

**St. Anthony Church**  
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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 31	6:00pm	+Fr. Placidus Endler
Tues	Jan 1	8:00am	2018 Houma Mission ACTS Retreat (Thanksgiving)
Tues	Jan 1	10:00am	in Thanksgiving (Spanish)
Wed	Jan 2	5:30pm	+Dr. Charles Moeller
Thur	Jan 3	7:30am	+Evelyn Brune Douthitt
Fri	Jan 4	10:00am	People of the Parish (Columbus Oaks)
Fri	Jan 4	5:30pm	+Amanda Meyer
Sat	Jan 5	6:00pm	+Jimmy and Rusty Mikulenko
Sun	Jan 6	8:00am	Chuck and Sharon Hall (Anniversary)
Sun	Jan 6	10:00am	+Mary Windham
Sun	Jan 6	12:00noon	Samuel Gonzales (5th Birthday)

<b><u>Ministers serving this weekend</u></b>	
<b><u>6pm</u></b>	Z. Kuhn, P. Meyer, K. Weishuhn
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	Y. Wagner
<b><u>EM</u></b>	B. & S. Berger, Y. Wagner
<b><u>8am</u></b>	E. & K. Lanham, A. Cranek
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	S. Rhodes
<b><u>EM</u></b>	S. Rhodes, D. & G. Warschak
<b><u>10am</u></b>	Z. Kleimann, J. Hall, D. Barten
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	S. Hall
<b><u>EM</u></b>	D. Dungen, R. & T. Theut
<b><u>12pm</u></b>	M. Garcia, K. Rubio, R. Sanchez
<b><u>C/L</u></b>	M. Ortiz
<b><u>EM</u></b>	P. & R. Tovar

**Sunday, December 30, 2018**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

*"Take care of your father when he is old" (Sirach 3:12).* Many of us are already living out Sirach's exhortation. In fact, statistics show that in many developed countries, 20 percent of the population is caring for ill, disabled, or aged family members. And they are spending an average of 20 hours per week doing it.

We read this passage from Sirach on the feast of the Holy Family because it speaks to all of our families in a surprising way. It tells us that caring for an elderly family member brings unexpected blessings: forgiveness of sins, spiritual treasures, joy, answered prayers, even long life. Yes, it can be a burden at times, but the blessings far outweigh the burden.

Taking care of our parents does a lot for us spiritually. We see God's self-giving love growing in us. As we walk with them in their later years, we find that we are also walking closer to the Lord. Our perspective on what's important shifts, and we, too, begin thinking more about our heavenly home.

Blessing might not be the first thing you think of though. The idea of being a caregiver can be scary. Financial concerns, emotional strain, and burnout are real issues. You might struggle to find time to recharge yourself, or have trouble avoiding sibling resentments. But the same study referred to previously also shows that more than 80 percent of caregivers report that the experience is rewarding. They feel satisfaction from giving back to someone who sacrificed for them, they know they're providing quality care, and they feel increased meaning and purpose in life.

If you are currently caring for an elderly loved one, take heart! God is pleased by your efforts and is pouring out grace on you. If you are on the receiving end, know that you are a blessing to your loved ones. If you anticipate a time when you will need to do more for your parents, don't worry. Everything you do to honor and care for them will bless you.

*Lord, help me to honor and love my family.  
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

*"Cuidar de su padre cuando él es viejo" (Sirach 3:12).* Muchos de nosotros viven a la exhortación de Sirach. De hecho, las estadísticas muestran que en muchos países desarrollados, 20 por ciento de la población es cuidar a familiares enfermos, discapacitados o mayores. Y gasta un promedio de 20 horas por semana hacerlo.

Hemos leído este pasaje de eclesiástico en la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia porque habla a todas nuestras familias de una manera sorprendente. Nos dice que cuidar a un familiar anciano trae bendiciones inesperadas: perdón de pecados, tesoros espirituales, alegría, oraciones respondidas, incluso larga vida. Sí, puede ser una carga a veces, pero las bendiciones son mayores que la carga.

Cuidando de nuestros padres hace mucho por nosotros espiritualmente. Vemos entrega amor crece en nosotros. Mientras caminamos con ellos en sus últimos años, encontramos que también caminamos más cerca al Señor. Cambia nuestra perspectiva sobre lo que es importante, y, también, comenzamos pensando más acerca de nuestro hogar celestial.

