



### New Parishioners

**Welcome!** Please register at the parish office, or use the form on our website at [www.stchristopherparish.org](http://www.stchristopherparish.org). We are glad you are here with us.

## Faith Formation

**Sacrament of Marriage-** Please contact Fr. Hopper at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin your preparation process.

**Sacrament of Baptism -** Contact Glory Kramer to register for the required **Baptism Preparation Class** - that meets on the last two Sundays of each month. **Celebration of the Sacrament** is held on the 1st weekend of the month.

**RCIA -** We come together in a small group to learn more about our faith, with sessions focused on the teachings and experience of Church; thus preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.. For info, please contact Glory Kramer.



### **Religious Education News**

**RELIGIOUS ED Classes** meet on Sundays, in the Parish Life Center, at 9:30 am.

**Adult Faith Formation** – Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am in the undercroft. We are currently studying a series on moral relativism, "Who Am I to Judge?", by Dr. Sri of FORMED. Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Learn some key ways to discuss moral issues and the importance of making good judgments. Stop by any Sunday.

## Parish Life

**BOOK STORE OPEN!!** Come visit the Parish Book Store after all the weekend Masses - located now in the annex by the Parish Life Center.



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – Visit the Undercroft for great savings on gently used holiday items. Proceeds benefit the youth of our parish.

**LIVING NATIVITY** – Join us after the 11:00 am Mass on Sun., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> for this inspiring production. Costumes provided, and cookies/ice cream will follow!

## Devotions



**Adoration Sign Up---** PLEASE fill in the hour you can come sit with Our Lord. **It is important to have at least 2 persons per hour.**



### Schedule for Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima

Dec. 16.....Open  
Dec. 23.....Barb Hambly

## Social Concern & Outreach

### Ministry to the Sick and Elderly

Please notify us when a family member is hospitalized.

**Homebound Ministry-** Those requesting homebound visits for communion and/or confessions should contact the parish office to schedule a time to be visited.

**Food Collection/Coat Collection-** The parish collects canned and dry food as a mission to help support Helping Hand of Hope. Donations can be made in the Parish Office Mon-Thurs from 9-5, or during the weekend Mass (box located in the cry room).



### Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Basket Service Project!

Our group will be helping pack and distribute holiday meal baskets to families in need around the community. We will meet in the Parish Hall at St. Martin at 11:30 am. Permission forms are required for those wishing to help distribute. After we are done packing the baskets, teens are welcome to stay for open gym time until 2:30 pm.

### Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Youth Group Christmas Party!

Join us from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Parish Life Center at Saint Christopher. Please bring a small wrapped gift worth no more than \$10 for the white elephant game. Make sure to wear an ugly Christmas sweater!

### Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve Dance Service Project and Lock-in.

Our group will be providing babysitting for the families at St. Martin's New Year's Eve Dance from 8:00 pm – midnight. After the dance, the teens are invited to stay the night and celebrate the start of the New Year as a group! We will end our time together by attending the 9:30 am Mass at St. Martin for the Solemnity of Mary as a group.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ashley Law by email at [ymc@bbtel.com](mailto:ymc@bbtel.com) or by phone at 270-723-0480.



**Saturday, Dec. 8**

9:00 am (HOLY DAY MASS) † Dixie Lippert

4:00 pm (SUNDAY MASS)  
† William and Richard Price

**Sunday, Dec. 9 (Second Sunday of Advent)**

8:00 am Deceased Members of McGrew, Kirk and Stiles Families

11:00am For All Parishioners

**Monday, Dec. 10**

8:00 am † Lagunday Family

**Wed., Dec. 12**

6:00 pm **NO MASS TODAY (either Parish)**

**Friday, Dec. 14**

6:00pm † Richard and Roberta Harsch

**Saturday, Dec. 15**

4:00 pm † Robert, Deloras and John Underdonk

**+Regional Advent Penance Service+**

will be offered at St. James, E'town on Wed., December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. There will be 12 priests available for Confession.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



Those interested in joining the Knights council should speak to any current member or call the Parish Office for contact information.

Offerings needed each week..... \$6,550.00  
**Received Dec. 1/2 .....\$8,029.85**



CPT Robert Blume, LTC William Blume, Jr., Aaron Bonner, CPT Jonathan Davis, Erik Enyart, TSGT Jesse

Escalera, Jason Forcey, Erik Hoffman, SrA Tyler Karr, José F. Madera, CW3 Jonathan Melton, Scott Parham, Tara Reyna, SSgt Fernando Rios, Jr., SGT Tommy Schlett, MSgt Jeremy Yates, Brianna Degrella, Charles Gerstenkorn and all those who serve our nation.



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| Mary Bange           | Sue Ann Hambly    | Ronica Ramirez    |
| Martin Barcinas      | Peggy Harris      | Anthony Reyna     |
| Ann Barany           | Christa Kabalen   | Joel Rivera       |
| Amy Becker           | Angela Kelner     | Mary SanNicolas   |
| Kimberly Blanton     | Freda Kropczynski | Ronnie SanNicolas |
| Margret Bogdan       | Steve Lawhorn     | Vera SanNicolas   |
| Holly Brown          | Raymond Lickert   | Joyce Schneider   |
| Sylvester Burg       | Charlene Lindberg | Bryce Scott       |
| Landon Carr          | Mary Lowry        | Grace Scott       |
| Derrek Coffey        | Vince Lucero      | Victoria Schakett |
| Walter & Vivian Cruz | Jeff Lugo         | Jennifer Sinclair |
| Emma Day             | Megan             | Bob Soult         |
| Rachel Dearborn      | John Marra        | Ray Tijerina      |
| Joe & Mary Deases    | David Martinez    | Eli Thompson      |
| George L. Degrella   | Dean Michaelis    | Kathryn Thompson  |
| Michael Dockwiller   | Lois Miller       | Cindy Turner      |
| Kristen Elizabeth    | Joe Newton        | Rena Vowels       |
| Ed Ewert             | Audra Nuccitelli  | Lois Weaver       |
| James Ewing          | Rita Ouelette     | Dianna Weber      |
| Rose Fluhart         | Susan Parks-Beale | Steven Weber      |
| Emery Frank          | Giesela Paul      | Joe Whelan        |
| Janet Garrido        | Colette Pearson   | Paul Whelan       |
| Patricia Golick      | Frank Pignanelli  | Bill Wikoff       |
| Claire Graham        | Mike Pin          | Margaret Wilson   |
| Ada and Eason Grof   | Arlene Prechtel   |                   |
| Bob Gross            | Derik Quenga      |                   |
| Ken & Karen Gross    | Ruth Quintanilla  |                   |

**Stewardship Ministry Corner:** This week we feature the **Bereavement Committee.** Saint Christopher has a very well-organized, compassionate ministry in this group. They not only provide a full meal after funerals, they create a welcoming and comforting atmosphere for grieving families. They gladly welcome extra hands and hearts.



**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 pm,** join us in singing Christmas songs in the Church. We are also looking for groups that would like to sing "Silent Night" in their native language:

German, Korean, Filipino, etc. Call Mark at 270-300-2901 or [cobbma781@hotmail.com](mailto:cobbma781@hotmail.com).

As of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, the Saint Christopher's CSA totals are:  
Donations: \$15,515 out of goal of \$24,200 (64%)  
Donors: 45 out of goal of 74 (61%)

In the Filipino culture, a special series of nine Masses are said before Christmas, beginning Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. **Simbáng Gabi** (Tagalog for "night Mass"), is the Filipino version of the *Misa de Gallo* ("gift Mass" or "Shepherd's Mass"). Saint Christopher Church will be the site for Mass on Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Join us for Mass and bring a potluck dish to share afterward in the Undercroft. Fr. Albert Añover will preside.

*Miligayang Pasko!*