#### Parish Services/Ministries

#### Anointing of the Sick:

Call 830-484-3302

#### Adoration:

Every 1st Friday of the Month

7:30am – 1:30pm

Every 1st Saturday of the Month

4:30pm - 5:30pm

#### Baptism:

Contact Pastor for Pre-Baptismal class and to set a date.

#### Confessions:

Before Masses

#### Deacons:

Deacon Alan Crosby

Deacon Jesse Nunez

#### **Spiritual Direction**:

Deacon Jesse Nunez (210-705-3029)

Rosie Nunez (210-705-3472)

#### Marriage:

Contact Pastor at least 6 months ahead for preparation and a date.

# OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Gerri Garza at (830-200-9854) or email gerrigarza@gmail.com.

# Victim Assistance & Safe Environment Director:

Steve Martinez (210-734-7786)

# Altar Flower Coordinator: Linda

Moczygemba (830-484-2351)

#### Altar Society

President - Ester Luna

#### ACTS Mission

Core - William Hons

#### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas:**

Regent - Cynthia Kruse

#### **Junior Catholic Daughters**

Chairman – Danette Lyssy Co-Chairman – Stacy Koether

President - Olivia West

#### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight - Mark Moczygemba

#### **Faith Formation Classes:**

DRE - Rebecca Raabe (830-484-3303)

#### Funeral Committee:

Leader - Carolyn Krawietz (830-484-3329)

#### Church Website:

Denise Knight

blessedsacramentpoth.org

#### **Blessed Sacrament Choir**

Director - Ginger Jarzombek 830-534-9340

#### The Healing Rosary

The Litany of our Blessed Mother, and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is being prayed every

Thursday in the Church

beginning at 5:00pm and on Sunday evenings at 4:00pm in the Church Pray

for yourself, pray for another.

# Mass Intentions For The Week of December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

### Monday, December 15

NO MASS

#### Tuesday, December 16

6:00pm

**†**Sammy Morales The Blessing of Rain

#### Wednesday, December 17

6:00pm

**†**Adrian & Regina Foegelle

**‡**Joe B. Wiatrek & Deceased Members of the Keller & Wiatrek Families

**♦**Alois, Florence, Fred & George Olenick,

Mark Blanchard & Dennis Jaksik

The Blessing of Rain

#### **Thursday, December 18**

6:00pm

**†**Melissa Mutz Moy

₱Michael Baumann Sr., Christine Baumann

& Deceased Family Members

**†**Florence Jaskinia

**Birthday Blessings for Minerva Martinez** 

Vocations

The Blessing of Rain

#### Friday, December 19

7:00am

†Daniel & Jane Hosek

The Blessing of Rain

#### Saturday, December 20

5:30pm

♥Victor & Agnes Dugi, Mary & Ben Lyssy

**†**Irene Fey

The Blessing of Rain

#### Sunday, December 21

7:30am

Mary Hope Garcia

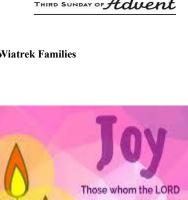
The Blessing of Rain

9:30am

The Parish Family

The Blessing of Rain







#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

## Saturday, December 20, 2025 (5:30PM Mass)

**Deacon**: Deacon Jesse **Lector**: Carol Hosek

Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse

Blood of Christ Ministers: Ruth Vontur, Carolyn Krawietz

Choir: Peter Kane

Ushers: Jeff & Cynthia Kruse

#### Sunday, December 21, 2025 (7:30AM Mass)

**Deacon:** Deacon Jesse **Lector:** Debbie Wiatrek

Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse

Blood of Christ Ministers: Erasmo Flores, Juanita Flores

Choir: BSC Choir

Ushers: Lawrence Jansky, Steve Kotara Sunday, December 21, 2025 (9:30 AM Mass)

**Deacon:** Deacon Jesse **Lector:** Janie Hennig

Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse

Blood of Christ Ministers: Tracy Moody, Amy Lyssy

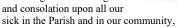
Choir: BSC Choir

Ushers: Mark Jarzombek, Matthew Jarzombek



# WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY: LET

US PRAY: May the Lord of Love and Mercy send the grace of healing



especially: Terry Gorzell, Michael Pena, Ray Cantu, Leroy Mutz, Claude Olenick, Ryder Drzymala; Becky Raabe, Tommye Rihn-Lysaght, Pat Richardson, Elaine Vontur, Sherry Stavinoha, Alvino Castellano, Clarence Dziuk, Megan Garcia, Annette Pruski, Elaine Felux, Jesus Daniel Arellano, Juanita Flores, Randy (Maya) Padilla, Marie Ponce, Rita Olenick, Robert Vontur, Al

Kollodziej, Please call the rectory to add

or remove someone from our list.



#### Let us Pray for those in the

MILITARY: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. Isaiah Garcia,

Noah Wiatrek, Christian Nelson, Derek Raabe, Baldemar Flores IV. Steve Martinez.

Gracious God - We ask that you bless those who reside in our local nursing homes. Bless them with loving caretakers and friends and family that respect and care for them. Keep them in your prayers. Floresville Nursing Home

Marie Hosek, Katie Hernandez.

**Prairie Meadows**: Fabian Waclawczyk, Margie Arnold, Angie DeHoyos.

**Assisted Living**: Marilyn Millikin, Edna

<u>John Paul</u> – Benjamin Dugi, Wilbert

Felux.

<u>Pleasanton North Health & Rehab</u> – Dora Cervantes.

