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Masses / Misas
This Week / Esta Semana

Monday, December 14
No Mass

Tuesday, December 15
7:00pm - St. Cecilia
Misa/Spanish Mass
(Carole Johnston)
Lector: Cecy Hernández

Wednesday, December 16
5:30pm - St. Augusta
Mass (Deceased Members of Hopper & Feddeler Families)

Thursday, December 17
8:30am - St. Cecilia
Mass (Howard & Louise Renz)

Friday, December 18
8:30am - Sorrowful Mother
Mass (Mary Ann Dolezal)

Next Weekend / El Próximo Domingo

Saturday, December 19
4:00 pm - St. Augusta
Mass (Louise Nelson)
Lector: Candace Mitchell
Euch Min: Margaret Oman

Sunday, December 20
8:00 am - Sorrowful Mother
Mass (Tom Beck)
Lector: Robin Schaetzel
Euch Min: Michele Risner

10:00am - St. Cecilia
Mass (Ed Krzyston)
Lector: Catherine Allen
Euch Min: Debra Courtright

12:15pm - St. Cecilia
Misa / Spanish Mass
(People of Our Pastorate)
Lector: Jéssica Tejeda
Min Euch: Rosamaría Franco
Our Lady of Guadalupe:
Lily and José Sandoval Family

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
Last Weekend's Regular Collection

St. Cecilia - $3,300

St. Augusta - $3,252

Sorrowful Mother - $1,451
(*does not include online giving)

ONLINE GIVING

St. Cecilia
https://onrealm.org/StCecilia/-/give/now

or

Via Text: StCecilia to 73256

St. Augusta
https://faith.direct/enroll/choosegifts/IN172/36975

Sorrowful Mother
https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4336

From Father Mike

In today's first reading, Isaiah says that God "has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted…" (Isaiah 61:1) I'm sure that as we approach Christmas during this pandemic—not being able to celebrate like in years past, especially as we are separated more from family and friends—that we feel brokenhearted that the coronavirus continues to spoil our lives. It is in times like these that all of us need to hear these encouraging words of scriptures and be reminded that God has not stopped taking care of us, his people. Some may think that God is ignoring our plight and asking us to just live with the virus and find a way to survive all the difficulties we have recently encountered in this year of 2020. Instead, Isaiah tells us that God promises that he is healing our brokenness and not allowing despair to ruin our lives. Even as we lack what we would call our normal life, he is making known his goodness if we watch with eyes of faith. One of my favorite questions to ask people these days is, "How has the pandemic actually been a blessing in your life?" Advent is the perfect time to practice the Christian art of noting the good and anticipating the better that is to come into our lives. This season of waiting in hope is a great gift in this crazy year 2020. Advent can be a time that fills us with the truest forms of peace and comfort, so much that Isaiah's words become our own, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul…" (Isaiah 61:10)

De Padre Miguel

En la primera Lectura de hoy, Isaías dice que Dios "me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres, a curar a los de corazón quebrantado…" (Isaías 61, 1). Estoy seguro de que a medida que nos acercamos a la Navidad durante esta pandemia, no podemos celebrar como en años pasados, especialmente a medida que nos separamos más de familiares y amigos, nos sentimos desconsolados porque el Coronavirus continúa arruinando nuestras vidas. Es en momentos como estos que todos necesitamos escuchar estas palabras alentadoras de las Escrituras y recordar que Dios no ha dejado de cuidar de nosotros, su pueblo. Algunos pueden pensar que Dios está ignorando nuestra difícil situación y nos pide que simplemente vivamos con el virus y encontremos una manera de sobrevivir a todas las dificultades que hemos encontrado recientemente en este año de 2020. En cambio, Isaías nos dice que Dios nos promete que Él está sanando nuestro quebrantamiento y que no permitamos que la desesperación arruine nuestras vidas. Aunque carecemos de lo que llamaríamos nuestra vida normal, Dios nos está dando a conocer su bondad si lo miramos con ojos de fe. Una de mis preguntas favoritas para hacerle a la gente en estos días es: "¿Cómo ha sido la pandemia una bendición en tu vida?" El Adviento es el momento perfecto para practicar el arte cristiano de notar lo bueno y anticipar lo mejor que vendrá a nuestras vidas. Este tiempo de espera con esperanza es un gran regalo en este año 2020. El Adviento puede ser un tiempo que nos llena de las formas más verdaderas de paz y de consuelo, tanto que las palabras de Isaías se vuelven nuestras: "Me alegro en el Señor con toda el alma y me lleno de júbilo en mi Dios…" (Isaías 61, 10).

POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

In a surprise announcement last Tuesday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Blessed Pius IX that St. Joseph is the Patron of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis proclaimed the next year until Dec. 8, 2021 as a special Year of St. Joseph. Here is the new prayer he offers for us to pray:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

PAPA FRANCISCO ANUNCIA EL AÑO DE SAN JOSÉ

En un anuncio supreso en el martes pasado, el 8 de diciembre, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción y el Aniversario de 150 años por una proclamación de Beato Pío IX que lo declaró Patrono de la Iglesia Católica, Papa Francisco proclamó hasta el 8 de diciembre, 2021 como un especial Año de San José. Aquí es un rezo nuevo que nos ofrece para orar:

Salve, custodio del Redentor
y esposo de la Virgen María.
A ti Dios confió a su Hijo,
en ti María depositó su confianza,
contigo Cristo se forjó como hombre.

Oh, bienaventurado José,
muéstrate padre también a nosotros
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Concédenos gracia, misericordia y valentía,
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.

Religious Education Across the Pastorate

ST. CECILIA

Religious Education

Home study families please pick up your Circle of Grace materials and return before December 20.

We are still collecting for our Angel Tree tag (16yr old boy).

Last class before Christmas break will be December 20.

Please remember to take pictures of your advent bag activities and send to pwyrobek@dol-in.org.

ST. AUGUSTA

Religious Education - CCD Grades 1-6 meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm beginning right after the 5:30 Mass.

Confirmation Class meets on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of the month, 6-8pm.

Christmas Break: No CCD Classes on December 23 & 30.

For more information, contact Jeannette Marter at 219-992-9010.

SORROWFUL MOTHER

Youth Group/Confirmation

Mandatory Parents and Youth meeting on January 6 at 6:30pm to discuss the expectations for the next five months. If the youth was not baptized in the pastorate we will need a copy of the baptismal certificate by that date. Confirmation will be May 26, 6:00pm at St. Cecilia Church.

SMC Kids - Take a picture of your family doing the activity from the Advent bags and send it to htokarz@dol-in.org or text it to Heather Tokarz at 219-742-7381.

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK / CONFESIONES ESTA SEMANA

Tuesday, Dec.15 / Martes, el 15 de dic
7:30pm-8:00pm, St. Cecilia, DeMotte

Wednesday, Dec.16 / Miercoles, el 16 de dic
6:00-6:30pm, St. Augusta, Lake Village

Thursday, Dec. 17 / Jueves, el 17 de dic
9:00-9:30am St. Cecilia, DeMotte

Friday, Dec.18 / Viernes, el 18 de dic
9:00-9:30am Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS / ADORACION Y CONFESIONES

Sunday, Dec.20 / Domingo, el 20 de dic
9:00-9:30am Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield

Tuesday, Dec. 22 / Martes, el 22 de dic
6:00pm-7:00pm, St. Cecilia, DeMotte

Wednesday, Dec. 23 / Miercoles, el 23 de dic
6:00-6:30pm, St. Augusta, Lake Village

ADVENT ANGEL TREE

ST. AUGUSTA

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Advent Angel Tree program. Without each of you, we would not be able to reach out to those in need at this time. We are certain that each of our angels will be beaming with joy on Christmas Day.

ST. CECILIA/SORROWFUL MOTHER

All unwrapped gifts are due today, December 13 by 10:00am. **Please leave tag with gift.** Volunteers are needed to help sort gifts and deliver them to the Crown Point area beginning at 12:30pm today. Parents would need to be willing to drive their teen. Gift sorting would be held at St. Cecilia Church. A minimum of 5 vehicles are needed to deliver.

