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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 17	5:30pm	+Norbert Tasler
Tues	Dec 18	7:30am	+Ramiro Garcia
Wed	Dec 19	5:30pm	Victor and Sarah Goeckner (S.I.)
Thur	Dec 20	7:30am	+Gus Schobel
Fri	Dec 21	8:15am	+Michael Miksch (6th grade)
Fri	Dec 21	5:30pm	+Nora Schobel
Sat	Dec 22	6:00pm	+Daniel Munsch
Sun	Dec 23	8:00am	Deceased Loved Ones of Meismer & Braden Families
Sun	Dec 23	10:00am	+Audrey Kouba
Sun	Dec 23	12:00noon	People of the Parish

Ministers serving this weekend	
6pm	Z. Kuhn, A. & L. Potter
C/L	C. Kuhn
EM	C. & T. Potter, D. Rios
8am	S. & S. Korell, T. Watkins
C/L	G. Warschak
EM	D. & G. Warschak, L. Novosad
10am	G. Theut, A. Heffley, M. Ehlert
C/L	R. Theut
EM	R. & T. Theut, J. O’Leary
12pm	L. Alvarez, R. Sanchez, K. Rubio
C/L	Ma. A. Sanchez
EM	A. & V. Sanchez

Sunday, December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). St. Paul believed that rejoicing was a basic disposition that we all should try to maintain, even when things don't go our way. In his short Letter to the Philippians, in fact, he spoke about rejoicing fifteen times. And let's not forget that Paul was in prison when he wrote the letter! He was not going to let his circumstances rob him of his joy.

So how did Paul maintain a joyful disposition? First, he rejoiced because he knew Jesus' love. If you back up just two chapters in this letter, you'll see him singing a hymn that extols Jesus' willingness to empty himself, become a man, and die on the cross (Philippians 2:7-8). And then in the next chapter, he writes, "I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (3:8). The thought of Jesus' love--a love that gives of itself freely--continually filled Paul with joy.

Second, Paul rejoiced in the Philippians themselves. They were his joy and his crown (Philippians 4:1). They were his dear friends who had joined him in a "partnership for the gospel" (1:5). He rejoiced because he knew he had brothers and sisters who loved him and supported him in his faith.

We will all encounter times of trial and suffering, but Jesus asks us to rejoice whether or not the sun is shining on us. He especially wants us to rejoice as we prepare for Christmas. If Paul were here, he would urge us to keep things in perspective--to look at our lives through the lens of God's love. He would urge us never to let anxiousness rule our lives, but to strive to keep our sense of peace at all times. He would urge us to pray through the tough times and to find reasons to rejoice.

Jesus has done so much for us. Let's repay Him by rejoicing in His love--and sharing that joy with the people around us.

"Regocijao en el Señor siempre, lo diré otra vez: regocijao!" (Filipenses 4:4). San Pablo creía que el regocijo era una disposición básica que todos debemos tratar de mantener, incluso cuando las cosas no salen el camino. En su breve carta a los Filipenses, de hecho, habló de alegría quince veces. Y no olvidemos que Pablo estaba en prisión cuando escribió la carta! No iba a dejar que sus circunstancias robarle de su alegría.

Entonces, ¿cómo lo hizo Pablo mantener una disposición alegre? En primer lugar, se regocijaba porque sabía que el amor de Jesús. Si usted copia de seguridad de sólo dos capítulos de esta carta, iré a verlo cantar un himno que ensalza la voluntad de Jesús vacío a sí mismo, convertirse en un hombre y morir en la Cruz (Filipenses 2:7-8). Y luego en el próximo capítulo, escribe, «incluso consideran todo como pérdida por el bien supremo de conocer a Cristo Jesús mi Señor "(3:8). El pensamiento de amor de Jesús, un amor que le da de sí mismo libremente--continuamente lleno de Paul con alegría.

En segundo lugar, Pablo se regocijó en los Filipenses mismos. Eran su gozo y su corona (Filipenses 4:1). Eran sus queridos amigos que tenían lo ensambló en una "Alianza para el Evangelio" (1:5). Él se regocijaba porque sabía que tenía hermanos y hermanas que lo amaban y lo apoyaron en su fe.

