

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Annie Bolech
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Charles & Helen Fikac
	10 A.M.	Evelyn Sokol
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Willie & Mary Pavelka, Paul Molnosky
	8:05 A.M.	Eugene & Mary Taormina
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Laurence Bishop
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Gene Holik
	10 A.M.	Harvey Hoermann
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	M/M Arthur G. Hermann, Sr.
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Anita Drozd
	9 A.M.	Edward, Oscar & Mary Filip, Leo, Viola, Charlie, Annie Henke, Lonnie Chumchal
	11 A.M.	Santos Ramirez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Jim Frank Loos.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7, 8-11; Lk 3:10-18

Your Gift to God: December 6th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$5,190.25
Online Giving	\$2,305
Building Fund	\$448
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$755
St. Ann Parish Support	\$772.30
Building Fund	\$67
Feast of Immaculate Conception	\$10

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charles Kvinta
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Diana Darilek
	11 A.M.	Salvador Garcia

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Arthur & Janis Hermann
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Elizabeth Filip Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Amy Hull, Theresa Belicek, Dorothy Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Bob Arlitt
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Graciela Rivas

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bennie Baros, Bill Lopez, Bobby Fikac, Ronnie Koenning
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tom Chilek, Paul Ebner
	9 A.M.	Elorine Sitka, Katherine Jendrzey, Dennis & Dolores Sestak
	11 A.M.	Rachel Rodriguez, Elsa Resendiz, Gerardo Rivas, Robert Schneider

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Alex Hull, Hannah Boswell, Shelby Stary
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Jenna Berkovsky, Frances Patek, Raleigh Chumchal
	11 A.M.	Cecilia Rivas, Erick Castillo, Alex Gutierrez

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparaci3n bautismal ser3 el primer Sabado, **enero 2, del mes a las 9 am** en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informaci3n.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1st) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note the Mass schedule:

Thursday, December 31st – 6:30 P.M. *Vigil Mass*

Friday, January 1st – 9:00 A.M.

Looking Ahead

Due to the holiday time in which First Friday will fall for January, we will not have our 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration that Thursday. The simple rite of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated after the New Year's Day Mass at 9:00 A.M. on January 1st.

Thanks!

Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for removing the old cook stove from the cafeteria in the gym. Your time--and it took a bit to do it--is appreciated!

Advent Penance Services

All services begin at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, December 14 – Yoakum

Tuesday, December 15 – Hallettsville

Thursday, December 17 - Moulton

Fourth Degree KC Christmas Party

The Fourth Degree KC Christmas Party (Social Baldrick) will be held today, December 13th at the KC Hall in Hallettsville beginning with the social at 6:00 P.M.

Jubilee Year

With the Jubilee Year of Mercy our Holy Father has called beginning December 8th, we will have an “extra” time midweek for the celebration of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be in addition to the Saturday evening normally scheduled time. Each Wednesday beginning December 16th the Church will be open and a priest will be available in the confessional to celebrate the Sacrament beginning at 5:00 P.M. and lasting till 6:00 P.M.

El Año de la Misericordia

Con el Año de la Misericordia nuestro Santo Padre ha llamado a que empezando el 8 de diciembre, tengamos tiempo “extra” entre semana para celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Esto será en adición al tiempo que normalmente se tiene programado cada sábado. Cada miércoles, empezando el 16 de diciembre la Iglesia estará abierta y un sacerdote estará disponible en el confesional para celebrar el Sacramento de las 5:00 a las 6:00 de la tarde.

Penance Service

Tomorrow, December 14th, at 5:30 P.M. we will have our Advent penance service. There will be extra confessors present to assist with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take advantage of this healing sacrament in preparation for the great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior.

Confesiones para Adviento

Vamos a tener un grupo de sacerdotes bilingües para celebrar el Sacramento de Penitencia en preparación para las Fiestas Navidenas este Martes a las 5:30 P.M. Vengan temprano...no esperas al ultimo momento a venir. No es un “drive-thru,” y en respeto a los sacerdotes no es justo a venir al final del tiempo cuando los sacerdotes estan preparando a salir.

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.

Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – 5:00 P.M. *Children's Mass*
10:00 P.M. – St. Ann

December 25th – 12:01 A.M. *Midnight Mass*
9:00 A.M.

