

## December 8, 2013: Second Sunday of Advent



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. — Mt 3:4-6

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### LITURGY

#### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

##### Sunday, Dec. 8 (Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12)

8:00 am- James Kouba

10:30 am- Jim & Josephine Gutierrez, Frank Gutierrez

##### Monday, December 9, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feastday of the U.S.A. (Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38)

6:45 am- Living & deceased members of Adolf & Minnie Berger family

8:05 am- Recovery of Terry Mitchon Bludau & Frances Kallus

10:00 am- Magdalene Kristek (H'ville Rehab)

12:00 pm- Larry Appelt

##### Tuesday, December 10 (Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14)

7:00 am- Dennis Smirak

##### Wednesday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope (Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30)

7:00 am- Lawrence & Ruth Grubert

8:05 am- Joe, Lillian, Katie & Sophie Muhlstein

6:15 pm- Ronald Brown (CCD Mass)

##### Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38)

6:30 am-Serapo Chapo DeLaRosa, Helen DeLaRosa (Spanish Mass)

10:00 am- Marvin Steffek (Stevens)

##### Friday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19)

7:00 am- Steve & Irene Otahal

8:05 am- Kelly Wood

##### Saturday, Dec. 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13)

5:30 pm- Urban Hemmi

##### Sunday, Dec. 15 (Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11)

8:00 am- Alfonse, Dorothy, Evelyn & Ervin Grahmann

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Church Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** Bob Kubena in memory of Jim, Josephine & Frank Gutierrez.

**Vigil Light:** In celebration of Ron & Marie Ridgeway's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,551; Bldg. Repair Fund-\$659; Catholic Ed.-\$415; Loose-\$1,678; Children-\$70.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Lena Grafe*, *Marie Grafe* and *Bobby Pavliska* of our parish family. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

-KJZT Society #2 Christmas Party, 12:00 noon, Family Center.

-Christian Mothers Christmas Party, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Family Center.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Choir practice, 6:15-8:30 p.m., Church

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

-CCD: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

-SHCS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

-Singing before the 6:30 a.m. Mass will begin shortly after 6:00 a.m.

-RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center. Call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Debby Kolos, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Yvonne Muska, Russell Janak, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Elrose Ehler, Melissa Pilat, Gregory Dornak, Andrew Pesek, Wilton Hrnair, Frances Kallus, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

### **Mass Schedule at Mission Churches for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

St. Mary's – Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

St. John – Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Advent Penance Services:**

St. Joseph, Yoakum – Monday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph, Moulton – Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart – Thursday, December 19, 5:30 p.m.

(Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner does not participate.)

Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be held at all Masses this weekend. Sponsored by Christian Mothers Society.

**Perpetual Adoration:** Adorers are needed at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and 4:00 a.m. on Fridays. If you are able to spend this hour with Our Lord in prayer and adoration, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

Retreat at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria for single Catholic women 18-50, January 11-12. For information or reservation, call 575-7111 or [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com).

**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

Sacred Heart Day Care has been in operation for the past thirteen years. We have been blessed to have this facility to serve our very young people. Amy Shimek served as its first director for the first ten years and Kulah Grant, who was on staff from the very beginning, served as director the last three years.

Due to declining enrollment and the rising cost of managing a daycare facility, the daycare board voted unanimously to permanently close its operations as of Friday, December 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

We thank everyone who has served in the Day Care, used the Day Care or helped with it in any way.

Anniversaries:

Daniel & Donna Appelt                      35 years                      Dec. 8

**CCD News** ~~

Dec. 11: Mass Day – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade participates.

Dec. 18: Regular class day.

Dec. 25 & Jan. 1: Classes dismissed.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School News** ~~

Dec. 8: Christmas Band Concert, Grs. 5-8, 6 pm, Gym.

Dec. 9: Student Council Blood Drive, 11am-6pm.

Dec. 10: Kinder Deputy Santa Bake Sale, 11am-12noon.

Dec. 11: Grs. 3-4 Christmas Program, 6:30 pm, Gym.

Dec. 17: K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Christmas Program, 6:30 pm, Gym

**Sacred Heart Youth** ~~ Our next youth event will be held at Hallettsville Rehab on December 8th from 2:00-3:30 p.m. We will play games with the residents. Pope Francis has put particular emphasis on the care and love of the elderly. Let us stretch our hearts and give a little of our time. We will meet at the nursing home just before 2 pm. All youth must bring a signed permission note to take part in the event. God bless!

**Calendar Membership:** Nov. 28: Cole Easterling, Columbus-\$100; Nov. 29: Rev. Michael Petering, Edna-\$100; Dec. 2: Charlene Fishar-\$50; Dec. 3: James Zaruba-\$50; Dec. 4: Ashley Butschek-\$50.

