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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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Parish Office is open **Mon**. 10AM– 12PM, 1PM-5PM, **Tue.—Thurs**. from 9AM-12PM, 1PM—5PM w/ early closing on **Fridays** 9AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM during School Session. Closed holidays, holy days and for some funerals & staff meetings.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS: Please notify the church office of your arrival or if any changes in phone or address are made.

CONFESSION: Wednesdays @6:30am-7am & 6-6:45pm. Thurs@6:30am-7am. Fri.@7am-8am. Sat. @4-5:30pm. and Sun.@7:45am-8:45am and after the 9 AM Mass until 11 AM. Any time by appointment. Call the church office. NO confessions ON TUES. Priest's day off .

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES: 4th Wed of each month. **MUST Pre-Register in the church office.**
Watch Bulletin for dates

WEDDINGS: Couples must be members of the Parish. To begin wedding preparation, **please call for an appointment with the pastor at least six months prior to planned wedding date**. Pick up a marriage packet with all the wedding guidelines from church secretary.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Call 364-6150 day or night. OR during office hours to schedule the Sacrament of Anointing prior to surgery or if health is serious or an accident has occurred. It is a Sacrament of healing and comfort, not necessarily of the dying.

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8:45AM: Dismissal of RCIA after Homily, followed by topic—A/R
NO Elementary F.F.C. in school classrooms.
9:45-11AM -- Study of Weekend READINGS in Library.
Vocations Crucifix:
5PM: Margaret Diller
8:45 AM: Azael & Monica Valdez
11:30AM: Johnny Dan & Argelia Alaniz
1PM Christmas Baskets prepared and delivered.
5PM HOLY HOUR
MONDAY— 7:15AM Mass
NO School all week!
TUESDAY—5:30PM Mass
7-8 AM Men's Lectionary Study Group: A/R.
NO 24hr. Adoration
WEDNESDAY— 7:15AM Mass
NO Wednesday study next two weeks. The first Wednesday of January will be our return Epiphany Party. All are welcome to begin a new year of study and prayer from 9:30-11 am in Antonian Room.
6PM last of Christmas decorations go up. Volunteers needed.
NO Jr. High and High School F.F.C.
THURSDAY—7:15AM Mass
Church Office closes at noon.
FRIDAY— 8:15AM Mass
Church Office closed.
7am-8am Book STUDY resumes. See bulletin for 2017 January new book study. Call Janie to order a book for you! "WHY STAY CATHOLIC?"

SAT. 7PM LITURGY DEC. 24, 2016
Vocation Crucifix taken by Monica & Emilio Hernandez

Fifth Sunday of Advent DEC. 25, 2016
Second Collection for Retired Fund for Religious
NO RCIA this week, have a MERRY CHRISTMAS!
NO Elementary F.F.C MERRY CHRISTMAS.
NO Study of Weekend READINGS in Library. MERRY CHRISTMAS
Vocation Crucifix:
Midnight Mass:
10AM Mass: Joe & Leslie Freitas
NO HOLY HOUR

All Altar Flowers, are in MEMORY of Sam and Vickie Valdez from Johnny Dan & Argelia Valdez & Family. Thank you and God Bless your family!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule for Dec. 24/25:

7PM Christmas Eve Mass: Aida Lemus, Janie Banner, Elaine McNutt, Larry McNutt and Steve Cortez (L)

Midnight Mass: Coby Lassiter, Tama Lassiter, Elvira Enriquez, Helen Noyes and Ronnie Fetsch (L)

SICK CALL ONLY: Tom Albracht, Fritz Backus, Ray Berend, Ronnie Fetsch, Al Simnacher

10AM Mass: Harrison Parsons, Mayra Parsons, Alyssa Rodriguez, Cynthia Rodriguez and Monica Valdez (L)

Lector Schedule for Dec. 24/25:

7 PM Mass: Angela Baker and Barbara Yavornik
Midnight Mass: Carmen Flood and Charlene Sanders
10AM Mass: Janie Banner and Claudia Garcia

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Mon.7:15AM Abbie Arroyos RIP
Tues. 5:30PM Edward Fry RIP
Wed.7:15AM Jim Marnell RIP
Thurs. 7:15AM Albert & Rosalie Stengel RIP
FRI. 8:15AM Phil Berend RIP
SAT. 7PM People of the Parish
SUN. 12 AM Special Intentions
SUN. 10AM Richard Hess RIP

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon.7:15 AM Avery Detten and Aron Diaz
Tues.5:30PM Colton Urbanczyk and Gavin Urbanczyk
Wedn.7:15AM Chloe Casarez and Camila Casarez
Thurs.7:15AM Mikaela Ozuna and Alexia Hernandez
FRI. 8:15AM School Student
SAT. 7PM London Baker, Braylon Nielsen, Sydnee Nielsen, Victoria Betzen, Paul Betzen, Alexia Hernandez and Aron Diaz
SUNDAY 12AM Cadence Copeland, Ronnie Fetsch, Walter Paetzold and Logan Paetzold
SUNDAY 10AM Azalea Alaniz, Arissa Alaniz, Larry McNutt and Saraie Perales

