Holy Angels Church

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The Parish Office will be closed December 25 and 26.

Christmas Mass Times:

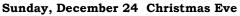
4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass, December 24 12:00 am Midnight & 9 am Christmas Morning Masses, December 25



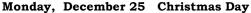


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MASSES THIS WEEK



4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass -All parishioners of Holy Angels



12:00 am Midnight Mass-Intentions of Fr. McDonald

Christmas Morning Mass—† Patty Lynn—CZ Tuesday, December 26 Feast of St. Stephen

8:00 am † Jim, Mary, and Rick Coffey-CK

Wednesday, December 27 Feast of St. John the Apostle

8:00 am † John Wenninghoff—PL

Thursday, December 28 Feast of the Holy **Innocents**

8:00 am † Dorothy Borden—FB

Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:00 am † Tyler Ritter-RG

Saturday, December 30 St. Felix

4:30 pm † Albert & Viola Greve—DD

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve

8:00 am All parishioners of Holy Angels

10:30 am † James Cope-EB

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 - 4:30 PM

Nolan & Jake Bauer Servers:

Lector 1 Craig Gaffney Lector 2 DeAnn Bartkoski

EMHC (4) Steve Suarez, Rich Dixon,

Therese Horvat, volunteer

Ushers (4) Richard Kiblinger, Ron Masters,

Ben Wano, volunteer

Sacristan: Linda Masters

MC: Mick Vitt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31-8:00 AM

Toby & Nathan Cartwright Servers

Lector 1 Jeri Gregory Lector 2 Janet Johnson

EMHC(4) Janet Johnson, Richard Dreiling,

Jeri Gregory, Lynne Stallbaumer

Ushers (4) James Murphy, Charlie Rees,

Brian Habjan, Rodney Ashley

Sacristan Cheryle Seaton

MC: Heath Cartwright

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31- 10:30 AM

Servers Brendan Traffis & volunteer

Lector 1 Jane Brandenburg Lector 2 Tiffany Lynch

EMHC (4) Jane Brandenburg, Jacqueline

Cortright, Laura Whipple, volunteer

Ushers (4) Chuck Whipple, Ron McMillian, Keith Mark, Mike Eskina

Sacristan Laura Whipple

MC: Matt Stanturf

Collection Counters:

December 27—Joyce Bowlin, Ed Church,

Marlene Goll, and Janet Johnson

January 2-Janice Gaspers, Linda Land, and

Maria McBratney



Most

Holy, Cheerful, Grace-filled, Peaceful **Joyous and Merry Christmas** To One and All

From Fr. Richard Mc Donald and all the Staff









Holy Angels Sanctuary Beautification

My hope for all of you readers of this article is that you can identify with the experience of walking into a jawdropping, breathtakingly beautiful Catholic church and experienced just that - your breath escapes you because of what you see, and your jaw drops to the floor. I can think of a few such churches I have been privileged to see in my lifetime: St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Notre Dame in Paris, St. Mary's Basilica in Krakow, St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, and closer to home, our own lovely Cathedral of St. Peter, in Kansas City, KS; Basilica of St. Fidelis ("Cathedral of the Plains") in Victoria, KS; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Wichita; and St. Mary's Church, in St. Benedict, KS (my home parish as a kid - if you haven't been there, you really should go!)

Not every church can be a St. Peter's. Or a St. Mary's in St. Benedict.

That said, there are many churches - old and new - built with intrinsic architectural beauty that, with attention to aesthetics and investment in enhancing existing beauty, become jaw-dropping, breathtakingly beautiful edifices. Consider Sacred Heart Church in Shawnee and St. Francis de Sales Church in Lansing. Go for a visit if you haven't yet seen what has transpired in these parishes! Holy Angels Church is just such a space, waiting to erupt in glory to God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has this to say about beauty: Sacred art is true and beautiful when its form corresponds to its particular vocation: evoking and glorifying, in faith and adoration, the transcendent mystery of God – the surpassing invisible beauty of truth and love visible in Christ, who "reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature," in whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." This spiritual beauty of God is reflected in the most holy Virgin Mother of God, the angels, and saints. Genuine sacred art draws man to adoration, to prayer, and to the love of God, Creator and Savior, the Holy One and Sanctifier. (Paragraph 2502)

Pope Benedict XVI said this about taking in the beauty of one's surroundings, "...we may pause to contemplate the ray of beauty that strikes us to the quick, that almost "wounds" us, and that invites us to rise toward God."

We are so very blessed in the parish life we share at Holy Angels, and in the church edifice in which we partake in the Eucharist and many other liturgical occasions.

An effort has been underway for some months, led by a group of committed parishioners interested in aesthetics and beauty, and enhancement of the splendor of our church. The Sanctuary Beautification Project has quietly reached a point where, following prayer and thought, it is now to be shared with the parish community. This is an initiative of love - for God and for His Church. Fr. McDonald has championed beauty in prayer and relationship with God since his arrival in the parish. Beauty stirs the soul to reverence and awe for Him who created us, who gifts us with everything we are and everything we have.

In these months of National Eucharistic Amazement, let us embark on a journey that will result in the beautification of a space, the effect of which will cause souls to soar, jaws to drop, and hearts to be drawn closer to Jesus. In this as in all things, may God be Glorified!

-Michael G. Skoch MD, Chairman, Sanctuary Beautification Committee

Register Today: IGNITE for Life & the Kansas Mass & March for Life 2024

Mark your calendars and register today for IGNITE for LIFE January 24th, 2024 in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-love rally for the protection of preborn lives and the dignity of women facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies. The morning consists of praise & worship music, motivational speakers, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. IGNITE for Life is sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. To register for this FREE event, visit www.archkck.org/IGNITE.

Save the date for Xavier Catholic School's annual Ignite the Green and White. Join us at the Riverfront Community Center on March 2 to celebrate 165 years of Catholic education in our community.

Please scan the OR code for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 24—4pm Christmas Vigil Mass Mon., Dec. 25 —Midnight and 9 am Christmas Masses

Tues., Dec. 26—Parish Office CLOSED

Mon., Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,

9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses **Mon., Jan. 1**—Parish office CLOSED

Tues., Jan. 2-Food Kitchen

FOOD KITCHEN

Tuesday, Jan. 2, is Holy Angels turn at the food kitchen. Please consider making a casserole for those in need. Pans and commodities will be available in the gathering area next weekend Dec. 30-31. Any questions, call Nick Gaspers at 913-724-1186.

On Dec. 5, 17 parishioners took 36 casseroles, canned vegetables, bottled water, fish sticks and chicken fritters to the kitchen and served 253. \$126 was donated for overhead expenses. May God bless you for your support.



IN OUR PRAYERS

e pray for the following people listed on the prayer chain...Barbara Workman, Max Theel, Palmer Swafford, Bill Kirchner, Steve Mulcahy, Don Ash, Michael T, Larry McAffee, Ed Mullins, Joyce Oswald, Mary Beth Schrader, Linda Mulcahy, Ruthanne Kirby, Donna Baker, Mary, Donna, Jack Bohanon, Dorothy Dirksen, Audrey Savner, Danny Brooks, Jerilyn Gregory, Linda Seay, Grant, Brook Hardy, Tom Sweet, Mariann, Jalisa, Mary Anne, Loretta, Randall Stevenson, Virginia Svatos, Judy Gaume, Margaret Baker, Fred Randolph, Pat Hinkle, Melissa Heinen, Karen Stubler, Judy Rodina, Kim Kasper, Cameron Ernzen, Christie Coy, Traci, Veronica Kincaid, Meade Moran, Cohen Peterson, Dalton Ash, Amy Graf, Karl Morrison, Trisha Leonard, all who serve in the military, and the repose of the soul of Corinne Shearer.

Prayer Chain Requests

Bret Cortright, 913-710-7860, BretJackieCortright@yahoo.com

Music Ministry News

TRADITIONAL ADULT CHOIR. Calling all singers...old and new! NEW SINGERS WELCOME!!! NEW SINGERS NEEDED!!! PLEASE COME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY JOINING THE GROUP! This choir sings at the 10:30 Mass three times each month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 6:45pm. They will sing at the 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24

Knights of Columbus Men's Choir will sing next on the first Sunday in January, January 7 Rehearsal at 7:15am on the morning of.

Contemporary Choir sings at the 4:30 Mass on one Saturday of each month. Rehearsal will be on the day of at 3:30pm.

and the 12:00am Midnight Mass on December

Youth Choir-Come Sing with Cindy

Reynolds! Open to all school age children. This is a youth choir that sings once a month at the 8:00 Mass. Open to school age youth. They will sing next on January 21. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 7:00am on the morning of.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF SACRED MUSIC

Monday mornings 9:00-11:00am in basement of little church. Take part in the ultimate Catholic sacred music choral experience, open to very young children through 12th grade. Open to students in the Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Johnson Counties and surrounding areas. Students will learn the rudiments of music reading, healthy vocal technique and expressive singing, all while engaging with some of the greatest music ever written.

Instructor, Dr. Lucas Tappan, DMA. Please contact Dr. Tappan for questions or if you wish to enroll: ltappan@mphm.com

