KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES:

• The Knights of Columbus will have available through a free-will offering 'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets **before and after this weekend (Dec. 16 and 17) Masses**. Proceeds will be used to support our Council's faith programs.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

- <u>Campaign Goal</u>: \$500,000.00
- Total Amount Committed/Pledged: \$516,991.04
- Actual Amount Paid: \$513,991.04 (includes \$45,717.37 from Hommerding Grant)
- <u>Campaign Funds Used To-Date</u>: Approximately \$276,250.00 (includes in-kind donations)
 - Thank you for those who continue to support and to those who have paid off their pledges. With these additional funds, we are able to receive additional funds from the Hommerding Grant at the Diocese.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. If you did not return your envelope last weekend, please do so soon.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18 This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

<u>WEEKLY PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL PETITIONS</u>: That we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others and build our dependence on God.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

• For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

LIVE IN THE WORD OF GOD

Readings for the Week of December 18-24

Monday: Jeremiah 23:5-8 & Matthew 1:18-25 Tuesday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 & Luke 1:5-25 Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14 & Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18 & Luke 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 & Luke 1:46-56

Saturday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27 & Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14 & Luke 2:1-14 (Christmas Eve)

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3rd Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2023

| NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE (12/23-24): | | | PENANCE SCHEDULE: | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Sat. Eve.: | 5:00 pm | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Sat. Eve.: | 4:00-4:45 pm |
| Sat. Eve: (Sykeston) 7:00 pm | | | or by appointment | |
| Sun. (Christmas Eve) | 5:00 pm | | Please ca | all Fr. Dodge |
| Sun. (Dec. 24 - Sykeston) | 7:30 pm | | | |
| Mon. (Christmas Day) | 8:00 am | ◀ ◀ Note Time | | |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MONDAY, DEC. 18 – MONDAY, DEC. 25:

ROSARY: Weekday: Henry Simons.

MASS SERVERS: Weekday: Nathan Boeshans; Sat. Eve.: Drew Matt; Christmas Eve: Kirby & Rowdy Freeman, Tristan Schroeder; Christmas Day: Brayden Odstrcil, Tristan Schroeder, Oakley Hagel.

<u>LECTORS</u>: <u>Weekday</u>: Rita Reimers; <u>Sat. Eve.</u>: Karen Evans; <u>Christmas Eve</u>: Joanna Lee; <u>Christmas Day</u>: Joanne Stokes.

<u>GREETERS</u>: <u>Sat. Eve.</u>: Brent & Joanna Lee; <u>Christmas Eve</u>: Paul & Christy Reimer; <u>Christmas Day</u>: Leo & Dianne Straley.

GIFT BEARERS: Sat. Eve.: Kris & Jessica Skadberg; Christmas Eve: Paul & Christy Reimer; Christmas Day: Leo & Dianne Straley.

<u>USHERS</u>: <u>Sat. Eve.</u>: Kevin Pedersen & Dave Mahutga; <u>Christmas Eve</u>: Paul Reimer, Casey Murphy, Brent Lee, Dave Mahutga; <u>Christmas Dav</u>: Bob Erickson & John Odstrcil.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a special prayer need in your family, please call Gemma Bachmeier (652-2129) or Renee Riedesel (652-5295) to start our parish prayer chain.

POLICY FOR BAPTISM: For all those parents desiring Baptism for their child, they must first attend a Baptism class. Our next class is **Thursday**, **January 4**, **2024 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**. Once you have attended the Baptism class, you are then free to schedule the Baptism by calling the office at 652-2519.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 18-24:



Sat.

Mon. 7:30 a.m. + Jonathan Aljets
Tues. **7:30 a.m.** + Eddie & + Ethel Wo

Tues. **7:30 a.m.** + Eddie & + Ethel Weippert Wed. 7:30 a.m. + Rita Steidl

Wed. 7:30 a.m. + Rita Steidl Thurs. 7:30 a.m. + Sylvia Pate

Fri. 7:30 a.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

10:00 a.m. GOLDEN ACRES + Perry Oster 5:00 p.m. For the people of the parishes

7:00 p.m. MASS AT SYKESTON + Duane Zwinger

Sun. 5:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE - For the people of the parishes

7:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE SYKESTON + Jim and

+ Mathew Neumiller

ADORATION SCHEDULE: ◀ THIS WEEK

- Every Tuesday from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. You are free to stay as long as you want.
- Every Friday from 3:00-4:00 pm, except the 1st Friday.

