

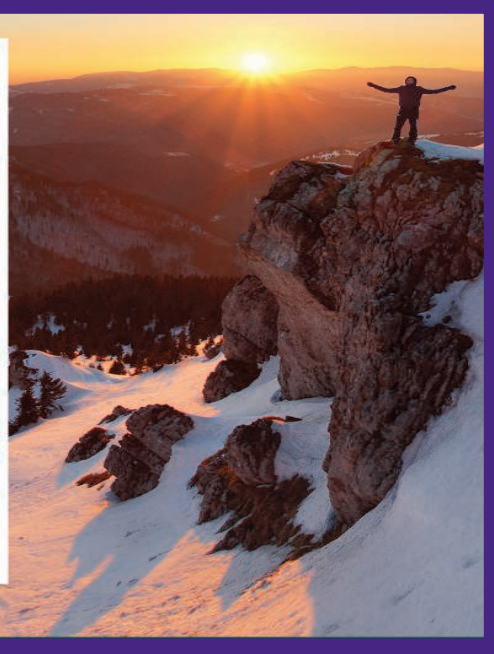
Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REDEMPTION

“Then they will see the
Son of Man coming in a
cloud with power and
great glory.” - Lk 21:27



DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

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Church Website:
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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday: 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: On the Fourth Thursday of every month at the Ministry of Praise Mass or by appointment.



NOTICES

ADULT EDUCATION

Formed.org parish code: VFMVGH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- First Reconciliation will be at 7pm in the church on Dec. 5th.
- There is a new Facebook group for PSR. Search in groups for Sacred Heart Pratt PSR. This is open to all PSR parents.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec. 12th for the first annual Christmas Pageant. We will have the pageant in the church immediately following 5:30 Mass and then go to the cafeteria for a potluck meal. We ask you bring your favorite soup, chili, or stew in a crock pot and enjoy the meal with all of us. We may have a special guest that will come for our dinner to surprise all the little ones.

Activities Corner

Decorating Church for Christmas: Please help us decorate the church for the Christmas season! ALL ARE INVITED Sunday December 23 at 2:00 pm.

Substitutes for Ministry: As the Holidays approach, please remember if you have a ministry and cannot fulfill it, please find a substitute. If all else fails, call Chris (672-8100).

Changes to EM to Sick at Hospital: If you are in the hospital or have family in the hospital over the weekend and would like to receive communion, please notify the parish office or Fr. Mike. The hospital no longer provides a list of Catholic patients to our EM to the sick.

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer),
Jack Gardner (father of Linda Johnson),
Cliff Dipman (brother of Norma Voss),
Madison Hunt, (a young student)—another tumor found—not able to operate for some time.
Rochelle Westerhaus- ALS disease
Carla Trujillo (sister of Robert Torres) - colon cancer
Sara Schneider, for pregnancy complications
Christina Bohrer, continuing health issues
Helen Harper, broken hip

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of November 18, 2018 Number of Envelopes - 78

Envelope	\$7,106.00
Loose Collection	<u>301.50</u>
Total	\$7,407.50
Required Budget	<u>7,000.00</u>
Net Surplus	407.50

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$149,185.42
Required Budget	<u>147,000.00</u>
Net Surplus	\$2,185.42

Christmas Holiday Bulletin Schedule:

Dec. 16th bulletin is due by noon Dec. 6th.
Dec. 23rd bulletin is due by noon Dec. 13th.
Dec. 30th bulletin is due by noon on Dec. 20th.
Jan. 6th bulletin is due by noon on Dec. 28th.

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
[1b]/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk
21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf.
7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-
27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday : Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt
9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk
1:26-38
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil
1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Bulletin Announcement:

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GALA: For

Parishioner 65 and older: On Sunday, December 9th, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, at Parkwood Village, the annual Christmas gathering of Seniors will be held, with spirit's and Christmas snacks and goodies. We ask all who attend to bring a snack or sweet treat to share with all who gather. Examples can be dips (hot or cold), cheeses, meats, finger snacks, cookies, sweetbreads or candy. In other words, whatever fancies your pallet! Drinks (hot/cold) and wine will be provided. Come in through the east entrance to the Social Gathering room. If a ride is necessary, please let me know. Cecilia Peltier, 450-8338. /s/ Cecilia Peltier, Senior Ministry

KofC breakfast on Dec. 9th: You are invited to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Dec. 9th from 9-10:30am for breakfast. Come try out their new homemade sausage.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration: Come join our Spanish speaking group as they celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 8th during the 5:30pm Mass followed by their Prayer Dance and then a pot luck meal open to all. Please bring a dish to share. Dinner will be in the school.

Christmas Eve Choir: There will be a Christmas Choir for the 11pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested in singing with the choir please contact Tonya Kiley at 620-388-1455 or email her at tkiley@sacredheartpratt.com.

