

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

SACRED HEART PARISH (SH); SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH (SSCM)
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MONDAY, December 18

TUESDAY, December 19

9:00 a.m. CCF Building, Word Among Us Bible Study

10:00 a.m. SH CCF Building, Quilting Circle

WEDNESDAY, December 20

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. SH, Sacrament of Penance
(confessions / confesiones)

THURSDAY, December 21

6:30 – 7:30 a.m. SH Parish Hall, Men's Group

FRIDAY, December 22

SATURDAY, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. SH, Sunday Eucharist

SUNDAY, December 24

8:00 a.m. SSCM, Sunday Eucharist

9:30 a.m. SH, Sunday Eucharist

*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord,
Christmas Eve*

5:00 p.m. SH, Eucharist

MONDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. SSCM, Eucharist

10:00 a.m. SH, Eucharist

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY, December 28

The Holy Innocents, martyrs; feast

10:10 a.m. Raphael's Refuge, Rosary & Christmas Carols
Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Cahill presiding

SUNDAY, January 7 & 21

10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon CCF, SH CCF Building

Grade 1: CCF Building, Room 3

Grade 2: CCF Building, Room 8

Grades 3 – 4: CCF Building Rooms 5 & 6

Grades 5 – 6: CCF Building Room 2

Grade 7: SH Church, Chapel

Grade 8: CCF Building, Room 4

MONDAY & THURSDAY, January 8 & 11

6:00 p.m. SH CCF Building, Room 5

Clases de Inglés / English as a Second Language

FOR THE WEEK

Scripture Readings

Monday: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Christmas: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Remember in your prayers

the following Catholic clergy:

Pope Francis, Bishop Brendan Cahill, Bishop Emeritus David E. Fellhauer, Rev. Johnson Owusu-Boateng, Rev. Antonio Perez, Rev. Michael Petering and Deacon Matthew Schaefer

Mass Intentions

+Bubba Pritchard, +Helen & R. L. Brunner, +Larry Brunner, +Bessie & John Pechacek, +Buddy Brunner, +Ida & Harry Maeker; Parishioners of Saints Cyril & Methodius and Sacred Heart; +Agnes & Frank Vybiral, +Henrietta & Henry Mica, +Kenneth Freytag, +Rhonda Freytag, +Della & Louis Greive, +Agnes & Leonard Barta; Parishioners of Saints Cyril & Methodius and Sacred Heart; +Ed Hughes, +Marvin Jasek, Lori Grudziecki, Lauren Grudziecki; +Julio Perales, +Lonnie Garbade, Jr., +Donnie Mica

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish

Sunday Collection: \$768.00

Special Collection for Retired Religious: \$364.00

Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday Collection: \$1,802.00

Special Collection for Retired Religious: \$332.00

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACON

This week marks the third Sunday of Advent. The Church refers to it as Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday, because it reminds us that we are preparing for a joyful occasion. Jesus Christ's coming past, present, and future is indeed a joyful and encouraging time in our lives. In the midst of all of the chaos we deal with on a daily basis, today's scripture reminds us that God always has greater plans for us.

John the Baptist is an interesting person for us to pay attention to. As a cousin of Jesus, he was born into a similar line of poverty. As Scripture says, he lived in the wilderness eating locusts and honey and was clothed in camel's hair. And yet he was joyful and enthusiastic as he went about his mission baptizing people and proclaiming the coming of the Lord. His life and mission are great examples of what today is about.

Our world is full of hardships and many adversities. For many the holiday season is not joyful because they either do not have the means to celebrate in the same way as others or they have lost a loved one or maybe they are alone and do not have anyone to celebrate with. It is very understandable why many do not care for holidays. When we think about John the Baptist, it is easy for us to not realize that he suffered many of these same situations. But the message he shared was more than enough to overcome the pains he experienced.

It is so easy to be caught up in the worldly view of holidays and thus be distracted from the reason for the season. The same spirit that drove John resides in each one of us and is wrestling to be released. John lived to announce that the Messiah has come. Can you imagine if we all had the same zeal to John's message? Can we dare to believe what that would be like!

In Christ, Deacon Tim

PARISH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Please pick up your parish contribution envelopes. If you do not find your name on a box, please take a box with no name. Be sure to write your name and phone number on the envelopes during the first month. Please make updates and corrections on the first envelope used in January 2024.

