



DECEMBER 3RD, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday 7:30am - 6:30pm
 Every First Friday 7:00pm to 8:00pm
 To schedule an hour with Our Lord
 please contact MaryAnn or Phil Everett at
 254-721-0931 or 254-721-8142 or
 Helen Marie Kreitz at 254-773-6946.

*“Come to me all you who labor and are
 burdened, and I will give you rest.”*
Matthew 11:28

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to our families; your prayers strengthen
 those being called by God to live out their vocation.

Dec 10 J & V Lambert 11:00am
 Dec 17 Jolly Family 11:00am

SECOND COLLECTION

This week’s second collection is for our
 Parish School. Thank you for your
 continued generosity for Catholic Education.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

A special collection will be taken for
 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary of Friday, December 8th.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thanksgiving is a time to show how grateful we are
 for all we have received. One of the things I would
 like to point out from my gratitude list: the
 generosity and support our parish has expressed
 for our Family Life Center project. Based on
 contributions, it is obvious there is a need and an
 enthusiasm to move forward with the rebuilding of
 our Parish Hall. Without your commitment, we
 would not be able to accomplish this large feat.
 I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving, spent
 with family and friends. Remember Who provides
 abundant blessings and thank Him every day, not
 just during this holiday. His gifts to us should in
 turn be our gifts to Him.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers
 as we work to create an amazing Family Life
 Center!

“I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear
 conscience, as my ancestors did - when I
 remember you constantly in my prayers night and
 day.”
2 Timothy 1:3

Fr. Steve

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

November 26, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	7,515.43
Thanksgiving	\$	1,152.17
School Fund	\$	95.00
Bldg. Fund	\$	75.00
Campaign Human Dev.	\$	55.00
Children’s Collection	\$	33.50
Helping Hands	\$	10.00
Total	\$	8,936.10

Note: totals include online giving



Tues. 12/5 Our Lady of Guadalupe 7PM
 Tues. 12/5 Christ the King 7PM
 Wed. 12/6 St. Joseph, Cyclone 7PM
 Wed. 12/6 St. Luke 11AM
 Tues. 12/12 St. Mary 7PM
 Wed. 12/13 St. Michael, Burlington 7PM
 Wed. 12/13 St. Stephen, Salado 7PM
 Wed. 12/13 Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 7PM
 Marak
 Sun. 12/17 Church of the Visitation, 7PM
 Westphalia
 Mon. 12/18 St. Paul Chong Hasang, 10AM
 Harker Heights 7PM
 Tues. 12/19 Holy Family, CC 7PM
 Wed. 12/20 St. Joseph, Killeen 7PM
 Thurs. 12/21 St. Monica, Cameron 7PM

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Your support helped Casino Night clear roughly \$61,000 to invest into our trust account. The Fund-The-Need for technology equipment had a goal of \$15,000 which was exceeded. The Trust Fund Board has written a check to the school for \$18,500 to obtain needed equipment. This task could not have been completed without the help and donations of so many wonderful people. You know who you are; you deserve a star in heaven. Have a blessed Christmas Season and again, on behalf of the St. Mary's Catholic School Trust Fund Board, THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Sunday of Advent ~

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

This month's event will be held next Sunday, Dec. 10th by the Parish & Finance Councils. Please join us for a morning treat and learn how these groups make our parish great.

The Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Mon Dec 4 th	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Rm	9:00am
	Wilson Rec Girls Basketball Practice	Parish Hall	3:30pm
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:00pm
Tues Dec 5 th	Knitting & Crochet Group	Ave Maria Rm	10:00am
	Adult Bible Study	Ave Maria Rm	1:30pm & 6:00pm
	Deanery Meeting	Ave Maria Rm	4:00pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Rm 111	7:00pm
Wed Dec 6 th	Altar Society Meeting	Regina Caeli Rm	12:00pm
	Wilson Rec Girls Basketball Practice	Parish Hall	3:30pm
	Religious Education	O'Reilly Building	6:30pm
Thurs Dec 7 th	Vigil Mass	Church	6:00pm
	RCIA	Regina Caeli	7:00pm
Fri Dec 8 th	Holy Day of Obligation	Church	8:15am 12:10pm 6:00pm
Sat Dec 9 th	Dominic Aguirre Baptism	Church	10:00am
Sun Dec 10 th	Hospitality Sunday	Regina Caeli Rm	7:30am 9:15am After Mass



FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent. Advent, from the Latin word *adventus* meaning arrival, is the 4-week period prior to Christmas. It is a time to ponder the great sacrifice that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, made for us by coming to earth as an infant. He lived a perfect life, died a sacrificial death, and rose from the dead for us. He saved us from our sins and eternal damnation because of his great love, and adopts each person individually into his family through baptism and faith in him. During the next 4 weeks leading to Christmas, take the time to pray daily and become more aware of Jesus Christ present in your life. As a family, make and use an advent wreath as a teaching tool and a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday December 13th, 6:30 pm in the church (following the dismissal of RE classes), Confirmation Practice for Candidates and their sponsors.

