

Activities This Week

Finals Fun-Fun: See below for activities

Men's Group: Monday Night (Check Facebook)

Tuesday Night Formation: Tuesday after Mass

Newman Club Lunch: Wednesday 11am-1pm

Breakfast Club: Thursday 7:15am

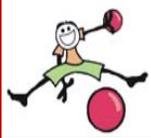
Adoration: Shorted due to Finals 10am-12pm

Commencement: Friday

Lord's Diner: Friday



**FINALS WEEK**

<p>Sunday-Thursday</p> <p>Snacks in the kitchen supplied by Catholic Faculty and Staff of PSU</p>	<p>Monday After 9pm Mass</p>  <p><b>DODGEBALL</b></p>	<p>Tuesday After 9pm Mass</p>  <p><b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b></p>	<p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Candlelit Mass and Adoration 9:00pm</p>	<p>Thursday 6:30pm</p>  <p><b>PIZZA/MOVIE NIGHT</b></p>
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**ACTIVITIES**

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*Mass Times*

Sunday 6:00 pm



Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

9:00pm

Confessions 30 Minutes before all Masses

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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## Message from Fr. David



During the month of December, every celebration seems to roll together all at once. We're preparing for Christmas with the season of Advent, but there's also the feasts of St. Nicholas, Immaculate Conception, and many others. We also have dead week, finals week, graduation, trips home, vacation, Christmas parties, and everyone's favorite Christmas movies. Seems like too much. Be assured of my prayers for everyone as you travel home for the Christmas break and have some rest from the busyness of school. Many congrats to all of the graduates this year and know that we will miss you greatly.

The one feast that gets lost in our English speaking culture in all this busyness, however, is Our Lady of Guadalupe! Her feast is Dec. 12th. Among the Spanish speaking portion of our culture, they focus on Dec. 12th so much, that all the other feasts and meditations become lost. In my home parish in St. Pat's in Wichita, they had such an influx of Hispanics, that many years ago they had to cancel school on Dec. 12th because the Hispanic families were not sending their children to school. You might think this strange, but that day is akin to Christmas for them. They stay up till midnight singing songs and praying, they have parades, dances, morning Masses, early morning parties, celebrations throughout the day, a lot of family time - normal routines are definitely not on their minds.

Why may you ask? In 1531, in just the beginnings of the "discovery" of the new world, missionaries were beginning to spread the Gospel through a culture in Mexico that valued slavery through war and uncanny amounts of human sacrifice. In that setting, a Christian man, named Juan Diego, was asked by a beautiful lady who appeared to him, to go to the Bishop and request a Church be built on this hill next to Mexico City. Through many circumstances, eventually he was given a sign to take up roses that had bloomed in winter and bring them to the Bishop. On his tilma, underneath the roses that he had gathered, appeared the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This image is still on display almost 500 years later. It was imprinted on cactus fiber that should deteriorated in the lifetime of St. Juan Diego. People have tried to sabotage and damage it, but Mary is still brightly on display on that hill next to Mexico

City in a bigger Church than was originally built. From that time, the culture of Mexico went from a culture of death and slavery to one of the most Catholic countries in the world - all in the space of a century! The priests had to write to Rome to be granted permission to do shortened baptismal rituals because so many people wanted the Sacraments. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

## Liturgical Ministers

<b>Mon. 12/11</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>
Intention	Carolyn Martin
Servers:	Joseph Polholpek
Reader:	Riley Zerr
Sacristan:	Alexi Patterson
<b>Tues. 12/12</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>
Intention	Intention of the Celebrant
Servers:	Ryan Asauskas
Reader:	Jon Hunter
Sacristan:	Ashley Anderson
<b>Wed. 12/13</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>
Intention	Madeline Moutz
Servers:	Ethan Stallbaumer
Reader:	Katherine Bruley
Sacristan:	Noelle Dooley
<b>Thurs. 12/14</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>
Intention	Intention of the Celebrant
Servers:	Keaton McCracken
Reader:	Christina Metzger
Sacristan:	Amy Suenram
<b>Sunday 12/17</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Intention	Faculty and Staff of PSU
Servers:	Evan Burke
	Jonah Dellasega
Reader:	Lynzee Flores
Sacristan:	Abbi Morgan
Ushers:	Matthew Polak
	Austin Kratz
Communion:	Alex Yager
	Jospeh Polholpek

**Last Week Collection: \$129.00**

**Year to Date: \$4612.13**

**(Fiscal Year beginning  
July 1, 2017)**

## Mass Schedule

There will be Mass each night, Monday-Thursday of Finals week. This is a great Study Break as the Lord does mighty things!

## Adoration

There will be adoration this week, but the hours will be shortened to 10:00am-12:00pm.

## Lord's Diner

This Friday, the Newman Club will be serving at the Lord's Diner. Due to graduation and Christmas Break, we may be short on volunteers, so please consider helping. Thank you!

## THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to all who help rake and blow leaves this year. Due to your help, along with those who donated during Wednesday Lunches, we are going to be able to help more families this year!

## PRAYER FOR ADVENT

LORD JESUS, you alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. Through baptism, you have claimed us for yourself, but too often we live as if we belong only to ourselves. May this season of Advent remind us that you have blessed us, so that, in gratitude, we may live the gospel more faithfully. As we prepare to celebrate the miracle of your Incarnation, may we attend to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters, the body of Christ in our midst. Amen.