

St. James Parish, Chamberlain

St. Margaret Parish, Kimball

St. Anthony Parish, Pukwana

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MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Margaret: (Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sep/Nov) Saturday 5 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM

St. James: (Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/Oct/Dec) Saturday 5 PM
- Sunday 10:30 AM

St. Anthony: Sunday 5 PM from September 1 thru May 31
Sundays 7 PM from June 1 thru August 31

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment
Sundays (SM) 7:10 - 7:45 AM

For scheduling Baptism or Weddings please call 778-6420

(SM) St. Margaret, Kimball - (PV) Prairie View Assisted Living,
Kimball - (SJ) St. James, Chamberlain - (SCC) Sanford Care Center,
Chamberlain - (SA) St. Anthony Church, Pukwana (for schedule of
Mass)

Mass Schedule for December 3 - 9, 2018

Mon. Dec. 3: (SJ) 8:00 AM Mass Poor Souls in purgatory
10:00 AM Communion Service at Regency

Tues. Dec. 4: No Scheduled Mass

Wed. Dec. 5: (PV) 9:00 AM Mass +Dennis Chmela

Thurs. Dec. 6: (SJ) 8:00 AM Mass +Rebecca Miller
10:00 AM Sanford Care Center

Fri. Dec. 7: (SM) 9:00 AM Mass +Catholic Daughters

Friday, December 7th please join us in praying the Divine Mercy
Chaplet at 12 noon at St. James Church followed by Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:00 PM

Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat. Dec. 8: (SM) 9:00 AM Mass +Francis "Nick" Emerson
(SJ) Confessions 4:15 - 4:45 PM
(SJ) 5:00 PM Mass Members of the Parishes

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

Sun. Dec. 9: (SM) 8:00 AM Mass Mass +LeRoy, +Wilma, +May Bely

(SJ) 10:30 AM Mass +Roger Michels

No Mass at St. Anthony's - Pukwana

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A special note as you mark your calendars

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feast day of the USA, falls on a Saturday this year (2018), but it remains a holy day of obligation in the dioceses of the United States. This is in addition to the obligation for Sunday, so Catholics ought to plan on attending two Masses that weekend, one of the Immaculate Conception and another of the Second Sunday of Advent, as simply going to one Mass on Saturday evening does not count for both.

Communal Penance

Sunday, December 9th
St. John's, Plankinton, 3 - 5 PM

Sunday, December 16th
St. James - Chamberlain, 3 - 4 PM
St. Margaret's - Kimball, 6 - 7 PM

Sunday, December 23rd
St. Peter, Platte, 2 - 4 PM



To place a name on the prayer list, please call the parish offices' 778-6420 or 734-6122 ext. 3. Names will remain on our list for ONE MONTH. Please contact the office to request continued prayers. Thank You.

Please pray for the following people and all who need our prayers: Rollin Smith, Andy Steckelberg, Msgr. Ed Burian, Emma Bohon, Russ Engler, Becky Rybak, Jan DeSloover, Lisa Pazour, David Leheska, Aubrey Koch, Edward Swietochowski, Bennett Namanny, Marlene Kerner, Kamil Swietochowski, Tessa Pazour, Donna Knopick, Patti Nedved, Julie Gregg, Phillip Konechne, Charles Houska., Tracy Rogers, Pamela Bice, Holly Gusso, Judy Kuntz, Lloyd Lutter, John O'Donnell, Boyd Thiel, Jim Rybak & Jan Giese.

Please pray for our military personnel: Josh Burnett, Philip Lenz, Philip Soulek, Emily Soulek, Andrew Chmela, Aaron Toupal, Will Race, Anthony Hanzlik. Bryce Jensen & Cody Westendorf.

To place someone on St. James Prayer chain please call Peggy Hanzlik at 234-4137 or hanzlikp@midstatesd.net



The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis De Montfort:

Good Method: (Continued) . . . That same night they became ill and sent for their confessor who brought them the Last Sacraments; they thanked him for the holy practice he had taught them. After Compline (Night Prayer) Our Lady appeared with a multitude of virgins and had the three sisters clothed in white gowns. While Angels were singing "Come, spouses of Jesus Christ, receive the crowns which have been prepared for you for all eternity," they departed from this life. Some very deep truths . . . (Story continues next week).

St. James Religious Ed News

**Wed., Dec. 5th - Parent hall monitors are the Chad McManus and Nate McQuirk families.

**Mark your calendars: Sun. Dec. 16th - Advent Program at 5:30 PM., followed by a potluck supper



St. James Giving Tree for Assisted Living and Nursing Home residents is now ready. A large tree is located at the northeast entrance to St. James Church and a smaller one at the main entrance. Please take a tag or two, gift suggestions are on the tag, and return your gift to the tree by Dec. 18th. Gifts will go to Regency, Sanford Care Center, Prairie View, Riverview and Aurora Brule Nursing Home.

Chamberlain Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM in St. James Community Center.

Our parishes extend sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Bob Gregg who went home to the Lord. May God bless you with peace and comfort.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Dec., 9th after morning Mass at St. Margaret's. Everyone Welcome!

