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# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## Osage City & Scranton

**Rectory**

505 Lord Street  
Osage City KS 66523

**Scranton Church**

302 South Boyle Street  
Scranton KS 66537

**Office Hours**

Tuesday-Thursday..... 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Closed Mondays. Fridays by appointment.

**Confessions**

Scranton.....Tuesdays 4:50-5:50 PM  
Osage City.....Saturdays 4:30-4:50 PM

**Adoration**

**Osage City**

Tuesday - Thursday.....7:55 - 8:25 AM  
1st Saturdays .....9:00 AM-4:15 PM

**Scranton**

Tuesdays.....4:50 - 5:50 PM

**Pastoral Staff**

**Pastor: Rev. Anthony Kiplagat**

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**Music Director**

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**Altar Society Presidents**

Osage City: Elaine Henrie 620-528-3376

Scranton: Mary Burgett 785-836-7887

**Director of Religious Education**

Osage City: Stacey Handly 785-331-9143

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**Youth Group**

Katie Pretz [kesteinert@gmail.com](mailto:kesteinert@gmail.com)



Second Sunday of Advent

**“Year Of Mercy: Commitment Weekend”**

Beginning this weekend, we answer Pope Francis’s call to give a stronger witness to our faith and a clear reflection of the actions of God in our lives.

Please fill out the commitment form provided. Keep a copy for yourself and place a copy in the collection basket. These will be kept in our church as a silent reminder of our willingness to make a sacrifice for others who are depending on us. Please take one of the Year of Mercy prayer cards and keep it with you to Learn, Look and Live a life of mercy.

As we begin our commitment this year, let us remember, in the words of Pope Francis, mercy “is the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.”

*December 6, 2015*

## Masses this Week

Saturday, December 5 - First Saturday

5:00 PM Osage

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM Osage - People of the Parish

10:00 AM Scranton - Children of the Parish

Monday, December 7 - Vigil of Immaculate Conception

**7:00 PM Osage** - People of the Parishes

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

**7:00 AM Osage** - People of the Parishes

**7:00 PM Scranton** - People of the Parishes

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 AM Osage - Chad Woerner (living)

Thursday, December 10

8:30 AM Osage - Rita Little (†)

Friday, December 11

No Mass

Saturday, December 12

5:00 PM Osage - Wanda Chmidling (†)

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM Osage - Children of the Parish

10:00 AM Scranton - People of the Parishes

## Liturgical Assignment

**Saturday, December 12 - 5:00 PM Osage City**

Servers: Katelynn McCoy, Royce Cowan

Cantor: Virginia Cowan

EMCH: Karen Schwieger, Debra Fagan,  
Kay Lewis

Lector: Janice Koehler

Music: Kareen King

Rosary: Mike & Mary Pruitt

Sacristan: Dorothy Ginzl

Ushers: Arlyn Womack, Joseph Ginzl

**Sunday, December 13 - 8:00 AM Osage City**

Servers: RE

Cantor: RE

EMCH: Carol Retzer, Audrey & Kyle Clem

Lector: RE

Music: George Alexander

Rosary: RE

Sacristan: Stacey Handly

Ushers: RE

**Sunday, December 13 - 10:00 AM Scranton**

Servers: Matthew Mock, Kris Hovestadt

Cantor: Tom Mock

EMCH: Joseph Quaney, Lori Puckett,  
Lee Kraus

Lector: Brad Roberts

Music: Linda Endecott

Rosary: George Ginzl

Sacristan: Johncie Heise

Ushers: Lee Kraus, Scott Greenwood

## Stewardship Report

### Your Gifts to the Lord

Osage Nov Offerings: \$ 9,222.40

Osage Nov Expenses: \$ 26,766.62

Osage FYD Offerings: \$ 68,840.22

Osage FYD Expenses: \$ 71,930.40

Scranton Nov Offerings: \$ 6,428.95

Scranton Nov Expenses: \$ 5,088.16

Scranton Nov Bldg Campaign: \$ 7,812.50

Scranton Nov Bldg Expenses: \$ 11.85

Scranton FYD Offerings: \$ 32,495.56

Scranton FYD Expenses: \$ 31,423.35

Scranton FYD Bldg Campaign: \$ 78,716.66

Scranton FYD Bldg Expenses: \$ 14,049.96

### Capital Campaign

Campaign Pledge Goal: \$ 500,000.00

Campaign Pledges: \$ 397,490.00

Pledges Received: \$ 61,103.61

Pledge Amount Outstanding: \$ 318,777.49

Fund Raising Efforts: \$ 17,608.90

Walking in Prayer \$ 15,258.94

Total New Church Cash in Banks: \$ 121,831.88

## Welcome Everyone!

We are so glad you came to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Patrick and are interested in becoming a registered member, please come by and visit us or call the office for information at 785-528-3424!

