

First Sunday of Advent November 26, 2017

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday	December 4
8:05 a.m. -- +Elizabeth Miller	
Tuesday	December 5
5:15 p.m. -- +Bernhard & Pauline Becker	
Wednesday	December 6
8:05 a.m. -- +Michael Martin, Sr.	
Thursday	December 7
5:15 pm – Living & deceased members of the Nieman & Loader families	
Friday	December 8
8:05 a.m. -- +Giuse Tran Dong Han	
10:15 a.m. -- +Duane Kippes	
5:30 p.m. -- +Larry Gray	
Saturday	December 9
5:00 p.m. -- +Lupe Anguiano	
6:30 p.m. – People of St. Mary's Parish	
Sunday	December 10
8:00 a.m. -- +Betty Brummer	
9:30 a.m. -- +Sr. Adelaide Kasper	
11:00 a.m. – Brandon Perkins family	

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 4th at 8:30 am
Thursday, December 7th at 5:45 pm
Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Sunday, November 26 th :	\$15,792.00
November to date:	\$76,716.00
Needed weekly:	\$17,500.00
Needed for month:	\$78,833.00

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY for Elmer Zerr, Paul Schneider, Dolly Riedel, Greg Streit, 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 3rd
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party/2 pm/Parish Hall C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm/Youth Center	
Monday	December 4th
Faithful Families/9 am/Meeting Room #1 Adult Education/7 pm/Meeting Room #1 Pastoral Council/7 pm/Meeting Room #2	
Tuesday	December 5th
Knights of Columbus/6:30 pm/Parish Hall Ladies of Columbus/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #2	
Wednesday	December 6th
P.R.E./6:45-8:00 pm Helping Hands/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #2 Parish Choir/7:45 pm/Church	
Thursday	December 7th
Bible Study/9am/Meeting Room #1 Pilgrims on the Journey/1 pm/Meeting Room #2 One Stitch at a Time/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #2 Cub Scouts/7 pm/Parish Hall	
Sunday	December 8th
Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm/Youth Center Vocatio/6:30 pm/Sacred Heart Cathedral	

Notes from the Pastor

This past week SFS Architects conducted some small group meetings with various groups of the parish, parish council, finance council, staff, etc. They were seeking opinions and ideas about what people would possibly like to see happen in a renovation project for our church. They wanted to get a sort of baseline understanding of where people's minds and hearts were about various areas of the church. We want to continue that information gathering process with another meeting, but this time with the larger community as a whole. This 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. It should be noted that CYO will be having their annual bake sale that same Sunday after all the Masses, but I have visited with Renee Thompson about this and she felt very comfortable working around with us so this meeting could take place also.

Peace and Prayers, Fr. Kevin

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT WREATHS in the gathering area of the church contain tags with items that are needed during this holiday season for the families that we have adopted through Catholic Charities. 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 17th. Cash and gift cards should be left at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Anne Jung at 823-6456. Thank you for your generosity. The **Birthright wreath** will be placed in the gathering area beginning December 16/17.

ATTENTION K OF C MEMBERS: The Tri-Council Christmas Party for members and family will be Sunday, December 3rd. They will begin with caroling at 2:00 pm and then back to the parish hall for children's games and dinner. Meat and potatoes provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP with number attending to grandknight@kofc8196.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: There is a sign-up sheet in the Ministries Room for the December 8th Holy Day Masses. We would appreciate your help by signing up for whichever Mass you may be attending.

MASS SCHEDULE for the December 8 HOLY DAY is as follows: Thursday, December 7th at 5:15 pm; Friday, December 8th at 8:05 am (SMGS students attending), 10:15 am (SHJSHS students attending), and **5:30 pm**.

The PARISH OFFICE will be closed on December 8th in observance of the Holy Day.

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 December 11th.

There will be a SPECIAL COLLECTION for the NATIONAL RETIREMENT FUND for Religious Sisters, Priests, and Brothers. Due to the generosity of people across our nation, last year the National Religious Retirement Office was able to disperse over \$25 million to 401 religious communities for direct care of elder members. Thank you for your generosity in the past and we look forward to your continued support.

OUR FEATURED WEEKLY ADVERTISER

SCHOOL NEWS

FAST CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

Sunday, November 26 – Kellie Skidmore
Tuesday, November 28 – David & Kim Disberger
Thursday, November 30 – Robyn Arnold

AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE

The CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM is a natural, safe, effective and Church-approved method of achieving or avoiding pregnancy, overcoming infertility, and monitoring reproductive health. Intro sessions will be offered monthly by Dr. Maria Rapp, FCPI. The next class will be held at Chiropractic Wellness Center on Thursday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm. The session is free and lasts approximately one hour. For more info please call 827-7779 or email back2000@aol.com.

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



SEND A CHRISTMAS

GREETING to our retired clergy. Fr. James Dallen, Fr. Beryl Gibson, Fr. James Grennan, Msgr. James Hake, Fr. James Hoover, Fr. Roger

Hough, Fr. Merlin Kieffer, Fr. Larry Letourneau, Fr. Melvin Long, Fr. Roger Meitl, Fr. LeRoy Metro, Fr. Jerome Morgan, Fr. Daniel Scheetz, Fr. Bill Surmeier, Fr. Basil Torrez, Fr. Alvin Werth, Fr. Loren Werth. If you do not have their address, mail cards to them at P.O. Box 980, Salina, KS 67402-0980. They will be forwarded to them.