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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Feb 3	5:30pm	+Frank and Ottilia Lesikar
Tues	Feb 4	7:30am	+Patrick Drastata
Tues	Feb 4	8:15am	+Kevin Oppermann
Wed	Feb 5	5:30pm	+Lewis Epps
Thur	Feb 6	7:30am	+Ramiro Garcia
Thur	Feb 6	10:00am	+Kathryn Krueger (5th Grade Classroom Mass)
Thur	Feb 6	5:30pm	+Gus and Elenora Schobel
Fri	Feb 7	8:15am	Kathe Balusek (S.I.)
Fri	Feb 7	5:30pm	+Margie Polach Halfmann
Sat	Feb 8	6:00pm	+Albina Drawe
Sun	Feb 9	8:00am	Deceased Loved Ones of the Glueck Family
Sun	Feb 9	10:00am	+Robert and Nolie Schobel, Tommy Schobel, & Brad Weikel
Sun	Feb 9	12:00noon	+Leobardo Guerrero Juarez

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	
<u>6pm</u>	K. Weishuhn, J. Schindler, S. Youens
<u>C/L</u>	B. Besch
<u>EM</u>	B. Besch, B. & S. Berger
<u>8am</u>	E. & K. Lanham, T. Watkins
<u>C/L</u>	G. Warschak
<u>EM</u>	D. & G. Warschak, J. Huebel
<u>10am</u>	Z. Kleimann, M. Ehlert, D. Barten
<u>C/L</u>	K. Kleimann
<u>EM</u>	R. & T. Theut, K. Kleimann
<u>12pm</u>	S. Gonzales, M. Aguilar, L. Alvarez
<u>C/L</u>	C. Gonzales
<u>EM</u>	F. & M. Sanchez

Sunday, February 2, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord

"This man was . . . awaiting the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). Who wouldn't like a bit of consolation today? Who wouldn't like to feel the Lord put His arm around their shoulder and tell them, "Everything's going to be okay"?

Simeon was looking for God's consolation. God had promised restoration for His people, Israel. He had promised a Messiah who would sit on the throne of David and draw all the nations to Jerusalem. For many years, Simeon had prayed for these promises to be fulfilled, but nothing had happened. Israel was still an occupied nation, and her people were still divided between rich and poor, Pharisee and Sadducee, Galilean and Judean. So Simeon continued to pray for redemption. And he waited.

Then the day came. Imagine how tender that moment was when Simeon took the child Jesus into His arms. The "consolation of Israel" had finally arrive (Luke 2:25). You can just hear the emotion welling up in his words: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace" (2:29). *At last, I have seen Him. I can depart now, Lord, because You have come to save my people.*

Simeon knew right then and there that everything was going to be okay. He didn't know how it would happen or when it would happen, but that didn't matter. He knew *that* it would happen, and that was enough for him to believe.

God knows your anguish; He hears your prayers; He knows you concerns. So let Him console you. Today in the house of the Lord, you will meet Jesus in the unlikely form of bread and wine--as Simeon met Him in the unlikely form of an infant. When you receive Him, think of the prayerful man. Just as he did, take Jesus into your hands and into your heart. He has come to bring salvation and consolation. He may not tell you how or when, but it doesn't matter right now. Christ is in you, and everything is going to be okay.

*"Master, my eyes have seen Your salvation. I surrender myself to You."
(from "The Word Among Us")*

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Feb 3	CDA Meeting, 6:30pm in Cafeteria KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	Feb 4	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm at Columbus Hall TLC Bingo, 3:00pm
Wed	Feb 5	CDA Bingo, 3:00pm Columbus Oaks CCE, 5:30pm English as a Second Language Class, 5:30-7:00pm, upstairs SAS School Building RCIA, 6:00pm in Solansky Home High School Youth Group (Jesus' Work in Our Lives), 6:15pm in Cafeteria
Thur	Feb 6	SAS 7th Grade to lead the Rosary, 9:30am in Church SAS 5th Grade Classroom Mass, 10:00am CDA Rosary, 10:30am at Columbus Oaks 24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm in Chapel
Fri	Feb 7	SAS Mass Prepared by 3rd grade, 8:15am in Church Adoration Ends, 5:00pm Spanish Bible Study, 7:00pm in Cafeteria

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 4025.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 2305.00	Loose
\$ 761.00	Collection for the Church in Latin America

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 199.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 105.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 110.00	Legacy Memorials
\$ 15.00	A/C Donation

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 54,433.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

The second collection next weekend will be for the Legacy Fund in support of St. Anthony School.

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$1,234,753.46**. (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

The Church celebrates
World Day for Consecrated Life
this weekend. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.
Thank you Fr. Augustine, Fr. Nelson, Deacon Bennie, & Deacon Charlie!

Ministers To Serve February 8 & 9

2/08	6:00pm	<u>AS</u>	L. & D. Riehl, A. Medrano	2/09	10:00am	<u>AS</u>	T, A, & J. Schobel
		<u>C/L</u>	C. Kuhn			<u>C/L</u>	N. Nelson
		<u>EM</u>	Y. Wagner, T. Stehling, D. Rios			<u>EM</u>	N. Nelson, J. O'Leary, K. Kleimann
		<u>FG</u>	D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky			<u>FG</u>	J. & S. Darr
2/09	8:00am	<u>AS</u>	S. & S. Korell, J. Trapp	2/09	12:00pm	<u>AS</u>	E. & J. Tovar, R. Sanchez
		<u>C/L</u>	S. Glueck			<u>C/L</u>	A. Trujillo
		<u>EM</u>	J. & S. Glueck, T. Lanham			<u>EM</u>	P. & R. Tovar
		<u>FG</u>	B. Motal				
<u>EM to TLC 2/09, 9:30am:</u>			J. Huebel, T. Lanham				

Please keep
Rusty Theut and John Glueck
in your prayers as they continue their journey in the Diaconate Program.

The **Columbus KC Council 2971's Hunter's Exposition and Chili Supper** will be Friday, February 7, at 6:00pm at the Columbus Hall. Tickets are available at the Columbus Hall (732-2220) or from a KC Member.

CDA Members whose last names begin with N-Z will provide desserts for the CDA booth at the KC's Chili Supper. Contact Joani Dungen (732-1060) for more info.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, please see Tracey in the Church Office.

Registration Forms for the next Women's and Men's ACTS Retreats are in the back of the church. The women's retreat will be Feb 20-23 out of St. Anthony. The men's retreat will be March 19-22 out of St. Roch.

The Emmaus Center provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective. The counseling staff devotes themselves to assisting those in need regardless of their religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appt or for information call (361) 212-0830.

Thank you to the SAS Jr. High for folding the bulletins every week!

Prayer Chain: If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey in the Church Office.