

December 7, 2008: 2nd Sunday of Advent



As it is written in
Isaiah the prophet:
"Behold, I am
sending my
messenger ahead of
you; He will prepare
your way." - Mk 1:2

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, December 7 (Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8)

8:00 AM- Robert & Rosa Helmcamp

10:30 AM- Joe P. Zappe

5:00 PM- Special Intention for Recovery (Luke Bludau)

(Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception)

Monday, December 8 (Gn 3:9-15,20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38)

6:45 AM- Hubert & Hedwig Spanihel (Immaculate Conception)

8:05 AM- Daniel & Eddie Stock

10:00 AM- Rosie Nagle (H'ville Rehab)

12:05 PM- Lucille McCord Jones

Tuesday, December 9 (Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14)

7:00 AM- Larry & Charlie Reeves

Wednesday, December 10 (Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30)

7:00 AM- Adolf, Minnie, James & Clarence Berger

8:05 AM- Harold & Georgia Ludwig

Thursday, December 11 (Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15)

7:00 AM- Louis, Stazie & Jerome Haas

10:00 AM- Irene Otahal (Stevens)

Friday, December 12 (Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38)

6:30 AM- Richard Dixon (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:05 AM- John & Elrose Haas; Marjorie Chanek

Saturday, December 13 (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13)

5:30 PM- For our Parish Family

Sunday, Dec. 14 (Is 61:1-2a,10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

8:00 AM- James Grahmann

10:30 AM- Jim & Josephine Gutierrez

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Hallettsville Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.

Vigil Light Sponsor: Special intention for health.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes- \$5,226.50; Loose- \$1,282; Children's- \$107; Campaign for Human Dev.- \$669; Catholic Ed.- \$773; Manna Food Pantry- \$1,056.

Anniversaries:

Daniel & Donna Appelt 30 years Dec. 8

Flowers in church for Thanksgiving were in memory of Eugene Novak.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Ethel Bludau, Adela Pohl & Alfonse Mucala of our parish family; Jerry Malina, father of Frances Henke, and Bill Ross, father of Melissa Leopold. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

Calendar Membership Winners: Nov 27: Sydney Migura-\$100; **Nov 28:** Roland Henneke-\$100; **Dec 1:** Daniel Trlicek-\$50; **Dec 2:** Melba Armstrong-\$50; **Dec 3:** Alice Kallus-\$50.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

-Youth Noodle Soup Lunch & Bake Sale at the Youth House after 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

-Gifts for nursing home residents should be brought to the Sharing Tree boxes in the church foyer by today. Please attach name tags to the gifts.

-Christian Mothers Christmas Party, 5 pm, Family Center.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

-Rosary & Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

-Quilting Circle: 9 a.m. – Noon, KC Hall of Fame Room.

-KC's & Catholic Daughters Christmas Party; Social 6:30 pm; Dinner 7:30 pm. Spouses are invited.

-RCIA Class: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study: 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. in the Rectory.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

-CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in the church.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Johnny Rainosek, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Harvey Prasek, Paige Haas, Annette Krupala, Juno Werner, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Dalton Bubela, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, nursing home residents & homebound.

Baptisms in November: Madelyn Joann, daughter of Jason & Amanda Kurtz; Abigail Jacqueline Bernadette & Audrey Celeste Therese, daughters of Sylvian & Kelly Ross; Evan Daniel, son of Eric & LaSae Rother; Layne Ronald, son of Ronnie & Danielle Sevcik; Jaxon Rhett, son of Roxanne Maikoetter; Elizabeth Faith, daughter of Joshua & Ashley Grahmann; and Trenton Charles, son of Kevin Steffek & Tiffani Croy.

Welcome to the Parish: Julius & Rose Mary Sedlar; David W. Klesel; Bill & Debbie Eilers.

Christmas shopping? Stop by the Rectory Gift Shop and browse through our selection of Nativity sets, Advent Wreaths, ornaments, statues & other Christmas items. We also have afghans, history books, cook books, bibles, rosaries, medals and much more.

Christmas Flowers: Donations are being accepted. You may come by the Rectory at your earliest convenience, or place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you.



From the Desk of Father John

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the only human being conceived without sin. This was a special gift God gave to Mary because she was going to be the mother of His Son, Jesus Christ.

On December 12th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Under this title, she is the Patroness of Mexico and also of all the Americas. We have a special celebration on the morning of the Feast with Mass at 6:30 a.m. with music by the Spanish Choir and then breakfast tacos, pan dulce (sweet bread), coffee and juice afterwards in the Family Center.

On January 1st, we honor Mary in a special way as the Mother of God.

At this time of the year, Mary is given much recognition because of her special role. She brought Jesus into the world and she continually points the way to Jesus for all of us. Through her intercession and direction, let us always follow Jesus more closely.



The Youth ConneXion



December 7: Noodle Soup & Bake Sale at the Youth House after the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

December 13: CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. at the Youth House. We will be going to Steven's Nursing & Rehab. Center to visit the residents.

December 14: High School Youth gathering & Christmas party has been moved to December 21 after Firefall.

December 21: Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in the church followed by High School Youth gathering & Christmas Party at the Youth House. Those who would like to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange need to bring a \$10 gift that is suitable for anyone.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

December 17: Mass at 6:15 p.m. for CCD students & their parents. Liturgy by 11th Grade.

December 24 & 31: No CCD (Christmas Holidays).

Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

***3rd & 4th Grade Christmas Program:** December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

***Band Christmas Concert:** Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Refreshments will be served.

***PreK – 2nd Grade Christmas Program:** December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

KJZT No. 2 Christmas Party, Sunday, December 14 in the Family Center. Social 4:00 p.m.; Dinner provided by the Society at 5:00 p.m. Members & spouses are invited. RSVP by December 9th to Bea Heinzl, 798-4186.

Second Sunday Of Advent

Admit it – you are already making yourselves crazy, what with decorations and gifts and special meals and travel plans, not to mention sending out the cards and annual letters. Some of you may even be thinking, "I'll be glad when all of this is over!" though I certainly hope not! Think back to those days over 2,000 years ago; under the quiet cover of night's darkness, a young couple set out on a journey. There was nothing of what we've added to this season, only quiet anticipation and prayer as they slowly made their way to an as yet unknown destination.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four, but is often described as the most striking and descriptive. Today's reading, from the beginning of the book, introduces us to John the Baptist. He is described as a voice of one, crying out in the desert, announcing to everyone who will hear him that the Messiah is coming. Imagine the excitement of those who listened to John; after centuries of waiting, the Christ was coming to baptize with the promised Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes St. John the Baptist as "the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way" (CCC 523). Indeed, he was the last of the prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus Christ. Appearing with the characteristics of an Old Testament prophet, this holiest of men had waited all of his life for the moment when he could announce the coming of the Savior. He was patient; he was faithful. During this Advent season, as we remember the promise of a Savior who would save us from our sins, let us pray for patience and faith through the Holy Spirit. Now is the time for peace in our lives and in our hearts.



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Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain.

We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.



Pro-Life: All civilized societies restrict individual freedoms when that choice would harm an innocent person. If one would emphasize a rapist's right to choose to rape, it would completely ignore the rights of the victim. By allowing a woman to choose an abortion we are completely ignoring the rights of the baby. Some "choices" are wrong.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Msgr. Stanley Petru's 60th Anniversary:

Franklin Billimek 40.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of Victor Buzek:

Arthur Etzler, Jr. 25.00

In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Sherry Hale 10.00

