

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday	December 11
8:05 a.m. -- +Floyd & Ruby Carder	
Tuesday	December 12
5:15 p.m. -- +Audrey Genereux	
Wednesday	December 13
8:05 a.m. -- +Cac Lin Hon Mo Coi	
Thursday	December 14
5:15 p.m. -- +Tillie Augustine	
Friday	December 15
8:05 a.m. -- +Alois & Sophia Windholz	
Saturday	December 16
5:00 p.m. -- +Anthony Gratz	
6:30 p.m. -- +Thomaso Pham Quang Than	
Sunday	December 17
8:00 a.m. – People of St. Mary's	
9:30 a.m. -- +Martha Peschka	
11:00 a.m. -- +Maria Riu	

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 11th at 8:30 am
 Thursday, December 14th at 5:45 pm
 Saturday, December 16th at 4:00 pm

Communal Penance Services:

Sunday, December 17th at 3 pm – SH Cathedral
 Wednesday, December 20th at 7 pm – St. Elizabeth's
 Thursday, December 21st at 7 pm – St. Mary's

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Sunday, December 3 rd :	\$21,403.00
December to date:	\$21,403.00
Needed weekly:	\$17,500.00
Needed for month:	\$78,833.00

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY for Maria Hernandez, Elmer Zerr, Cindy Curran, and all those who are disabled, in rest homes and hospitals, and service personnel serving overseas. (Names will be on this list for 1 month and then removed unless notified otherwise.)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	December 10th
Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm/Youth Center Vocatio/6:30 pm/Sacred Heart Cathedral	
Monday	December 11th
Faithful Families/9 am/Meeting Room #1 SHJSHS Council of Education/5:30 pm/Library Pax Christi/6:30 pm/1127 Republic Cir Adult Education/8 pm/Meeting Room #2	
Tuesday	December 12th
SMGS Home & School/12 noon/Meeting Room "A"	
Wednesday	December 13th
P.R.E./6:45-8 pm Parish Choir Practice/7:45 pm/Church	
Thursday	December 14th
SMGS Grades 4-6 Christmas Program/7 pm/Church	
Sunday	December 17th
CYO Bake Sale/8:30-12:30/Parish Hall Parish/Town Hall Meeting/12:30 pm/Parish Hall Communal Penance Service/3 pm/S.H. Cathedral No CYO	

Notes from the Pastor

In my own mind I often compare Advent and Lent to the preparation time that one must do for a big meal (feast). If we want the feast to go well we must make adequate preparations. Planning for the meal, checking the supplies and ingredients we have on hand, making the shopping list and doing the shopping for those we don't. Then there is the actual cooking of the meal, cleaning of the house, setting of the table, and whatever other amenities we might want to add to make it just so. If one does not take all the time and energy to prepare, then the feast is likely to be a flop and we will be frustrated and disappointed that it wasn't a success. However, if we do adequate preparation then the feast is more likely to go well and all our guests will compliment us on such a wonderful celebration. We will be pleased and then all the hard work will have been worth it. As we are well into the Advent season, let us each reflect upon the spiritual preparations we need to undertake so that we may have the best and most productive Christmas season ever.

Peace and Prayers, Fr. Kevin

PARISH NEWS

CYO will have their annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE this Sunday, December 17th from 8 am until 12:30 pm in the parish hall. Please come out and support our youth!

SPECIAL TOWN HALL TYPE MEETING to explain the proposed Church Renovation Project: This meeting is meant to give as many people as possible an opportunity to voice their opinions, ask questions or share concerns about such a project. We have scheduled this meeting for **Sunday December 17th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** We plan on the meeting lasting less than 2 hours. Please plan to come and share your thoughts about what needs and wants that are important to you and what you would like to see happen or not happen with a renovation project.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The schedule for the months of January and February will be made up soon. If you have any dates during these two months that you are not available, please email Kathy at kathy@stmsalina.org no later than Monday, December 11th.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: When using the envelopes in your packets to donate for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please be sure you PRINT the names clearly in the space provided. The deadline for donation is Monday, December 18th.

CATHOLIC CALENDARS: The parish is offering each household a 2018 Catholic Calendar from the Catholic Extension Society. They may be picked up at the entrances to the church. Please take one if you wish, but be considerate and don't take more than you need so everyone has a chance to get one. Catholic Extension Society assists small diocese like our own with education of seminarians and other important need we cannot meet on our own.

THE PARISH NURSERY will be closed on Sunday, December 24th and Sunday, December 31st.

SCHOOL NEWS

FAST CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

Sunday, December 3 – Laura Weiser
Tuesday, December 5 – McKenzie Ash
Thursday, December 7 – Eglia Eikleberry

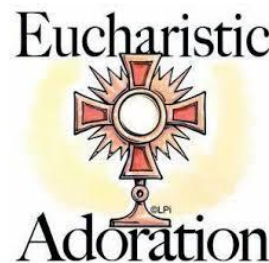


ST. MARY'S SCHOOL will have their ANNUAL BAKE SALE on Monday, December 18th from 10:30 am- 2 pm. Stop by and take a look at the wonderful holiday treats and enjoy our beautiful art show. Feel like baking? We are looking for bakers to donate goodies to the bake sale. All items may be dropped off at the grade school between 7:30-10:30 am.

AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE

BIRTHRIGHT WREATHS are in the gathering area of the church contain tags with items that are needed during the year for women and babies. If you wish to help, please remove a tag from the wreath, purchase **and wrap** the gift item, and bring the gift back **with the tag attached** by December 24th. Cash and gift cards should be left at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Linda Campbell at 823-6138.

The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL has several openings they need help to fill. Current openings are Mondays from 3-4 am; Tuesdays from 2-3 am; Wednesday from 12-1 am, 2-3 am, 3-4 am; Thursdays from 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 6-7 am, 7-8 am; Fridays from 1-2 am; Saturdays from 8-9 pm. If you are interested and would be willing to help out with any of these times, please contact Stephanie Bellerive at 823-3401 or email her at stephbellerive@cox.net.



Catholic Diocese of Salina Musical Guests: Heidi Jirak & SPARK Youth Group Choir

Advent
Praise & Worship
Reconciliation
Eucharistic Adoration
Please join us
Sunday, December 17, 2017
3:00-4:30pm

Advent Prayer & Praise for Marriage & Family

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
218 N. Washington St.
Junction City, KS

Special Guests: Murphy & Kelli Lierley

This is a FREE event sponsored by the Office of Family Life and Natural Planning. Freewill offerings to help defer costs are greatly appreciated. For more information call 785.827.8746 or email familylife@salinadiocese.org