



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

# Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN



## CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm — St. Gregory  
7:00pm — St. Malachy

*Join us this Christmas*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am — St. Gregory  
10:30am — St. Gregory

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER QUENTIN

The Christmas celebration and season begins this Sunday evening. The first eight days of the Christmas season are called the Christmas Octave. The Christmas Octave concludes with the celebration of Mary Mother of God on January 1st. Over the eight days we have celebrations of saints that accompany our celebration of the Lord's birth. On December 26th we celebrate St. Stephen the first martyr. On December 27th we have the feast of St. John the Baptist. On December 28th we honor the Holy Innocents, who were killed by Herod over fear of a new king being born. December 29th we honor another martyr St. Thomas Becket.

This year the Christmas season continues on through the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord on January 7th and the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8th. Christmas this year will be 15 days long. May the joy of the Lord's birth be at the center of our focus at this time. May we continue to rejoice in the Lord all throughout the Christmas season.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This time of year is always a time of giving. One of the great blessings of our diocese with a significant impact is the Christmas collection. All donations in the designated envelope and the loose cash and checks in the offertory baskets go to support Catholic Charities. This program benefits many people in our Archdiocese. If you ever find yourself in need, Catholic Charities comes to our community several times a year at the Lincoln Center. Please open your hearts this holiday season to those in need by supporting our collection for Catholic Charities.

There is also a Holy Christmas Collection envelope for St. Gregory's. These contributions stay with our parish as a tithing donation.

God Bless you and your family!

~Father Quentin



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Dec. 26**

\*\*\*NO MASS\*\*\*

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**

**12:05pm**

*St. John*

† Frank and Judy Bohning

**Thursday, Dec. 28**

**6:30AM**

*The Holy Innocents*

† Elmer, Isla and Daniel Schwarz

**Friday, Dec. 29**

**8:15am**

*St. Thomas Becket*

† Tony and Margaret Stoehr

**Saturday, Dec. 30**

**5:30pm**

~ Living and deceased members of Emmett & Gertrude Peschel family

**Sunday, Dec. 31**

**7:00am**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

~ Living and deceased members of Gary & Twyla Stichternath family

**10:30am**

~ Living and deceased members of The Wacek family

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, Dec. 26**

**9:00am**

\*\*\*Parish Office Closed\*\*\*

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**

**after 12:05pm Mass**

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

**Thursday, Dec. 28**

**after 6:30am Mass**

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

**Friday, Dec. 29**

**6:00am - 5:00pm**

Adoration

**Saturday, Dec. 30**

**4:30pm - 5:15pm**

Confessions

**Sunday, Dec. 31**

**after 7:00am Mass**

K of C Breakfast - All welcome

## SOUL WINE AND LIQUOR PULL

For the 2024 SOUL event, we will again be having a Wine Pull. This year the committee has decided to take it a step further and add a chance to pull your favorite type of liquor! We are asking for donations of any type of wine and/or liquor for this fun game of chance. Think of it as a donation for a fun church picnic game...but for adults! So while you're out doing your holiday meal shopping, stop by your local liquor store and pick up any bottle of wine or liquor. Any price range accepted!!! Please drop your donation off at the school or parish office anytime between now and February 2nd.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for December 17th \$ 10,212.75  
(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 12/01/23) .....\$330,235.68  
Donations (since 12/01/23).....( \$3,225.00)  
Total Contributions to Date .....\$7,809,890.80  
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

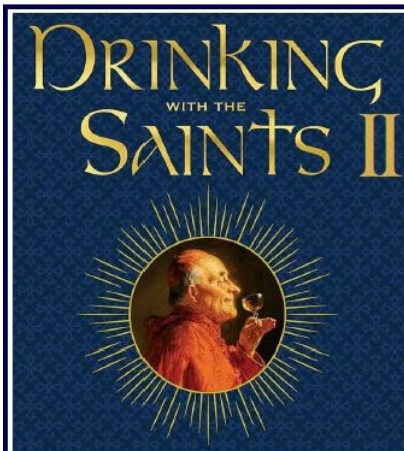
## PARISH NEWS

### Lector Workbooks

If you are a lector and would like to have a workbook, they are available to pick up in Father's sacristy.

