

## Parish Services/Ministries

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Call 830-484-3302

### **Adoration:**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

7:30am – 1:30pm

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **RCIA: Rite 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Monday, December 2

NO MASS

### Tuesday, December 3

6:00pm

✠Herman Kaminski

✠Debbie Billimek Gorzell

The Blessing of Rain

### Wednesday, December 4 (MORNING MASS)

7:00AM

✠Charles & Elaine Warnken

The Blessing of Rain

### Thursday, December 5

6:00pm

✠Joe B. Wiatrek & Deceased Members

Of the Wiatrek & Keller Families

✠Grace Dugi

✠Fabian Moy

✠Deceased Members of the Pollock & Kotzur Families

The Blessing of Rain

### Friday, December 6

7:00am

Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Society

The Blessing of Rain

### Saturday, December 7

5:30pm

✠Alvin & JoAnn Moczygemba

The Blessing of Rain

### Sunday, December 8

7:30am

✠Deceased Members of KJZT

✠Deceased Members of the Gorzell & Kolodziej Families

The Blessing of Rain

9:30am (CHILDREN'S MASS)

✠The Parish Family

The Blessing of Rain



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 7, 2024 (5:30PM Mass)

**Deacon:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Lector:** Laurie Lipscomb

**Body of Christ Minister:** Verna Gorzell

**Blood of Christ Ministers:** Cynthia Kruse, Patience Lyssy

**Choir:** Peter Kane

**Ushers:** Terry Gorzell, Patrick Hosek

### Sunday, December 8, 2024 (7:30 AM. Mass)

**Deacon:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Lector:** Debbie Wiatrek

**Body of Christ Minister:** Lupe Hernandez

**Blood of Christ Ministers:** Erasmo & Juanita Flores

**Choir:** Francine Dugi

**Ushers:** Jerry Moy, Karl Kersh

### Sunday, December 8, 2024 (9:30 AM)

**Deacon:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Lector:** Student

**Body of Christ Minister:** Mary Baumann

**Blood of Christ Ministers:** Tracy Moody, Shawn Nelson

**Choir:** BSC Choir

**Ushers:** Students



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY: LET US PRAY:**



May the Lord of Love and Mercy send the grace of healing and consolation upon all our sick in the Parish and in our community, especially: *Annette Pruski, Elaine Felix, Pat Richardson, Jesus Daniel Arellano, Juanita Flores, Juanita Cantu, Randy (Maya) Padilla, Marie Ponce, Manuela 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.

**Prairie Meadows:** Fabian Waclawczyk, Margie Arnold, Edna Meyer, Rose Labus.

**Assisted Living:** Marilyn Millikin, Edna Uhlig

**John Paul** - Benjamin Dugi, Wilbert Felix

**Pleasanton North Health & Rehab** - , Dora Cervantes

**Seton Home Donations December 2024**

Shampoo/Conditioner, hand soap, kitchen scrubbers, silverware and acrylic dishes.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Tuesday:** St. Frances Xavier, Priest

**Wednesday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop. First Friday of the Month

**Saturday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of The Church.

**Friendly Reminder**

*Yes, even if you are not receiving the chalice with the blood of Christ, you should still bow your head in reverence as you pass by, signifying respect for the Eucharist as the **Real Presence of Christ.***

**Recipes Wanted for Cookbook**

Catholic Daughters are creating a cookbook and are asking parishioners for their help. If you have a favorite recipe or a treasured recipe from a loved one, please drop it in the box at the entrance of the church. It can be handwritten, typed or just a copy. If you prefer to email your recipe, you can do so at [jandckruse@gmail.com](mailto:jandckruse@gmail.com). Please ensure that you include your name so we know who to give the credit to for the amazing recipe. We can't wait to see how many different recipes we will get. Thank you everyone.

**Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation**

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**Monday, 12/9/24**

Mass at 6:00pm.