## Sacrament Preparation

Please call the Church Office during Office Hours for scheduling sacraments of Marriage and Baptism.

Couples considering marriage are required to contact the Church Office six months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Parents are required to meet with priest prior to baptism.

**Please consult the parish priest for funeral services.**

1st Holy Communion classes are yearly. One prior year of religious education is required.

Confirmation is a two year program & students must attend both years to be Confirmed. If you have a child in 6th & 7th grades or older who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation is a yearly program beginning in September. New Catholics are received into the church at the Easter Vigil.

# Parish News

## Religious Education Classes:

- **Scranton** RE classes PreK-6th meet on Wednesdays evenings at 6:15-7:30 PM in the church basement.
- **Scranton Confirmation** class meets Sundays 11:15-12:30.
- **Osage City** RE classes meet Sundays at 9:05 -10:30 AM in the church basement. Parent please pick your children up from their classrooms.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Sister Serena Deters, daughter of Paul and Carol Deters, and the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln will be visiting all the students in religious education. The sisters will perform a puppet show for everyone after both Masses.

Scranton will have their children's Mass on December 6th and Osage City will have their children's Mass on December 13th.

## Youth Group:

All 8th-12th graders are invited to join the Youth Group. The next meeting will be Sunday, December 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please come and partake in fun and exploration of our Catholic faith. For more information contact Katie Pretz at 785-280-3614 or email at kesteinert@gmail.com.

**Parents, please encourage your youth to continue their religious education & enjoy fellowship with catholic youth in our parish!**

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

RCIA and Adult Formation classes have began and are meeting on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Osage City in the basement. If you or anyone you know would be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the office for more information.

## ECAT Stands for Ecumenical Christian Action Team

ECAT adopted 64 families this year. Ten from the Osage Nursing Home, two from Vintage Park, and three from Park Place. These individuals have no family to provide for them on the Holidays. We are asking you the members of our Catholic Church to donate food to help with food boxes rather than purchasing gifts. We have 31 individuals who want food only so with your help we can provide a Merry Christmas to a lot of families.

## Christmas food list:

Instant potatoes, vegetables, jello, canned fruit, stove top stuffing mix, gravy mix, sweet potatoes, pancake mix, pancake syrup.

Thanks for all you help for the needy families in 420 School District. ~ ECAT Board Members

## Scranton Altar Society News:

December 12, the Altar Society will be hosting their Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at St. Brigid Hall at 6:00 PM. Tickets are available in the church office or from any Altar Society member.



## Knights of Columbus News:

The Knights of Columbus have a limited number of Solidarity Crosses available. These crosses were made by Christian refugees in the Holy Land. They are made of olive wood and are approximately 5" tall. We are asking a donation of at least \$10.00 for each cross. All proceeds go to aid the persecuted Christians in the Middle East. There will be Knights after each Mass this weekend with them.

The monthly meeting will be held on December 16. After a short meeting we will fill the goodie bags for the people in the rest homes. If as many members as possible come to the meeting we can fill the bags quickly.

## Material & Notions for Africa:

Material & sewing notions are being collected to send to Africa. Material needs to be light weight and a yard or more. Baskets are in the entrance of the churches for the donations. For more information, contact Nanette O'Flaherty at 785-633-5390.

**Deadline for donations is December 15th!**

## Walking in Prayer:

We are continuing our walking in prayer for the success of our new church building. There will be prayer walking on Dec 6 & Dec 13. Most importantly, let us continue to join together as a Community in prayer for the success of our new church building. Contact Nanette O'Flaherty at 785-633-5390 for more information.

## Nativity Set Display at Scranton:

All Patricians from Osage City & Scranton are encouraged to share their Nativity Set s for the Open House on January 3.

## Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve	6:00 PM	Osage City
Christmas Eve	10:00 PM	Scranton
Christmas Day	8:00 AM	Osage City
Christmas Day	10:00 AM	Scranton

Christmas sign up sheets are located in the entrance of the churches. If you know what Mass you and your family will be attending, please take a moment to sign up.

## Advent Penance Service:

St. Patrick's Advent Penance Service will be Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM at Osage City. There will be several other priest assisting Fr. Anthony so please take this opportunity to give yourself the best Christmas present ~ Forgiveness!



