

# ST. MARY

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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

To be companions of Christ in transforming our surroundings with the love of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sunday Masses  
Saturday Vigil -5:30pm  
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

December 20, 2015

106 E. 8th St. • Newton KS 67114

[www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org)

**Parish Office Hours:** 9:00am-4:30pm  
Monday - Friday

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# Nativity of the Lord

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**OPEN ADORATION HOUR**  
9:00 PM.....Monday  
2:00 AM....Tuesday  
1:00 AM....Thursday

## Parish Events

### Scheduled This Week

RCIA: No class this week

Legion of Mary: No meeting this week.

PSR/CYM: No Class this week

Christmas Eve Mass @6:00PM & Midnight

Christmas Day Mass @ 10:00AM

Latin Mass @ 8 AM Sat.

Lord's Pantry Next Sunday - Families from S-Z

## Christmas Call to Sharing 2015

We are truly blessed in the Diocese of Wichita. We have 58 men in formation. The future looks amazingly bright. With this blessing however comes the challenge of providing for their education, the cost of which continues to increase each year. As our numbers in the priesthood increase, of course so will our numbers of retired priests. Will you help me educate our future priests and care for our retired priests? Bishop Carl A. Kemme, December 2015

### Our Deepest Sympathy...

..to the family of **Deb Oden**, mother of Scott Oden, who passed away last weekend.

...to the family of **Jerry Ainsworth**, brother of Frances Hayes and Barb Fayette who passed away last month.  
May the love of God comfort you all.

### Bishop Carroll Students and Parents from St. Mary

Please plan for your child(ren) at Bishop Carroll and at least one or both parents to attend a **Mandatory Meeting on Jan. 16th at 11:30 am in the School Cafeteria at St. Mary Catholic School**. It is imperative for you to attend this meeting in order for you child (ren) to attend Bishop Carroll for next year.

**Christopher Meister's Eagle Project** - There is still time to donate to the project of replacing stage curtains in the school and repainting the stage area. Please make checks payable to St. Mary and mark it Eagle Project.

## Stewardship Message- Dec. 20, 2015

**"Once One Chooses to be a Disciple of Christ...  
Stewardship is not an Option"**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

He shall be peace! The prophets delivered a message of a kingdom of peace to the people of God. The Israelites had experienced peace when the Lord was with them and turmoil when they lived without God. We likewise experience frustration rather than joy when we choose the pleasures of the world over the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the will of God should be our objective. The Virgin Mary, our model of stewardship, gave her full acceptance to God of the gift offered to her, bearing a son who would be our Savior. May we follow Mary in her response to the Lord: I come to do your will.

The St. Mary's, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Sacred Heart joint team for the **Harvey County Homeless Shelter** is scheduled to volunteer for the week of December 23, 2015 to December 30, 2015. Consider volunteering for this week. If you are interested, contact Harold Schorn, at 316-283-4055 or [harold@schorn-law.com](mailto:harold@schorn-law.com).

### A Message from the Stewardship Council

Thank you to all who have completed your Stewardship forms either online or on paper. At the end of January the Stewardship Council will be meeting with all ministry leaders to give them the updated lists of people who have signed up for their ministries this year. *It is very important to have as many forms completed as possible. It's not too late to hand in your Time & talent or Treasure commitment forms.* Extra forms can be found in the back of church or can be filled out online at [www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org)

**Dillons** is happy to announce that once again they have allocated \$2.0 million in 2016 to assist non-profits in the communities they serve. Community Rewards is the perfect partner for our organization because customers can easily donate to the charity of their choice; just by doing their normal grocery shopping each week!

As a reminder, we all need to visit the website to re-enroll in the program after January 1, 2016 in order for purchases throughout 2016 to credit to our church. You will need to sign in, and make your contribution selection by finding **St. Mary Church** or our organization number (**10426**). To do this use [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards) after Jan. 1, 2016.

