

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Allie Ferry
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Elizabeth Skarke
	10 A.M.	Carlos Dean Wenske
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Anna Grace Konvicka
	8:05 A.M.	Frances Hermes
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tate Kutzer
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Jim Frank Loos
	10 A.M.	Elizabeth Keepers
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	John Harbus
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Pesek
	9 A.M.	Joseph Wenske
	11 A.M.	Trinidad Sanchez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Bill & Aileen Manning.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Your Gift to God: November 22nd

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,516.55
Online Giving	\$925
Building Fund	\$35
Special Collection (<i>Campaign for Human Development</i>)	\$350.30
St. Ann Parish Support	\$613.01
Building Fund	\$40
Special Collection (<i>Campaign for Human Development</i>)	\$38

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

A special collection for Retired Religious will be taken up at all Masses December 12-13.

Gratitude and Appreciation

The Parish Family extends its gratitude to First State Bank for sponsoring our annual Catholic Calendars. They are available at the entrances to the Church.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charles Kvinta
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Teresita Hopkins

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Rita Pargmann
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Louis & Patsy Nunez

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Wanda Zabransky, Annette Hull Dorothy Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Mark & Cindy Jemelka, Debbie Villa
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Rudy Garcia, Pam Garza

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel, JoJo Machalec, Bobby Fikac, Ronnie Koenning
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Bruce Chilek, Joe Machalec
	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Glenn & Darlene Renken
	11 A.M.	Guillermo & Maria Vigna, Robert Schneider, Robert Barrera

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sophie Jahn, Hannah Boswell, Alex Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Zachary Raz, Clayton Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Cameron Villa, Ryan Brewer, Frances Patek
	11 A.M.	Gabriel & Jorge Chavez, Erick Castillo

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated Monday, December 7th at 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass) and Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 A.M. and 8:05 A.M.

*"Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation."*

Altar Society Meeting December 2nd

The Altar Society will meet Wednesday, December 2nd at 2:30 P.M. in the Family Center. The program will be "Christmas Music" presented by the Yoakum High School Band. The agenda will include finalizing plans for the December 5-6 bake sale. Refreshments will be provided by Helen Manning, Bernice Ohnheiser, Mertes Culak, Lorene Roznovsky, Gladys Jiral, Bea Welfl, Agnes Kuenstler, Earline Ashby, Shirley Hanzelka, Gloria Lerma, Dobie Johnson and Mag Jahn.

K.J.Z.T. #37 – St. Ann's

K.J.Z.T. Society #37, St. Ann's will have their Christmas party on Friday, December 4th at 6:00 P.M. at the St. Ann Pavilion.

Altar Society Bake Sale Next Weekend

Ladies of the Altar Society will have their bake sale after all Masses next Saturday and Sunday. Consider the purchase of these homemade items as the proceeds go towards the purchase of hosts, linens, wine and specialty items such as altar cloths, etc. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal Diciembre 5

La clase de preparacion bautismal sera el primer Sabado del mes a las 9 A.M. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susana Trujillo para mas informacion.

K.J.T. #13 Christmas Brunch

KJT Society #13 will hold the Annual Christmas Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, December 6th, after the 9:00 A.M. Mass at the Family Center. Breakfast foods will be served and each family is asked to contribute favorite goodies to be shared. St. Nick is scheduled to make an appearance. Reservations will be taken by Robert Hybner at 293-2436 and Dorothy Zabransky at 293-3205. Please call by December 3rd.

CDA Christmas Party

All members of the Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 206, are invited to attend the Christmas Party on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 P.M. at the Family Center. We will have a gift exchange and everyone is asked to bring an appetizer. Donations will also be collected for Blue Santa and the Yoakum Food Pantry.

KC Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Christmas gathering on Wednesday, December 9th at the Family Center. Social begins at 6:00 P.M. followed by the meal and program. All Knights and their wives or guest, widows of Brother Knights, Catholic Daughters and their spouses or guest are invited.

Little Blue Books

Our annual devotional for Advent will be available at all Masses this weekend. Help yourself to this valuable little aid and enrich your Advent preparation time.

Libritos Azules

Nuestro devocional anual para adviento estará disponible durante todas las misas este fin de semana. Por favor tomen uno de estos valiosos devocionarios para enriquecer su tiempo de preparación durante Adviento.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

We will have our monthly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning this Thursday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass in the Meeting Room (door combination 2-4-3). Take some time out of your busy schedule and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

Adoration...Devotional Hour

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday there will be a "special" devotional hour from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and other prayers combined with time for private reflection.

Adoracion del Santissimo

Este Jueves vamos a tener nuestra hora de adoracion y devocion en espanol en el Salon Parroquial desde las 8:00 P.M. a las 9:00 P.M. Todos estan invitados a compartir su fe durante esta hora de alabanza y oracion.

First Friday Devotions

This Friday at 6:10 A.M. we will have traditional devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Christmas Flowers

Extra envelopes for the Christmas Flower donations may be found in the Church entrances. Donors and their listed memorials will be in the bulletin after Christmas. This applies to St. Joseph and St. Ann Parish.

Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Sábado 12 de diciembre 2015 – Tendremos mañanitas y Rosario a las 6:00 A.M. Todos están invitados, y el domingo 13 de diciembre a las 11:00 A.M. será la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. De antemano están invitados y se les agradecerá si traen un platillo de comida o algún postre para convivir en el salón familiar.



Larger Books...Larger Temptation???