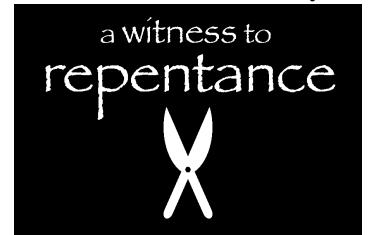
Now available at the Rectory, Advent Wreaths, candles, nativities, ornaments, etc. for your Christmas shopping.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School Extravaganza!**

**Saturday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m., Knights of Columbus Hall.** Cost per ticket is \$125, which covers the entry fee for two people, refreshments for the entire evening, a steak dinner with all the trimmings, and a dance with live music by "Cactus Country." Tickets are now available for purchase at SHCS Office, Sacred Heart Credit Union and the Rectory. *This would make a great Christmas gift for that someone who is hard to shop for!*

**Second Sunday of Advent –**

"Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." John the Baptist meant business. He proclaimed a serious message of change and conversion in words that, today, might earn him the label of a "hellfire and brimstone" preacher. But he was more than a preacher; he was a witness to repentance. Indeed, he must have been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. Anyone who heard him preaching must have taken notice, even if they didn't take heed. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people's attention.



But will he get ours? Because we've heard this story before, we might be inclined to glaze over its inherent drama. He urges us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" This is the moment! Now is the time! Advent especially reminds us to examine our lives and renew our commitment to Christ. As John the Baptist put it, we are called to "produce good fruit as evidence" of our repentance.

True conversion reveals itself outwardly. When our hearts change, our actions do too. Charity replaces criticism. Forgiveness replaces anger. Service replaces selfishness. This marks the difference between a "tree" that is firmly rooted in Christ, and one that's only good for a pile of firewood. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees." This Advent, may we feel the urgency of John's words and get about the serious business of repentance. ©2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**

**In memory of Victor Steffek:** Harvey & Doyleen Drozd-\$10; Mary Ann Watson-\$25; Brad, Kim & Paige Wright-\$50; Knights of Columbus Council 2433-\$25; Peoples State Bank-\$50.

**In memory of Bobby Pavliska:** Knights of Columbus Council 2433:-\$25.

**In memory of Agnes Holik:** Peoples State Bank-\$10.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND –**

**In memory of Timothy Brosch:** Bob Kubena-\$20

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

**In memory of Victor Steffek:** Evelyn & Phillip Bujnoch-\$10.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND –**

**In memory of Agnes Holik:** Ella Mae Bludau-\$20.

**In memory of Sedra Gutierrez, Larry Appelt, & Alois Peanut Leopold:** Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$30.

**In memory of Elizabeth Korinek:** David & Melissa Pokluda Family-\$20.



*Please pray for vocations to the  
priesthood & religious life!*



**Parish Financial Report – October, 2013**

<b><u>Church Income:</u></b>	
Sunday Collections	\$ 25,806.00
World Mission Collection	955.00
Other Donations	1,963.85
Family Center Rental	550.00
Interest	494.94
Religious Articles	1,564.80
Picnic Transfer	<u>16,000.00</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 47,334.59</u>

<b><u>School Income:</u></b>	
Tuition	\$ 64,016.00
Extended Care	2,060.00
Student Fees	603.87
Catholic Education Envelopes	2,761.00
Memorials	1,192.00
Miscellaneous	<u>460.00</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$ 71,092.87</u>

<b><u>Church Expenses:</u></b>	
Salaries	\$ 8,131.50
Church Expense	1,663.19
Rectory Expense	638.37
Office Expense	1,441.62
World Mission Collection	955.00
Religious Articles	912.08
Family Center Expenses	341.31
Utilities	1,937.15
Building & Car Insurance	2,503.50
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,588.78
Repairs & Maintenance	<u>912.93</u>
Total Church Expenses	<u>\$ 22,025.43</u>

<b><u>School Expenses:</u></b>	
Salaries	\$ 85,071.43
Extended Care	123.96
Contracted Services	634.69
Office & Teaching Supplies	2,581.90
Postage	113.58
Staff Development	994.00
Assessment Dues	120.00
Textbooks & Testing	1,416.96
Library Expense	2,264.36
Utilities	6,225.55
Plant Repairs & Maintenance	2,004.62
Custodial Supplies	365.55
Bus & Vehicle Expense	1,927.05
Payroll Taxes	6,231.33
Medical Insurance & Pension	18,006.90
Property Insurance	5,000.00
Convent Expense	551.55
Acquisition of Equipment	7,896.00
Technology Equipment & Supplies	1,460.07
Marathon Expense	9,763.00
Alumni Gifting Expense	2,663.64
Public Relations	107.99

Miscellaneous	<u>194.00</u>
Total School Expenses	<u>\$ 155,718.13</u>
Parish Income	\$ 118,427.46
Parish Expenses	<u>- 177,743.56</u>
Parish Deficit	<u>\$ (59,316.10)</u>

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS:**

These prayers are prayed at the lighting of each candle every day during Advent. The candles are left burning during the evening meal, at prayers or at bedtime.



