other's gifts? Do we care properly for one another? As followers of Jesus Christ, we should be doing these things within our immediate families, within our social families, and within our parish families. As we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, no one is exempt from being treated with love and dignity! In a world where the idea of family is rapidly breaking down, let us follow the example of the Christ child in showing love and respect to the members of our various families.

2018 CALENDARS are on the table in each Church. Please take one per family. We would like to thank Forbes/Hoffman Funeral Homes and Carson Wall Funeral Homes for supplying us with them again this year.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Peggy Brown and family in the death of her sister, Betty Brown who passed away last week.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Topeka March for Life bus deadline set for Jan. 15
Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Kemme to celebrate Mass

Those who can't participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., may participate in a related march in Topeka Monday, Jan. 22, sponsored by the diocesan Respect Life and Social Justice Office.

Buses will leave from Church of the Magdalen in Wichita at 6:45 a.m.

The pilgrimage will include adoration by Wichita Adore Ministries, talk by abortion survivor Melissa Ohden, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Kemme, and rally on the Capitol steps.

The Respect Life Office said the trip is a great opportunity to join in with the thousands of people in the March for Life around the country.

Cost for bus transportation and lunch with Bishop Kemme at Texas Roadhouse is **\$35 per person. Deadline is Jan. 15.** Register by sending payment to Respect Life Social Justice Office. Contact

toombsb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org or call 316 269-3935 for more information.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH GROUNDS In order to make our church garden and grounds even more beautiful and safe, a lighting project is under way! Approximately 14 lamp posts will line the sidewalks of the garden including the sidewalk to Prairie Mission Retirement Village. Additional lighting will also be added between the church and the church rectory to ensure the safety of our PSR children on Wednesday evenings. During this season of giving, please consider a donation to help complete this project. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Donations may be mailed to the church rectory or left in the weekend collections. Be sure to earmark your donation for the "lighting project". Envelopes for the project may be found in the back of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Prayers are asked for the following: Carter Roberts, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Don George, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Leonard Kennedy, Gary Brown, Teresa (Boone) Neff, Sue Baldwin, Susie Coeme, Eric Westhoff, Rosie Brogan

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the parish office at 449-2224.

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis	\$9,578.00
St. Ambrose	\$5,990.00

Please remember your parish in your will.