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*The Nativity of the Lord*

**Tuesday, 12/24/24**

(Christmas Eve)

Mass at 6:00pm

**OR**

**Tuesday, 12/24/24**

(Christmas Eve)

Mass at 10:00pm

**OR**

**Wednesday, 12/25/24**

(Christmas Day)

Mass at 9:00am

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*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

**Tuesday, 12/31/24**

(New Year's Eve)

Mass at 4:00pm

**Wednesday, 1/1/2025**

(New Year's Day)

Mass at 9:00am

**Offertory Collection Totals for**

**11/23 - 11/24**

Sunday -\$5,943.63

Human Development - \$225.00

Archbishop's Appeal -

GOAL - \$12,876

TOTAL RAISED - \$11,565.00

62 Families Contributed

**Advent Retreat**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Please join us in the church for Music, Prayers, Adoration and Confessions. We will also enjoy an Advent Presentation from Father Praveen Lakkisetti. All begins at 8:00am with closing prayers at 12:00pm.

**Mass Time Change**

The Mass for Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at 7:00am. Father will be hearing confessions at the CCD Bldg. that evening.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas**

Please join us on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9:30am Mass as we decorate our church for Christmas. All help will be greatly appreciated. **We could really use some strong men to help with this.**

**Senior Citizens**

**Mass and Luncheon**

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Come celebrate Christmas with others beginning with Confessions at 10:00am, followed by Mass and Anointing of the Sick. Then it's time for Bingo, Door Prizes and a delicious lunch of Chicken Tenders. Please bring a side dish or dessert to be shared by all. **Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.**

**Project Angel Tree**

Gifts are due back to the church no later than Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you everyone for your kindness and generosity.

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Someone special coming to visit the children after Children's Mass.**

**Advent Confessions**

For the **Parish** will be on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We will have 3 Priests available.

**Advent Confessions**

for **Faith Formation Students** will be on Wednesday, 12/4 & 12/11 during class times.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Play & Celebration**

will be held on Thursday, 12/12 during the 6:00pm Mass and on Sunday, 12/15 during the **11:15am Spanish Mass.** Very beautiful tradition.

**Altar Society Christmas Party  
& Cookie Drive**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring 3 dozen homemade cookies for the Cookie Drive. Ladies we will have a signup sheet on the bulletin board for food items for the party. We will need sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts. Please join us

**Altar Society Dues**

Are coming up and going up. We are raising the amount from \$10 to \$20. Please use your envelope in your 2025 Donation Box. Thank You for understanding!!!!

**Altar Society Memorial Mass  
& Rosary for  
Deceased Members**

will be held on January 11, 2025. Rosary will begin at 5:00pm followed by the Holy Mass.

**First Friday Adoration**

is on Friday, 12/6. It will begin after the 7:00am mass and conclude at 1:30pm. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

**First Saturday Adoration  
To The Immaculate Heart of  
Mary**

On Saturday, 12/7 beginning at 4:30pm and closing at 5:30pm. Father will begin Prayers and Rosary at 4:45.

**Christmas Ministry  
Signup Sheet**

Asking all **Lector's,**  
**Eucharistic Ministers and**  
**Ushers** to please let me know which Mass you would like to serve at during the Holiday's. This really helps with scheduling. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus.

The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory. The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances. Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.



Mary Bauman's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation Class donates 3 Turkeys and canned goods to the Poth Food Pantry. What a great gift for The Needy in Our Community. Great Job Kiddos!!!!!!

***Knights of Columbus  
Catholic Daughters  
Christmas Party***

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. 10oz Ribeye Steak Dinner with all of the trimmings. All members and their spouses are invited.

**Children's Christmas  
Play**

Plans for the annual Children's Christmas Play are underway. All children ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 **Monday - 12/9, Monday - 12/16 & Monday - 12/23. Practices begin at 5:00pm in the church.** The Children's Christmas Play will take place on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, (Christmas Eve) at 6:00pm. Please contact Lacey Kotzur if interested. 210-269-1695

**Did you know  
that the Altar Society:**

Spends over \$6,000.00 a year for the flowers in the church  
for weekly masses and holidays...  
Provides all the altar candles...  
Provides the votive candles and only charge what they cost us...  
Provides the hosts and wine used at every mass...  
Decorates for every holiday...  
Launders and changes altar linens used at every mass...and  
Sets up for funerals and special events?  
Because of rising costs, we need your help. Please place your donation directly into the box at the entrance of the church or use one of the envelopes we have at the entrance for your donation. You can throw those envelopes in with our regular collection. If you would like to write your name on the envelope we can credit the donation to your church account. You may also donate flowers for special events, anniversaries,  
or birthday celebrations. Call Linda Moczygemba for details. 210-286-5370  
We NEED your help to keep our church operating beautifully and effectively. Thank you from your ***Altar Society Ministry.***