

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 5:30PM † Louis Pat Dziuk		<i>by Kenneth & Lucille Fleming</i>
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 First Sunday of Advent 7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus 9:00AM † Mike & Joy Swierc		<i>by Knights of Columbus by Valeria Faught</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 6:30PM † Anzelma Drees		<i>by Clarence & Ellen Pruski</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 6:30PM † Patsy Bordovsky		<i>by Anita Gabrysch</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest 7:30AM † Alice A. Jendrusch		<i>by Brett & Bernadette Ckodre</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 No Mass		
FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 First Friday 7:00AM † Mary Braniff <i>Exposition & Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i>		<i>by Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 5:30PM † Robert Gawlik		<i>by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Swierc</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 Second Sunday of Advent 7:30AM Living & Deceased members of Catholic Life Branch #66 9:00AM Steven & Theresa Swierc Family		<i>by Catholic Life #66 by Steven & Theresa Swierc</i>

Serving The Lord ~ December 6th & 7th

<u>Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion:</u> Saturday 5:30PM Mary Wiatrek Sunday 7:30AM Patsy Sekula 9:00AM Lanelle Pollok Dec 8 th 7:00AM Mary Stulting/7PM Margo Dziuk			<u>Lectors:</u> Saturday 5:30PM Mary Wiatrek Sunday 7:30AM Patsy Sekula 9:00AM Zach Swierc Dec 8 th 7:00AM Kathy Zunker/7PM Margo Dziuk		
<u>Altar Servers:</u> Saturday Cayson M & Volunteer Sunday 7:30AM Seth L, Kenna L, Alberto G 9:00AM Leah S, Gavin R, Mikayla R, Riley L					

Money Counters Nov 30 Pat & Karissa Jarzombek, Mary Stulting Dec 7 Shirley Palitza, Lanelle Pollok, Lillian Sekula		Dec 14 Pat & Karissa Jarzombek, Mary Stulting Dec 21 Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk
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Sunday Church Support \$3,311.

Archbishop’s Appeal – We are currently at 91% of our Goal. We need \$930 to reach it.

FIRST FRIDAY *–Please join us Dec. 5th at 7:00am for Mass, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.*

Monday December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times are as follows: Dec 8th 7:00 am & 7:00 pm & at St. Boniface 5:00 pm.

2026 Masses Please come into the office starting **Dec 1st** to schedule masses for 2026. For those unable to come into the office, please call before sending any mass intentions. Because of the high demand for masses, we are only allowing **3 masses per family**. Please consider combining your intentions into one mass offering. Your understanding is most appreciated as we try to make this fair for all families of the parish. Thank you!

GROW

AS A DISCIPLE

| PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

For many in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is the darkest time of the year, the time when the duration of daylight is at its lowest. It’s providential, then, that our first reading calls us to “walk in the light of the Lord!” Paul tells us that we do this by “throw[ing] off the works of darkness” and “put[ting] on the armor of light.” While we might not struggle with the vices listed in Paul’s Letter to the Romans, each of us has our own struggles against sin. As we begin this Advent season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those “works of darkness” Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues, you’ll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light!

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EVANGELIZE

Today’s Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it’s also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. As Scripture says, we should “always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you a reason for your hope.” (1 Pt 3:15) We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

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Matthew 24:37-44, Preparing hearts for Christ’s coming

Growing in Faith

In this Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come for us. “At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” His message is clear: live each day prepared to meet Him.

Next month, we celebrate His first coming at Christmas. But Christ will come again — at our death, and at the end of time. Advent invites us to ask: “What must I do to be ready?”

Begin by striving to remain in a state of grace. If you are aware of having committed mortal sin, seek God’s mercy without delay through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not conscious of serious sin,

aim to go to Confession regularly — every four to six weeks, if possible. Examine your conscience honestly, and choose one or two areas of sin to actively work on.

Attend Sunday Mass faithfully, make more time for prayer, and look for opportunities to serve others with love and humility. These practices not only prepare us to welcome Christ when we finally meet Him face-to-face, but they also draw us closer to Him now.

When Christmas arrives, may you greet the Lord not with fear, but with joy — knowing your heart is open, your hands are ready, and your soul is at peace.

“Wreaths Across America” event to honor all Veterans buried at **Holy Trinity Cemetery** will be on Dec 13th at 11:00 a.m. There is still time to purchase or donate towards a wreath. Use an envelope marked “WAA” & place in the collection basket between now and the ceremony. *The wreaths are \$17. each. Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America (WAA).*



ADVENT NEWS – Advent is here!

