

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

December 20, 2020



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SPANISH MASS:

Last Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday – 7:00 a.m. and 8:05 a.m.

NURSING HOME MASSES:

Hallettsville Rehab. – 10:00 a.m., every Monday

Stevens – 10:00 a.m., every Thursday

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessions are heard on Saturdays beginning at 4:30 p.m. and by appointment at any time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM

Contact the Rectory well in advance of anticipated date.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

4th Sunday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and continues through Friday at 6:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish family. Please stop by the Rectory or call to register.

RIGHT TO LIFE CONTACT NUMBER: (888) 735-3448

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

CATHOLIC ACTION: Denise Barton, Amy Amsden, Cori Chovanetz

CEMETERY: Ronnie Sevcik, Nathan Etzler

EDUCATION: Robert Klekar, Donald Shimek

LITURGY: Mary Hall, Sharon Bludau

MAINTENANCE: Randy L. Fojt, Michael Janak

FINANCE: John Henke, Jr.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

John Henke, Jr., Dennis Matula, Roman Shimek, Debra Technik & Debbie Wagner

SACRED HEART SCHOOL (798-4251)

Grades Pre-K3 - 12, fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and the Texas Education Agency.

Principal: Kevin Haas; Secretary: Kathy Haas

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Lisa Dworsky, Allen Machicek, Chuck Pavliska, Katie Steffek, Michele Etzler, Brian Popp

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) (798-3124)

Grades K-12, Sacramental Programs, Adult Education. For information, call Angela McConnell (798-3124 or 741-8730) or the Rectory. Classes for Grades K-12 are on Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m. Like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/SacredHeartReligiousEducation

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Angela McConnell – (361-798-3124) or (361-741-8730)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Notify the Rectory for address or other changes.

PARISH WEBSITES:

Parish: www.shcatholicchurch.org

School: www.shschool.org

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org

Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Charlene Bradbury (798-3224)

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesdays by noon.

DECEMBER 20, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.” (Lk 1:31-32a)



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent, 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

8:00 a.m.- Robert Chase
10:30 a.m.- Tom Wick
5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Monday, December 21, Late// Advent Weekday, Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

7:00 a.m.- Leroy Ryclik
No Mass at Nursing Home

Tuesday, December 22, 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

7:00 a.m.- Adela Patlovany

Wednesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday, Saint John of Kanty, Priest, Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

7:00 a.m.- Catherine Kosh
8:05 a.m. – Buddy Boehm

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

4:00 p.m.- Fred & Hattie Ehler and Erwin & Lorene Biehunko

4:15 p.m. – Allan Lanik
6:00 p.m. – For the Parish
12:00 a.m. – Rose Trojcek & John Bludau
No Mass at Nursing Home

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day, Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

8:00 a.m. – Hilbert and Agnes Bludau
10:30 a.m. – Jack Ross

Saturday, December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr, Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

5:30 p.m. – Agnes & Laverne Grahmann

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00 a.m.- Frank T. & Mary Steffek and Paul P. & Mary Janak

10:30 a.m.- For the Parish

5:00 p.m. – Edna Bludau

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$9,157; Loose-\$590; Immaculate Conception \$910



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Sacred Heart School – Christmas Holidays – Monday, December 21, 2020 through January 4, 2020

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

CCD—No CCD—Classes resume January 6,

Among Our Sick: Pat Kessler, Antonio Sanchez, Brian Wisnoski, Barbara Matula, Ella Mae Bludau, Lisa Adams, Andrew Pesek, Evelyn Henke, Bobby Holly, Vernon Duty, Donna Nevlud, Eunice Brosch, Rita Wachel, Emil Doubrava, Kimberly Jalufka, Anthony Hrcir, Mary Sklar, Marcia Hrcir, Glenn Janca, James Nischan, and nursing home residents & the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!



Leon & Carol Grones

51 years

December 21

Bulletin Sponsor: Living and Deceased Members of the John Haas Family

Radio Sponsor: In Memory of Hilbert & Agnes Bludau by the Family

Vigil Light: In Memory of Harry Macik by the Family.

FRIENDLY REMINDER
TO PARISHIONERS

If you have information for the Bulletin, please be reminded that the Deadline for Bulletin entries is Tuesday at Noon.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

On behalf of Father Scott and Father John Affum, the Deacons, the Sisters and the entire Staff, I thank everyone for helping make this Christmas such a wonderful and joyful celebration, despite the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who helped with all the decorations, the music, and the ministries at the many Masses. Thank you also for the many cards, gifts, prayers, and Christmas wishes for all of us. Thank you for your very generous donations to Sacred Heart School and Sacred Heart Parish during the Season. You continue outdoing yourself in the service of the Lord and His Church.

