

The Church of the Holy Spirit

Fr. Joseph Gile, Pastor
Kelly Bright, Principal
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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 or 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

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.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SCRIP Whether you have been taking your time to ensure you purchased the right gift or waiting until the last minute, Scrip has you covered. This is the last weekend to help the parish earn some extra dollars with your gracious holiday purchases. Please stop by the Scrip table which has moved to the center of the gathering space.

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 your consideration.

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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION for the Formation of Future Priests, Ongoing Formation of the Clergy, and Provision for the Retired Priests: This weekend we heard a special message from Bishop Jackels about our annual Christmas appeal for vocations past and future. A special envelope and letter from Bishop were mailed a couple weeks ago as a part of this special collection. Please be generous, and thank you for your kind consideration.

EMAILS FOR THE CATHOLIC ADVANCE This weekend cards were distributed in the church to request parishioners to list their email address. As communications become more and more digitized, and snail communications become more expensive, the diocese is inviting parishioners to share their email to which the *Catholic Advance*, and other diocesan communications can be sent.

CHRISTMAS MASS WITH BISHOP JACKELS Christmas Eve, 10:35pm, on KSNW-TV/KSNW-DT, Ch. 3. Repeats on Christmas Day at 6am and Noon.

TITHING, YOUR GIFT TO GOD DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2008

	Contributions	Funds Needed Weekly FY 08-09
Stewardship	\$ 13,812.01	\$ 12,846.81
Debt Fund (Building Loan)	\$ 2,117.00	\$ 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.

STOP FOCA. In future weeks more information will be posted on the Freedom of Choice Act. This act is not a protection of freedom, but threatens legal and non-coercive efforts to protect life *in utero* and to exercise the First Amendment Freedom of Speech. For more information, cf. www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/abortion.

WANT TO WATCH CATHOLIC TV? Despite the recent move of EWTN to a premium digital package on cable, homes with broadband internet (and some with dialup) have a plethora of choices for Catholic television content. EWTN can be watched at www.ewtn.com. One of the premiere Catholic channels in North America is Catholic TV at www.catholictv.org, a decades-old production of Boston Catholic Television (sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston). Podcasts are available at these sites as well as such stops as www.telecaretv.org (sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre) and an exclusively internet site, www.sqpn.com, both of which feature cooking shows! Check out *Grace Before Meals* with Fr. Leo on SQPN. The Catholic podcasting universe is expanding exponentially. Log on to www.wordonfire.org with Fr. Bob Barron for weekly inspiration. His is *the best Catholic radio program* available today. And don't be surprised when someday you listen to this text digitally on your way to work—besides reading it in this bulletin!

THANK YOU

- To our sponsors and parents and our catechists and organizers for the Confirmation program. Bishop was very impressed with our young people. God bless them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- To our parish family for your generosity in procuring Christmas gifts for residents of Medicalodge, and to the CYO for distributing gifts and celebrating the Savior's birth with Medicalodge residents.
- To Knights of Columbus for their \$300 donation toward our Religious Education program from the annual Religious Ed Fund Raffle.

Surrounding Area Announcements

RIGHT TO LIFE OF KANSAS West Sedgwick County Chapter will meet on Tuesday, December 23 at 7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Center in Colwich.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues	23	8:00am	† Leo Baalman
Wed	24	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Thur	25	Midnight	† Mathilda Smarsh
Thur	25	10:00am	† Georgine Wasinger
Fri	26	8:00am	† Bro. Jim Steinback
Sat	27	5:00pm	† John Wetta
Sun	28	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sun	28	10:00am	† Kenneth Weber

**Altar Society
Schedule for Selling**

Dec 20	Judy Gronniger	Dec 21	Jan Schroeder	Dec 21	Delores Mies
Dec 27	Gloria Bartnick	Dec 28	Gail Shepherd	Dec 28	Kathleen Trevino

CONFESSION SCHEDULE Tues., Dec. 23, 7:30am-7:55am, Noon-12:30pm, 7pm-7:30pm. If you need a special appointment, please call the church office. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday, Christmas Eve, 5pm; Thursday, Christmas Day, Midnight, 10am. Father Mike will be assisting with the bishop's 10:35pm mass at Cathedral as part of his duties in the Office of Worship. A surprise substitute priest will celebrate Midnight Mass. Father Mike will return in time to assist with Holy Communion at Midnight.

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
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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2008**

	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	SERVERS	HOSPITALITY	EUCHARIST	MEDICAL LODGE/ HOME BOUND
5:00pm Saturday	Debra Weber Sarah Leland	Chris Gorges James Bartnick Eric Wilson Terry Runberg	Jennifer Walker Kay Bowen	Christopher Wiebe Family	Brenden Dreiling Hunter Dreiling Zac Fasbender		Scott Cavanaugh Matt Cavanaugh Mary K. Cavanaugh Rose Stanes Suzy Menges James Pavlacka	N/A
8:00am Sunday	Karla Wildeman Jeff Thorn	Doug Anderson Terry Runberg Matthew Bartnick Bill Gorges	Barry Burgard Mickey Wasinger	Kellie Degenhardt Family	Seth Arnold Jacob Arnold Matthew Arnold	Mary Lubbers Larry Lubbers	Debbie Winter Gary Scott Rebecca Anderson	Jean Scott
10:00am Sunday	Jean Marie Noller Audrea Bartnick	Robert Rose Jeff Mount Marlin Schoenecker Jake Reeder	Tom Eckberg Nick Biggs	Dennis Mason Family	Natalie Jilka Taylore Rose Danielle Rose	Eric & Tammi Joseph	Gordon Ritter Dean Miranowski Sharon Niemann Jacque Koenigs Gary Koenigs Beth Oborny	Matt Noble

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday December 28, 2008

Monday December 29, 2008

No School
7:00pm Corridor Cleaning (Chris D. & Jamie B.)

Tuesday December 30, 2008

No School

Wednesday December 31, 2008

No School, Parish Office Closed
6:30pm Mass, Holy Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass, Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday January 1, 2009

No School, Parish Office Closed
10:00am Mass, Holy Mary Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation

Friday January 2, 2009

No School, Parish Office Closed
9:00pm Mass at Medicalodge
7:00pm Corridor Cleaning (Chris D. & Jamie B.)

Saturday January 3, 2008

8:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning (Jacobs, Younger, Ziesch)

Sunday January 4, 2008

Epiphany
5:00pm CYO, Spirit Hall