Por favor de recoger sus sobres de contribución parroquial. Si no encuentra su nombre en una caja, por favor tome una caja sin nombre. Asegúrese de escribir su nombre y número de teléfono en los sobres durante por lo menos el primer mes. Por favor haga actualizaciones y correcciones en el primer sobre que usé en enero de 2024.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL

ASSEMBLY 1527 is selling bbq slabs of pork ribs, \$30 each. Ribs will be delivered Sunday, February 11, to Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Flatonia, for pick up, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. To order, contact Richard Schacherl, 361-772-4614 or any 4th Degree KC.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

Pregnant? Need Help? Help is available for you and your baby. Call 361-576-1156. *¿Embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda? Hay ayuda disponible para usted y su bebé. Llama al 361-576-1156.*

FROZEN DRESSING is available. Gallon bags \$30 and quart bags \$10. Contact the parish office, 361-865-3568.

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL 2023

As of November 19, 2023

Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish, Cistern

Parish Assessment **\$ 8,705.00**

Parishioner Contributions **\$ 4,530.00**

Balance Owed February 28, 2024 **\$ 4,175.00**

Praise to God for those who have given!

Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonia

Parish Assessment **\$21,953.00**

Parishioner Contributions **\$10,225.00**

Balance Owed February 28, 2024 **\$11,728.00**

Praise to God for those who have given!

PLEASE, PRAY FOR THE SICK.

April Abdelbagi, Giselle Aguillon, Andrea & Jerry Alvarado, Juana Alvarez, Larry Baird, Carol Barta, J. D. Bartek, Elva & David Benavides, Bob Bizzell, Angeline & Wiley Boehnke, Joyce Bordages, Betty Borel, Lillie Branecky, Dawn Bratton, Ted Bratton, Dub Brazzel, Kenneth Brosch, Georgia Brunner, Edwin Bullock, Richard Cernosek, Barbara & David Charba, Linda Clabourne, Jackie Coldewey, Allie Delgado, Analea Del Rio, John Demny, Emma Dunham, Emery Eldridge, Darlene Ermis, Vera Estrada, E.J. Filip, Tommie Foster, Cathy Frazier, Doris Garbade, Landry Gipson, Nancy & William J. Gosch, Jill Borel Gough, Lauren Grudziecki, Lori Grudziecki, Raymond Harbich, Lincoln Hardy, Roy Henderson, Lenore Hernandez, Jimmy Holub, Estella Hughes, Joyce & Dale Hutcherson, Karen & Quinton Janak, Charlie Jurak, Sharyn Kahlden, Carolyn Kallus, Garrett Kallus, Daniel Kocian, Ronnie Koncaba, Franklin Kozelsky, Keith Le Pori, Cullen Machac, Deborah Blinka Machicek, Becky & Larmon Maddox, Myrtle Maeker, Maria Angelse Manzano & Family, Bell Martinez, Luciano Martinez, Anthony Martin, Kim McCoy, Mary Mendoza, Chuck Meyer, Cevin Meyers, Evelyn Miller & Family, Glenn Molnoskey, Margaret & Victor Molnoskey, E. Norma Montoya, Linda Munos, Nance Family, Truett Dawson Nicholes, Earline & Bennie Okruhlik, Evelyn Okruhlik, Jose Olvera, Allene Phillipus, Elisabeth Ponder, Almeda Poth, Samantha Ramirez, Norm Ratliff, Richard Ratliff, Mariana Reyes, Mike Seale, Yarith Alondra Segura, Brandon Smolik, Vivi Snow, Edward Stech, Skylar Stephens, Keith Svatek, Carl Gene Taylor, Janice Taubert, Victor Tichacek, Carol Tupa, Jacob Vargas, Hollye & Bruce Vecera, Felix Velasquez, Stella Velasquez, Patrick Vinklerek, Jeanne Wetjen, Kevin Whiteman, Gretchen Zapalac, Jeanette Zouzalik, Luke Zouzalik

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Flower Envelopes are at the church entrances to use if you want to make a donation toward the flowers that are ordered for the Christmas Season. You can make the donation in memory of a loved one or in commemoration of an event like a birthday or anniversary. *Hay sobres de flores especiales en las entradas de la iglesia para usar si desea hacer una donación para las flores que se ordenan para la temporada navideña. Puedes hacer la donación en memoria de un ser querido o en conmemoración de un evento como un cumpleaños o aniversario.*

Sacred Heart Parish

Betty Borel in memory of Buddy Borel, Sabrina Borel

Angie & Thomas Hajek in memory of Annie & Charlie Bartos, Sr.,

Mary Bartos, Lillie & Tom Hajek

Evelyn Pritchard in memory of Bubba Pritchard,

Helen & R. L. Brunner, Larry Brunner

Michele Sanchez in memory of Susie Magdaleno

Sue & Carl Taylor in memory of Bessie & John Pechacek

Jeanette Zouzalik in memory of Ervan Zouzalik

Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish

Beatrice Ramirez in memory of Samuel Ramirez