May You and Your Families

Have a Very

Blessed and Healthy
Christmas Season!



Christmas Flowers: Donations are being accepted for the flowers during the Christmas Season. Please drop off your donation at the Rectory, or place it in an envelope with your name and drop it in the collection basket.



Please remind your out-of-town visitors that they must wear a mask to attend any of the Masses. This is for your safety and for the safety of others, especially the elderly.



Calendar Membership: Dec. 10: Linda Pavliska--\$100; Dec. 11: Carol Dieringer--\$100; Dec. 14: Mary Vanpelt--\$50; Dec. 15: Fred Grahmann--\$50; Dec 16: Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Etzler--\$50

The Emmaus Center provides individual, couple, family, adolescent and children's counseling as well as specialized support groups from a Catholic perspective. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (361) 212-0830.



Mass Schedule for Christmas is as follows for our four parishes:

Sacred Heart

Christmas Eve—December 24

4:00 p.m. in Church

4:15 p.m. in Sacred Heart Gym (This is to help divide our biggest Mass Crowd)

6:00 p.m. in Church

Midnight Mass in Church

Christmas Day – December 25

8:00 a.m. in Church

10:30 a.m. in Church.

There will not be a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

The Midnight Mass and the 8:00 a.m. Mass will both be livestreamed.

St. Mary

Christmas Eve—December 24

Midnight Mass in Church

Christmas Day—December 25

9:15 a.m. in Church

St. John and Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)

Christmas Eve—December 24

5:00 p.m.—Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)

Christmas Day—December 25

9:30 a.m.—St. John

CONFESSIONS

Sacred Heart

December 15, 21, 22 – 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 23 – 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)

Saturday, December 19 – 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

St. John

Sunday, December 20 – 10:30 a.m.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #797 Mass

If you are interested in being a Rosary Leader, please contact Phyllis at the Rectory (361-798-5888).



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Sacred Heart Catholic School
361-798-4251

DONATION: \$5.00 EACH TICKET SUBMISSION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

**Monday, December 21-Monday,
January 4, 2021—Christmas
Holidays**



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Prayer for our Country: Join parishioners at 6:15 p.m.
Sunday evenings at Sacred Heart Church to pray the
Patriotic Rosary. The prayers and songs are provided.
Social distancing is used. Families are welcome.

AREA ACTIVITIES

**Vysehrad Stew Dinner/Raffle: St. Mary's Parish
Hall, Sunday, January 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m.—1:00
p.m.-\$10 per plate. Raffle Prizes. Purchase tickets at
Hoffer's, Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union and
Vysehrad School, or contact any Vysehrad Student or
Staff Member.**

SAINT GABRIEL PROJECT



The Saint Gabriel Project of the Crossroads is having a fund raiser to promote Pro-Life options and help provide assistance for crisis pregnancies. Yard signs are a great way to make a Pro-Life statement and provide contact information for the Saint Gabriel Project of the Crossroads. If you would like to get a yard sign, please call the Bethlehem Maternity Home at (361) 649-5782 or Collette Burroughs (281) 217-2118. Donations are greatly appreciated for this important ministry. 100% of donations go to the Saint Gabriel Project of the Crossroads and Bethlehem Maternity Home.

JCDA COURT #797

The Junior Catholic Daughters are collecting Socks for Seniors.

If you would like to help out, you



may leave your donations in the foyer of the Church. The socks will be given to the local nursing

home residents.

Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Catholic Daughter of the Americas, may contact Cheryl Pilat at 361-772-0059 (cpilat@riceraiders.net)



MEMORIALS

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Lydia Hobbs: Tony & Addie Kouba -\$25; Fannie Lamza -\$25; Mr. & Mrs. James Steffek -\$25; Magdalen Steffek -\$20; Daniel & Beverly Wagner -\$25;

Anne Marie Kuempel -\$20; Peoples State Bank -\$10

In Memory of Margie Schindler: Josie Zappe -\$50

In Memory of Sharon Janak Gonzalez: Bill & Fran Byrd -\$20; Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$20

In Memory of Lillian Haas: Elvia Pena -\$100; Pat, Ken, David and Brenda Schraer -\$100; Marvin & Betty Jean Haas -\$40; Sacred Heart Christian Mothers Society -\$25; Mark & Virginia Rebecsek -\$50; Charles Leopold -\$100