Vamos a todos encuentran tiempos de prueba y sufrimiento, pero Jesús nos pide para alegrarse o no el sol brilla sobre nosotros. Especialmente quiere regocijarnos mientras nos preparamos para la Navidad. Si Pablo estuviera aquí, pido que mantengamos las cosas en perspectiva, mirar nuestra vida a través del lente del amor de Dios. Nosotros nunca a estado de ansiedad pido nuestras vidas, pero a luchar para mantener nuestro sentido de la paz en todo momento. Él nos instan a orar a través de los tiempos difíciles y a encontrar razones para alegrarse.

Jesús ha hecho tanto por nosotros. Vamos a pagarlo de regocijarse en su amor y compartir esa alegría con la gente que nos rodea.

*"Lord, open my eyes to see you!"
(from "The Word Among Us")*

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Dec 17	Parish Advent Confessions, 4:00-5:00pm
Wed	Dec 19	Parish Advent Confessions, 4:00-5:00pm Adult Youth Leader Meeting, 6:00pm in SAS Cafeteria
Thurs	Dec 20	Parish Advent Confessions, 9:00-10:00am SAS 3K, 4K, & 5K Christmas Program, 6:00pm in Cafeteria
Fri	Dec 21	SAS Mass prepared by 6th grade, 8:15am in Church SAS Early Dismissal, 12:30pm (Christmas Break Dec. 22-Jan. 7) Parish Advent Confessions, 4:00-5:00pm
Sat	Dec 22	Parish Advent Confessions, 4:00-5:00pm
Sun	Dec 23	Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Chapel

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3031.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1004.00	Loose
\$ 899.00	Immaculate Conception
\$ 661.00	Religious Retirement Fund
\$ 318.00	Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 1437.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 55.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 100.00	Donations for A/C

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$32,574.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)
"Thank you for your generosity!"

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. If you'd like to make a donation to help us meet our goal, see Tracey in the Church Office. To date, we have received **\$2,866,430.67** in pledges, gifts and Memorials.

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

A more detailed **Picnic Financial Report** can be found in the back of church.

<u>Parish Advent Confession Schedule</u>		<u>Christmas Mass Times</u>	
Monday, December 17	4:00-5:00pm	Christmas Eve	5:00pm
Wednesday, December 19	4:00-5:00pm		9:00pm
Thursday, December 20	9:00-10:00am	Christmas Day	8:00am
Friday, December 21	4:00-5:00pm		10:00am
Saturday, December 22	4:00-5:00pm		12:00noon (Spanish)

Ministers To Serve December 22 & 23

12/22	6:00pm	AS	L. & D. Riehl, K. Weishuhn	12/23	10:00am	AS	M. Olivarez, E. & J. Schobel
		C/L	R. Heffley			C/L	L. Walla
		EM	G. Elizondo, R. Heffley, T. Stehling			EM	S. Frnka, N. Nelson, J. O’Leary
		FG	D. Wagner, D. Rios			FG	B. Hartensteiner
12/23	8:00am	AS	J. & J. Rau, J. Trapp	12/23	12:00pm	AS	S. Gonzales, E. & J. Tovar
		C/L	T. Wostarek			C/L	M. Sanchez
		EM	J. & S. Glueck, T. Wostarek			EM	F. & M. Sanchez
		FG	C. Moore				

EM to visit TLC 12/23, 9:30am: T. Wostarek, T. Potter

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

The Columbus Community Choir and Orchestra present "Christmas Presence" today (Dec 16) at 4:00pm at the Columbus High School Auditorium.

The Altar Society is accepting donations for **poinsettia plants** to decorate the altars for Christmas. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrances of the church or go by the Church Office. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket.

Please keep ***Adam Shimek***, grandson of Geraldine Streckfuss, and all Seminarians in your prayers.

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by the Altar Society for the Third Sunday of Advent.

CCE is looking for helpers!! We need two more aides to help out on Wednesday nights for CCE. It's an easy job! No prep work, just be there to help the teacher!!

Attention Men of God! Men's prayer group is forming. Contact Jonathan Dooley (733-7740) or Rusty Theut (979-481-3306) for more details.