



**ST. GREGORY**  
1310 Carolina St., Marysville



**ST. MALACHY**  
1012 Main St., Beattie

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 2

8:15am *St. Gregory* † Cheryl Diederich

Wednesday, Dec. 3

12:05pm *St. Gregory* † Peter Tascio

Thursday, Dec. 4

6:30am *St. Gregory* † Delmar Wilson Jr.

8:30am *St. Malachy* † Inez and Harvey Swanson

Friday, Dec. 5

8:15am *St. Gregory* † John and Nancy Lauer

Saturday, Dec. 6

5:30pm *St. Gregory* † Sam and Edith Schmitz

Sunday, Dec. 7

7:00am *St. Gregory* ~ People of the Parishes of  
St. Gregory and St. Malachy

8:45am *St. Malachy* † Bernice Samuelson

10:30am *St. Gregory* † Steve Mullen

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm - 5:15pm *St. Gregory*

Sunday 8:30am - 8:40am *St. Malachy*

### ADORATION

Wednesday 11am - 12pm *St. Gregory*

Thursday 9am - 11am *St. Malachy*

Friday 6am - 3:30pm *St. Gregory*

### FOUR THEMES OF ADVENT

The Advent 2025 themes traditionally focus on the virtues and qualities central to the preparation for Christmas. Each year, the Advent themes are always the same. The four primary themes are:

1. **Hope** – Reflecting on the hope of Christ's coming, past and future, and God's promises of redemption.
2. **Peace** – Embracing the peace that Christ brings into the world and seeking peace within our hearts and relationships.
3. **Joy** – Rejoicing in the anticipation of Jesus' arrival, especially celebrated on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday).
4. **Love** – Remembering God's love for humanity in sending his Son and reflecting that love to others.

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### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, Dec. 8 **\*\*Holy Day of Obligation\*\***

7:00am *St. Gregory* ~ People of the Parishes of  
St. Gregory and St. Malachy

12:05pm *St. Gregory* ~ Priests of the Archdiocese  
of Kansas City in Kansas

6:30pm *St. Malachy* † Judy Hughes

### Holy Days of Obligation - Clarification

Throughout our Church calendar there are many days of celebration for events of Christ's life and the lives of saints. The Church puts before us specific days that we are all invited to celebrate together. These are our Holy days of obligation. Here is the list as it is given in Canon Law.

"Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed: the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints" (CIC c. 1246 §1)

Immaculate Conception when it falls on a Sunday (which happens this year) is moved to a Monday. In the past when this happened the obligation of attending Mass was lifted. Recently one of the Bishops asked for clarification to the Holy See on this lifting of the obligation. The response from the Holy See was that the obligation should remain. Above is the schedule of Masses for The Immaculate Conception of Mary.

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Veronica Olmsted, *Liturgical List*      David Holthaus, *Parish Council*

**ST. MALACHY****Santa Visit**

Santa Claus will visit Beattie on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 1pm at Table Six Café. The café will also have a lunch special and regular menu items from 11am-1pm that day.

**Cancer Survivor's Group**

The Axtell Cancer Survivor's Group will meet Wednesday, December 3rd at 6pm at ACE's. Contact Jan Koch for more information at 785-799-7114.

**FINANCES**

Envelope and Plate for November 23rd \$ 1,005.21

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

*Sacristan:* Sue FitzGerald  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Jarrod and Katy Smith, Kelly FitzGerald  
*Servers:* Jesse and Caleb Nolte, Oliver Kopp  
*Lector:* Sue FitzGerald  
*Song Leader:* Veronica Olmsted  
*Gifts:* Jason and Tara Schneider  
*Money Counters:* Grace Studer and Shedera Kopp  
*Ushers:* Jim Sandmann and Todd Sandmann  
*Clean Linens:* Linda Bergmann  
*Dec. Guild Leaders:* Abby Seagren and Deb Dwerlkotte

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**ST. GREGORY****K of C Potluck, Raffle and Meeting — December 4th**

The family potluck will begin at 6:30pm with the raffle drawing taking place at approximately 7:00pm. The evening will end with the regular December meeting for the Knights.

**Christmas Party for Parish Ladies**

All St. Gregory ladies are invited to a Christmas party in appreciation of the time spent working throughout the year and donations of food. *Social time begins at 6pm with heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments to follow on Monday, December 8th in the Parish Hall.* Please **RSVP** by calling or texting one of the officers listed below by **Wednesday, December 3rd**. There will be a short Altar Society meeting at 5:30pm prior to the party.

Dolores 713-1958 | Jan 713-9694 | Glenda 713-1927

**FINANCES**

Envelope and Plate for November 23rd \$ 6,519.60

**BUILDING PROJECT**

Loan Principal Balance (as of 11/1/25) \$ 138,611.89  
 Donations (since 11/1/25) \$ 1,995.00  
 Total Contributions to Date \$7,980,004.29

**BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION**

Please welcome

***Lena Faye Rilinger,***

daughter of Rodney and Jessi Rilinger,  
 who was baptized Sunday at St. Malachy's.

**COMMUNITY PARISH NEWS****Catholic Library**

The Altar Society has added a library to the west end of the hallway at St. Gregory's. You'll find books on the Catholic faith, Saints, self-help and more, all grouped and color-coded by category. Anyone is welcome to take and read a book, then return it to the bookshelf when completed.