In Memory of Betty Teltschick: Peoples State Bank -\$10

In Memory of Soila Sanchez: Peoples State Bank -\$10

In Memory of David W. Tanner: Kubena Funeral Home, Dan, Eugene, Andy & Alison -\$25; Harvey & Betty Woytek -\$20

In Memory of Bernard "Buddy" Boehm Jim & Bea Jakubek -\$20

In Memory of Alfonse R. Peters: J. Chumchal -\$20; Eric & Jenny Patek -\$10

In Memory of Edna Bludau: Randy & Blanche McMullen -\$ 25; Jim & Ruby Bujnoch -\$50; Blake Barfield -\$75; Roy M Christoffel -\$100; Gary & Betty Polasek -\$50; Bobby & Charlotte Engelke -\$200; Loretta & Wayne Carpenter -\$25

In Memory of Allan Lanik: Monte & Arleen Werner -\$20; Leroy & Donna Leopold -\$25; Richard & Mary Ellen Speyrer -\$50; Douglas & Tena Steffek -\$20; Clarence & Barbara Parkan -\$20; Victoria Farm Equipment Co. (Stockbauer Family) -\$40; Pat & Helen Zabransky -\$20; Harvey & Betty Woytek -\$15; Ranger Gate Company -\$100; David & Rick Jahn -\$100; John & Laverne Trojcek -\$25

In Memory of Betty Jean Stepanek: Charles Franta Family -\$20

In Memory of Anthony Grones: Harvey & Betty Woytek -\$15; Dexter Svetlik -\$25; G E Riedel -\$100

In Memory of Evelyn Sklar: Larry & Agnes Greer -\$15

In Honor of Tommy & Diane Kainer's 50th Wedding Anniversary: Harvey & Betty Woytek -\$10

In Honor of Martha Sitka's 90th Birthday: Dennis & Darlene Shimek -\$25

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Lydia Hobbs: Sherry Hale -\$15

In Memory of Lado Hlavac: Leona Sedlar -\$25

In Memory of Sharon Janak Gonzalez: Henry & Carolyn Janak -\$50

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In Memory of Lydia Hobbs: Stanley & Gilleta Kouba -\$100; Diana Wick -\$20; James & Amanda Orsak -\$20; John & Carol Henry & Family -\$20; Donald & Pam Bohuslav -\$20; Evelyn Hoffer -\$20; Marvin & Susan Bujnoch -\$20; Martha Sitka -\$20; Phyllis & Phillip Steffek -\$50; Anonymous -\$45; Robert & Leona Steffek-\$20

In Memory of Pat Janca: Trey & Jennifer Kraatz -\$20; John & Charlene Pillow -\$20

In Memory of Dennis Mikulenka: Arthur Etzler Jr. -\$25

In Memory of Alvin & Adela Grahmann: Ronald & Linda Wright-\$200

In Memory of Lillian Haas: Rita Chase -\$20; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20

In Memory of Charles Koehne: Rita Chase -\$20

In Memory of James Stock: Rita Chase -\$20

In Memory of Louis Schott III: Jim & Bea Jakubek -\$25; Mike & Lois Nelson-\$50; Steve & Gayle Hinshaw -\$100

In Memory of Alfonse R. Peters: Donna Schmidt, Jacke Siegel, Leslie Chilek -\$100; Norell & Mickey Schulte-\$50

In Memory of Allan Lanik: Dorothy Jansky -\$20; Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Janak -\$30; Robert & Leona Steffek -\$20; Dennis & Gerardette Haas -\$20; Edward & Patty Grahmann -\$50; Irene Szwarc -\$15; Dennis & Barbara Janak -\$50; Allen & Anita Steffek -\$25; Mike & Helen Technik -\$25; David & Lynn Morris -\$50; Phyllis & Phillip Steffek -\$50; Hallettsville Livestock Commission -\$50; Jimmy & Tammy Garner -\$20; Glen & Carol Drozd -\$20; Joyce & David Smolik -\$10

In Memory of Kathleen Hrcncir: Alma J. Hrcncir -\$30; Andrew & Jane Pesek -\$20

In Memory of Edna Bludau: Ella Mae Bludau -\$15; Arthur Etzler Jr. -\$25; Rita Chase -\$25; Charles & Geralyn Klimitchek-\$20; John & Charlene Pillow -\$20; Robert & Barbara Grahmann -\$20; Maureen & Gene Schott -\$25; Mike & Lois Nelson -\$50; Matthew, Martha & John Bludau -\$20; Joyce & David Smolik -\$10