**COPING WITH LIFE ALONE:**

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE " is a Beginning Experience grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories. The next sessions will be held at St. Thomas More Hall, lower level. 11822 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, on Sunday afternoons, from January 10 - February 21, 2016, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For additional information, or to register, please call Cathy at (816) 540-4644, or Donna at (816) 305-3760.

**Festival of Lessons & Carols:**

Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.—St. Nicholas Festival of Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 409 N. 15th St., Kansas City, Kansas, a celebration of the mystery of gifts and giving and the One who is both Giver and Gift, featuring sacred scripture, poetry, seasonal carols old and new, and glorious choral polyphony sung in sumptuous acoustics by Kansas City’s own Sursum Corda Polyphony under the direction of Dr. Kevin Vogt. Free and open to the public.

***Please pray for the following people, their families and their caregivers:***

Ray Santin, Avery Elizabeth Hart, Cora Briggs, Jessica Hoover, Trish K, Jazmine Van Valkenburg, Ralph Steinlage, Fred Rosetta, Hester Schrader, Conner Boden, Carolyn Alexander, Jennifer Towle, Lyle Reves, Danny Ruegsegger, Martin Huschka, Brenda Coursen, Dale & Shannon Heise, Phil & Kay Wiederholt, Teresa Duncan, Cecelia Crummey, Larry McCormick, Betty Mitchell, Fred Holthaus, Lisa Holthaus, Fr. Tom Hesse, Jay Moore, Barnaba & Romana Karan, David Rangel, Jim Runnebaum, Jeremy Birzer, Robin Retzer, Sonia Irwin, Bernardo Gallegos, Mike Sayler, Betty Delzeit, Haley Piper, Arminda Abrams, Darlene Dubes, Josephine Heimann, Pat Loschke, Mildred Metzger, Jeanette Wichman, Agnes Wright, Trevor Keeffe, Harold & Pam Lake, Bill Hortenstine, Bob Rilinger, Joni Hackney, Lori Donmeyer, Jim Nichols, Pauline Zimmerman, Fay Frey, Mary Ice & Monica Blair.



**Marriage Minute**

Second Sunday of Advent

In today’s Gospel, the Church places before us the figure of John the Baptist. While John is certainly known for performing baptisms in the desert, he also laid down his life for God’s definition of marriage. To have John remind us of the beauty of matrimony is no accident during Advent.



John preaches a message of hope and focuses us on the one who fulfills all desires. The road of marriage is sometimes rocky, and does not always follow a straight path, but with Christ, the road can be straightened, and the difficult times can be transformed into joy by His grace.

We could easily call him, St. John of Marriage for his passionate defense of the goodness of marriage. When we listen to John and turn to Christ in our marriage and family, we are able to rejoice with the psalmist who sings, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!” If we are tempted to lose focus this week on God’s goodness or the goodness of our spouse, let us repeat this prayer, and we will truly be filled with joy! .

**Year-End Gifts of Stock:**

Using appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds to make yearend charitable gifts has tax advantages to those who itemize deductions if they have been owned for more than one year. Gifts mailed or delivered by December 31 will be acknowledged for tax purposes in the 2015 tax year. Simple instructions for making a stock gift to the parish or other charities within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are available at [www.archkck.org/waystogive](http://www.archkck.org/waystogive). Contact the Stewardship and Development Office, at 913-647-0365 for help with your gift.

**Attention all women: SAVE THE DATE!!**

The Women’s Ministry at Christ the King Church in Topeka, Kansas prayerfully invite all women to attend the Resolve, Renew, Rejoice: Real Womanhood retreat to be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Our featured speaker, Lisa Cotter, is a dynamic, energetic Catholic woman who debunks the myths of modern day stereotypical womanhood. Registration: 6:30 am, Mass: 8:00 am, Retreat 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at Easy Tithe (found at [clktopeka.org](http://clktopeka.org) under Stewardship) for \$20.00 beginning December 1, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Tonya Campbell at (785) 221-8652.

Monday DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose Is 35:1–10 Lk 5:17–26	Tuesday DECEMBER 8 The Immaculate Conception Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11– 12 Lk 1:26–38	Wednesday DECEMBER 9 Advent Weekday Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	Thursday DECEMBER 10 Advent Weekday Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15	Friday DECEMBER 11 Advent Weekday Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19	Saturday DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	Sunday DECEMBER 13 Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14–18a Phil 4:4–7 Lk 3:10–18
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# Liturgical Assignments for Immaculate Conception

