

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6	
5:30PM † Robert Gawlik	<i>by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Swierc</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	
7:30AM Living & Deceased members of Catholic Life Branch #66	<i>by Catholic Life #66</i>
9:00AM Steven & Theresa Swierc Family	<i>by Steven & Theresa Swierc</i>
3:30PM <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Benediction at 4:45 PM & Altar Society Rosary</i>	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>-Holy Day	
7:00AM Parish Family	<i>by Fr. Andrzej</i>
7:00PM † Billy Moczygemba & son, Michael Moczygemba	<i>by Roger Moczygemba</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9	
6:30PM † Leonard Kotzur	<i>by Benedict Wiatrek Family</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10	
7:30AM † Alvin Palitza	<i>by Clarence & Teri Crawford</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11	
No Mass	
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	
7:00AM † Helen Pawlik	<i>by Kenneth & Lucile Fleming</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13	
5:30PM † Joshua, Nicholas, Carl, Eugene & Clara	<i>by Mary Anne Korzekwa</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	
7:30AM † George Pawelek	<i>by Lester West</i>
9:00AM Parish Family	<i>by Fr. Andrzej</i>

Serving The Lord ~ December 8th, 13th & 14th

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion:		Lectors:	
Dec 8 th	7:00AM Mary Stulting/7PM Margo Dziuk	Dec 8 th	7:00AM Kathy Zunker/7PM Margo Dziuk
Saturday	5:30PM Red Sturm	Saturday	5:30PM Red Sturm
Sunday	7:30AM Pat Jarzombek	Sunday	7:30AM Kim Kowalik
	9:00AM Jeannette Wiggins		9:00AM Greg Crawford
Altar Servers: Saturday Alexander B, Charles B		Sunday 7:30AM Seth L, Kenna L, Alberto G	
		9:00AM Kyleigh S, Matthew S, Avery S	

Money Counters	
Dec 7 Shirley Palitza, Lanelle Pollok, Lillian Sekula	Dec 21 Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk
Dec 14 Pat & Karissa Jarzombek & Mary Stulting	Dec 28 James & Sophie Dziuk

Sunday Church Support \$5,593.

There will be a 2nd collection for the Retired Men & Women Religious next weekend, Dec. 13th-14th. A lifetime of service deserves care in return. “Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community,” says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the retirement fund provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

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 & 5:00 pm at St. Boniface
~~~~~The office will be closed Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Holy Day.~~~~~

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Our first reading gives us a glimpse of God’s kingdom: The Son of David will rule with wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge, judging “the poor with justice” and striking “the ruthless with the rod of his mouth.” In his kingdom “the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb” and yet “there shall be no harm or ruin.” What a poetic way of describing the harmony and wholeness that God longs for in society! As disciples, this is our mission. We’re called to work so that God’s kingdom vision can become reality. As we work for peace and justice, we’re doing our part in the Church’s work of evangelization. As the U.S. bishops reminded us in their letter *Communities of Salt and Light*, “social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church’s mission.” *Written by The Faithful Disciple*

Today we meet John the Baptist, herald and forerunner of the Messiah. A man of prayer and fasting, John knew from an early age that God had called him to preach repentance and “to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins” (Luke 1:76-77). In the Gospel, John appears in the desert and proclaims, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2). For years, he has attuned his heart to God’s promptings so he could prepare the people for the Messiah, and now, by the Spirit, he understands that the hour has come! John urges the people to “prepare the way of the Lord,” and get their lives in order so they could welcome Jesus and be saved (3:3). John’s words cry out in our wilderness today as well: *Prepare the way for the Lord! Repent, and get ready to welcome God’s Son!* Just as the people of John’s time flocked to him to turn away from sin and be baptized, we can return to the Lord this Advent. We can seize the opportunity to repent and make room for Jesus in our hearts. Then we’ll know the joy of salvation as Jesus releases us from the burden of our sins. How is God calling you to prepare the way for the Lord today? Don’t let anything prevent you from receiving his hope and healing! Open your heart to the tender mercy of God! Are you burdened by guilt? Are you struggling to love someone? Or are you so stressed or preoccupied that you can’t even see your need to repent? Jesus delights to offer you absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is also present with you right now, wherever you are. He dwells in the sanctuary of your heart, where you can lay bare your sins and receive his mercy. Confess your sins to the Lord today, and you will discover what John knew: Jesus is near; the kingdom is at hand. *“Lord Jesus, I repent of any sin that separates me from you.”* Reprinted with permission of The Word Among Us, 7115 Guilford Dr #100, Frederick, MD 21704 December 2025 wau.org, 301-874-1700

**Rosary Circle** It is that time of the year for *captains to assign mysteries for 2026. It is a tradition at Holy Trinity Parish that a donation of \$2 is sent to the captains OR placed in the collection basket with the captains’ name written on the envelope. The money collected is used to offer a Mass when a member passes away during the year. Any excess monies are donated to the church. The parish is very thankful for our Captains: Darrell Lyssy, Vivian Kotara, Linda Gawlik, Karen Lyssy, Mary Stulting, and RosaLee Moczygemba. If you are in need of some Spiritual Graces, please join us by praying a decade of the Holy Rosary. Call RosaLee (830-583-6685)*

***IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY A ZAIONTZ - The Altar Society greatly appreciates the \$1,000 donation from Lee Zaiontz for flowers and decorations in memory of his wife, Shirley. May her soul rest peacefully in the arms of our Loving Savior, Jesus Christ.***

**2026 Masses** Please come into the office 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**. Your understanding is most appreciated as we try to make this fair for all families of the parish. Thank you!

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.
- **Cactus Country Dance** – Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at the FC Community Hall
- **Catholic Life Insurance Branch # 66 Meeting and Social** - Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.
- **CDA Christmas Party** – Tuesday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Trinity Diner
- **“Wreaths Across America”** at **Holy Trinity Cemetery** on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.
- **Karnes County Area Go Texan Dinner** is Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity diner.



