

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26^h

5 P.M. – Louis Pustka

Sunday, November 27th

7 A.M. – Louis & Terry Wick &
Darlene Knezek

9 A.M. – Rudy Chilek

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Your Gift to God: November 13th

Sweet Home	\$1,106
Koerth	\$508

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

A special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, November 19-20.

Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

Pastoral Center Holiday Schedule

The Pastoral Center will close Tuesday, November 22nd at 5:00 P.M. and reopen Monday, November 28th at 8:00 A.M. **Bulletin deadline for that week is Monday, November 21st at 4:00 P.M.**

Welcome, Fr. Jacob!

Fr. Jacob arrived this week to begin his ministry here as parochial vicar. Make sure and introduce yourselves to him and let him know how happy we are to have him with us!

CROP Hunger Walk

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a CROP Hunger Walk today, November 20th at 3:30 P.M. at the Yoakum ISD Track. Participants should meet and register at the track. In addition to benefiting the hungry of the world, 25% of the proceeds collected will be given to the local Food Pantry at First Baptist Church.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Yoakum Ministerial Alliance, will be held today, November 20th beginning at 5:30 P.M. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. A meal will follow the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

K.J.Z.T. #12, Sweet Home Annual Social

Saturday, December 3rd – 6:00 P.M.

Sweet Home Parish Hall

RSVP by November 23rd

to Joyce Kurtz at

jkurtz.kjzt@gmail.com

Members are asked to bring a dessert!!

*“Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!”*

“Give thanks to God, bless his name”

CCD Reminder

CCD classes **will not** be held this Wednesday, November 23rd.

Loft-y Idea but Impractical

Just to be aware--as the recent weddings were not all local parishioners and they quite readily questioned and were upset at this change: the bridal party/bride no longer get dressed in the choir loft. The parish hall is made available to them--where there is privacy, and bathrooms present--rather than adding to the commotion and noise already happening in the Church as a wedding is being readied. The couple simply arrange to get the hall key, arrange to make sure it is cleaned up afterwards and the AC, fans and lights are turned off, and everything is left in good order and locked. They then get the key back the following week to the office. There is no charge and it is hoped that they will care for parish property since they are choosing to use it for their celebration. Using the choir loft has been a practice for a while, but it naturally amplifies sound/talking due to its location, there is no easy access to the downstairs church restroom, and the mess that gets left up there is unseemly (water bottles, clothes bags, hangers and all sorts of packing papers and plastic end up getting left there). Privacy was only accomplished by a trifold screen and there is something that just seems unnecessary that the commotion and dressing is done there in the open part of the church when the parish hall is available (yes, it does mean walking the distance from the Hall to the church--but at one time they were dressing in the upstairs of the rectory and having the longer walk from there to the church--lest one forget). With the present focus for sacramental celebrations here giving a priority/concern to our parishioners, hopefully these issues will become less frequent (as already experienced with baptismal celebrations requiring the preparation class beforehand).

Christmas Donations for YNR Residents

Yoakum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is accepting Christmas gift donations for their residents. Donations should be dropped off at the front desk at YNR by **December 2nd**. For more information contact Sabrina Husted, Activity Director at 361-293.2801. Give a little Christmas cheer to our senior members by donating a gift for Christmas!

Projects Update

Sweet Home Stained Glass windows have had all of the rotten sections replaced, caulked and painted. The frames are still in manufacture and will probably be installed after the beginning of the new year. The Rectory continues to have work done to it. This past week the ceilings of the upstairs were opened up in order to clean the dense remains of the former pigeon infestation. It is rather certain that the pigeons have been residents for a little longer than just a couple of years. In some areas of the attic there was over 6 inches deep of pigeon mess. They also damaged most of the AC/Heating ductwork and...to put it mildly...made a truly major mess. Work will continue in order to get the residence updated and cleaned.

Koerth Church work is progressing along. It is becoming apparent as the holiday time approaches that it very well may not be finished in time for Christmas as was originally foreseen. As Christmas was simply a "hoped for completion," we are able to adjust and simply look forward to getting back to the Church when all is taken care of and done. So, it is better to simply state that we will continue to use Sweet Home Church for the 9:00 A.M. Mass until further notice. The Windows are soon to be shipped and then will be installed. More updates in coming weeks.

Cemetery Inquiries

Anyone with questions regarding the Catholic Cemeteries should contact the local representatives for the Cemeteries.

Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matusek & J. O. Hermes

St. John the Baptist:

Gene Velek & Jerry/Joyce Kurtz

They can provide the needed information and help with locating available plots. They will also provide the needed details to complete a purchase/reservation and receive a deed for record purposes.

www.qpcatholicchurch.com

Make sure and check out the parish website for Queen of Peace and St. John the Baptist. A few of the historical pictures are there (still looking for pictures of the church interiors) as well as CCD/Faith Formation calendar, registration and weekly bulletin. There is also a link to the diocesan cemetery database for both cemeteries and links to Catholic sites of interest.

Giving Thanks

As a parish family we gather each time around the Altar to offer the most perfect act of thanks to God in the Eucharistic liturgy. As our nation pauses this week to give thanks, it is always good to reflect on the many ways our Lord shares with us daily. The parish is rich with so many who selflessly give of their time, talent and treasure in our liturgical ministries, our educational work our parish organizations and the unsung many who "pitch in" with all kinds of tasks. May the good Lord bless each of us as we focus on giving back to others from the bounty He has so graciously shared with us!

*In All Things,
Give Thanks*

TMIY

Over seventy men have risked deeper involvement in their faith relationship and tried the *That Man Is You* offering we have embarked upon for the men of the parishes. It is never too late! Try it out...put your toe in the water...see if it is for you! Each Wednesday morning the men gather at 6:00 A.M.--breakfast, camaraderie, inspiration/reflection and discussion. All concludes at 7:30 A.M.

Online Giving

The company that provides our offertory envelopes has the ability to allow "online giving" for those who would want to utilize it. There is a link on the parish website that has more information. It offers the possibility of using this for a one-time gift or for setting up regular giving in place of using envelopes. There is an instructional video that provides extra information posted there as well. The donations/gifts given are deposited directly either in Queen of Peace or St. John the Baptist Church accounts--and can be done by bank transfer, electronic check, or using a credit card--and can be setup for single instance, weekly, monthly, etc.

Now on FORMED: Forgiven



FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession is available on FORMED starting today!

The latest addition to the Augustine Institute library of sacramental preparation programs, FORGIVEN carefully explains the Church's teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including a practical "walk through" of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Tradition, and God's passionate desire to be with us.

WATCH SESSION ONE NOW

FORMED.org

We are approaching the end of the first month of our "trial run" with FORMED.org. There have been a number of parish family members that have signed up for at least a peak. More need to sign in and utilize this offering so that the subscription is justified and worthwhile. This offering especially could be helpful with catechisms in Faith Formation. We will continue subscribing for another month and then evaluate if it is being utilized. The login code is: **WJKPMW**.