All Christmas Masses will be in English

Christmas Children's Mass

As a way of incorporating charity into our Christmas children's Mass at 5:00 P.M. on December 24th, the children are invited to bring gifts for boys and girls to place before the Holy Family. These gifts will be used in the Blue Santa Program.

FYI: Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will close at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 22nd and re-open at 8:00 A.M. January 4th.
Deadline for the December 27th and January 3rd bulletins is noon Monday, December 21st.

WANTED

St. Joseph School Memorabilia

St. Joseph School will be celebrating their 125 anniversary next year (2016) and the P.T.C. will be using this monumental anniversary as part of their theme for the 2016 Gala in February. If you have any St. Joseph School memorabilia, (pictures, uniforms, historical facts, alumni fond memories, etc.), that you would like to lend to the P.T.C., please label the item with your name and phone number and drop it off at the Pastoral Center. These items will be well cared for and returned after the gala. So mark your calendars, February 6, 2016, and make plans to attend the P.T.C. Gala/125th St. Joseph School Anniversary.

Support Catholic Education

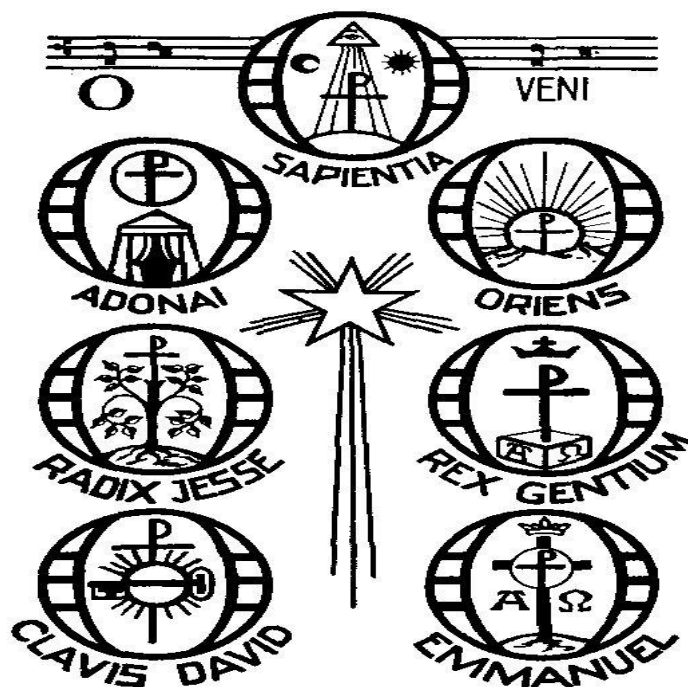
Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring Catholic School Sweepstakes and all proceeds from the sale of tickets benefit St. Joseph School.

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.



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New Arrivals

Spiritual Reading Library

Just added: "The Biblical Basis For Purgatory" by John Salza; "Hungry Souls" by Gerald Van De Aardweg; "Eucharistic Miracles" by Joan Carroll Cruz; "Thirsting for God" by Mother Teresa. There are over 450 books in our Spiritual Reading Library which is located in the Pastoral Center. These books are for parishioners to "check out" and enrich their spiritual life. Stop by anytime the Pastoral Center is open!



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

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.



Christmas Music – 91.5 FM

Tune in to five days of Christmas music, December 21-25 on 91.5 FM...continuous music of the season.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 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.
- December 23** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.
- December 30** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

Sponsored by
Catholic Daughters Court No. 206

Sunday, January 31, 2016

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Family Center

Plates-To-Go or Dine-In

Tickets - \$9.00 **“Pre-Sale Only”**

(Chicken Fried Steak, w/gravy, potatoes, seasoned green beans, cole slaw & dessert)

Meal tickets and raffle tickets are available at:

St. Joseph Pastoral Center, St. Joseph School Office, First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank, Prosperity Bank, Gaus, Natho & Swaney, Attys., Guys & Gals Hair Salon, Kunetka's, CDA Members.

Homemade Needles & Baked Items will also be

Rejoice
IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
Rejoice!
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

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@stjatholicchurch.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@stjatholicchurch.com). Una vez que tengamos el grupo formado programaremos el

