

St. James Parish, Chamberlain
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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 31 – January 6, 2019

Mary the Holy Mother of God

Mon. Dec. 31: (SM) 7:00 PM Mass Members of the Parishes

Tues. Jan. 1: (SJ) 10:00 AM Mass +Frances Endres

Wed. Jan. 2: NO Mass Scheduled

Thurs. Jan. 3: (SJ) 8:00 AM Mass Eric Miller

Fri. Jan. 4: (SM) 9:00 AM Mass +Alta Leiferman

The Epiphany Of The Lord - January 6, 2019

Sat. Jan. 5: (SM) Confessions 4:15 – 4:45 PM

(SM) 5:00 PM Mass +Dennis Chmela

Sun. Jan. 6: (SM) 8:00 AM Mass + Jim Woodraska

(SJ) 10:30 AM Mass +Bill Clark

(SA) 5:00 PM Mass Members of the Parishes

St. Margaret Church Collection December 23, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 1,871.00

Loose: \$ 230.00

Children: \$ 36.25

Fuel: \$ 150.00

Christmas Collections December 24th

Envelopes: \$ 3,345.00

Loose: \$ 381.00

Children: \$ 8.00

St. James Church Collection December 22, 23, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 3,918.67

Loose: \$ 307.53

**Christmas Collections
December 24th & 25th**

Envelopes: 4,918.34

Loose: \$ 497.12

Building Fund: \$220.00



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, Aubrey Koch, Edward Swietochowski, Kamil Swietochowski, Tessa Pazour, Donna Knopick, Julie Gregg, Charles Houska., Tracy Rogers, Holly Gusso, Judy Kuntz, Lloyd Lutter, John O'Donnell, Boyd Thiel, & Jim Rybak.

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, With Reverence: I advise you to

divide up your Rosary into three parts and to say each group of mysteries (five decades) at

a different time of day. This is much better than saying the whole fifteen decades all at once. If you cannot find the time to say a third part of the Rosary all at one time, say it gradually, a decade here and there. I am sure you can manage this; so that, in spite of your work and calls upon your time, you will have said the whole Rosary before going to bed.



Chamberlain Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – 7:30 PM – St. James Community Center.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 13th after morning mass at St. Margaret's Church. **Everyone Welcome!**



Registration for the Diocesan Youth Rally in Aberdeen on

Sunday, March 24th, 2019 is open. If interested in attending please contact Mary Mairose. The parish has 5 discounted tickets to be used for this Youth Rally. More information about the Youth Rally can be found on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/>.



Mark your calendar: St. Margaret's Church "Winterfest" will be held on Saturday, January 26th following the 5 PM Mass. The Polka

Czechs will sing at Mass. Food, Fun & Fellowship for all!
Everyone welcome! Free will donation!



Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center

Silent Retreats: Women's: February 7-10, March 7-10, May 16-19, June 20-23, August 8-11, September 5-8, October 17-20, November 7-10.

Men's: February 21-24, March 21-24, September 19-22, October 24-27, November 21-24.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 30, 2018 & New Year of grace 2019

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

(The Gospel)

Dear Sisters and Brothers members of St. James and St. Margaret parishes,

Thank you for sharing with each other your Christmas joy and love for Jesus, in the celebration of His birthday. For all Christians, Christmas is the most joyful celebration of the liturgical year. It is such a moving experience to see so many people coming for confession, helping decorating the churches and being so excited about the approaching celebration. All this in itself is the sign of the grace of God working in his people. And then, there from the Altar, the priest and deacons can see all the faithful, dressed up for the celebration, especially the faces of the children looking into the Manger and smiling for Jesus. I thank you wholeheartedly for helping me and each other experience the true joy of Christmas again. Your cards, gifts and kind words helped great deal to. May God reward you for sharing with each other your love for God and the joy of Christmas.

Christmas is a family time, families have the grace and privilege to spend much time together, to enjoy each other's company, to relax together, to have special family meals together, let us thank God for all the graces and blessings our families enjoy and let us also ask God to bless our families and help our families continue to grow to become what they are called to be: HOLY FAMILIES.

It is fitting that during this family time every year we reflect on The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Here is why we call Jesus, Mary and Joseph Holy Family:

Mary was immaculately conceived and was sinless all her life and conceived Jesus of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was her chaste spouse. Jesus was the Son of God.

The Holy Family was a family with special grace but yet a family with trials. Every family has particular graces and blessings and every family also has difficulties and crosses. The Holy Family is a model for families because despite their many trials, and there were many as we know from reading the Gospels, the family remained faithful, loving and united. **It is good to pray today to the Holy Family, to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, asking them to help our families persevere through our trials just as The Holy Family persevered.**

Here are some excerpts from St. John Paul II homily on the importance of family, preached in Ireland in 1979:

“To all I say, revere and protect your family and your family life, for the family is the primary field of

Christian action for the Irish laity, the place where your ‘royal priesthood’ is chiefly exercised. The Christian family has been in the past Ireland’s greatest spiritual resource. Modern conditions and social changes have created new patterns and new difficulties for family life and for Christian marriage. I want to say to you: do not be discouraged, do not follow the trends where a close-knit family is seen as outdated; the Christian family is more important for the Church and for society today than ever before.”