You will know you have been successful as it will tell you on the bottom of your cash register receipt after you have used your plus card that a portion will go to St. Mary Church. The instructions are—

1. Sign in to your online account, or create a new account if you don't have one.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to Community Rewards
3. Click on *Enroll Now*
4. Find and select **St. Mary** either by name or organization number (**10426**)

## Our Gifts to God & Parish

**Fiscal Year July 2015 - June 2016**

### Collections for Dec. 13, 2015

Envelopes & Loose Cash.....	\$15,213.13
Children's collection.....	\$ 55.40
Total	\$15,268.53

Extra Efforts: Holy Day \$855.00

### Building Fund Receipts

Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 575.00
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**Budget per week is..... \$15,156.00**

Collections year to date compared to budget  
Through Dec. 13, 2015 ..... \$(18,266.56)

## St Mary School Happenings

St. Mary School has an opening for help with Guardian Angles (after school care) . This would be 1 or more days a week. This is a paid position. Contact the school office if interested.

**Remember to continue to collect your BOX TOPS and Campbell's soup labels throughout the year.** They can be dropped off at the office or collection slots in church.



**Adoration Chapel** to close over the holidays. It will close on Tues. Dec. 22nd at 12:00 Noon and reopen on Tues. Jan. 5th at 12:00 Noon

## Legion of Mary

**What is the Legion of Mary all about? What does this group do? How does the Legion serve the parish community? How do I go about getting my home enthroned during the HOLY YEAR OF MERCY? Well.....**

**all these questions will be answered at the Legion of Mary Open House, scheduled for January 16-17th weekend, after all the weekend Masses.**

**We have reserved the John Paul II room in the Parish Center. We will have displays, information sheets about the Legion, about home enthronements, and how to become a member of our praying community. Please reserve some time to stop by after all weekend Masses to meet the present representatives, sign up for home enthronements, and pick up information about our different memberships. Refreshments will be served.**

### Readings for the Week of Dec. 20, 2015

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56  
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66  
 Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79  
 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Night Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22  
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28



## Upcoming Women's Retreat

### Attention Women of Faith!

Women's Retreat Weekend is Jan. 29-30 at the Son Wray Ranch in Newton, KS. It is built on the theme "Woman of God". The retreat, featuring speaker and author Charlotte Ostermann and her "The Hope Spirit Wants YOU!" series, will help women learn about why they are so special to God and to understand and accept, with vigor, their role as woman in their homes and communities, among family and friends.

Charlotte Ostermann is a Catholic convert, freelance writer and editor, homemaker, poet, humorist, veteran educator, and spiritual mentor. Her book, *Souls at Rest: An Exploration of the Eucharist Sabbath*, has received the Catholic Writers Guild Seal of Approval. Among other works that have been published, The Catholic Truth Society published her booklet, *Making Sunday Special* in 2013. She blogs regularly for the Catholic Writers Guild, Roman Catholic Spiritual Direction and Catholic 365.com and was awarded the Maryvale Institute Certificate in Art, Beauty and Inspiration.

Registration is \$40. Scholarships are available. See form below. Questions? Call Lee Llamas, Tri-Parish Retreat Chairwoman, at 316-283-9000.

### REGISTRATION FORM:

#### 2016 Women's Retreat: Woman of God

**Pre-registration begins:** Dec. 12-13 after Mass

**Registration Deadline:** January 18

Friday, Jan. 29, from 6:30-10 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Son Wray Ranch, 5420 NW 24th ST, Newton KS 67114. The cost is \$40 per person. For scholarship information, call St. Mary's at [316-282-0459](tel:316-282-0459). To register, please complete the form below and mail the registration below to Lee Llamas at 908 Westridge Dr. Newton, KS 67114 cell: 316-283-9000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

## Mass Intentions

Tue. 12/22 5:30pm † Alice & † Albert Clouse  
Wed. 12/23 8:00am † Valetta Stroble  
Thur. 12/24 6:00pm † Tim Soth  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am † Nathan & † Peter Kratky  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am † Paul Conrady  
Sat. 12/26 8:00am † Marian Voelker  
Sat. 12/26 5:30pm † Irvin Schierling  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am † Annie Beugelsdyk  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am People of the Parish

## Super Bowl Lasagna

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Pick up days are Jan. 29 & 30 - 12:00-4:00,

January 31 10:00-1:00 at the Sacred Heart Par-

ish Center "Back Door" 414 Locust in Halstead

Not a super bowl fan? Order for a Valentine din-  
ner or a family dinner.