**Monday, December 7 at 7:00 PM**

**Osage City**

Servers: Owen Wells, Audrey Womack  
Cantor: Thomas Nordling  
EMCH: Sandra Whalen, Joseph Ginzel  
Tamara Bond  
Lector: Dorothy Ginzel  
Music: George Alexander  
Rosary: Fred Rosetta  
Sacristan: Mary Louise Sexton  
Ushers: John Gill, Glenn Adamson

**Tuesday December 8 at 7:00 AM**

**Osage City**

Servers: Volunteers  
Cantor:  
EMCH: Volunteers  
Lector: Monica Greenwood  
Music:  
Sacristan: Volunteers  
Ushers: Volunteers

**Tuesday December 8 at 7:00 PM**

**Scranton**

Servers: Volunteer, Stephen Moore  
Cantor: Nanette O'Flaherty  
EMCH: Brad & Sonia Roberts,  
George Ginzel  
Lector: Gregory Burgett  
Music: Linda Endecott  
Rosary: Carol Runnebaum  
Sacristan: Sonia Roberts  
Ushers: John Heise, Joseph Heise

## Nativity Sets Display

The ladies of the Scranton Altar Society are planning an open house at the Church on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 in conjunction with the Epiphany of our Lord.

We will be setting up Nativity sets displays, and **everyone** is invited to participate. We will have a few sets on display in the Church itself along with the normal Christmas decorations. All other displays will be in the basement and we will be serving cookies!

As we are still in the planning stages, more information to follow.

We do plan on mailing a special invitation to all of the Protestant churches in Osage County to come and see our beautiful church before it is torn down as well as to view the Nativity scenes. Free Will Offerings are appreciated.

The committee feels we need at least 100 + sets to make a good showing (200 would be even better) We will publicize this large number to encourage people to come and enjoy.

What we need NOW is a commitment from you to bring your Nativity sets for all to enjoy so we can get a count before we move forward with this project. I believe our numbers are already well over 60 and growing!

Please take a few minutes and fill out this form and return ASAP.

Before December 19<sup>th</sup>, we would like a short written statement about your set/s. Beside each set, we are planning on placing a small card that contains details about it. Before December 19th, please turn in a short statement about your set. Statements might include special meanings the set has for you and your family, information on a special piece in the set, facts about where the set came from, etc. Statements need not be elaborate – just something special to share. For example, Lois has a couple that came from Rome and were blessed by Pope Benedict.

We are also working on having the Priest give a special blessing over all of the Nativity sets. We want to make this a very special open house for ALL to enjoy.



Please return this form to the church office by December 13<sup>th</sup>, to Mary Burgett 836-7887, or to Lois Shuck 665-7893.

I \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to bring \_\_\_\_\_ Nativity set(s) For display at St Patrick's Scranton on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I will bring mine and set them up on Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring mine and have set up on Sunday before Mass (no later than 9:45) January 3<sup>rd</sup>. \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate amount of space needed for my display(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help \_\_\_\_\_ day and times. Anything special we need to know please explain.

Thank you for sharing!

St Patrick's of Scranton Altar Society

*ST PATIRCKS ~ SCRANTON ~ MEMORY TREE 1988 – 2015*

28 Christmas's ago at Christmas 1988, we started what we call "The Memory Tree" at St Patrick's. Over the years we have had accumulative donations of well over \$15,000. These donations have been used for different usages depending on the need of the parish for the given year. This year the money will be given to the "building fund".

The "memory tree" is open to **any and all** who would like to make a small donation and have their loved ones name placed on the tree in the form of a red bow with a string tag. These can be any person living or deceased that you would like to remember at this special time of the year, or for a special meaning to you, such as "being thankful" for any number of reasons.

Suggestion: Offering of \$3.00 *per person* per **RED BOW**

- Decease family members or friends even a special pet that you want to remember.
- Family members or friends that are serving in the military
- Family members or friends that won't be here in person this Christmas season
- Generic offerings, abused, abortion, hungry, sick, thankfulness, blessings, ETC.

**LIFE TIME ANGEL** ~ there are over 130 life time angels at present time.

We have beautiful little individual angels that are placed on the tree each year for a one time suggested offering of \$50.00 or more per name.

It is always quite beautiful and very memorable to each and every person. Let's make this the most memorable "memory tree" to you and your family this Christmas season. The tree will be included in our open house on January 3<sup>rd</sup> too.

Please get your names and donations given to, or mailed to Lois Shuck, 114 Walnut, Overbrook 66524 or Mary Burgett 2806 W 133<sup>rd</sup>, Carbondale 66414 no later than December 18. The earlier the better as this takes some work to get these made and on the beautiful tree the 20th.

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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We REMEMBER THEM

Thank you and a Very Merry Christmas to each and every one! Memory Tree committee