# Offertory Collection Totals for 12/06 – 12/08

Sunday -\$7,124.00;

Immaculate Conception - \$1,132.00 Christmas Flowers 1,565.00

Archbishop's Appeal -GOAL - \$14,864

**TOTAL RAISED** - \$12,582.00

47 Families Donated

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of

Advent

#### **Donation Boxes**

The Donation Boxes for 2026 are now in the Rectory.

#### Decorations in the Church.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us this past Sunday to help decorate the church for Christmas. Your time, effort, and joyful spirit made the work light, and the results are simply beautiful. We are truly grateful for your help in preparing our worship space for this blessed season.

#### **Christmas Flowers**

Each year, we are blessed by your generous donations toward our Christmas flowers. This year, we are especially grateful to Mrs. Robert Wheless for donating the full amount in loving memory of Victoria Mutz Richter, Chester and Marcia Richter, Chester D. Richter, and Shirley Wheless, as well as for an additional donation in loving memory of Antonio

### Guevara by his devoted family.

Please note that the donations collected through our Christmas flower envelopes were used to replace the old and worn Christmas arrangements in our windows. We are delighted to share that we now have new and beautiful pieces adorning the windows.

Thank you, as always, for keeping your church so close to your hearts and for your continued generosity.

# Christmas Ministry Signup Sheet

All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers are kindly asked to indicate which Masses they are available to serve during the Christmas season. Your participation helps greatly with scheduling.

A signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance for your service and support!

#### Do You See Them?

Our ladies of the Altar Society can often be found scurrying around the church, making sure linens are laundered, ironed, and placed on the Altar and Sanctuary during the proper seasons. They ensure albs and robes are cleaned and ready for Father, lectors, and altar servers. They fill candles with oil, restock altar supplies, keep the flowers and plants alive, and decorate the church for every season. The details of their ministry can sometimes feel overwhelming, yet through it all they keep smiling and help make our church breathtaking—allowing us to worship in such a beautiful and reverent space.

God Bless these beautiful ladies!!

#### Poth Food Pantry Offers Thanks for Generous Donations

The Board Members and Staff of the Poth Food Pantry and Thrift Store would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous donations. It is through the support of people like you that they are able to continue assisting the needy in our community and the surrounding areas.

### Children's Christmas Play

Plans for the annual Children's Christmas Play are underway. All children ages 3 years to 5th grade are invited to participate and we are looking for children to play the parts of animals, shepherds, wise men, Joseph, Mary, Angel Gabriel & Narrators. All Costumes are provided for the participants. The only requirement is that everyone attends practices which will be held on Sunday, 12/14, and Sunday 12/21. Practices will begin immediately after the 7:30am Mass. The Children's Christmas Play will take place on Wednesday, December 24th, (Christmas Eve) at 6:00pm. Please contact Lacey Kotzur if interested. 210-269-1695

### **Exterior Door Update**

This Thursday, December 18th, the remaining two side doors are scheduled to be refinished and restored—just in time for Christmas! Please use caution when entering and exiting the church during this work. Thank you for your patience as we complete these improvements.

### **Faith Formation Highlights**

More good news from the little white building where young hearts are nurtured with the Good News of Jesus, and where beautiful examples of sharing and caring continue to take place.



Our first group—the 5th Grade
Students—were guided by
Otillia Montez, Janie Hennig,
Ophelia Flores, and Cindy
Pruski as they collected food for
the Food Pantry.
A special thank-you to Jeff
Antuna, who generously
donated two turkeys for their
collection.



Our second group—the 4th
Grade students—were guided
by Mary Baumann, Kristin
Wyatt, Amy Lyssy, and Tami
Ramzinski as they came
together and gave Jesus a "baby
shower." All of the gifts they
gathered will be donated to
Seton Home.

Generosity shines bright in our little white building, where the Holy Spirit is truly present in the hearts of all our CCD students.

### Blessed Sacrament will host Pasterka — the traditional Polish "Shepherds' Mass" — on Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 PM.

Pasterka is the beloved midnight Mass celebrated on Christmas Eve in Poland, honoring the biblical shepherds who received the angel's announcement of Christ's birth. All are warmly invited to join us for this beautiful Christmas tradition. Polish Koledy (*Christmas Carols*) begin at 3:15pm followed by the Holy Mass.

**Background on the Gospel Reading** The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. This week's **Gospel Reading continues our Advent** reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater. Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

#### 10-Day Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, and More

Join **Father Fuik** and **Father Damian** for a spiritually enriching guided pilgrimage **June 8–17, 2026**.

Discover sacred sites, beautiful landscapes, and rich Catholic heritage across Central Europe.
For more information, visit nativitypilgrimage.com or call 832-406-7050.

## **Donations**

Periodically, parishioners ask what the church may need and kindly offer to contribute toward upcoming projects. We currently have several improvements planned, and for anyone who feels called to donate, please know that your generosity is truly appreciated. We continue to work diligently to enhance the beauty of our church and to repair areas that need attention.

Current projects include:

- Replacing damaged ciboria and acquiring matching chalices
- Restoring the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, as well as the Blessed Virgin Mary statue in the grotto facing FM 541
- Replacing damaged baseboards throughout the church

We would like to extend this invitation to anyone interested in giving of their time, talent, or financial support. Everyone's generosity throughout the year does not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for all you do for our parish community.

God Bless!

# Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation

The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, 12/24/25

(Christmas Eve)

<u>Pasterka</u>

Mass at 4:00pm

<u>OR</u>

Children's Mass

Mass at 6:00pm

OR

Midnight Mass at 10

Mass at 10:00pm

OR

Wednesday, 12/25/25

(Christmas Day)

Mass at 9:00am

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of

God

Wednesday, 12/31/25

(New Year's Eve)

Mass at 4:00pm

Thursday, 1/1/2026

(New Year's Day)

Mass at 9:00am