CHRISTMAS DINNER BOXES

As a new project, Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our community bringing joy and blessings on Friday, December 18. Together with the Diocesan Association of Hispanic Leaders, a box with Christmas dinner will be distributed to any family in need from 6:30 to 7:00PM in Fair Oaks at the Clemente home (4112 Hendricks St., Fair Oaks) and in the Roselawn area at the Sandoval home (9457 Bahama Dr., Lot 244, DeMotte) from 7:30PM to 8:00PM. All COVID safety measures will be used for distributing the boxes.

CAJAS DE COMIDA NAVIDENA

Como un nuevo proyecto, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe visitará nuestra comunidad llevando alegría y bendiciones el viernes 18 de diciembre. junto con la Asociación Diocesana de Líderes Hispanos, se distribuirán cajas con una cena de Navidad en cada una. La distribución de estas cajas se llevarán a cabo de 6:30PM a 7:00 PM en Fair Oaks en el hogar de la familia Clemente (4112 Hendricks St., Fair Oakes) y en el área de Roselawn en el hogar de la familia Sandoval (9457 Bahama Dr., lote 244, DeMotte) de 7:30PM a 8:00PM. Se utilizarán todas las medidas de seguridad del COVID durante la distribución de las cajas.

SORROWFUL MOTHER FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is seeking sponsorship for 2021 to help cover the costs of milk and eggs. Sponsorship forms can be found in the church vestibule or contact Linda Duttlinger at 219-828-7611.

CHRISTMAS MASSES / MISAS DE LA NAVIDAD

Please note:
Churches will be open 30 minutes before Mass begins.
Pews cannot be reserved by people arriving early for others coming later.
No one can be allowed in once all spaces in the church and overflow spaces are filled.
As an act of pastorate charity, please attend only your regular parish to give all access to their own church.
You may be assigned seats when you arrive. Please wear a mask.

Thursday, December 24
3:00pm St. Cecilia, DeMotte
5:00pm Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield
7:00pm St. Augusta, Lake Village
10:00pm St. Cecilia, DeMotte

Friday, December 25
8:00am St. Augusta, Lake Village
10:00am Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield
12:15pm St. Cecilia, DeMotte (Bilingual)

CURRENT CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL TOTALS

	Goal	Amount Pledged	Amount Paid	% Goal Pledged	% Goal Paid
St. Cecilia	$37,413	$19,150	$8,114	51%	42%
St. Augusta	$24,883	$7,035	$3,225	28%	46%
Sorrowful Mother	$28,989	$13,045	$4,705	45%	36%

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

If you have not yet made a pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly Fruitful Harvest), watch your mail in early December for a letter from Fr. Mike. Remember that by giving to this appeal, you are helping to support programs for our retired priests as well as new seminarians, for our youth, college Newman Centers, deacons, prison ministry, pregnancy centers and ongoing leadership formation for priests and parish ministers. Even if you are unable to give at this time, please send in your envelope signifying your prayers for our church.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 13	9:00-10:15am, Sorrowful Mother - SMV Kids Grades K - 8 11:00am-12:00pm, St. Cecilia - Religious Ed Grades K – 12 11:00am, St. Cecilia - La Escuela de la Palabra Bible Study in Spanish. Predica: Beto Cázares 1:00-2:00pm, St. Cecilia - Confessions
Tues., December 15	7:30-8:00pm, St. Cecilia - Confessions
Wed, December 16	6:00-6:30pm, St. Augusta - Confessions 6:00 - 7:00pm, St. Augusta - CCD Grades 1– 6 6:30 - 8:00pm, Sorrowful Mother - Confirmation/High School
Thurs., December 17	9:00-9:30pm, St. Cecilia - Confessions 11:30am - 12:00pm, Sorrowful Mother - Food Pantry Sort
Friday, December 18	9:00-9:30pm, Sorrowful Mother - Confessions
Sat., December 19	7:30-11:00am, Sorrowful Mother - Food Pantry assistance
Sunday, December 20	9:00 - 10:15am, Sorrowful Mother - SMC Kids Grades K - 8 11:00am - 12:00pm, St. Cecilia - Religious Ed Grades K - 12 11:00am, St. Cecilia, La Formacion de Padres al Liderazgo Parent Leaders Formation. Predica: Haydee Rodríguez 6:00-7:00pm, Sorrowful Mother - Adoration & Confessions

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