In Memory of Louise Koloa: Arthur Etzler Jr. -\$25

In Memory of Charlene Janak Christ: Arthur Etzler Jr. -\$25

In Memory of John Carpenter: Rita Chase -\$25

In Memory of Victoria Wagner: Arthur Etzler Jr. -\$25

In Memory of Betty Jean Stepanek: Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek -\$20; Rita Chase \$25

In Memory of Anthony Grones: Rita Chase -\$25; Angela McConnell -\$25; Joyce & David Smolik -\$10; Glen & Carol Drozd -\$20

In Honor of Msgr. John's 72nd Birthday: Jackie Pettus -\$20

In Honor of Lucille Klekar's 90th Birthday: Ella Mae Bludau -\$20

In Honor of David & Joyce Smolik's 45th Wedding Anniversary: Arthur Etzler, Jr. -\$25

SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD PROGRAM

In Memory of Edna Bludau: Frank Zaruba- \$20

In Memory of Allan Lanik: Elrose Kalisek -\$20

In Memory of Evelyn Sklar: Frank Zaruba -\$20

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In Memory of Alfonso R. Peters: Kubena Funeral Home, Dan, Eugene, Andy, & Alison -\$25

In Memory of Lydia Hobbs: Kubena Funeral Home, Dan, Eugene, Andy & Alison- \$25

In Memory of Josephine Muniz: Kubena Funeral Home, Dan, Eugene, Andy & Alison- \$25

SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCARE CENTER

In Memory of Lillian Haas: Frank Zaruba - \$20

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

#797

In Memory of Lydia Hobbs: Kay & Leon Steinocher - \$20

SACRED HEART LIBRARY

In Memory of John C. Carpenter: Daniel & Shirley Steffek -\$50

SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE

In Memory of Lillian Haas: Kubena Funeral Home, Dan, Eugene, Andy & Alison -\$25

In Memory of Edna Bludau: Charles Franta Family - \$20

In Memory of Kathleen Hrcir: Kubena Funeral Home, Dan, Eugene, Andy & Alison -\$25

SACRED HEART ALUMNI FUND

In Memory of Edna Bludau: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann -\$25

In Memory of Allan Lanik: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann -\$25

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND

In Memory of Allan Lanik: Mark & Karen Janak -\$30

In Memory of Louise Kolos: Mark & Karen Janak -\$30

In Memory of John Carpenter: Mark & Karen Janak - \$30

In Memory of Evelyn Sklar: Mark & Karen Janak -\$30

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

In Memory of Betty Jean Teltschick: Clifford & Alta Brown - \$20

In Memory of Pete Stavinoha: Paul & Annette Henke - \$25

SACRED HEART ACTS

In Memory of Evelyn Sklar: Warren & Barbara Grindeland -\$20

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Bill Hrcir: Roy & Loretta Hardcastle - \$20

In Memory of Imelda Orsak: Roy & Loretta Hardcastle -\$20

In Memory of Lillian Hrcir: Roy & Loretta Hardcastle -\$20

In Memory of Trey & Harold Kapalski: Jocelyn Kapalski -\$100

In Memory of Lou Chavis-Piegas: Gerlene Gardner -\$50

In Memory of Harold Kapalski: Gerlene Gardner -\$100

CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Josephine Muniz: Charles & Kathy Haas - \$20

In Memory of Edna Bludau: Chris Hermes -\$20; Joyce Hermes \$10

In Memory of Evelyn Sklar: Joyce Hermes -\$10; Chris Hermes - \$10

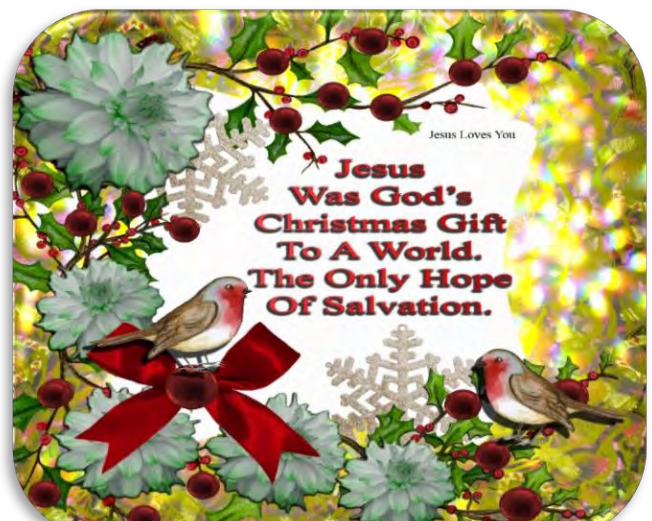
In Memory of Anthony Grones: Joyce Hermes -\$20