~~~~~ **ADVENT NEWS** ~~~~~

- ❖ **Sunday, Dec 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.
- ❖ **Advent Challenge** – See entrance for a different kind of Advent calendar, “Beyond the Wreath” or go to <https://view.genially.com/6930d74de543b63dd697a2db>. No sign in required.
- ❖ **Advent CCD Service Project Sun. Nov 30–Monday Dec 22, 2025** - Our parish will be collecting essential items to support local families in need. See flyers at entrance of church.
- ❖ **Toys for Karnes County Tots**-Drop off by Dec 14th
- ❖ **Advent Confessions** – There will be an extra opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. What a wonderful gift God has given to us through this sacrament to receive forgiveness and healing from our sins and give us peace. **Confessions will be on Sunday Dec 21st from 4pm-5pm.** St. Boniface will also have confessions on Sunday Dec 14th from 4pm-5pm. Father also hears confessions before every mass. - A complete list of Confessions at parishes in this Deanery is posted at the entrance.



Youth Choir Christmas Eve Practices:

K-2nd grade students Singing practice is from 5:30-6:00 PM on 12/10 & 12/17. Only students who will be at Christmas Eve mass in our church need to attend. Students will be singing and dressing the part of angels and shepherds.
3rd-12th grade students Choir practice on Sunday (12/7, 12/14 & 12/21) for one hour following the 9:00 AM mass.
ALL YOUTH CHOIR participants will have a Christmas Eve Mass Dress Rehearsal followed by a Pizza Party on Tuesday, December 23rd from 10:00-12:30pm.

The 2026 Lumen Gentium Award goes to Greg & Mary Wiatrek who have served the church for many years. Mary is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, CCD Teacher & prior DRE. She also organizes the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed as a parish. Greg supports Mary in these roles by his presence, encouragement & often would help remove liturgical vessels in absence of altar servers. Greg also visits the CCD students to teach about St. Nicholas. They both serve on the Raffle committee and help during all phases of the picnic. Our parish family sincerely thanks Greg & Mary for their dedication & humble service and living the Gospel!

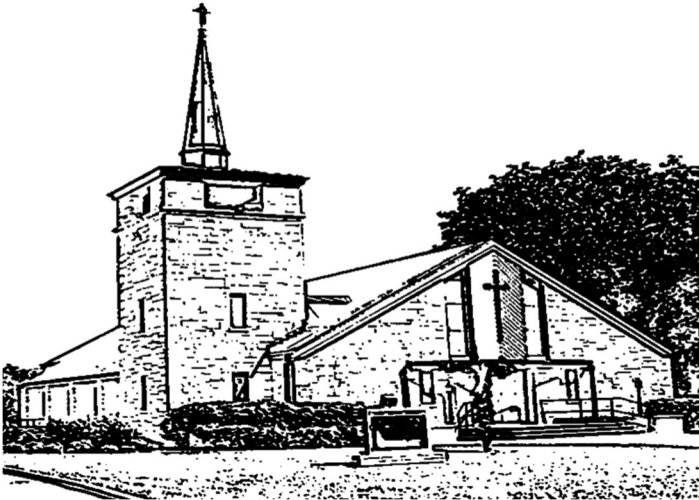
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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