The new missalettes are in place with the larger print. As mentioned previously, this was a forced "upgrade" as the former sized books are no longer being published according to the publisher's sales department. This means the cost of the seasonal missalette service also increased for the parish...which in turn merits the oft repeated admonition to those utilizing this aid for worship: leave them in the Church. As has been referenced numerous times in the past, the missalettes are meant for all to use and stay in the Church. Anyone looking for a home subscription should either contact the parish office or search online for such liturgical help. Recall that the commandment states clearly--not simply a suggestion--about taking something that is not yours.

New Missalettes/New Stand

The larger English missalettes meant having to get new stands to accommodate them. The ends of the new stands have the red Spanish missalettes and the rest are the English. Just as in the past, the English are the blue binders and the Spanish remain in the maroon binders.

Gratitude

Thanks to the St. Joe 8th graders for patiently and successfully changing out the annual missalettes and songbooks and getting the new book racks setup.

Support Catholic Education

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring Catholic School Sweepstakes and all proceeds from the sale of tickets benefit St. Joseph School.

Grand Prize Choice of:

2016 Ford F-150 Truck **or**

2016 Ford Fusion Sedan **or**

\$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the school or parish office. For more information contact the school office at 293-9000.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is January 15th.

Advent Penance Services

All services begin at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, December 14 – Yoakum

Tuesday, December 15 – Hallettsville

Thursday, December 17 - Moulton

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 2 – Altar Society Meeting & Christmas Party - 2:30 P.M.

December 4 – K.J.Z.T. #37 – St. Ann's Christmas Party – St. Ann Pavilion – 6 P.M.

December 5 & 6 – Altar Society Bake Sale

December 6 – K.J.T. #13 Brunch

December 7 – CDA Meeting & Christmas Party – 6 P.M.

December 9 – KC Christmas Party

December 12 – 6 A.M. - Rosario Senora de Guadalupe

December 13 – 11 A.M. - Celebracion de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

December 14 – 5:30 P.M. – Penance Service

December 16 – Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

December 17 – 7 P.M. St. Joseph School Christmas Play – YHS Auditorium - Band Concert 6:30 P.M.

Credit Card Capable

The Pastoral Center is now capable of handling credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover) in the office. This will assist those when seeking to purchase religious goods, make a donation, School and CCD needs or for Cemetery payments/installments.



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



Enfoque en Mercancías Religiosas


Uno de los artículos más atractivos de nuestra pequeña tienda de mercancías religiosas en el Centro Pastoral es un juego de velas y corona para Adviento. A menudo los padres o abuelos buscan alguna manera para que los más jóvenes aprecien las riquezas y tradiciones de su fe católica. Estas sencillas coronas y velas logran hacer precisamente eso. Venga visítenos y deles un vistazo y considérelolo para su hogar, quizá como una pieza central en su mesa; un lugar especial donde la familia se pueda reunir para orar diariamente, prendiendo las diferentes velas mientras las semanas de adviento transcurren. ¡Hasta pudiera tal vez empezar una nueva tradición familiar!

Help Wanted!

It's time to put out the Help Wanted sign...liturgical help, that is. Each of the past few years we have bid farewell to some truly dedicated Altar Servers who graduating high school are now off to college. Our Altar Server numbers have been down a bit and so we are in need of boys and girls, grades 4 and up, to jump in. This time--to try a different approach--those who have children interested please call the parish office or drop an email to us (pastor@stj catholicchurch.com). Once we get a group together we will schedule a training. Being an Altar Server is an excellent way to involve the children more intimately with the solemn mysteries of our Catholic faith. It is service and privilege--Catholic parents, encourage your young ones to help!

¡Necesitamos Ayuda!

Es tiempo de pedir ayuda... ayuda litúrgica. Cada año le decimos adiós a monaguillos (servidores de altar) verdaderamente dedicados que se gradúan de high school y se van a la universidad. El número de monaguillos en servicio se ha reducido un poco y por lo tanto necesitamos a niños y niñas del grado escolar cuarto y arriba para que nos ayuden. Esta vez lo haremos un poco diferente, aquellos que tengan niños (o niñas) interesados por favor llamen a la oficina de la parroquia o envíenos un correo electrónico (pastor@stj catholicchurch.com). Una vez que tengamos el grupo formado programaremos el entrenamiento. Ser monaguillo es una excelente manera de involucrar a los niños más cercanamente con los solemnes misterios de nuestra Fe Católica. Es un servicio y un privilegio; padres católicos, ¡animen a sus jóvenes a sus jóvenes a que nos ayuden!



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

Spiritual Reading Library

This past year we have had the St. John of God Book Trade as a way to make available spiritual reading for our parish family. There is now going to be a room at the Pastoral Center with these books and more available for parishioners to "check out" and enrich their spiritual life. Stop by anytime the Pastoral Center is open!

Religious Goods Spotlight

One of the neat items the little religious goods shop at the Pastoral Center has is a home Advent Candle set. Many times parents/grandparents look for a way to get the younger ones to appreciate the richness of our Catholic faith and its traditions. These simple wreaths and candles are meant to do just that. Stop and take a look and give it some thought for your home...dining table centerpiece, a special place where the family can gather and say a prayer each day by lighting the different candles of the wreath as the weeks advance, etc. Start a new family tradition!

Músicos y Cantantes

Somos muy bendecidos en nuestra parroquia de tener los talentos de aquellos que los comparten con nosotros. Si

usted es un músico o cantante, por considere compartir su talento en el coro de la misa de 11:00 AM. El dedicado servicio del coro nos anima y enriquece la liturgia en español. Si está interesado o quiere recibir más información al respecto, por favor preséntese con los miembros del coro al final de la misa, ¡gracias!

