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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	Dec 2	5:30pm	+Joyce Fudge
Tues	Dec 3	7:30am	+R.L. Schuck
Tues	Dec 3	8:15am	+Tommy John
Wed	Dec 4	5:30pm	+Arthur Moeller
Thur	Dec 5	7:30am	+Henry Schneider
Thur	Dec 5	5:30pm	+Victor Ibrom
Fri	Dec 6	8:15am	Will Glueck on his Birthday
Fri	Dec 6	10:00am	+Walter Berckenhoff (Mass at Columbus Oaks)
Fri	Dec 6	5:30pm	+Elton Litzmann
Sat	Dec 7	6:00pm	+William Darilek
Sun	Dec 8	8:00am	Frances Anne Glueck (S.I.)
Sun	Dec 8	10:00am	+Edbert and Mark Henneke
Sun	Dec 8	12:00noon	+Leobado Guerrero Juarez

<b><u>Ministers serving this weekend</u></b>	
<b><u>6pm</u></b>	K. Weishuhn, A. & L. Potter
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	R. Heffley
<b><u>EM</u></b>	R. Heffley, G. Elizondo, B. Besch
<b><u>8am</u></b>	S. & S. Korell, J. Trapp
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	J. Glueck
<b><u>EM</u></b>	L. Novosad, J. & S. Glueck
<b><u>10am</u></b>	M. Olivarez, A. Heffley, D. Barten
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	L. Walla
<b><u>EM</u></b>	J. O'Leary, N. Nelson, D. Dungen
<b><u>12pm</u></b>	M. & A. Garcia, L. Alvarez
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	Ma. A. Sanchez
<b><u>EM</u></b>	F. & M. Sanchez

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*"You also must be prepared" (Matthew 24:44).* This is it--we have lit the first Advent candle. Christmas is less than four weeks away, so we need to get ready. If we plan on giving gifts, sending Christmas cards, or having guests over for Christmas dinner, now is the time to start planning. Jesus is saying something similar in today's Gospel reading, but with a different focus: "Get ready; you don't know when I will come again!"

*"También debéis estar preparados" (Mateo 24:44).* Esto es-- hemos encendido la primera vela de Adviento. Faltan menos de cuatro semanas para la Navidad, así que tenemos que prepararnos. Si planeamos dar regalos, enviar tarjetas de Navidad o tener invitados para la cena de Navidad, ahora es el momento de empezar a planificar. Jesús está diciendo algo similar en la lectura evangélica de hoy, pero con un enfoque diferente: "Prepárate; usted no sabe cuándo voy a volver!"

So how can we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming? Here's one idea: just as you give Christmas gifts to your friends and family, think of a gift you could give the Christ child. Here are some possibilities.  
 \*Set aside an hour each week to sit before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In the quiet of His presence, praise and thank Him for becoming a man and saving you from sin and death.  
 \*Serve the needy in some way. Volunteer at a food kitchen, buy gifts for a struggling family, or help decorate the home of an elderly neighbor.  
 \*See where you have strayed from God. Then go to Confession and receive His forgiveness and the grace to follow Him more closely.  
 \*Is there anyone you need to forgive? Ask Jesus to help you forgive that person, and then reconcile with them if possible.

Entonces, ¿cómo podemos prepararnos para la venida de Jesús, tanto en Navidad como en la Segunda Venida? He aquí una idea: así como les das regalos de Navidad a tus amigos y familiares, piensa en un regalo que podrías darle al niño Cristo. Estas son algunas posibilidades.  
 \* Reserva una hora cada semana para sensate ante Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. En la tranquilidad de Su presencia, alabe y agradece por llegar a ser hombre y salvarte del pecado y de la muerte.  
 \* Servir a los necesitados de alguna manera. Voluntario en una cocina de alimentos, comprar regalos para una familia que lucha, o ayudar a decorar la casa de un vecino de edad avanzada.  
 \* Mira dónde te has alejado de Dios. Luego ve a Confesión y recibe Su perdón y la gracia de seguirlo más de cerca.  
 \* ¿Hay alguien a quien debes perdonar? Pídale a Jesús que le ayude a perdonar a esa persona y luego reconcilie con ellos si es posible.

As you decide what you will give Jesus, remember: it's not only about what *you* do to get ready for His coming. It's also about what *He* wants to do for you.  
 \*As you sit before Him in Adoration, He wants to give you His peace.  
 \*As you reach out to the needy, He wants to encounter you in His beloved poor.  
 \*As you go to Confession, He wants to fill you with His mercy.  
 \*As you forgive other people, He wants to help heal your wounded relationships.