..... *“Dear fathers and mothers of Ireland, believe in your vocation, that beautiful vocation of marriage and parenthood which God has given to you. Believe that God is with you – for all parenthood in heaven and on earth takes its name from him. Do not think that anything you will do in life is more important than to be a good Christian father and mother. May Irish mothers, young women and girls not listen to those who tell them that working at a secular job, succeeding in a secular profession, is more important than the vocation of giving life and caring for this life as a mother. **The future of the Church, the future of humanity depend in great part on parents and on the family life that they build in their homes.** The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation, just as the dignity of man is the true measure of civilization.”*

May this celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph sets tone for the New Year 2019 and help us appreciate the merciful love of our Lord and may we all experience and celebrate God's love in our homes with our families.

May Jesus Mary and Joseph watch over us.

Happy Feast day to all your families and grace filled 2019, Fr. Andrew



A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who organized and helped to make our churches so beautiful for the Christmas celebrations. **Thank you** also to all those that volunteered for the ministries of the altar for the Christmas Liturgies.

Catholic Family Services offers a full range of counseling services at many locations around the diocese. If you or someone in your family is in need of some assistance, call 800-700-7867 for an appointment. www.sfcatholic.org/cfs



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 23 & 25

“Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.” (Responsorial Psalm)

Dear Sisters and Brothers, members of St. James and St. Margaret parishes,

In a few days we are going to join All Christians around the world in the celebration of the Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we approach Christmas the pace of things speeds up. It is nice to share the excitement of all God’s people. I am moved as a priest to hear so many confessions. This tells me that Christmas is really religious and spiritual celebration motivating people to renew their friendship with God. I’m grateful to God for our young people who were taking part in a spiritual preparation and the decoration of both Churches for Christmas.

The readings from the Holy Scripture for this Fourth Sunday of Advent speak about the coming birth of Jesus. The Prophet of the 8th century BC, Micah prophesizes in the First Reading, that salvation will come from Bethlehem. The Second Reading from Hebrew states that Jesus came to do the will of God. His sacrifice was essentially one of obedience (an obedience which meant accepting death on the cross). The Gospel tells us the story of Mary’s visit to Elizabeth. Both are expecting. Elizabeth enlightened by the Holy Spirit knew the identity of Mary’s child, praises Mary as the mother of her Savior. His identity as the Son of God “the Lord” was revealed and accepted gradually after the Resurrection. We can only recognize Jesus’ identity as the Son of God through the gift of faith. Through Jesus we also become children of God. Christmas celebrates the greatest event in history, the Incarnation, when the Son of God came on earth to restore us to communion with God. The angels revealed to humanity, in the words they spoke to the shepherds, the real meaning of Christmas: “Behold I bring you good news of a great joy. This day a Savior is born to you. He is Christ the Lord”. With the shepherds let us enter the stable of Bethlehem. May Mary, the witness of his miraculous birth, help us to experience the happiness of Christmas and teach us how to cherish in our hearts the mystery of God who for us became man, and may she help us to bear witness to his truth, his love and his peace.



Have a blessed Fourth Week of Advent and a Merry Christmas. Fr. Andrew

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BY Card. Basil Hume:
“There was no room for them in the inn. The world went on its way, event following on event, uninterested and unconcern about the great event that would take place, not in the inn but in a cave. The people at that time were hardly

to be blamed, for after all they did not know what was taking place in Bethlehem. Is it the same for us? The event has taken place, the most important event in the whole history: God became man. Our generation cannot be excused for being uninterested and unconcerned. ” God so loved the world”- that love of God prompted the coming of God the Son to become one of us is a personal love for each of us personally and individually. God never looks at the crowd, he sees only the individual. That is the Christmas gift which is the reason for the presents we give each other; a reminder of the greatest of all gifts: God’s love to each one of us.

He wants to enter into our lives, and desperately so, not into our lives in general but into each person’s life. Is there room in your heart for him? Can he find space in your thinking? Can he find a place in your loving? Or is there no room because you have other interests, other ambitions, other preoccupations, and so inevitably he is crowded out? If he is crowded out of your life, he cannot give you his most precious gift-life, life with him for ever. Perhaps you feel your heart and mind are not ready for him, but do not let that be the reason for not letting him into your life..., because when he brings his love he brings forgiveness if we are truly sorry and anxious for change. He wants to find space in your mind and heart, but you must make sure that space is available... .. The celebration of Christmas is empty and futile without the enduring belief that this child is indeed the Christ, son of the living God. God has entered, still enters our world. He comes as gently as an infant child; he will share all our growing, our living, our loving, our grieving and dying.

We thank you, eternal Father, for the motherhood of the Virgin Mary, who under the protection of Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth, brought your Son into the world, in utter poverty. (John Paul II)



Mark your calendar: St. Margaret’s “Winterfest” will be held on Saturday, January 26th following the 5 PM Mass. The Polka Czechs will sing at Mass.

All welcome!

St. Margaret’s planning committee invites members from St. Margaret’s to choose how you would like to help with the Winterfest. Signup sheets are available on the tables by the main entrance doors, which list jobs and food donations needed.

Thank you in advance for all your help!

Enjoy the 22nd Annual Christmas at the Cathedral on KELO TV on Christmas Day

If you were unable to attend the 22nd Annual Christmas at the Cathedral in person, we invite you to watch a taped rebroadcast on **Christmas Day, December 25th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on KELO TV.**

This year’s theme, “Unto Us” was inspired by the writings of the prophet Isaiah, offering an opportunity to experience God’s immense love for each of us through His Incarnation.

Proceeds from *Christmas at the Cathedral* support the poor and vulnerable in our midst through the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Endowment as well as the ongoing care of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, one of the region’s most significant civic and sacred landmarks. We look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with you during this rebroadcast of the annual *Christmas at the Cathedral.*

