

The Church of the Holy Spirit

Fr. Michael Nolan, Pastor
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:00am & 10:00am
Saturday	5:00pm
Weekdays	8:00am (Tues-Fri)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Afternoons 3:00-4:00pm (or by appointment)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father directly.

REGISTRATIONS

New parishioners, please pick up a Registration Packet after Mass or at the Parish Office (located in the metal building to the north of the Church). You may also register online at our website: www.holyspiritwichita.com. Forms may be returned via the collection basket, mail or delivered to the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:00 Mass. Parents who plan to have their child baptized are required to attend our **Baptismal Preparation Class** held the second Sunday of each month in the school office. You are strongly encouraged to attend this class before your child is born. The Baptism Information Form must be returned to the parish office prior to the scheduled baptism. Please call the Parish Office at 316-794-3496 with any questions.

MARRIAGES

In order for weddings to take place here at the Church of the Holy Spirit, either the bride or groom must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months before preparations for marriage will begin. In addition, the bride or groom registered in the parish is expected to be actively participating in the life of the church by living the Stewardship Way of Life. Please contact Father for additional information and to obtain a copy of our wedding guidelines.

PARISH PRAYER LINE

If you would like to sign up for this ministry or if you have a prayer request, call Mildred Landwehr at 794-2727 or Mary Kaba at 729-9229, or any member of the prayer line.

The mission of The Church of the Holy Spirit is to serve and follow Jesus Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to grow in love and knowledge of our Catholic faith by the communal celebration of Word and Sacrament.

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Parish Announcements

HARVEST HOUSE

- ▶ January 16 - 8:30am Gerrards for Bkfst after Mass
- ▶ February 20- 8:30am Gerrards for Bkfst after Mass

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION STUDENTS They are: Jacob Arnold, Alayna Blanchat, Paige Dreiling, Eric Fischer, Kaleb May, Cody Stallbaumer, Brittney Thorn, & Anna Vequist. Please keep our newly confirmed in your prayers. May God's good work in them be brought to completion.

PLEASE JOIN US in praying the rosary during Advent. We will begin at 9:30am on Sunday's right before the 10:00 am Mass.

ARE YOU BUYING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS? Don't forget to check out the Scrip table in the gathering space. A percentage of every gift card purchased benefits The Church of the Holy Spirit.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE? It's not too late to turn in your stewardship pledge forms.

Your gift is the first fruits of your discipleship. Your dedication to personal, family and communal prayer; your sharing of your talents for the benefit of the Church and the world; and your tithing of your material resources to support the work of the Church are the expression of a grateful steward. Please be sure to bring your pledge forms to church or the church office, or mail them this week. Thank you for your response to God's invitation to stewardship.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE Stop by the Altar Society table after all Masses on December 20-21 to pick up some goodies for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS FOR THE CHILDREN AT 5:00PM On Christmas Eve at the 5:00pm Mass, the children of the parish, preschool age (4) thru first grade, are asked to meet in the gathering space by 4:45pm with a can of food. They will process into the church together to present to Baby Jesus their offering. A name will be drawn for one child to carry the Child Jesus to the crib. Please remember the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays are for preschool age 4 thru first grade. Those making their first reconciliation and first Holy Communion should remain in church. Thanks so much for you consideration.