Friday, December 15th at 5:00 pm, candidates and sponsors meet in the Hall, dressed and ready.

Friday, December 15th 6:00 pm in the church, Confirmation Mass.

.**RCIA** is still welcoming people to join classes. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or want to be a sponsor, join classes Thursdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Ave Maria Bldg.

Adult Bible Study continues to meet Tuesdays. All are welcome to join to learn more about our Catholic faith.



FALCON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,
You are cordially invited to our school's Christmas production of *Arch the Angel*. The wonderful event will be held at Temple College, Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with our families and friends.

Amazon Smile Announcement

The holidays are approaching and we will all be busy shopping for gifts, decorations, and more. Please remember to shop at smile.amazon.com, *Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1297273. Amazon donates to St. Mary's Catholic School of Temple.*

Important Dates to Remember

- Thurs. Nov. 30th Christmas Band Concert at Holy Trinity
- Fri. Dec. 1st All School Mass 8:15AM
- Sun. Dec. 3rd Advent begins
- Thurs. Dec. 7th Christmas Program 6:30PM Temple College
- Fri. Dec. 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 8:15AM
- Tues. Dec 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 8:15AM
- Semester Exams begin
- Fri. Dec. 15th All School Mass 8:15 a.m.
- Noon Dismissal/Christmas Vacation begins
- Second Quarter ends
- Wed. Jan. 3rd School Reopens
- 3rd Quarter begins

Save the Date

January 13, 2017 St. Mary Parish Hall
Help us Celebrate 121 years!
St. Mary's Alumni Fiesta \$25 per person
Mass 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Leon River Band 7:30
Cash Bar Silent Auction
Everyone is welcome including parents & friends of current and future Alumni.
Must be 21 & older. RSVP by Jan. 3, 2018
at www.stmarys-temple.org/alumni

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

VIGIL MASS, December 7

Lector: L. Edwards
EM: D. Shepard, P. Proctor, P. Thrift
Altar Servers: V., A. & N. Basile

Holy Day, December 8

8:15 AM MASS

Lector, EM, Altar Servers: St. Mary's School

12:10PM MASS

Lector: J. Hattemer
EM: B. McAtee, T. Hamff, J. Bartz
Altar Servers: St. Mary's School

6:00PM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: R. Schigut,
EM: J. & N. Glover
Altar Servers: S. & R. Mosmeyer, V. Obregon,
D. Pena

DEC 9th - DEC 10th, 2017

5:30 PM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: D. Rendeiro
EM: P. & MA Everett
Greeters: R. Beck, T. Mays
Altar Servers: T. & A. Lucksinger,
C. McCracken, S. Proctor

7:30 AM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: A. Castillo
EM: P. & K. Cameron
Greeters: H. Vavra, S. Motl, J. Edwards,
J.T. & J.R. Maldonado
Altar Servers: D. Nguyen, M., L. &
M. Maldonado

9:15 AM MASS

Lector: M. Guneat
EM: J. & N. Glover, L. Matthews
Greeters: B. & S. McAtee, T. Hodge,
D. Garza
Altar Servers: N. & T. Bennett, C. Britten,
M. Knight

11:00 AM MASS

Lector: R. Krumnow
EM: J. Solis, P. Engbrock, A. Mikeska
Greeters: C. Wohleb, S. Rodriguez, J. Oakes,
D. Stolp
Altar Servers: L. & S. Mikeska, S. & T Bryant

Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound

Dec. 10th, 2017

T. Leos, P/MA Everett, P/K Cameron, J. Dudley,
K/J Bartz, C. Hussey

DECEMBER 4TH TO DECEMBER 10TH

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	7:00AM † Don Hein
Wednesday	7:00AM † Raymond Kubacak
Thursday	7:00AM † Ollie Ketterman 6:00PM † Bob Kasberg
Friday	8:15AM † Mary Jakubec 12:10PM † Daryl Entrop 6:00PM † Catherine Deutscher
Saturday	7:30AM † Mario Alberto & Ramon Flores 4:00PM Confessions 5:30PM † Deceased Members of Danowski & Santcroce Families
Sunday	7:30AM For the People 9:15AM Souls in Purgatory 11:00AM † Marie Riley



HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL WITH ANGEL TREE GIFTS

The William R Courtney State Veterans Home residents will be the recipients of the Angel Tree gifts this year. Pull an ornament off the tree and purchase a gift for one of the 160 Veterans. If you don't have the time or ability for extra gift shopping, cash donations are being accepted to cover the cost of a meal the Knights are preparing for residents. We would also need volunteers to visit with residents, help serve food, distribute gifts and sing Christmas Carols. This is a perfect opportunity for our Parish family to support and share His Love with residents who are often alone this time of year! The school is also putting up tree, supplying ornaments and will be at the luncheon to sing Christmas Carols.

Dec. 3 – ornaments available for pick up from the tree

Dec. 21 – deadline to return gifts wrapped with *ornament attached* (no bags please!)

Dec. 23 – meal at Veterans home at 2:00pm, followed by gifts and singing.

If you would like to be part of the planning of this event, contact Tim Hodge at 254.718.4533 or the Parish Office.