SACRED HEART JUNIOR HIGH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Lydia Hobbs: Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #797 - \$25

SACRED HEART CHURCH CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Lydia Hobbs: Franklin & Nola Bohuslav - \$20



Question: What is the difference between apostles and disciples

Answer:

When we look at the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, we see two special titles applied to his followers: apostles and disciples. At first glance, we might think that these two words are interchangeable, but when we look at what each one means, we quickly see that the evangelists were using them very specifically. When we look more closely, we see that while Jesus had many disciples, the group of apostles was much more limited and referred to Jesus' closest collaborators.

The word apostle essentially means "one who is sent forth" or, as we might think of it today, "an ambassador." The group of apostles — sometimes called the Twelve — included those twelve men who formed Jesus' inner circle (see Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13). It was this group that received the gift of the Holy Spirit and who were sent out by Jesus with the special mission of forgiving sins on that first Easter Sunday (see John 20:19-23). In time, the Catholic Tradition also recognize Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas as apostles, recognizing that they also shared the mandate of going out in the Lord's name to pray, to bless, and to preach. In 2016, during the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis raised the liturgical celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to the rank of feast, recognizing that she also received a special mandate to proclaim the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the Eleven, becoming the "apostle to the apostles." In a particular way, the bishops continue the mission of the apostles in our own time.

When we think of the word disciple, we see that it has a very different meaning. Rather than referring to those who were sent out to carry on the mission of Jesus, disciple literally means "student" or, more specially, an "apprentice learner." The task of the disciple is to learn and integrate into their lives the teachings, values, and way of life of their master teacher. Although a disciple might be called on to explain or represent aspects of their life, in light of the teachings they receive from this master teacher, Christian discipleship is ultimately about living our lives with faith and integrity, guided by the life and mission of Jesus, our Master Teacher. The call to discipleship is the common vocation of all Christians.

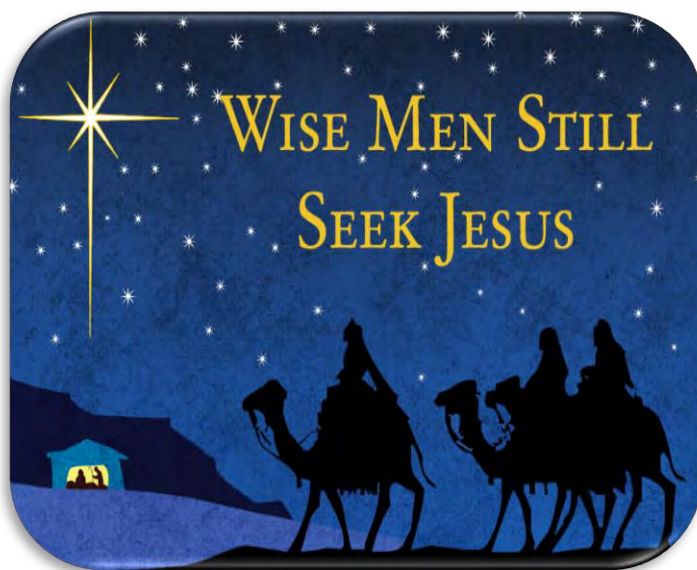
The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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December 2019 -- Ministry Schedule