<u>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>: Please note the **Mass Schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent is only on Saturday, December 23rd – one Mass at Sacred Heart at 5:00 pm and Mass at St. Elizabeth's in Sykeston at 7:00 pm.**

- There will be no morning Masses on Sunday, December 24th, as the Christmas Eve Mass is at 5:00 pm Sunday at Sacred Heart and 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's in Sykeston.
- Mass on Christmas Day will be Monday, Dec. 25th at 8:00 am. ◀ Note the time

CCD/CYO CLASSES: Wed. from 7-8 p.m.

<u>COLORING CONTEST</u> for Kindergarten thru 6th grade is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **Please return them by Dec. 30**th **to your teacher or to Diane Odstrcil, DRE.**

INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES for grades P-8 will be held on Wed., Dec. 20th at 7 pm.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Mass today, Sunday, Dec. 17th will be a children's Mass and will start at 8:30 a.m. All students (Grades P-6) should be in the hall by 8:00 a.m. as they are walking in the procession and seated in the front pews during Mass with their teachers starting with the second pew. Immediately following Mass, we will start the program. The Knights of Columbus and Altar Society will serve a brunch for all parishioners and guests after the program. Please invite your family and friends to join us for Mass and the program as well as the brunch.

+ TODAY, SUNDAY +

BAKE SALE: Today, Sunday, December 17th after the Christmas program in the parish hall.

<u>EVANGELIZATION CORNER</u>: "The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller

ROSARY CAMPAIGN: Sacred Heart's goal is 2,000 rosaries by Oct. 14, 2024.

• Rosary Total: 1464

<u>POINSETTIAS</u>: You are encouraged to donate poinsettias to the church as memorials or in Thanksgiving. Please have them deliver the plants to the church **on or before Fri., Dec. 22nd.**

▼ NEXT SATURDAY - AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS

<u>DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS</u>: Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas on **Saturday, December 23rd, immediately after Mass.** If you are available, please come to help and enjoy the celebration.

PLEASE JOIN US

COME EARLY TO HEAR THE CHOIR SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS STARTING AT 4:40 P.M. ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>: Any CCD student, grades 1-8 that are at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass are invited to be in the procession at the beginning of Mass to carry figurines for the Nativity Set. After communion, these students are to come to the back of the church to carry candles in the lighting procession which will be held after the closing prayer.

"Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible...."

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

<u>CHURCH CALENDARS</u>: The church calendars for 2024 are here. Please pick one up.

<u>ENVELOPES</u>: The new envelopes for 2024 are in the back of the church. If your name was overlooked, please call the office or pick up a box in the back without a label on and when you use the envelopes, please put your name on it so that you will receive credit for it. Students P-12 will receive theirs in their classrooms.

<u>HEAVENLY WISDOM</u> by *Venerable Fulton Sheen*. "Our Lord did not ask us to give up the things of earth, but to exchange them for better things."

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023</u>: By law, contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received. Thus, if you wish to make a contribution for 2023, it must be received by December 31, 2023.

| SUNDAY COLLECTION, DE | | | WEEKLY BUDGET - \$3,922.00 | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Plate (12/8-129.00; Sun-164.00) |) 293.00 | THIS WEEK – | | |
| Children's (12/8-1.00; Sun-4.50) 5.50 | | 4,019.50 - 3,922.00 = 97.50 | | |
| Sun Env (12/8-739; Sun-2,982) | 3,721.00 | ACCUMULATIVE BUDGET (Week 50) | | |
| Total | 4,019.50 | - (33,890.38) | | |
| A/C Donation | 250.00 | Votive Stand | 20.50 | |
| CCD Fees | 45.00 | Religious Retirement Coll. | 1,474.00 | |