## New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Welcome and God Bless!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Our advertiser of the week is

*Welcome to*

**Kyle's  
Auto Service**

Please check his ad on  
the back of the bulletin.



## Liturgical Role

### Altar Servers

Wed. 12/23 8:00am S. Musser, M. Eustace, Azeneth Ramos  
Thur. 12/24 6:00pm G. Mathews, R. Zogelman, K. Martin  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am M. Kelso K. vanderWeg, Ryan Littlejohn  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am Patrick, D. & W. Graham, K. Steinmetz  
Sat. 12/26 5:30pm Wilson, Andrew & Madeline Eustace  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am G. Graham, T. Kendrick, Rebecca Ring  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am E. Blaufuss, O. Tierney, S. & K. Steinmetz

### Greeters & Gift Bearers

Thur. 12/24 6:00pm Marcia Mathews Family  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am Justin & Becky Patterson  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am Gary Littlejohn Family  
Sat. 12/26 5:30pm Susan Krotz  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am Daniel & Tammy Casey  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am Walt & Lois Silvernale

### Cantor/Accompanist

Thur. 12/24 6:00pm Children's Choir  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am Adult Choir  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am P. McNeill - S. Koerner  
Sat. 12/26 5:30pm M. Frazier - L. Curiel  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am M. McNeill - S. Koerner  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am A. Bridgeman - R. Littlejohn

### Lectors

Thur. 12/24 6:00pm Tami Carlgren - Sylvia Yoder  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am Megan Wilson - Monica Davis  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am Catherine Graham - Rodger Graham  
Sat. 12/26 5:30am Debra Henning - Robert Oswald  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am Carolyn Woerner - Vickie Smith  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am Alondra Torres - Carrol Langenhorst

### Sacristans

Daily Masses Dec. 22, 23 & 26 Phyllis Prouty  
Thur. 12/24 6:00pm Gary Chaffee  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am Janet Daily  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am Sharon McCall  
Sat. 12/26 5:30pm Shelly Oswald  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am Robert & Sharon McCall  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am Doug & Mary Ann Bruggeman

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses Dec. 23 None  
Thur. 12/24 6:00pm Sharon & Philip Stutey, Lynn Vigil  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am Daily, Becker, M. O'Halloran, M. Kratky  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am Shari McCall, Don & Shelly Hageman  
Sat. 12/26 5:30pm Paul O'Brien, R. Sadowski, Mike Weber  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am\*Phyllis Prouty, Fred Becker, Elesa Garcia  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am Beth Lowry, Janet Daily, Steve Holub

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to Hospital

December will be covered by Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Ushers

Thur. 12/24 6:00pm W. Eye, A. & S. Bollinger, R. TenEyck  
Fri. 12/25 12:00am C. Casey, L. Koehn, J. Meirowsky, T. Muth  
Fri. 12/25 10:00am P. McCreary, J. & C. Reid, S. Bockhaus  
Sat. 12/26 5:30pm K. & L. Kientz, D. Reida, R. TenEyck  
Sun. 12/27 8:30am R. Peters, A. Pitts, R. Schmitt, J. Sommers  
Sun. 12/27 10:30am A. Segura, F. Brown, R. & T. Carlgren

### Church Cleaners

Dec. 26- Kathy & Alan Pitts, Jenifer & Kevin Ensminger

### Wash Server Albs

Dec. 7 & 21 - Beth O'Halloran & Teri Wray