Attention Ladies of the Parish: The Women of Sacred Heart are hosting a Christmas Social for all of the women of the parish. **When:** Sunday Dec. 9 **Where:** at the home of Annette Adelhardt, 631 Parkway Ave **Time:** 2:00-4:00 come and go or come and stay! Snacks and drinks provided. We hope you will be able to stop by, even if you can't stay long. Not this is not in the Dec. Newsletter.

Thank you: Thank you for masses, enrollments, prayers, phone calls and kind words of expression of sympathy at the passing of my brother, Bishop Eugene Gerber. Leola Hageman and family.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

First Sunday of Advent

Being "Fully Alive" means being fully aware. Today's gospel reminds us of the need to be aware and prepared for the return of the Lord. Jesus says, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life..." How easily we can get caught up in all of those things during this very busy time of year. SLOW DOWN. Practice being fully alive during this Advent season by creating quiet time for prayer and study, by reflecting on the gifts of being a disciple, or by practicing gratitude for all the blessings that exist in your life. Be watchful as we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ. Let us "Be vigilant at all times" and prepare the way of the Lord.

SYMPATHY: Parishioner, Gladys Marie Grannell, 98, passed away on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Pratt Rehab & Residence Center. She is survived by her granddaughter, Amy Ward and her great-grandson, Jay Ward. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles; her daughter, Catherine Crispi; and a sister, Viola Barker. Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, KS. **Please support the Grannell family with your prayers.**

SYMPATHY: Parishioner, Donald Raymond Prosser, 78, passed away on Nov. 21, 2018 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lorraine; children, Ricky (Marilyn) Prosser, Kristine (Roger) Adelhardt and Rodney (Laura) Prosser; brothers, Lester Prosser and Charles Prosser; eight grandchildren, Kimberly (Casey) Pritchett, Kaylee (Ross) Schiffelbein, Keith Prosser, Krystal Adelhardt, Heidee Prosser, Payton Prosser, Morgan Prosser and Carson Prosser; and three great grandchildren, Logan and Casen Pritchett and Brantley Schiffelbein. Don was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Dolores Newell. Mass of Christian Burial was Nov. 27, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church. Inurnment with military honors followed at Greenlawn. **Please support the Prosser family with your prayers.**

Calendar of Events

December 2018

- 4 5:15pm Mass in St. John
7:00pm Inquiry Session
- 5 4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration
5:30pm Mass
7:00pm PSR K-12
7:00pm First Reconciliation
7:15pm KofC meeting
- 6 8:00am Mass
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle
- 7 8:00am Mass
5:30pm Vigil Mass in Pratt
No Mass in St. John
7:00pm Spanish Rosary/Prayer
- 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**
8:30am Mass in Pratt
10:45am Mass in St. John
4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass Following with Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration/
pot luck in School- All are invited
- 9 2nd Sunday of Advent**
8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
9:00-10:30am KofC Breakfast at Hall
10:45am Mass in St. John
2-4pm Women Sacred Heart
Christmas Social at the Adelhardt home, 631 Parkway
4:30-6pm Seniors Christmas Gala at Parkwood Village



- 4 Doug Melcher by Merle & Patty Lewis
5 Bishop Gerber by Jody Meyer
6 Mary Jeulane Hageman by Leola Hageman
7 Charlotte Theis by Eileen & Mark Donsky
7 Vigil Immaculate Conception
5:30p.m. Pratt – Msgr. Bob Hemberger
- 8 Immaculate Conception
8:30a.m. Pratt – Seminarians
10:45a.m. St. John – I. H. M. Sisters
- 8 5:30pm Ann Seal by her sister
9 Pratt – Pro popolo
St. John – Mildred Siebert

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December, 2018

Week 2

SATURDAY, Dec. 8th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Teresa Miller, Mary Harms
Commentator: Glenna Borho
Cross Bearer: Daniel Ellis
Servers: Michelle Jochems, Dawson Evert
Euch. Ministers: Martha Hunter
VOLUNTEER, Cecilia Peltier
Mary Schmidtberger, Trevlyn Detmer
Greeters: Trevlyn & Lonnie Detmer
Gifts: Trevlyn & Lonnie Detmer
Ushers: Curtis Adelhardt,
Dalton Hodgkinson
Sacristan: Kim Evert
Rosary Leader: Mary Schmidtberger

SUNDAY, Dec. 9th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Jeanette Siemens, Sarah Jackson
Commentator: VOLUNTEER
Cross Bearer: Kyndra Estes
Servers: Gabby Cannata, Quinn Thibault
Euch. Ministers: Kay Jean Bowman
Kim Lee, Steve Westerhaus
Bryan & Susan Pixler
Greeters: Julie & Shon Fields Family and
Mayra Tresnor
Gifts: Mike & Sarah Jackson Family
Ushers: Mike Egging, Bill Hlavachick
Sacristan: Kay Schnittker
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EM to the Sick: John McGuire
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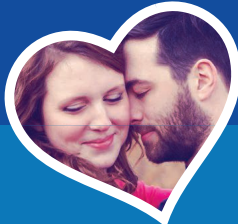
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