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.

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 9th through December 15th 2024

Monday, December 9 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

6:00pm **‡**All Soul's in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 10 6:00pm Charlie, Annie, Edward & Melvin Hosek The Blessing of Rain

Wednesday, December 11

6:00pm Tony Rotter

Melvin & Mary Ann Coldewey

✿Scott Beasley **‡**Jovce Dvlla

Pat Pollock

*Leonard, Gilbert Sr. & Tillie Dziuk **†**Armin Beutnagel The Blessing of Rain

Thursday, December 12

6:00pm **#**Alice Jarzombek **⁺Henry & Emily Gorzell** Leroy Kutac Doris Moczygemba **†**Fred Wauters The Blessing of Rain

Friday, December 13

7:00am Henry Sr., Lucy, Mark, Dennis & Carol Felux The Blessing of Rain

Saturday, December 14 5:30pm **Regina Foegelle**

The Blessing of Rain Sunday, December 15 7:30am

‡Jim Betz The Blessing of Rain 9:30am

The Parish Family

- The Blessing of Rain
- 11:00am (SPANISH MASS)
- PAntonio & Rosa DeHoyos & Sam Pedraza





MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 9, 2024 (6:00PM Mass Deacon: *** Lector: Terry Gorzell Body of Christ Minister: Verna Gorzell Blood of Christ Ministers: Joyce Labus, Mary Baumann Choir: BSC Choir Ushers: Howard Labus, Patrick Hosek Saturday, December 14, 2024 (5:30PM Mass) Deacon: Deacon Jesse Lector: Carol Hosek Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse Blood of Christ Ministers: Patience Lyssy, Cynthia Kruse Choir: Peter Kane Ushers: Howard Labus, Terry Gorzell Sunday, December 15, 2024 (7:30 AM. Mass) Deacon: Deacon Jesse Lector: Jennifer Krudwig Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse Blood of Christ Ministers: Otillia Montez, Jan Rippstein Choir: Francine Dugi Ushers: Jerry Moy, Karl Kersh



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 commespecially: Megan Garcia, Ann Elaine Felux. Pat Richardson



and consolation upon all our sick in the Parish and in our community, especially: Megan Garcia, Annette Pruski, Elaine Felux, 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



<u>MILITARY</u>: 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 Wacławczyk, Margie Arnold, Edna Meyer, Rose Labus. **Assisted Living**: Marilyn Millikin, Edna Uhlig

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

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

Seton Home Donations December 2024

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday: Our Lady of Loreto Wednesday: St. Damascus I, Pope Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest & 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 <u>Real Presence of Christ.</u>

Ministry List Continued Sunday, December 15, 2024 (9:30 AM)

Deacon: Deacon Jesse Lector: Lisa West Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse Blood of Christ Ministers: Brandye Meyer, Amy Lyssy Choir: BSC Choir Ushers: Vernon Meyer, Curt Raabe

Brand New Candles on the Altar The beautiful white candles set on each side of the Tabernacle were donated In Loving Memory of Isidore & Alice Jarzombek. They bring so much beauty to the Altar. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and love to the Family for their thoughtful and beautiful donation in the memory of their parents. God Bless!!!!

Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation

<u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of</u> <u>the Blessed Virgin Mary.</u> **Monday, 12/9/24** Mass at 6:00pm.

> The Nativity of the Lord **Tuesday, 12/24/24** (Christmas Eve) Mass at 6:00pm <u>OR</u> **Tuesday, 12/24/24** (Christmas Eve) Mass at 10:00pm <u>OR</u> Wednesday, 12/25/24

(Christmas Day) Mass at 9:00am *****

<u>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of</u> <u>God</u> **Tuesday, 12/31/24** (New Year's Eve)

Mass at 4:00pm Wednesday, 1/1/2025 (New Year's Day) Mass at 9:00am <u>Offertory Collection Totals for</u> <u>11/30 – 12/01</u> Sunday -\$5,556.00; Thanksgiving - \$775.00 Christmas Flowers - \$1,213.00 Archbishop's Appeal – GOAL - \$12,876 TOTAL RAISED - \$11,565.00 62 Families Contributed

Advent Confessions

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

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Please join us <u>this Sunday</u>, <u>December 8th, immediately</u> <u>following the 9:30am</u> Mass as we decorate our church for Christmas. All help will be greatly appreciated.

<u>We could really use some</u> strong men to help with this.

Senior Citizens Mass and Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10th. 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 this Sunday, December 8th. Thank you everyone for your kindness and generosity.

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 11:00am Spanish Mass.** Very beautiful tradition.

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!!!!!

<u>Altar Society Memorial Mass</u> <u>& Rosary for</u> <u>Deceased Members</u>

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

<u>Christmas Ministry</u> <u>Signup Sheet</u> Asking all <u>Lector's,</u> <u>Eucharistic Ministers and</u>

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.

Church Donation Box

If you don't see your donation box at the entrance of the church, please let the church office know. We had a glitch and some boxes were not sent to us. I will have to reorder those.

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 Monday - 12/9 (PARISH HALL), Monday - 12/16 (CHURCH) & Monday -12/23(CHURCH). Practices begin at 5:00pm in the church. The Children's Christmas Play will take place on Tuesday, December 24th, (Christmas Eve) at 6:00pm. Please contact Lacey Kotzur if interested. 210-269-1695

<u>The Feast of The</u> <u>Immaculate Virgin May</u> <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u> Monday, December 9th

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ,

Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." In 1854, Pope Pius

IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her. Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for

their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's

Plan. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he

and only he can fulfill. "The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6) <u>Background on the Gospel Reading</u> This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this,

Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's

salvation. The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy

Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3. The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of

time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the

Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious

leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of

the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for

Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.