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Dec. 11/12 2016

Envelopes– 86 Loose Checks–40	
Envelopes/Checks	$13,077.00
Plates	$1,163.00
Children	$91.50
Total	**$14,331.50**
Second Collection	
Christmas Flowers	$120.00
Extra Collection	
Postage	$22.00
FINAL Total =	**$14,443.50**

UCA Report—As of 12/5/16

Quota	$56,408.00
Pledge	$56,510.36

Altar Flower Correction: Last week the flowers were donated by Terry's Floral to the Parish of St. Anthony's. Thank you Terry's Floral for the beautiful flowers we greatly appreciated them! God bless!

NO ADORATION.

Their will be no adoration this week or the following week. Adoration will resume January 3 & 4. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

So many thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard to create a nice, delicious, and beautiful Holiday Meal 2016. It was tasty, and lovely to behold. Much appreciation and gratitude. May you all have a very blessed and happy Christmas! Carmen Flood.

CALLING ALL "SINGING SAINTS"

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL WILL BEGIN WITH THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK LITURGY ON JANUARY 29, 2017 AT 11:30 A.M. THE LITURGY PLANNING COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL FORMER SINGING SAINTS CHOIR MEMBERS TO BE A PART OF THE LITURGY. IF YOU WERE A PART OF THAT CHOIR, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. LUEB BY E-MAIL AT nalueb@yahoo.com or by phone at 806-364-4548 **AND LET HER KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SINGING FOR OUR CELEBRATION**. It would involve a practice Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. right before the Mass.

Rosary for Priests and Religious Life.

A small group will lead in prayer after the 5:30PM Tuesday Mass, anyone who would like to stay and pray the rosary for priests and religious life are more than welcome.

IF FOUND: A parishioner lost a green and white cloth jewelry holder with 2 regular sized redwood rosaries and 1 small pearl rosary. If found please return it to the church office.

Kobonal Housing & Farming Project:

Parish Council is offering an opportunity during this Advent Season to help provide a **home** on a plot of farmable land to a destitute rural family, located in Central Plateau of Haiti, through Cross Catholic Outreach. Any donation given to this project is greatly appreciated, please be sure to clearly mark the envelope or check.

ATTENTION PARISH FAMILY:

The Church Office will be **closed December 26 thru December 30**, for a church office clean out! Appointments can still be made for the week of Dec. 26– 30, please note the doors will be closed and the phones will not be answered during the week. Thank you and God bless.

THANK YOU to Loretta Urbanczyk, Claudia McBrayer, Kamille Urbanczyk and Theresa Artho for decorating a beautiful table at the Parish Holiday Meal for R.C.I.A., and for the Nativity Ornaments as gifts to remember our faith journey with Jesus - the Reason for this Holy Season! We felt loved and welcomed by the parish. God bless all our new friends in faith!

-- RCIA Class of 2016-17 (ten strong)

BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR.

Lisa Blakely was selected as our "Big Sister of the Year" for 2016, for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hereford. She has volunteered for BBBS since 2000. She has a Little Sister in both our Community and School Programs. Her Little Sisters this year are Hope at Tierra Blanca School and Kathryn in our Community Program. She has made a "Big" difference in the lives of many children in the last sixteen ears. We are truly blessed to have her as a volunteer.

WALK FOR LIFE.

The walk for life will be held on January 28th with Mass at 10AM and a prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral 1200 S. Washington, starting at 11:30AM the walk will to start from St. Mary's to 15th & Taylor.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus are selling sausages $5 per pound, they have regular sausage and jalapeno and cheese sausage. If you have any questions please call Albert Schoenenberger, (806) 344-2253 or (806) 289-5341.

CAKES NEEDED.

We are need of 10 cakes for the jail Christmas meal by/on December 22 by 4PM, no later. Please call 806-360-4186

58rosaries were prayed for Vocations, the last several weeks. Thank you all so much!

My family prayed _____ rosaries this week.

NOTE for Wednesday Ladies Lectionary STUDY

Group We started a book called **"Resisting Happiness"** by fun author Matthew Kelly. After looking at the weekly Readings, we read chapter by chapter and discuss how we can be better versions of the Christians we have been. We excitedly invite new members to Wednesday class. The new books are $3 each. Janie Banner, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator 364-6150 or -7626. Class will resume in the first week of January!

From the desk of our pastor, Father Tony Neusch.

"You, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ." We have received a call to, "belong to Jesus Christ." What does it mean to belong to another? It is language we use in understanding the relationship of Husband and Wife. They each consent to give their very lives over to the other. In a real way husband and wife hold the hearts of the other in their very hands. We can speak of belonging when we speak of parents and their children, it seems to have a clearer connotation that is connected to responsibility in the raising up and teaching then as property. Unfortunately we can also speak of belonging in the terms of ownership and possession, the reality is that there are some who see their relationship with others as one of possession.