THANK YOU FROM CYO Thank you for your participation in making the CYO Bake Sale a great success for CYO. And thank you for generously bringing gifts for the Medicalodge residents for Christmas. Presents for the Medicalodge residents will be delivered at 4pm this Sunday at Medicalodge. Please join us for this traditional event. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will likely be there! After this visit, CYOers are invited to Charity Hall for some fun and food.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE Sat., Dec. 20, 10am-10:30am, 3pm-4pm, 6pm-6:30pm. Tues., Dec. 23, 7:30am-7:55am, Noon-12:30pm, 7pm-7:30pm. If you need a special appointment, please call the rectory. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH As you may have noticed these past few weeks, we have had several collections dipping down again below \$10,000. To meet our weekly budget, we need approximately \$15,600.00. As family budgets begin to get tight, the same occurs for the Church. Most of our parish financial obligations such as employee salary and benefits, secondary school assessment and tuition, school supplies, insurance, utilities, and payment on the rectory and church/school building debt cannot be reduced as collections fall short of our budget. These are obligations we must meet as every household must for its rent or mortgage, utilities, debt, and the cost of living. You can be proud that our school and office staff work diligently to keep costs in line with the budget and are cost-conscious on every purchase they must make. Similarly, many persons in the parish donate their time and talent and material resources in kind to save the parish community tens of thousands of dollars we would otherwise have to spend in maintenance, repair, and the customary costs of running a church and school. For this we can all be very grateful. Parish households are asked to commit to an 8% tithe to the church and a 2% tithe to other charities. This is a gift back to God from the top, given first by the grateful disciple. We must all do our part. God bless you for your generosity.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLECTION on Monday, totaled \$294.00 Thank you.

TITHING, YOUR GIFT TO GOD		
DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2008		
	Contributions	Funds Needed Weekly FY 08-09
Stewardship	\$ 9,935.52	\$ 12,846.81
Debt Fund (Building Loan)	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,828.54
Recycled Aluminum Can Receipts - Nov.	\$ 145.00	
Net SCRIP Proceeds - Nov.	\$ 946.20	
Matching Gifts to the School - Y-T-D	\$ 4,715.34	
Several employers participate in matching gift programs for our school. If you are interested, please call the church office.		
Total Registered Families: 350		
Families Participating in Simplified Tithing: 31		

Parish Announcements

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS Announcements at mass can sometimes become so numerous that each announcement is lost in the bundle of other announcements. Church announcements should be cleared in the church office by Thursday, and should be brief and preferably no longer than one line. Because of the many persons visiting at Christmas and the crowds we expect, there will be no church announcements at the masses for Christmas. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Surrounding Area Announcements

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH Would you like a gift for your soul this Christmas? Please attend a woman's silent retreat based on St. Ignatius spiritual exercises which have been shown to be an excellent means of sanctification, highly praised by Popes and Saints. It is led by the Priests of Miles Christi and is held at the Spiritual Life Center on January 23-25. For details or to register contact Anne at 729-8474 or Rosie at (913) 328-0015.

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ADULTS There are currently 16 bus seats available fro the March for Life pilgrimage January 20-25th on the bus reserved for college students and adults. The bus will board on January 20th at 5:00pm from the Newman Center at WSU in Wichita and at 10:00pm at the Newman Center at PSU in Pittsburg, Ks. Please contact the PSU Newman Center with any questions or to register at 620-235-1138 or frdavis@catholicgorillas.org

THE LORDS DINER will be collecting and distributing new gloves and socks in all sizes, especially adult men. Items will be distributed on Christmas Eve. You may drop off your donations at the Lord's Diner between now and December 22nd.

ONE ACT OF KINDNESS MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE When choosing a charity for your stewardship support, please consider A Better Choice and help us offer a small gift of hope. We have an immediate need for: Formula, Pacifiers, Sleepers (size 0-3 Mo.) soft cuddle toys, and 1st class postage stamps. Please call 316-685-5757 or go to abc@abetterchoiceinc.org

CHRISTMAS SHARING In the spirit of Christmas, Catholic Charities staff, volunteers and donors offer Christmas Sharing to help those less fortunate during the Christmas season, offering encouragement with toys for children and food for families. This year more that 1,000 children are registered to receive hats, gloves, toys and stocking stuffers. Please take your donations to Northwest Centre, 8510 W. 113th St. Suite 130, at the northeast corner of Tyler & 13th.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP December 14th after the 11:00am Mass and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Newman University will offer a 30 minute workshop in Kocour Hall.

7TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK All Saints Altar Society is sponsoring their Cookie Walk on Saturday Dec. 13th from 5-7Pm & Sunday Dec. 14th from 8:30am til 1:30pm at the Fischer Center, 1 block west of St. Joseph Hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Tues 16 8:00am † Holy Souls, Bob Steele & Ruth Reed
- Wed 17 8:00am Celebrants Intention
- Thur 18 8:00am † Rev. David W. Linnebur
- Fri 19 8:00am † Jacque Blanchat
- Sat 20 5:00pm † John Wetta
- Sun 21 8:00am People of the Parish
- Sun 21 10:00am † Kenneth Weber

ALTAR SOCIETY Schedule for Selling

- Dec 13 Janelle Wentz
- Dec 20 Judy Gronniger
- Dec 14 Vivian Mount
- Dec 21 Jan Schroeder
- Dec 14 Jean Marie Noller
- Dec 21 Delores Mies

New Parishioners

Robert & Robin Wolfe, Alex & Mackenzie 12-05-08

ROSES FOR LIFE

A vase of silk roses is placed in front of the Blessed Mother statue with a red rose for each expecting mother in our parish, and one white rose for the unborn worldwide. The red "Roses for Life" will be given to mother and child once the baby has been baptized. It is a great way to see how much our parish is growing and to be reminded to pray for all the unborn. For more information, or if you are needing a rose contact Jody Gorges 794-3188.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASSES & FACILITATORS SCHEDULE

- Jan. 11 Patty Arnold
- Feb. 08 Jody Gorges

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 20 & 21, 2008

	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS	HOSPITALITY	EUCHARIST	MEDICAL LODGE/ HOME BOUND
5:00pm Saturday	Tammy McKean Family	Jaymee Clasen Tim Kaba Mary Kaba Jim Wildeman	Karen Wilson Travis Ackerman	Jeff Holliger Family	Craig Gorges Jacob Klausmeyer Emily Younger		Greg Menges Becky Nicholson Kris McKinney Gordon Ritter Jason Stanes Karen Smarsh	N/A
8:00am Sunday	Matt & Lisa Fouts	Barton Hedrick Dan Pracht Anna Mae Pracht Matt Fouts	Tim Welicky Lynda Hermes	Rob Dreiling Family	Zac Hermes Anneke Bouska Connor Keene	Mollie Menges Rebecca McNett	Connie Arnold Michael Martinez Kathleen Goebel	Adam Arnold
10:00am Sunday	Paul & Molly Watson	Glenn Barnick Ron Bouska Rebecca Bouska Eric Joseph	Karin Englert Cindee Hodges	Paul Arnold Family	Molly Reichenbom Hannah May Justin Staab	Brent Terstriep Pam Reeder	Mary Woodburn Eric Wilson Ben Franklin Louis Hotze Kent Oborny Debbie Winter	Gloria Barnick

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sunday December 14, 2008**
After 10:00am Mass, RCIA, Charity Hall
After 10:00am Mass, Baptisms
After 10:00am Mass, Baptism Class, School Office
- Monday December 15, 2008**
7:00pm Corridor Cleaning (Tom H. & Jeff St.)
- Tuesday December 16, 2008**
7:00pm Finance Council, Parish Office
- Wednesday December 17, 2008**
6:30pm Rel. Ed./Mass
6:30pm Choir Practice, Charity Hall
- Thursday December 18, 2008**
7:00pm Altar Society, Spirit Hall
7:00pm School Music Program, Church
- Friday December 19, 2008**
After 8:00am Mass, Harvest House, Bkfst at Gerrards
7:00pm Corridor Cleaning (Tom H. & Jeff St.)
- Saturday December 20, 2008**
8:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning (Fischer, Wilson, Hahn)
- Sunday December 21, 2008**
After 10:00am Mass, RCIA, Charity Hall

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sunday December 21, 2008**
After 10:00am Mass, RCIA, Charity Hall
- Monday December 22, 2008**
No School
7:00pm Corridor Cleaning (Tim K. & Martin N.)
- Tuesday December 23, 2008**
No School
6:00pm G.S. Troop 460, Spirit Hall
- Wednesday December 24, 2008**
No School
5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
- Thursday December 25, 2008**
No School
12:00am Midnight Mass
10:00am Christmas Mass
- Friday December 26, 2008**
No School
7:00pm Corridor Cleaning (Tim K. & Martin N.)
- Saturday December 27, 2008**
8:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning (Kerschen, Brown, Hedrick)
- Sunday December 28, 2008**