December 19-20		5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers	Brock Hermes, Trent Butschek, Adalyn Pohl, Oliva Etzler	Sophia Etzler, Adam Stock, Riley Haas, Bailey Haas	Garrett Ridgeway, Trey Ridgeway, Arianna Henke, Lukas Barrera	
Cantor & Organist:	Kay Fawbush, Erin Fawbush	Anna Neumeyer, Debi Sevcik	Chris Freytag	
Lector:	Amy Machicek	Jennifer Golsch	Tammy Whited	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Pat Fawbush, Connie Janak	Jaycie Orsak, Carol Pustejovsky	Anita Barrera-Rocha, Rosanne Gallia	
Rosary Leader:	Theresa Grahmann	Joyce Machicek	Helen Motal	
Ushers:	Kenneth Barton, Jacob Fawbush	Andrew Henke, John Henke, Jr., Lawrence Henke	Tommy Grahmann, Jr., Brian Popp	
Christmas Eve December 24		4:00 p.m. Church	4:15 p.m. Sacred Heart Gym	
Altar Servers	Ryan Janak, Amanda Janak	Hayden Grahmann, Mason Grahmann		
Cantor & Organist:	Karen Janak, Charlene Pillow	Kay Lynn Fawbush, Erin Fawbush		
Lector:	Debra Technik	John Henke, Jr.		
Extraordinary Ministers:	Debra Technik, Connie Janak	Pat Fawbush, John Henke, Jr.		
Rosary Leader:	No Rosary	No Rosary		
Ushers:	Kenneth Barton, Andrew Kutac	Jacob Fawbush, Henry Nagelmueller		
Christmas Eve December 24		6:00 p.m. Church	Midnight Mass (12:00 a.m.) Church	
Altar Servers	Brock Hermes, Garrett Matura	Volunteers		
Cantor & Organist:	Kelly Schimcek, Laurence Bludau	Candy Hines, Tim Hines		
Lector:	Debra Matura	Jennifer Golsch Hoffman		
Extraordinary Ministers:	Susan Tolson, Janice Busselman, Kevin Busselman	Robert Grahmann, Barbara Grahmann		
Rosary Leader:	No Rosary	No Rosary		
Ushers:	Greg Hermes, Anthony Petru	Volunteers		
Christmas Day December 25		8:00 a.m. Church	10:30 a.m. Church	
Altar Servers	Quade Henneke	Bailey Smith, Elisa Myers		
Cantor & Organist:	Anna Neumeyer, Charles Neumeyer	Anna Neumeyer, Alice Summers		
Lector:	Casey Steffek	Mike Johnson		
Extraordinary Ministers:	Jaycie Orsak, Kathy Haas, Phyllis Steffek	Mike Johnson, Anita Barrera-Rocha		
Rosary Leader:	No Rosary	No Rosary		
Ushers:	Phillip Steffek, Marty Steffek	Ervin Bludau, Jr., Kenneth Etzler		
December 26-27		5:30 p.m.—Saturday	8:00 a.m.— Sunday	
Altar Servers	Lance Barton, Arabella Arellano, Brock Hermes	Abby Clark, Brianna Clark, Allison Clark		
Cantor & Organist:	Kelly Schimcek, Callie Bludau	Anna Neumeyer, Debi Sevcik		
Lector:	Cheryl Leopold	Robert Klekar		
Extraordinary Ministers:	Diane Kainer, Steven Leopold	Kelly Haas, Kathy Haas		
Rosary Leader:	Sharon Bludau	Barbara Grahmann		
Ushers:	Don Rainosek, Jerry Timm	Jared Steffek, Robert Steffek		
December 26-27		10:30 a.m. (Sunday)	5:00 p.m.	
Altar Servers	Madelyn Hynes, Annika Brooks			
Cantor & Organist:	Candy Hines, Tim Hines	Denise Drozd, Melinda Grahmann		
Lector:	Kristen Freytag			
Extraordinary Ministers:	JoAnn Schindler, Todd Schindler			
Rosary Leader:	Helen Motal			
Ushers:	Bill Grafe, Brian Popp	Tommy Grahmann, Jr.		

****If you are unable to serve your Ministry, you are responsible for finding another person to take your place.**

****Please call the Rectory if you can serve for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday. I do not have a list of volunteers/ministers, altar servers, etc.**

****Also, if you do not want to be on the Ministry List, please contact the Rectory. Please remember that your ministry is greatly appreciated.**



Mass Schedule for Christmas is as follows for our four parishes:

Sacred Heart

Christmas Eve—December 24

4:00 p.m. in Church

4:15 p.m. in Sacred Heart Gym (This is to help divide our biggest Mass Crowd)

6:00 p.m. in Church

Midnight Mass in Church

Christmas Day – December 25

8:00 a.m. in Church

10:30 a.m. in Church.

*There **will not be** a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.*

The Midnight Mass and the 8:00 a.m. Mass will both be livestreamed.

St. Mary

Christmas Eve—December 24

Midnight Mass in Church

Christmas Day—December 25

9:15 a.m. in Church

St. John and Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia) Christmas Eve—December 24

5:00 p.m.—Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)

Christmas Day—December 25

9:30 a.m.—St. John

CONFESSIONS

Sacred Heart

December 15, 21, 22 – 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 23 – 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)

Saturday, December 19 – 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

St. John

Sunday, December 20 – 10:30 a.m.