**First Week of Advent:** Light one purple candle.  
*Let us pray. Stir up Your might, we beg You, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Your protection and be saved by Your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Second Week of Advent:** Light two purple candles.  
*Let us pray. O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Your only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Third Week of Advent:** Light two purple candles and one pink candle.  
*Let us pray. We humbly beg You, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Your coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Fourth Week of Advent:** Light all four candles.  
*Let us pray. Stir up Your might, we pray You, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Your gentle mercy. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

**ADVENT PRAYER:**

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

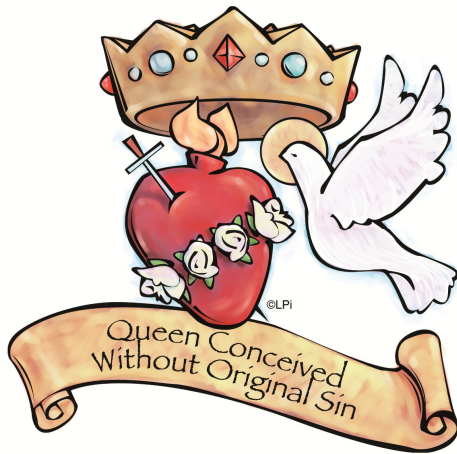
Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.





***Prayer to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:***

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of Your Son.

You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by His death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Help us by her prayers to live in Your presence without sin.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL SHOP FUND –**

**In memory of Dorothy June Renger:** Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$25.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND –**

**In memory of Sedra Gutierrez:** Sherry Hale-\$15.

**In memory of Victor Steffek:** Larry & Agnes Greer Family-\$10.

**In memory of Bobby Pavliska:** Laurence & Carol Bludau-\$25.

**PAM DORNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND –**

**In memory of Victor Steffek:** Tommy & Evelyn Dornak-\$100; Paulie & Anita Pesek-\$30.

**In memory of Timothy Brosch:** Tommy & Evelyn Dornak-\$10.

**REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE #6 –**

**In memory of Timothy Brosch:** Mr. & Mrs. Roland Schaefer-\$15.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH QUILTING CIRCLE –**

**In memory of Mary Golsch:** Ann & Brian Ludolph-\$25.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER**

**In memory of Robert Schaefer:** Steven & Jennifer Steffek-\$10.

**In memory of Mary Golsch:** Bruce & Debbie Schneider-\$25; John & Charlene Pillow-\$20; John & Ruth Barton-\$50; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Johnnie & Alene Steffek-\$10; Ted Hoffman & JoAnne Cook-\$10; Leon Hessler-\$20; Jeff & Edwin Cook-\$20; Dennis & Lisa Dworsky-\$25; Dr. & Mrs. Everett Renger-\$100.

**In memory of Siegfried & Mary Golsch:** Joe & Mary Machicek-\$5.

**In memory of Sr. M. Denise Bowers, IWBS:** Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$50.

**In memory of Edwin Pesek:** Judy Renger & Gene Renger-\$40.

**In memory of Marjorie Migl Fields:** Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$50; Frank & Elrose Migl-\$100.

**In memory of Rosario Loredo:** Jackie & Joseph Bevill-\$75; Edward & Sandra Pustka-\$25; David & Joyce Smolik-\$25; Emma & Joseph Bujnoch-\$10; Bill & Virginia Grafe-\$25; Curtis & Melissa Brunton-\$25.

**In memory of Susan Janak:** Irene & Snow Matula-\$15; Bill & Virginia Grafe-\$25; Curtis & Melissa Brunton-\$25; John & Laverne Trojcak-\$15.

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**In memory of Agnes Holik:** Irene & Snow Matula-\$20; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Dennis Matula Family-\$20; Anthony & Jo Matula-\$20; Pat Mladenka-\$10; Elroy & Barbara Holik-\$20; Dennis & Darlene Shimek-\$20; John & Laverne Trojcak-\$15.

**In memory of Vic Steffek & Robbie:** Magdalen Steffek-\$200.

**In memory of Victor Steffek:** Bill & Virginia Grafe-\$25; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kallus, Jr.-\$10; Mark & Karen Janak-\$20; Leo & Evelyn Hoffer-\$20; Carol Woytek-\$25; Robert & Leona Steffek-\$20; Glenn & Shara Steffek-\$25; Rodney & Kelly Haas-\$20; Paul & Annette Henke-\$20; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Patrick & Theresa Brewer-\$20; Pat Mladenka-\$10; Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$40; Frank & Elrose Migl-\$20; John & Sherry Henke-\$25; Sherry Hale-\$15; Roman & Miranda Henke-\$20; Steven & Jennifer Steffek-\$10; Sharon Janak-\$10.

**In memory of Larry Appelt:** Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$20; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Karen & Kelly Mudd-\$25; Frank & Elrose Migl-\$25; Jim & Bea Jakubek-\$10; Paul & Annette Henke-\$20

**In memory of Sedra Gutierrez:** Harry & Caroline Fisher-\$20; Glen Bludau-\$20; Bruce & Gayle Wesson-\$20; Fred & Debra Huser-\$10; Forrest & Carol Sevcik-\$10; Larry & Doris Grubert-\$20; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Donald & Joyce Strauss-\$25; Charles Grafe-\$5; Joe & Ana Henke-\$25; Soila Sanchez-\$10.

**In memory of Susan Hlavac:** John & Laverne Trojcak-\$15.