

STEWARDSHIP

December 2nd.....\$2,352 Matching Gift Week update next week 12/16

Bobcat Catholics like you provide more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to Christ. Contact Tom Deming, Development Director, anytime to join our mission at 512-738-5920 or tdeming@txstatecatholic.org

2nd Sunday of Advent

The coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. In today's Gospel, John's message prepared the way for Jesus. So we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.



- 1. We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us.
2. We are encouraged to radiate the presence of Christ to people around us by sharing our love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart, and offering a spirit of humble and committed service.

3. John's preaching reminds us of the important task of announcing Christ to others through our lives at home and in the community. When we show real love, kindness, mercy and a spirit of forgiveness, we are announcing the truth that Christ is with us.

PARISH ENGAGEMENT TEAM

The P. E.T. continues to seek ways to increase engagement by all parishioners in carrying out our mission to each other and the Texas State community.

The next meeting is at 11:30am on Sunday, January 9, 2019 in the library. All permanent community members are invited to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION

12/9

MATCHING GIFT WEEK

CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHEDULE

Except for Masses listed below, the office and the building will be closed from Fri., Dec.21st- Sun.,Jan.6th
Masses during that time:

Sun. Dec. 23 10:00am

(Sunday Mass)

Mon. Dec. 24 6:30pm

(Christmas Eve)

Sun. Dec. 30th 10:00am & 7:30pm

Tues. Jan 1 12:30pm & 5:15pm

(Mary, Mother of God)

Sun. Jan. 6 10:00am & 7:30pm

Sun. Jan. 13 10:00am, 5:00pm&7:30pm

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

The following Penance services are available in our area. ALL services begin at 7pm.

Blanco, Tue., Dec. 11th (St. Ferdinand)

Wimberley, Wed., Dec. 13th (St. Mary)

San Marcos, Mon., Dec. 18th (St. John the Evangelist)

Dripping Springs, Thu., Dec. 20th (St. Martin De Porres)

A Heartfelt thanks to those of you who helped gather and distribute clothing and food to our homeless here in San Marcos. We gathered many bags of clothes and food and distributed them to smiling faces, handshakes and many tears. Thank you for your help.

-Alyssa & Lena

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

There is a lot of good news in our fall newsletter (find one in your mailbox)

Matching Gift Week Dec. 2nd- 9th GOAL \$25,000

If you have any questions about how to maximize your year end giving, or how to make matching gift week an even bigger, contact Tom Deming tdeming@txstatecatholic.org or 512-738-5920.

FORMED

This online platform provides access to Catholic resources from providers including Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, etc.

To login: txstatecatholic.formed.org mobile app access code: PFNKTF

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc. Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

WE PRAY

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support. "Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much." James 5:16