

December 12, 2010: Third Sunday of Advent



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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, December 12 (Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Jim & Josephine Gutierrez
5:00 pm- (Spanish Mass) Jose Guadalupe, Carlos,
& Adriana Hernandez

Monday, December 13, St. Lucy, virgin & martyr (Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27)

7:00 am- Rose Marie Pekar
10:00 am- Rudolph & Stazie Jurena (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church (Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32)

7:00 am- Raymond & Judith Ohnheiser, Jonathan Shimek

Wednesday, Dec. 15 (Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23)

7:00 am- Henry, Elizabeth, Celie, David & Cheryl Henke
8:05 am- Frank Krenek

Thursday, December 16 (Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30)

7:00 am- Joe N. Steffek
10:00 am- Louis & Julia Satsky (Stevens)

Friday, December 17 (Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17)

7:00 am- Adolf, Mary, Jerome & Fred Jansky
8:05 am- Agnes & Laverne Grahmann

Saturday, December 18 (Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25)

5:30 pm- Herbert, Heddy, Robert & Wilbert Greer, H.G. Cobb

Sunday, December 19 (Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Eugene & Eva Brent



Area Penance Services

Moulton: Monday, December 13 – 5:30 p.m.
Shiner: Tuesday, December 14 – 5:30 p.m.
Hallettsville: Thursday, December 16 – 5:30 p.m.
Yoakum: Friday, December 17 – 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Confession Schedule

Sacred Heart:

Friday, December 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 18, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 21, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary's: Saturday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.

Moravia: Saturday, December 18, 5:00-5:45 p.m.

St. John: Monday, December 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart: Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. &
12:00 midnight. Christmas Day – 8:05 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary's: Christmas Eve – 12:00 midnight.
Christmas Day – 9:15 a.m.
Moravia: Christmas Eve – 5:00 p.m.
St. John: Christmas Day – 9:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

-KJZT #2 Christmas Party, 10:00 a.m., Family Center.
-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
-SHCS Booster Club fudge pick up, 5 - 7 pm, KC Hall.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

-CCD: Grades K-12th, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
-English Class, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Family Center.
-Scripture Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.
Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
-Czech Heritage Society Christmas Party, 2:00 - 6:00
p.m., Family Center.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Marge Rehm, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Danielle Grady, Carl Pederson, Mary Ann Koenig, John Pavliska, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, Raymond Palmer, Theresa Steffek, Arnold Rother, Dolores Ludwig, Mary Ann Pustejovsky, Bill Gohlke, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob & Lou Kubena in memory of Jim & Josephine Gutierrez.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Irene Szwarc in memory of Gene Szwarc & Frank & Agnes Polansky.

Vigil Light: In memory of Josephine Matejek.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,806; Building Repair Fund-\$1,152; Loose-\$1,313; Children-\$35.

Fund Drive for house at 318 S. Texana: Goal \$40,000

Donation received from Allan & Evelyn Lanik \$ 1,000
Total Donations Received To Date \$15,675

Calendar Membership: **Dec 2:** Logan Holik-\$100; **Dec 3:** Blahuta Advertising-\$100; **Dec 6:** Anthony Petru-\$50; **Dec 7:** Barbara Quinn, Houston-\$50; **Dec 8:** Jason & Kelly Haas, College Station-\$50.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement fund for Religious supports basic necessities such as prescription drugs and nursing care. Please give generously to today's second collection.



To contribute toward the Christmas flowers, you may bring your donation to the Rectory, or place it in an envelope & drop it in the collection

basket.

From the Desk of Father John

Today we celebrate *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday. We are half way through the Advent Season. We rejoice as we continue to prepare for Christ at Christmas. Let us be spiritually prepared.

For the second year in a row Sacred Heart has won first place in the Commercial Religious Decorating Contest. A special thank you goes to Margaret Dornak and Eddie Kosh for getting the Nativity all set up and decorated.

Today, December 12, we also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have the Spanish Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a covered dish meal along with Pan Dulce (Sweet Bread).

As we approach the end of the year, you may want to make extra tax deductible donations. We are still in need of donations for the house the parish purchased next to the gym. The total cost was \$40,000. The balance remaining is \$24,325.



The Youth ConneXion

Kris Hermes 798-0655



Music Practice: Monday's @ 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

Sacred Heart Catholic School ~~ Office: 798-4251

Dec. 12: Band Christmas Concert, 6:00 p.m., Gym.

Dec. 14: 3-4 Grade Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m., Gym.

Feb. 5: Extravaganza! Tickets now available for purchase at the school office, Sacred Heart Credit Union & the Rectory. \$125 per couple. (*Great Christmas gift!*)

Support Catholic Schools Sweepstakes. Support SHCS by purchasing a \$5 raffle ticket for the Catholic School Sweepstakes sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance. All monies from the sale of the tickets go to our school. Grand prize 2011 Ford F150, 2011 Ford Fusion or \$20,000 prepaid VISA card. Secondary prizes are prepaid VISA credit cards: (2) \$5,000, (2) \$2,500 & (5) \$1,000. Tickets may be purchased from SHCS students or at the school office or the Rectory. Tickets sold thru January 7, 2011. Drawing will be held on January 29, 2011.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Angela McConnell, Coordinator

Dec. 22 & 29: No class – Christmas Holiday.

RCIA/Adult Education – The 2011 Spring Class Schedule and Topics for Fr. Tommy's Tuesday night Religion Classes are now available at each of the exits of the church. They are printed on bright yellow paper.



K.C.'s & Catholic Daughters Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 21. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m.; meal served at 7:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters members to provide hors

d'oeuvres. \$3 per person. RSVP: 798-2311 before December 16.

Perpetual Adoration – An adorer is needed on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

Perpetual Adoration will end at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 4:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve. If you cannot fulfill your hour on either of those days, please find a replacement or call your hourly captain. For questions, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

Miniatures of the Seminarian Vocation poster are now available at each of the exits of the church. Please pick one up and take it home and remember to pray for these men who may be our future priests! The addresses to their seminaries are provided, in case you would like to write to them or send them some goodies.



Advent Wreath Prayer – 3rd Week (3 purple candles lit): *As we draw near to You, Lord God, keep us aware of Your presence in all we do. Come with power to enlighten us by Your grace, that we may live in praise and peace all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.* (Burn candles during evening meals, at prayers or at bedtime.)

3rd Sunday of Advent

Medical professionals who care for the sick continue their work day after day in hospitals and clinics, in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. Simple cataract surgery restores sight to many elderly people. Innovations in artificial limbs makes it possible for severely injured veterans who are amputees to be able to walk again. Hansen's disease (leprosy) has been almost completely eliminated, and people infected with HIV have been given a new lease on life with modern drugs. Cochlear implants make it possible for many who had become deaf to be able to hear again. And the stories about people who are saved because of automatic defibrillators are recounted almost weekly in the media.

In this day and age, we could indeed act upon Jesus' words to "go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised" (Mt 11:4-5). These very things are happening today in hospitals and clinics all over the world. The miracles of Jesus take place each and every day.

There is one more thing that Jesus told John's disciples that they should recount to him: the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. There are lots of opportunities for Christians to bring good news to the poor during this time of year. Many parishes have programs in place to help the needy, especially at Christmas. Many of us feel particularly generous in extending a helping hand. Contributions like that are great! But proclaiming good news is about more than a check. It also means working with organizations that are trying to alleviate poverty. We're not all qualified to be physicians who work the miracles

of healing, but we can work the miracle of ending poverty through our advocacy for the poor.