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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 3	5:30pm	Walter and Helen Meyer
Tues	Dec 4	7:30am	+Arthur Moeller
Tues	Dec 4	8:15am	+Russell Buxkamper (7th grade)
Wed	Dec 5	5:30pm	+Johnnie and Emily Wagner
Thur	Dec 6	7:30am	+James and Matthew Helfrich
Fri	Dec 7	8:15am	Vickie Glynn (S.I.) (2nd grade)
Fri	Dec 7	6:00pm	John & Sandy Glueck Family (S.I.)
Sat	Dec 8	6:00pm	+Edbert and Mark Henneke
Sun	Dec 9	8:00am	+Kassidy Patterson
Sun	Dec 9	10:00am	+W.E. Darilek
Sun	Dec 9	12:00noon	Maria Paula Terrazas Alvarez (S.I.)

Sunday, December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

We often talk about "The Christmas Story" as if it were one single story. Actually, it's made up of a number of individual stories, each of which tells us something unique about the Christ child. The story of the Annunciation tells us about Mary's openness to God's plan. The story of Zechariah and Elizabeth tell us how John the Baptist--Jesus' forerunner--was called at birth. The stories of the shepherds and the Magi tell us that Jesus is worth searching for.

There's another story we don't often think about because it's not as long. It's the story of the innkeeper whose closed doors led Mary and Joseph to the manger. But just imagine for a moment that he did manage to find room for them after all. His inn, not the manger, would be honored throughout the world. There would likely be a grand church marking its location, and pilgrims would flock to it year after year.

As Advent begins, let's not be like the innkeeper. He missed a grand opportunity because he didn't make room for Jesus. Many of us will gather with family and friends this Christmas. Anyone who has hosted these gatherings will tell you how time consuming the preparations can be. They want to create a pleasant, welcoming environment, so everything has to be just right. But no matter how much work is involved, they don't mind. The thought of seeing everyone together makes the work feel lighter. Let's have this same attitude toward Jesus. Let's get ready with joy and anticipation, even if it involves some work on our part. Let's embrace the opportunities to pray a little more, to examine our lives, and to show more love to the people around us.

Our first reading tells us that "the days are coming" when God will visit His people (Jeremiah 33:14). Let's dedicate the next twenty-three days to making our hearts as open and welcoming as possible so that Jesus will find a comfortable home there.

*"Lord, help me to make time for You this Advent."
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

A menudo hablamos de "La historia de la Navidad" como si se tratara de una sola historia. En realidad, se compone de un número de historias individuales, cada uno de ellos nos dice algo sobre el niño Jesús. La historia de la Anunciación nos habla de la apertura de María al plan de Dios. La historia de Zacarías y Elizabeth nos dice cómo fue llamado precursor de Juan el Bautista, Jesús--en el nacimiento. Las historias de los pastores y los Reyes Magos nos dicen que Jesús es digno de buscar.

Hay otra historia que no a menudo pensamos en porque no es tan larga. Es la historia del ventero cuyas puertas cerradas llevaron María y José en el pesebre. Pero Imagínense por un momento que él logró encontrar espacio para ellos después de todo. Cumplirían con su pensión, no el pesebre, en todo el mundo. Probablemente sería una gran iglesia marcar su ubicación y peregrinos acuden a él año tras año.

Comienza el Adviento, no seamos como el posadero. Que perdió una gran oportunidad porque él no dar lugar a Jesús. Muchos de nosotros reunirán con familiares y amigos esta Navidad. Quien ha sido anfitrión de estas reuniones le dirá cómo lentos pueden ser los preparativos. Quieren crear un ambiente agradable y acogedor, así que todo tiene que ser justo. Pero no importa cuánto trabajo está involucrado, no importa. El pensamiento de ver todos juntos hace el trabajo más ligero. Vamos a tener esta misma actitud hacia Jesús. Vamos a entrar con alegría y anticipación, incluso si se trata de un trabajo por nuestra parte. Abracemos las oportunidades para orar un poco más, para examinar nuestras vidas y a mostrar más amor a la gente que nos rodea.