Bendición no sería la primera cosa que piensas aunque. La idea de ser un cuidador puede ser aterrador. Preocupaciones financieras, tensión emocional y burnout son problemas reales. Podría luchar para encontrar tiempo para recargar usted mismo o tener problemas para evitar resentimientos hermano. Pero el mismo estudio mencionado anteriormente también muestra que más del 80 por ciento de los cuidadores informan que la experiencia es gratificante. Sienten satisfacción de dar a alguien que se sacrificó por ellos, ellos saben que están proporcionando atención de calidad, y sienten mayor significado y propósito en la vida. Si usted está actualmente cuidando a un anciano había querido, ¡ánimate! Dios se complace por sus esfuerzos y está derramando gracia sobre usted. Si usted está en el extremo receptor, saber que eres una bendición a sus seres queridos. Si prevé un tiempo cuando se necesita hacer más para sus padres, no te preocupes. Todo lo que haces para honrar y cuidar de ellos los bendecirá.

**Calendar for the Week**

Tues	Jan 1	Holy Day of Obligation (Solemnity of Mary); Mass times: Dec 31 at 6:00pm, Jan 1 at 8:00am and 10:00am (Spanish)
Thur	Jan 3	24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm in Chapel
Fri	Jan 4	No 8:15am SAS Children's Mass Mass at Columbus Oaks, 10:00am 24 Hour Adoration Ends, 5:00pm in Chapel
Sat	Jan 5	Getting Through Loss Support Group, 10-11:00am, Methodist Church

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 3337.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1650.00	Loose
\$ 9422.00	Christmas Collection

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 161.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 105.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 50.00	Legacy Fund

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

\$34,874.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

**"Thank you for your generosity!"**

*The second collection next weekend will be for Paving the Way in support of St. Anthony School.*

**"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 **\$2,867,004.67** in pledges, gifts and Memorials.

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

Please keep <b><u>Rusty Theut and John Glueck</u></b> in your prayers as they continue their journey in the Diaconate Program.
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**The Altar Society** has mailed letters informing parishioners of the function of the altar society, which we are all members of. Your \$5 annual dues and \$5 flower fund donation can be mailed to the church office or dropped into the collection basket. Thank you for all your hard work in keeping our church beautiful and clean.

**Ministers To Serve January 5 & 6**

<b>01/05</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	Z. Kuhn, J. Schindler, S. Youens
		<b><u>C/L</u></b>	C. Kuhn
		<b><u>EM</u></b>	C. & T. Potter, D. Rios
		<b><u>FG</u></b>	D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky
<b>01/06</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	S. & S. Korell, J. Rau
		<b><u>C/L</u></b>	J. Glueck
		<b><u>EM</u></b>	J. & S. Glueck, S. Rhodes
		<b><u>FG</u></b>	J. Barrett
		<b><u>EM to visit TLC 1/06, 9:30am:</u></b>	R. & T. Theut

The **KC and Catholic Daughters will have their Christmas Party** on Monday, January 7, at 6:30pm at the KC Hall. Please call the hall at 732-2220, Sharon Hall at 732-6408, or Fausta Kaiser as 732-1386 to RSVP.

**CDA Membership dues** of \$25 are due effective January 1, 2019, and are delinquent February 1. Please send to CDA #1588, P.O. Box 331, Columbus, TX 78934 or contact Sharon Hall at 732-6408.

Please keep <b><i>Adam Shimek</i></b> , grandson of Geraldine Streckfuss, and all Seminarians in your prayers.
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CDA Members wishing to attend the **CDA District Meeting** on January 20 in Weimar need to contact Regent Fausta Kaiser no later than January 10 by texting or calling 732-1386. The meeting will be from 9:45am-2:00pm and there is a \$16 registration fee.

**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!!

Please pick up your **church calendar** at the entrances of the church. These calendars are graciously donated by Henneke Funeral Home.

**January Altar Decorators:** Bernice Motal, Pat Reck, Laura Weido, Lisa Richter, Charleen Kallus, Sandi Berger, Alisha Reck, Christine Moore, Janice Pizzatola, and Patsy Melnar.

<b>01/06</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	D., H., & T. Schobel
		<b><u>C/L</u></b>	N. Nelson
		<b><u>EM</u></b>	N. Nelson, S. Frnka, J. O'Leary
		<b><u>FG</u></b>	Volunteer
<b>01/06</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b><u>AS</u></b>	L. Alvarez, E. & J. Tovar
		<b><u>C/L</u></b>	Ma. A. Sanchez
		<b><u>EM</u></b>	A. & V. Sanchez