Al decidir lo que le darás a Jesús, recuerda: no se trata sólo de lo que haces para prepararte para Su venida. También se trata de lo que quiere hacer por ti.  
 \*Mientras te sientes delante de El en La Adoración, el quiere darte Su paz.  
 \*Al tender la mano a los necesitados, quiere encontrarse con ustedes en Sus amados pobres.  
 \*Al ir a la Confesión, el quiere llenarte de Su misericordia.  
 \*Como usted es perdonar a otras personas, quiere ayudar a sanar sus relaciones heridas.

Jesus is so generous that He wants to help *you* get ready for *Him*. So slow down this Advent, and let Him give you the gift of a willing heart.

Jesús es tan generoso que quiere ayudarte a prepararte para él. Así que ralentiza este Adviento, y deja que ella te dé el don de un corazón dispuesto.

*from "The Word Among Us"*

**Calendar for the Week**

Mon	Dec 2	CDA Meeting, 6:30pm in Cafeteria KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	Dec 3	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at KC Hall SAS 4th Graders to pray the Rosary at TLC, 9:30am Altar Society Christmas Gathering and Meeting, 1:30pm at Pilsner's. TLC Bingo, 3:00pm
Wed	Dec 4	CDA Bingo, 3:00pm at Columbus Oaks CCE, 5:30pm Youth Group, 6:15pm
Thur	Dec 5	SAS School-wide Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9:30am in Church CDA Rosary, 10:30am at The Oaks 24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm in Chapel
Fri	Dec 6	SAS Mass Prepared by the 2nd grade, 8:15am in Church Mass at Columbus Oaks, 10:00am 24 Hour Adoration Ends, 5:00pm
Sun	Dec 8	Consecration to Mary for all parishioners taking part in the 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration, after each of the Masses. Bishop Cahill will be at the 8:00am Mass.

Please keep <b><u>Rusty Theut and</u></b> <b><u>John Glueck</u></b> in your prayers as they continue their journey in the Diaconate
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**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 6772.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1614.00	Loose
\$ 2678.00	Campaign for Human Development

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 1170.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 260.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 90.00	A/C Donations

**Donations for New A/C in the Church**

\$ 52,803.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

**“Thank you for your generosity!”**

*The second collection next weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for the Religious and the Legacy Fund.*

**“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 **\$1,244,451.51.** (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 **JCDA is collecting toys** for Deputy Santa! Please bring **unwrapped** toys to Monica Santillano at Four Oaks Medical Clinic, Suite 101, no later than December 4. You may also bring toys to the Church Office.

**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 appointment or for information call (361) 212-0830.

**Ministers To Serve December 7 & December 8**

<b>12/07</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	J. Schindler, S. Youens, Z. Kuhn	<b>12/08</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	T, A, & J. Schobel
		<b><u>C/L</u></b>	B. Besch			<b><u>C/L</u></b>	N. Nelson
		<b><u>EM</u></b>	B. Besch, B. & S. Berger			<b><u>EM</u></b>	N. Nelson, D. Dungen, J. O'Leary
		<b><u>FG</u></b>	D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky			<b><u>FG</u></b>	Volunteer
<b>12/08</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	E. & K. Lanham, T. Watkins	<b>12/08</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	S. Gonzales, M. Aguilar, R. Sanchez
		<b><u>C/L</u></b>	G. Warschak			<b><u>C/L</u></b>	C. Gonzales
		<b><u>EM</u></b>	D. & G. Warschak, T. Lanham			<b><u>EM</u></b>	P. & R. Tovar
		<b><u>FG</u></b>	B. Motal				
<b><u>EM to TLC 12/08, 9:30am:</u></b>			T. Lanham, S. Gerik				

**The church has purchased the Wostarek Home** on Wallace Street. This corner lot will now be part of the school property.

New **Christmas Trees** have been purchased to decorate the church over the Christmas season. If you would like to make a donation towards the new trees, please put it in a marked envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

Anyone who is interested in the **artificial Christmas trees** we have used to decorate the church for Christmas in years past, please call Sandy Rhodes (733-3903). There are several sizes available, including 6 and 7 foot trees.

**The Angel Tree** is up in the back of church. Please consider picking up one of these special angels and helping make their Christmas a little brighter. Each of the angels is a name given to us by CPS and will go to local children (Bellville, Columbus, Sealy, and surrounding areas). Gifts should be brought to the Church Office by Monday, December 9, at the latest.

There will be an **Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena** beginning this Tuesday, December 3, through Wednesday, December 11, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Chapel.

**2019 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):**

St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2019 is **\$34,076.** To date, only \$17,290 has been pledged by our parishioners. The church will be responsible to pay the balance. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small.