Nuestra primera lectura nos dice que "vendrán días" cuando Dios visita a su pueblo (Jeremías 33: 14). Vamos a dedicar los próximos veinte y tres días para hacer que nuestros corazones como abierto y acogedor como sea posible para que Jesús encuentran allí un hogar confortable.

Ministers serving this weekend	
6pm	L. & D. Riehl, J. Schindler
C/L	T. Lilie
EM	G. Elizondo, R. Heffley, T. Stehling
8am	J. Trapp, J. & J. Rau
C/L	J. Rau
EM	J. Barta, L. Novosad, T. Wostarek
10am	Z. Kleimann, J. Hall, D. Barten
C/L	S. Frnka
EM	S. Frnka, K. Kleimann, J. O'Leary
12pm	R. Sanchez, E. & J. Tovar
C/L	M. Sanchez
EM	F. & M. Sanchez

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Dec 3	CDA Meeting, 6:30pm in Cafeteria KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	Dec 4	Altar Society Christmas Party, 1:30pm at Pilsner's No TLC Bingo this week RCIA, 6:00pm at Donna Solansky's home
Wed	Dec 5	CCE Classes, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30-8:00pm (Confessions, Biphop Brendan here)
Thurs	Dec 6	Rosary led by SAS 3rd grade, 9:30am in Chapel Adoration begins, 6:00pm in Chapel
Fri	Dec 7	Mass times for Feast of Immaculate Conception: 8:15am and 6:00pm Friday. Both Masses in the Church. SAS Mass prepared by 2nd grade, 8:15am in Church Adoration ends, 5:00pm in Chapel

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3628.00 Sunday Envelopes
 \$ 113700 Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 833.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$32,274.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

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

"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 **\$2,865,993.67** 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.

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.

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

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

Ministers To Serve December 8 & 9

12/08	6:00pm	AS	T., A., & J. Schobel
		C/L	B. Besch
		EM	B. & S. Berger, B. Besch
		FG	D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky
12/09	8:00am	AS	S. Wolters, E. Lanham, A. Cranek
		C/L	S. Glueck
		EM	J. & S. Glueck, S. Rhodes
		FG	B. Motal
		EM to visit TLC 12/09, 9:30am:	J. & S. Glueck

Saturday, December 8, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation**. The Mass times for this Feast Day are Friday at 8:15am and 6:00pm. There will be no Mass for this feast day on Saturday. The 6:00pm Saturday evening Mass is the Sunday Vigil, and therefore will not fulfill the Holy Day Obligation.

Attention Teens and Parents: **Jason Everett**, a very popular Catholic Evangelist, will be giving two talks this Monday, Dec. 3rd, in Shiner. Contact Jonathan Dooley (733-7740) for more information or to arrange transportation.

Apostleship of the Sea: Beginning at Thanksgiving and through the Holidays, chaplains at the Port of Houston's Seafarer's Center deliver over 12,000 Christmas gift boxes to seamen who will not be with their families for Christmas. CDA members are now collecting shoe boxes and various non-perishable items to fill for delivery the second week of December. A list of suggested items, along with a basket for your generous donation, is at the back of church. You may also take your donations to the rectory.

Bishop Brendan will be the Spiritual Director on a 10 day (Aug 22-31, 2020) pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic, and Germany, which will include tickets to see the **2020 Passion Play at Oberammergau**. For more information, contact Dr. Gloria Amelda Gonzalez at dr.gloria@suddenlink.net or (361)549-9147. Reservations must be made by Dec. 31, 2018.

12/09	10:00am	AS	D., H., & Thea Schobel
		C/L	N. Nelson
		EM	N. Nelson, D. Dungen, R. Theut
		FG	C. Grafe
12/09	12:00pm	AS	L. Alvarez, S. Gonzales, M. Garcia
		C/L	M. Ortiz
		EM	P. & R. Tovar