***90th Birthday Celebration***  
for

**Donna Wilson**

Open House

Saturday, December 6th | 2 - 4pm  
 St. Gregory Parish Hall

Everyone is invited to stop by and help her celebrate!

**Advent Penance Services**

**December 3rd**  
 7:30pm Axtell

**December 7th**  
 3:00pm Frankfort  
 6:00pm Baileyville

**December 14th**  
 2:00pm Sabetha  
 5:00pm Marysville

**December 21st**  
 3:00pm Seneca

**AREA NEWS**

**Saturday, December 13th - St. Columbkille's Church Celtic Christmas, Blaine KS. 8am - 2pm.** Candy and cookies sold by the pound, several craft booths to do your holiday shopping. Serving breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls, chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef and potato soup, sandwiches, homemade pies.

## SANTA'S CLOSET

### COMING TO TOWN

Help us gather toys or funds to purchase inventory for Santa's Closet Marshall County.

WHERE GIVING HEARTS GROW AND LITTLE HEARTS GLOW

• Gently Used Toys
• New Toys

• Gift Cards
• Books
• New Pillows

• Full or Larger Blankets
• Monetary Gift

A donation box is located in the gathering space at St. Gregory's. Items will be accepted until December 5th.

Any questions, please contact:  
 785-562-3101 • 785-713-2038 • 785-562-6187



## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### December Virtue of the Month - Generosity

“Whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.” ~ Matthew 10:42

Generosity means giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others. This virtue looks like spending time with someone else, bringing food to the poor, sharing with someone, giving your life to God, and thinking of others first. It sounds like “Would you like to play with me?”, “I gave food to the poor”, “Would you like this?”, “Yes, Lord, I will do your will”, and “I will push you on the swing first.”

**Let Us Pray:** *Dear Jesus, Let us share ourselves with others as You share Your life with us. Amen.*

### Save the Dates

**PTO Cookie/Candy Sale** - Stop by the main hallway in the school to purchase some homemade goodies on the following dates:

Friday, December 5th from 4 - 6pm

Saturday, December 6th from 9am - 7pm

Sunday, December 7th from 7:30am - noon.

**Christmas Program** - Wednesday, December 10th at 10:00am and 7:00pm

### ST. GREGORY SCHOOL CONTACTS

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### PRAYER LIST

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

#### SHORT TERM HEALTH ISSUES

Rachel Frese

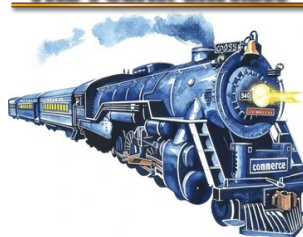
#### LONG TERM HEALTH ISSUES

Dan Haug	Carol Howell
Jennifer Cohorst	Phil Studer
Bobbie Cohorst Anthony	Donna Sedlacek
Jeanne Cohorst Cummings	Rick Thompson
Peter Jeff Sekul	Alice Murray
Marcella Andrews	Pat Clark
Emmitt Budy	Dorothy Peschel
Lacey (Jones) Stevens	Steve Sawin
Sandy Schmitz	Torey Butler
Christopher McCloud	Alan Wassenberg
Kenny Wurtz	Tony Evans
Mary Kay (Voet) Nold	Mary Landoll
Janel Weigel	Debra Nietfeld Lambert
Hudson Gartner	Joan Wacek
Kristi Meyer	Sami Kirkland

**Please let us know when your loved one is better!**  
*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*

### Polar Express Experience

#### THE POLAR EXPRESS



The St. Gregory PTO invites you to ride the Polar Express on wed. Dec. 17th and discover the true meaning of Christmas - Wear your warm pajamas and enjoy the ride! Get your Golden Ticket and board the bus at the Historic Union Pacific Depot in Marysville, KS with rides beginning every 15 minutes from 5:00 - 8:30 pm. While riding, listen to the Polar Express Story, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and make sure you don't lose your bell! All are welcome. Tickets are \$12 each and must be purchased online. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone boarding, no matter the age, must have a ticket. To purchase tickets, use the QR code or click [here](https://www.stgregorychurch.org/st-gregory-catholic-school).



### New Employment Opportunity Available

St. Gregory Catholic School is seeking a part time Instructional Aide to work Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning in January. Instructional aides support classroom teachers by assisting with instruction, classroom management, and clerical tasks as well as assisting with school wide procedures and routines. Go to <https://www.stgregorychurch.org/st-gregory-catholic-school> to learn more about this position and how to apply. Contact Karen Farrell at [kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org](mailto:kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org) or 785-562-2831 with questions.

### CELEBRATE

#### BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 1	Chelsea Baker
Dec. 2	Arleta Martin, Arnold Bruna
Dec. 3	Matthew Lauer
Dec. 4	Josh Snellings, Ellinor Haight
Dec. 5	Matt Benkendorf, Ella Richardson, Emily Richardson
Dec. 6	Donna Wilson ( <i>90th Birthday</i> )
Dec. 7	Exequiel Sevilla, Libby Brinegar, Eric West, Hadley Pretre

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 1	Dave and Gerry Schwarz
Dec. 2	Loren and Marj Gugenhan ( <i>64th Anniversary</i> ) Doug and Janell Novotny
Dec. 3	Nick and Amy Schaefer
Dec. 4	Jared and Cassie Strunk

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