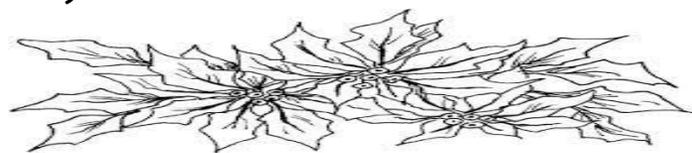


Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24th

5 P.M. – Presider's Intention

10 P.M. – Presider's Intention

Sunday, December 25th

9 A.M. – Presider's Intention

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Your Gift to God: December 11th

Sweet Home	\$2,031
DSA	\$20
Special Collection (<i>Retired Religions</i>)	\$303
Koerth	\$684
DSA	\$5
Special Collection (<i>Retired Religions</i>)	\$153

May God reward your generosity!

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.

Office Christmas Schedule

The Pastoral Center will close at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 22nd and reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Monday, January 2nd. **Deadline for the December 25th and January 1st bulletins will be noon on Wednesday, December 21st.**

Christmas Flowers

Extra envelopes for the Christmas Flower donations may be found in the Church entrances. Donors and their listed memorials will be in the bulletin after Christmas. This applies to Sweet Home and Koerth.

Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – 5:00 P.M.
10:00 P.M.

December 25th – 9:00 A.M.

(All in Sweet Home)

Christmas Weekend: Special Collection

Christmas weekend there will be a second collection at the Masses for the Parish Building/Maintenance Fund. The funds donated will assist in the ongoing repairs to the parish facilities...perfect time to make an end of year donation for charity!

Offering Envelopes

As a reminder, the offering envelopes will be mailed at two month intervals starting with 2017. Those who requested offering envelopes at the time of the census renewal will begin receiving them with this new service.

"From Thy Bounty"

The new St. Joseph Parish cookbook, "From Thy Bounty" is available at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center for \$20...get them as the extra gift to share during the upcoming holidays!

“The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.”

Stayed Tuned for Continuous Christmas Music – 91.5 FM

Listen to continuous Christmas music beginning December 21st thru December 25 by tuning in to KHCB 91.5 FM radio.

TMIY Update

For the past 13 weeks over seventy men have sacrificed and prayed with the help of the “That Man Is You” program to deepen their faith. As a result they better understand their roles as husbands and fathers. They learned about the effects of today’s culture on our children and grandchildren and the importance of men in their lives. Each Wednesday morning the men gathered at the bright and early hour of 6:00 A.M. for breakfast, camaraderie, inspiration/reflection and discussion. All meetings concluded by 7:30 A.M. It was both a challenge and reward to be able to dedicate the best part of the day to focusing on what defines us: our faith! If you were not able to take advantage of this opportunity you are in luck! The next semester is now scheduled to begin February 1, 2017. And as all good Catholics recall...it will include the time of Lent...offering yet another way to better engage and deepen your faith. This is a new semester so it will be a great time to join us. If you are not sure just ask one of the men that attended the last semester to find out what they think.

FORMED.org

We have subscribed to FORMED.org now for two months. The subscription will continue until the end of December. Thus far 50 parishioners have logged on to utilize the possibilities offered. At the end of December a decision will be made to see if maintaining the subscription is warranted--if more take advantage of this service in particular. The login code is: **WJKPMW**.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next English Baptismal Preparation Class will be held Saturday, January 14th at 9:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Family Center Meeting Room in Yoakum

Projects Update

The rectory upstairs has been re-wired and work started downstairs as time allows on plumbing issues as well.

The Koerth window frames have arrived and this coming week hopefully installation will be completed. The sacristy foundation was repaired as the entry door area had sunk 4 inches causing the door difficulty in closing. It still is looking possible that we might be back in the Church by the end of January. The contractors/workers will be off during the holidays so after the new year they will start to wrap their part up. Then the painters can come in and do the touch-up and the pews will be back in place. More details as work continues.

Want to Grow in Holiness, But Too Busy?

Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don’t have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don’t know where to begin? In our hectic day and time, Saint John Paul II and Saint Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Join us on January 3, 2017, as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we’ll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul II. They’ll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, Sundays from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., we’ll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus.

If you are looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Morning Glory Small-group Retreat. Pick up a flyer located at the entrances of the church. Contact Joyce Harner, 361.708.6325.

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.



Cemetery Inquiries

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

Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matussek & 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.

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.



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