### Knights of Columbus Soup Day

The Knights of Columbus Annual Soup Day will be on **Thursday, January 11th from 11:00am - 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. They will be serving vegetable beef, potato, chili and chicken noodle soups along with sandwiches and desserts. Local delivery and carryout is available by calling 562-2711. Free Will Offering.



**Jan. 13, 2024**

**7:30 p.m.**

St. Gregory's Parish Hall  
Marysville, KS

Enjoy a fun filled evening learning about  
saints, virtues and the drinks created and/or  
associated with those saints!

(Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks will be discussed, made and enjoyed)

Please pre-register by scanning the QR Code  
or by calling the Parish Office at 785-562-3302  
(So that we have enough supplies for everyone attending!)



A Communio Event Sponsored by  
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Heavenly Father.  
Bless this Christmas  
season and have our  
hearts draw closer  
to your son, Jesus.  
Amen





## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**End-of-Year Giving**

We are very blessed at St. Gregory Catholic School! Everything we do is only possible because of the generous giving of so many. We are so very thankful for ALL who support our school. As 2023 comes to a close, we are conducting a year-end giving campaign. If you wish to make a donation and you haven't already done so, donation envelopes can be found in the entry of the church. We ask that you please prayerfully consider a year-end donation to the school and place your donation in this envelope. Envelopes can be dropped off at the School/Parish office at your convenience or mailed to the school. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gregory Catholic School! May God Bless!

**Advent Angels Project**

To celebrate Advent, as a school, each Preschool through 6th grade student was assigned as an Advent Angel for another student in the school. Preschool students were given the name of another student in their class and K-6 grade students were given the name of a student in their Faith Family. As an Advent Angel, students and families are encouraged to pray, throughout Advent, for their assigned student. This week, before the students went on Christmas Break, they revealed who they were Advent Angels for by exchanging cards that the students decorated themselves. We hope our students and families enjoyed the blessings of praying for others and knowing their Advent Angel was praying for them!

**PRAYER LIST**

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

**Short Term Health Issues:** Mary Stryker, Carol Adrian, Kristi Meyer, Cami Friedrichs, Janel Weigel, Don Prell, Marilyn Hodgen, Scott Wetter, Jess Wetter, Richard Bruland, Laurie Kleinert, Deanna Schroller, Julie Kieffer, KayeLynn Kroeger, Kaylie Kordyak, Cody Metz, Jenica Hubbard, Preston Runnebaum, Dean Bruna, Andrew David Leo Lickteig, Pat Clark, Harry Moser, Tammy Jurek, Mary Gausepohl, Don Cudney, Ian McCarter, Elizabeth Ray, Tim Warren, Jan Smith, Tish Outhet, Josephine Wiggins, Carla Maloney, Justin Scheele, Megan Fletcher, Bruce Leonard, Chase Downard, Hunter Sand and Justin Stallings.

**Long Term Health Issues:** Trudy Rieth, Phil Studer, Doug Plegge, Kathy Jueneman, Tom Brown, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Dorothy Peschel, Arnold Reith, Aaron Hendrickson, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Linda Schell Tiers, Allie Montgomery, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering and Sami Kirkland.

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*

**CELEBRATE*****BIRTHDAYS***

- Dec. 25** Francis Kroeger, Elizabeth Lauer  
**Dec. 26** Alex White  
**Dec. 28** Dave Zutterman, Mary Diederich, Jessica Capp, Michelle Whitesell  
**Dec. 29** Evelyn Kloppenberg, Noah Halbert, Caleb Obermeyer  
**Dec. 30** Sandi Wilson, Kevin Miller, Jack Whitesell, Max Kramer, Ryan Smith  
**Dec. 31** Kayleigh Kirkham, Zach Haefele

***ANNIVERSARIES***

- Dec. 27** Tom and Pat Malotte (65th Anniversary)  
 Robert and Michele Beaman  
 Damien and Alisha Keenan  
**Dec. 28** RJ and Sharon Vogelsberg  
**Dec. 29** Gary and Carol Adrian  
 Jason and Christine Wheeler  
 Landon and Erin Wright  
**Dec. 30** Michael and Anita Welch  
**Dec. 31** Larry and Cathy Voet

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**Parish Hall Reservations:** Contact Parish Office

**K of C Hall Reservations:** Joe Peschel at 562-7017

**Baptisms:** See website for information

**Weddings:** Contact Father Quentin

*If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.*

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