To belong to Jesus Christ must be some kind of amalgam of all three. He gives His life to me, and I give my life to Him. He raises me up in grace and knowledge to be able to follow more closely. And in a real way he takes possession of my soul for all time, I no longer am my own but I am His. I belong to Him. "I belong to my lover, and my lover belongs to me; he feeds among the lilies." Song of Songs 6:3

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

We want to remind people to feel free to use the parish prayer lines when needs arise in your family in difficult times of testing and trial. Email jaime.brorman@gmail.com or call Rita Burges at 364-6766. Contacts are listed on the back of the weekly church bulletin. You must first have the permission of the patient or of a close family member who can speak for that person in need; you may use either their full name OR no name at all. It is also hoped that if the prayer line is being used anonymously, the caller inform our Pastor Father Tony so he can come to anoint or administer the Sacrament of Healing when needed and to know who among the flock to keep in his daily prayer. Thank you and May God Bless you!

"WHY STAY CATHOLIC?"

We will begin the NEW Year January 2017 with this new book: *"WHY STAY CATHOLIC?"* by Michael Leach (Loyola Press: a Jesuit Ministry) We meet FRIDAY mornings in the Antonian Room from 7-8:05. We will start promptly at 7 with prayer and go chapter by chapter through the book together. If you still wish to join the group, books can be ordered from Amazon.com. Coffee is always on! In Christ, Janie Banner - Parish Adult Faith Formation Coordinator

Retirement Fund for Religious Second Collection: Your donation works for aging religious. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

BLANKET DRIVE:

The F.F.C 7th & 8th graders are having a blanket drive this Advent Season that supports, Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle Refugee Program, blankets can be brought to the Church and dropped off in one of the round bins that is in the front entrances of the church.

DECEMBER and JANUARY CALENDAR

DEC. 11—Parish Holiday Meal, 1 pm—3 pm
DEC. 11—Christmas lights and wreaths go up.
DEC. 12—Advent Mission with Eben Emerson: 6 PM
DEC. 13—Advent Penance Service at 6 PM
DEC. 15—Christmas Program at 6 PM
DEC. 15—Finance Mtg. at 6:30 PM
DEC. 18—NO F.F.C
DEC. 21—NO F.F.C:
DEC. 24—Christmas Eve Mass at 7PM
DEC. 24—Christmas Vigil Mass at Midnight
DEC. 25—Christmas Day Mass at 10AM
DEC. 26-30—Church office closed ALL week.
DEC. 25/28—NO F.F.C Classes.
DEC. 31—New Years Eve Mass at 5PM
JAN. 1—New Years Day Mass at 8:45 AM and 11:30 AM
JAN. 1—NO R.C.I.A or F.F.C
JAN. 2—NO School and Office Closed.
JAN. 2—6:30 PM Stewardship Mtg.
JAN. 5—6:30 PM PTO Mtg.

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Name _____

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	XS (4-5)	S (6-7)	M (8)	L (10-12)	XL (14-16)	S	M	L	XL	2X	Number of Tshirts	Sub Total
Short Sleeve												x $15
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Return by Friday, Dec. 16, 2017 (2nd order placed in January) Total Paid

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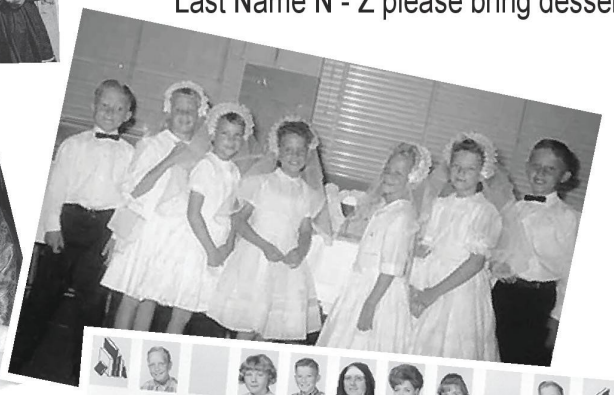
Saturday, January 28 & Sunday, January 29, 2017



The Celebration Will Include:

Sat. 10 am - Centennial Tea or Dominoes
10 - 2pm - County Museum Open
8 - 10 pm - Family Dance

Sun. 11:30 am - Centennial Mass
followed by School Open House
and Pot Luck Dinner (Meat Provided)

Last Name A - M please bring salad
Last Name N - Z please bring dessert

Things To Do Before The Celebration:

___ Visit www.stanthonysaints.com and fill out 100 year data form or download hard copy and send to school.
___ Contact your family and friends to also fill out the data form.
___ Contact us concerning any memorablia you may have.
___ Take a good photo of any picture you feel would be a good addition to our timeline. Attach any information you have and email to 100years@stanthonysaints.com.
___ Help us spread the word.
___ Make plans to attend!

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - MATTHEW 1:18-24

Read the Gospel and Color

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home."

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Thoughts for Reflection:

"A Merry heart does good like medicine" Proverbs 17:22

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" Luke 2:14

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35