- ❖ **Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him!** Come experience peace as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Take some time to slow down and recognize what is most important. **Sunday, December 7 at 3:30 PM** Holy Trinity will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Adoration, Benediction at 4:45 PM and then the monthly Altar Society Rosary. Everyone is invited to come and spend time with Our Emmanuel, Jesus Christ.
- ❖ **Advent CCD Service Project: Share the Light from Sun. Nov 30–Monday Dec 22, 2025 -** “Let all that you do be done in love.” - 1 Corinthians 16:14 - Help our parish family shine brighter this Advent season. Our parish will be collecting essential items to support local families in need. What to bring: Canned Vegetables/Fruit, Bags of Rice/Beans, Boxed Noodles/Spaghetti Noodles, Diapers, or Baby Wipes. Collection boxes will be at the back of the church.
- ❖ **Toys for Karnes County Tots** is accepting unwrapped toys for ages Infant-14. **Drop off by Dec 14th** at the church, Dollar General & City Hall. Please help put a smile on a child’s face!
- ❖ **Advent Retreat at Blessed Sacrament Church in Poth, Saturday Dec. 6th 8am-1:30pm** There will be singing, Rosary, guest speaker, David Rittiman and an opportunity for Adoration and Confessions. See the flyer at the entrance for full details.

EVENTS

- **Blessing of Christmas Lights & Cookie Social** – The Falls City Chamber of Commerce invites the community to this event at the Holy Trinity CCD Building on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:30pm following the 5:30pm mass. Please join us in celebrating the season with cookies, hot chocolate & coffee, children crafts and door prizes.
- **Cactus Country Dance** – Dec 6th at the FC Community Hall
- **Catholic Life Insurance Branch # 66 Annual Membership Meeting and Social** December 7th in the Holy Trinity Diner beginning at 12pm. All Catholic Life members are invited to attend. Please contact Lori Lyssy at 210-413-0525 to RSVP.
- **CDA Christmas Party** – Tuesday Dec. 9th at the Holy Trinity Diner
- **Karnes County Area Go Texan Dinner** is Sunday, December 14th at Holy Trinity diner.
- **Knights of Columbus Christmas Party** – Dec. 21st
- **FC Community Hall Raffle** – Drawing on Dec 31st at the Dance (table reservations begin Dec 6th)



In the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus. Prayerfully consider a donation, big or small, towards the Convent Remodel to support a facility that will be, in part, used to teach the youth and help give them a strong foundation of their faith. Please use the form found at the entrance of the church.

CCD – Class Resumes Dec. 3rd

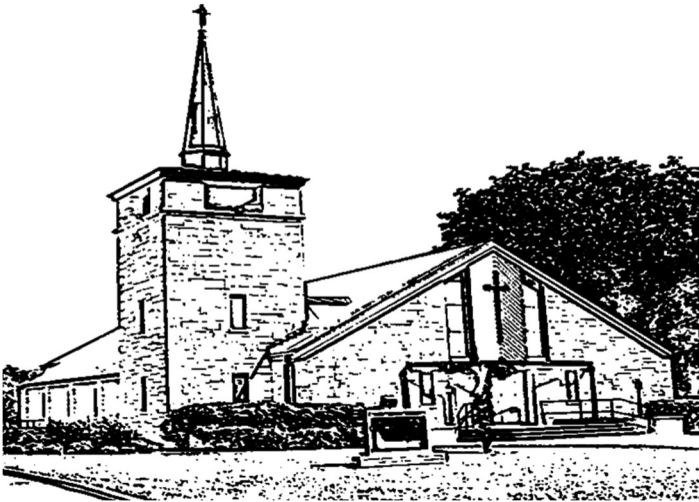
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8AM-2PM
Closed Thursdays

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES & HOLY DAYS

As scheduled.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

30 minutes before every Mass

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Monday after Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

First Friday: Exposition & Benediction after Mass
Except during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6:30pm, followed by mass

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please make arrangements with the Pastor
at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory to schedule at least two weeks in
in advance. **A birth certificate must be shown.**
Godparents shall request letter from their Parish.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please call the priest when sick or before
going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes before every Mass

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY

First Fridays & upon request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday 6:00PM.

LAMENTATIONS

Saturdays of Lent after 5:30 Mass