St. Margaret Church Collection - November 24 & 25, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 1,312.00

Loose: \$ 270.00

Children: \$ 15.50

Fuel: \$ 965.00



St. James Church Collection

November 25, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 1,888.67

Loose: \$ 132.00

Building Fund: \$ 235.00

Money donated to the Food Pantry from CAMA prayer service \$ 207.00, from Thanksgiving meal \$ 292.99



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2nd 2018

James and St. Margaret parishes

With the celebration of the Vigil Mass tonight we are beginning the New Liturgical Year and a new season of Advent. In singing the Psalms together, we are raising our hearts to God, placing ourselves in the spiritual attitude that marks this season of grace: "*vigilance in prayer*" and "*exultation in praise*" (cf. *Roman Missal*, Advent Preface, II/A).

Taking as our model Mary Most Holy, who teaches us to live by devoutly listening to the Word of God. We concentrate our attention on the Second Reading from First Letter to Thessalonians, especially on the two verses contained in the concluding part of that letter (1Thessalonians 5:23-24). The first expresses the Apostle's greeting to the community: the second offers, as it were, the guarantee of its fulfillment. The hope expressed is that each one may be made holy by God and preserved irreproachable in his entire person - "*spirit, soul and body*" - for the final coming of the Lord Jesus; the guarantee that this can happen is offered by the faithfulness of God Himself, Who will not fail to bring to completion the work He has begun in believers.

This First Letter to the Thessalonians is the first of all Saint Paul's Letters, written probably in the year 51. In this first Letter we can feel, more than in the others, the Apostle's pulsating heart, his paternal, indeed we can say maternal, love for this new community. And we also feel his anxious concern that the faith of this new Church not die, surrounded as she was by a cultural context in many regards in opposition to the faith.

Thus, Paul ends his Letter with a hope, or we might almost say with a prayer. The content of the prayer we have heard is that they [the Thessalonians] should be holy and irreproachable to the moment of the Lord's coming. The central word of this prayer is "*coming*". We should ask ourselves what does "*coming of the Lord*" mean? In Greek it is "*parousia*", in Latin "*adventus*", "*advent*", "*coming*". What is this "*coming*"? Does it involve us or not? To understand the meaning of this word, hence, of the Apostle's prayer for this community and for communities of all times - also for us - we must look at the person through whom the coming of the Lord was uniquely brought about: the Virgin Mary. Mary belonged to that part of the People of Israel who in Jesus' time were waiting with heartfelt expectation for the Savior's coming. And from the words and acts recounted in the Gospel, we can see how she truly lived steeped in the Prophets' words; she entirely expected the Lord's coming. She could not, however, have imagined how this coming would be brought about. Perhaps she expected a coming in glory. The moment when the Archangel Gabriel entered her house and told her that the Lord, the Savior, wanted to take flesh in her, wanted to bring about His coming through her, must have been all the more surprising to her.

We can imagine the Virgin's apprehension. Mary, with a tremendous act of faith and obedience, said "*yes*": "*I am the servant of the Lord*". And so it was that she became the "*dwelling place*" of the Lord, a true "*temple*" in the world

and a "*door*" through which the Lord entered upon the earth.

We have said that this coming was unique: "*the*" coming of the Lord. Yet there is not only the final coming at the end of time: in a certain sense the Lord always wants to come through us. And He knocks at the door of our hearts: are you willing to give Me your flesh, your time, your life? This is the voice of the Lord Who also wants to enter our epoch, He wants to enter human life through us. He also seeks a living dwelling place in our personal lives. This is the coming of the Lord. Let us once again learn this in the Season of Advent: the Lord can also come among us. Therefore we can say that this prayer, this hope, expressed by the Apostle, contains a fundamental truth that he seeks to inculcate in the faithful of the community he founded and that we can sum up as follows: ***God calls us to communion with Him, which will be completely fulfilled in the return of Christ, and He Himself strives to ensure that we will arrive prepared for this final and decisive encounter. The future is, so to speak, contained in the present, or better, in the presence of God Himself, Who in His unfailing love does not leave us on our own or abandon us even for an instant, just as a father and mother never stop caring for their children while they are growing up.***

May Mary Most Holy, the faithful Virgin, guide us to make this time of Advent and of the whole new liturgical year a path of genuine sanctification, to the praise and glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Have a Blessed ADVENT 2018. Fr. Andrew – Meditation based on the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI.

All children of St. Margaret's parish are invited to make a homemade Christmas ornament to decorate the tree which will be on the North side of the altar on Wednesday, December 19th.

Christmas decorating at St. Margaret's parish will start on Wednesday, December 12th at 6 PM. **All help appreciated!**

The 25th Annual Advent Baby Shower: Begins Sunday, Dec. 2 through Christmas. Please bring your new items and place them in the playpen by St. Margaret's entrance doors and in the crib by the baptismal font at St. James.

Memorial donations for the poinsettias/flowers & decorations used to decorate St. Margaret & St. James If you wish to make a memorial contribution, please place your donation in an envelope with the names of whom the memorial is for and place in the collection basket or bring to the parish offices by Sun., Dec. 16th.



Searching for the True Meaning of Christmas?

As the rush of Holidays approach, allow yourself some time to slow down this advent season and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Plan now to take a spiritually relaxing break, in the beautiful environment of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, as you surround yourself with the magnificent sights and sounds of ***Christmas at the Cathedral***. Six concerts will be performed on December 13-16 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Get your tickets: 1) at any Sioux Falls HyVee store, 2) on-line at www.ccfesd.org, 3) phone 605.988.3765 4) email events@ccfesd.org, 5) stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave).