



**DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
THIRD 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.

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| Dec 24 | Jolly Family | 11:00am |
| Dec 31 | B & D Keller | 9:15am  |



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During the Advent and Christmas season, please  
 take a moment to view the Nativity Scene. It was  
 purchased for the parish while a group of us were  
 on pilgrimage, walking in Jesus’ footsteps. The  
 Christians in Bethlehem who carve these figures  
 are often subjected to political discrimination, lack  
 of employment and restrictions on freedom of  
 movement. These wood carvings are a major  
 source of income for Christian families.

The olive trees from which these figures are made,  
 grew in Gethsemane and around Jerusalem in  
 Jesus day, just as they do today. The olive oil  
 naturally protects the carvings from corrosion and  
 color changes. So St. Mary Parish will be able to  
 enjoy this Nativity Scene for many, many years to  
 come.

I would like to thank everyone who has so  
 generously supported the purchase of this special  
 item. Donations are still welcome and are greatly  
 appreciated. May you and your families enjoy a  
 Blessed Advent and a Joyous Christmas season!

Fr. Steve



Third Sunday  
 Of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent the rose or pink “Candle  
 of Joy” is lighted, scripture is read, a devotional  
 may be given, and prayer is offered.

The angels sang a message of Joy!  
 (Luke 2:7-15)



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

### The Week Ahead

| Date                         | Event                    | Location        | Time    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Mon<br>Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Quilting Angels          | Ave Maria Room  | 9:00am  |
|                              | RCIA                     | Regina Caeli Rm | 6:30pm  |
| Tues<br>Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> | Knitting & Crochet Group | Ave Maria Room  | 10:00am |
| Sun<br>Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Cayce Baptism            | Church          | 12:00pm |

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Third Sunday of Advent ~

All of the people in today's readings-the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist-seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

### YOUR GIFT TO GOD

November 26, 2017

|                          |           |                  |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sunday Collection        | \$        | 6,642.67         |
| Retired Clergy           | \$        | 1,967.96         |
| Immaculate Conception    | \$        | 1,831.00         |
| Christmas Flowers        | \$        | 360.00           |
| School Fund              | \$        | 302.00           |
| Bldg. Fund               | \$        | 110.00           |
| Helping Hands            | \$        | 110.00           |
| World & Home Missions    | \$        | 100.00           |
| Faith Formation          | \$        | 100.00           |
| Children's Collection    | \$        | 54.27            |
| Thanksgiving             | \$        | 30.00            |
| Holy Christmas           | \$        | 5.00             |
| Feast of the Holy Family | \$        | 2.00             |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$</b> | <b>11,614.90</b> |

**Note: totals include online giving**

### Prepare for the Christ Child

Please join us in decorating our church for the joyous Christmas season. We will meet in the church at 12:30 p.m. on Sun., Dec, 24. With much work to be done before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm, lots of hands will make the task easier and quicker. Bring the whole family; what a great way to offer your time and talent as a gift to Jesus. We appreciate any amount of your time.

### O Come Let Us Adore Him

The 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass is traditionally our Children's Mass. This is a special invitation for the children to join us at the altar to greet the Christ child in song. Please arrive early as the program starts at 5:15pm, and seating is limited. For information, contact Bill Keller at 254-624-7408.





## FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

Today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us; when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead us into His kingdom.

Are you prepared for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ? "Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. "1 Thes. 5:21-22

May the love and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family during this special time of preparation, and always.

Patricia St. Amour, DFF

### **December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Christmas and New Year's Break for Religious Education classes.

*No Baptismal class in December.  
Have a Blessed Christmas.*

### **Diocesan Faith Formation Level 1 Certification Classes**

In order to receive required certification, all faith formation ministers must attend Level 1 Classes. Parishioners are also encouraged to attend if interested in deepening knowledge of their faith. Classes will begin in January on Saturdays from 9:00-3:00. For more information contact Patricia St. Amour 254-773-4541



## FALCON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and families of St. Mary's Catholic School I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We are so grateful to our parish for your continued support and love for our school. You are our Christmas gift!

With the beginning of 2018 comes the opening of enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in quality Catholic education, please give us a call and we can set up a tour. School reopens on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Allow us to share the good news of Catholic education with you. You'll be glad you did.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins on February 4<sup>th</sup> with our Annual Catholic Schools Week Open House: 10:00-1:00 p.m.

God bless you.  
Sincerely,  
Theresa Wyles  
Principal  
254-778-8141

### **Important Dates to Remember**

Wed. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>                      School Reopens  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter begins



## **DEC 23<sup>rd</sup> - DEC 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **5:30 PM MASS**

Lector: MA Everett  
EM: C. Hussey, J. Albers, D. Garza  
Greeters: B. Goonan, J. Sladcek  
Altar Servers: T. & A. Lucksinger, C. McCracken  
S. Proctor

### **7:30 AM MASS**

Lector: M. Hoelscher  
EM: P. & K. Cameron, M. Hoelscher  
Greeters: S. Motl, R. Castillo, L. Lagut  
Altar Servers: S. & R. Mosmeyer, L. Flores,  
M. Knight

### **9:15 AM MASS**

Lector: B. Roeder  
EM: J. & N. Glover, L. Grygar  
Greeters: K. Bartz, M. & B. Hoelscher  
Altar Servers: G. Walters, L. Figuerona,  
S. & T. Bryant

### **11:00 AM MASS**

Lector: N. Pekar  
EM: A. Payne, J. Solis, A. Mikeska  
Greeters: A. Pechal, R. Krumnow,  
B. Stewart  
Altar Servers: H. & B. Payne, L. & S. Mikeska

## **CHRISTMAS VIGIL AND MORNING MASSES**

### **5:30 PM VIGIL MASS**

Lector: G. Deutscher  
EM: C. Hussey, P. & MA Everett  
Greeters: Volunteers  
Altar Servers: RJ & J. Dolgenger, A. Tavernier

### **10:00PM VIGIL MASS**

Deacon: B. Rodriguez  
Lector: L. Edwards  
EM: P. Thrift  
Greeters: Volunteers  
Altar Servers: M., L. & M. Maldonado,  
D. Nguyen

### **8:00 AM MASS**

Lector: P. Everett  
EM: MA Everett, K. & R. Oujezdsky  
Greeters: Volunteers  
Altar Servers: A. & L. Federle, R. McNeil

## **10:00 AM MASS**

Lector: J. Bartz  
EM: P. Engbrock, J. Bartz  
Greeters: Volunteers  
Altar Servers: S. & T. Bryant, MB Garcia

## **Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound**

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

J. Albers, P/K Cameron, K/R Oujezdsky, L. Grygar,  
G. Deutscher, C. Hussey

## **DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>12:10PM</b> Benefactors of<br>School Trust Fund   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7:00AM †</b> Bob Kasberg  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7:00AM</b> Eugene & Betty<br>Engbrock   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>12:10PM</b> Roberta Hattermer   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>7:30AM †</b> Joe Cervenka<br><b>4:00PM</b> Confessions<br><b>5:30PM †</b> Albert, Freida & Lee<br>Tschoerner  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>7:30AM †</b> Luis Montero<br><b>9:15AM †</b> Ollie Ketterman<br><b>11:00AM †</b> Jose & Julia Rodriguez<br><b>5:30PM</b> Deployed Military &<br>Their Families<br><b>10:00PM</b> For the People |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>8:00AM †</b> Jacob Noel Deutscher<br><b>10:00AM †</b> Shirley & Daniel Staebler   |



## **Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter**

January 26, 2018 6:00PM

Guest Speaker: Father Joseph Daheim

Join us for good food and fellowship at the Annual Benefit Banquet! This is the main fundraiser each year. Bucket Raffle and Live Auctions will be held as well. Tickets are \$60 each or a table of 6 for \$400. Go to the following link to get your tickets <https://ladyoftheangels.org/ticket-form>, or call [254-742-2340](tel:254-742-2340) to be added to the invitation list. See you there!