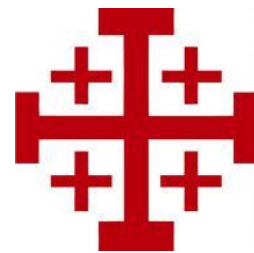


PASTOR'S CORNER



THE BISHOP IS COMING, THE BISHOP IS COMING!

Bishop Carl Kemme will be at Holy Name and St. Mary Parishes on the weekend of Feb 11/12, 2017. For more than three years Bishop Kemme has been going throughout the diocese visiting each of the parishes that make up the Diocese of Wichita. Bishop Kemme will invoke the Holy Spirit upon fifteen of our high school students at the 5:30 P.M. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 11.

I would like to thank Don Ziegler and Tim Toon who have instructed these young people the past two years. Please keep these young people in your prayers next Sunday evening, Feb. 5, as they make their final preparations with an evening of recollection and a rehearsal. Following the Confirmation Mass the Altar Society will host a reception for our newly confirmed, their sponsors and family, as well as the whole parish. Please come over to congratulate our young people on their spiritual milestone and meet Bishop Kemme.

Prior to Confirmation Bishop Kemme will be meeting with the parish staff, the Stewardship Council members, and the Finance Council members for an informal conversation regarding the life of the parishes. We will be discussing the blessings of our parishes, the challenges of our parishes, and the needs of the parishes that would make us better parishes. The Pastoral Councils to be formed will use the information gathered, as well as information gathered from all the parishioners at a later date to develop a pastoral plan.

Be watching the bulletin for future announcements from the Pastoral Councils. After that meeting, Bishop Kemme will take my place in the main confessional and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for whoever comes. If going to confession to a Bishop is on your bucket list Saturday, Feb. 11, from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. will be your opportunity.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, Bishop Kemme will also preside and preach at both the 8:30 A.M. Mass at St. Mary and 10:30 A.M. Mass at Holy Name. After the 8:30 A.M. Mass, St Mary will be hosting a reception of breakfast breads, juice, and coffee. Please come meet the Bishop as he desires to meet as many of his flock during his visit.

After the 10:30 A.M. Mass the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a potluck luncheon. They will prepare meat and potatoes. Parishioners whose last name begins with A-M are asked to bring a salad, and those whose last name begins with N-Z are asked to bring a vegetable. The parish will take care of the dessert. Even if you go to the 5:30 P.M. Saturday evening Mass or the 8:30 A.M. Sunday morning Mass you are welcome to come back for the luncheon. So that enough food is ordered please email or call the parish office with a count of those attending from your family. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate the life of our parish families.