

December 19, 2010: Fourth Sunday of Advent



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. — Mt 1:18-24

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

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

Monday, December 20 (Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38)

7:00 am- Victor & Alma Brosch
10:00 am- Victor & Annie Leopold (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church (Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45)

7:00 am- Laddie & Mary Konvicka

Wednesday, December 22 (1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56)

7:00 am- John & Olga Haas
8:05 am- Paul P. & Mary J. Janak

Thursday, December 23, St. John of Kanty, priest (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66)

7:00 am- Joe & Helen Etzler
10:00 am- Simon, Julia, Adolph & Martha Hruzek (Stevens)

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve (Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25; Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14/Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25)

4:00 pm- (Children's Mass) Hilbert & Agnes Bludau
6:00 pm- Jim Bludau & Rose Marie Trojcak
12:00 am- Gene, Frances & I. E. Valenta

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day (Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Erwin F. Biehunko, Fred J. & Hattie Ehler
5:30 pm- Frank & Annie Schaefer, Wylie & Mary Jansky

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)

8:00 am- Bunny Dornak, Carl & Hilda Buss, August & Caroline Dornak
10:30 am- Otto Lee Zappe

Christmas Confession Schedule

Sacred Heart:

Tuesday, December 21, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 22, 5:00 – 6:00 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.



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Family Center.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-JCDA meet at Family Center at 2:00 p.m. We will go caroling to the nursing home & return to Family Center around 3:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

-Quilting Circle will not meet until January 4th.

-KC's & Catholic Daughters Christmas Party, KC Hall. Social hour - 6:00 p.m.; meal served at 7:00 p.m. CDA members to provide hors d'oeuvres.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

-No CCD class.

-No Scripture Study.

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, Dolores Ludwig, Mary Ann Pustejovsky, Bill Gohlke, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob & Lou Kubena in memory of Eugene & Eva Brent.

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Vigil Light: In memory of Hilda & Hilton Elstner & Bill Sobotik.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,489.50; Immaculate Conception-\$1,150; Loose-\$1,526; Children-\$39.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Alfonse F. Grahmann, Margaret Myers, Arnold Rother & Helen DeLaRosa* of our parish family. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

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

Donation received from the Arnold J. &

Irene B. Kocurek Family Foundation \$10,000

Total Donations Received To Date \$25,675

Remaining Balance -\$14,325

Calendar Membership: **Dec 9:** Elsie Grahmann-\$100; **Dec 10:** Agnes Huser-\$100; **Dec 13:** Joann Kristek-\$50; **Dec 14:** Matthew Bludau-\$50; **Dec 15:** Bobby L. Bentley-\$50.

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.

The Rectory will be closed on Friday, December 24.

We thank the ladies who applied for the position of Sacred Heart Early Childhood and Day Care Director. The Day Care Board met and interviewed each applicant and after consideration, the Board has decided to hire Kulah Grant as the new director. Kulah has been with the Day Care for the last nine years and has served as the Associate Director with Amy Shimek. We welcome Kulah and we thank Amy for the wonderful job she has done as Director since the beginning of the Day Care ten years ago.

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. We have one more week to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' Birthday. Let us spend some extra time in prayer during this final week of Advent.

We welcome everyone who is coming home or just coming to Hallettsville to be with family and friends for Christmas. This is always a very special time of the year for us as Catholics as we celebrate the Birthday of Our Lord.

When you greet people, be sure to wish them a Merry Christmas, because if it wasn't for Christ, there would be no Christmas. "Happy holidays" really doesn't mean much. This could apply to any holiday of the year.

May you all have a very blessed Christmas!



The Youth ConneXion

Kris Hermes 798-0655



Music Practice: No practice in December.

Sacred Heart Catholic School ~ Office: 798-4251

Dec. 20: High School Reconciliation, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Early dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 21: Early dismissal at 12:00 noon for Christmas Holidays. No extended care.

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.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" car & refrigerator magnets are available at Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union & the K.C. Hall for \$5 each.

Fat Albert's BBQ Restaurant, Yoakum is pleased to announce our **3rd Annual Community Christmas Dinner**. On **Christmas Day**, from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** the restaurant will be serving a hot, traditional Christmas dinner complete with all the trimmings, complimentary to anyone in the community who is facing the holidays alone, experiencing difficult financial times, or needing some Christian fellowship. Please share this information with anyone who would benefit from this event. Those interested in volunteering to help at this event should call **Jo Ann Pena at (512) 300-5675**.

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, please call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

Miniatures of the Seminarian Vocation poster are available at each of the exits of the church. Please take one 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 – 4th Week (All candles lit): *Come, O Wisdom of God Most High, & fill our hearts with Your word of truth. Come, O Giver of the Law, that we may be strengthened by Your mighty power. Come, O Flower of Jesse's Root, that we may be made fruitful witnesses of Your love. Come, O Key of David, to unlock the darkness of sin & free us by Your grace. Come, O Radiant Dawn, Sun of Justice, & fill us with Your saving light. Come, O King of the Nations, & bind us all together in the unity & peace we seek. Come, O Emmanuel, Presence of God among us, & fill our hearts with every good gift. Come Lord Jesus! (Burn candles during evening meals, at prayers or at bedtime.)*

Religious give thanks: Women & men religious throughout the country offer heartfelt thanks for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.



Merry Christmas!
Veselé Vánoce! Frohe
Weihnachten! Feliz

Navidad!



First Thursday Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations.

Every First Thursday, the Church commemorates Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of his Body and of the holy Priesthood which is intrinsically tied to the Eucharist. Join us each First Thursday for a special Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the church from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for the intention of the priests and seminarians of our Diocese of Victoria and to pray for more good and holy priests for the service of our diocese. The next First Thursday is on January 6, 2011.

The Nativity of the Lord –

"Today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord, Alleluia!" The words come from the Gospel acclamation for the day, and it is important to note the tense of the verb. (Yes, it's time to go back to fifth grade English.) A Savior is born for us- "is" is the present tense. Of course, the birth of Jesus took place far in the past. So why not say it that way: "A Savior was born"? The words today are really important, and have to do with what is going on in our celebration of Christmas.

Let's start with the fact that we don't really know on what day Jesus was born. While we each have a birth certificate that lists a specific date, there is no such record for Jesus. So on December 25 we are not celebrating His "birthday" as we might remember our own. So what are we doing today?

Most of us will gather with family or friends. We will open gifts, maybe have a special meal, do some relaxing things together. We'll make a holiday of the day. Through all that we do today, the fact that Jesus is born may at first escape us, but it is no less important. As baptized Christians this day is more than a holiday. And it really has less to do with Jesus and what happened to Him than it has to do with what is happening to us. In His birth, Jesus brought together the human and the divine. He gave us a share in the divine life that is His. St. John describes it this way when he writes in the first chapter of his Gospel, "to those who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God" (v. 12). Today's feast is nothing less than a celebration of the opportunity for humankind to share in God's life. And it happens today, because a Savior is born in us. 2010 Liturgical Publications Inc



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