



**DECEMBER 10TH, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday 7:30am - 6:30pm
Every First Friday 7:00pm to 8:00pm
To schedule an hour with Our Lord
please contact MaryAnn or Phil Everett at
254-721-0931 or 254-721-8142 or
Helen Marie Kreitz at 254-773-6946.

*“Come to me all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to our families; your prayers strengthen
those being called by God to live out their vocation.

Dec 17	Jolly Family	11:00am
Dec 24	Jolly Family	11:00am

SECOND COLLECTION

This week’s second collection is for Retired
Clergy and Religious. Thank you for your
generosity in helping the men and women
who give so much for our spiritual needs.

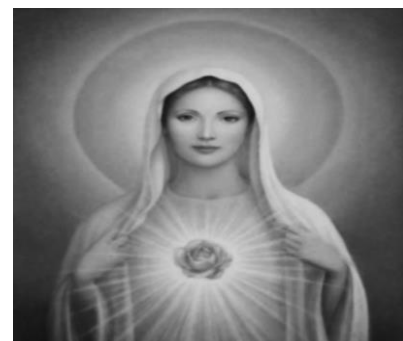


Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The Catholic Church
proclaims that, “The most
Blessed Virgin Mary was,
from the first moment of her
conception, by a singular
grace and privilege of

almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus
Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved
immune from all stain of original sin” (CCC 491).
The readings that we heard on Friday for the
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
help us understand God’s plan for us, and Mary’s
role in it. We come to God the Father through his
son, Jesus Christ, whose impending conception is
announced by the angel Gabriel to Mary who, in
her pure sinless nature and being, accepts and
agrees to God’s plan.

It is no wonder, then, that we honor and celebrate
this divine gift of grace bestowed upon Mary.
Redeemed through the merits of her son, Mary is
an icon of faithfulness to God and of trusting in the
promises he makes. She truly was blessed among
women. May we someday be worthy of such a
description. Our Bishop, Most Reverend Joe
Vasquez, has decided to consecrate the local
church of the Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate
Heart of Mary on December 10, 2017, the Second
Sunday of Advent. This consecration will be
accomplished through the common prayer of our
people in all parishes. This too is a great honor for
our community as the Blessed Virgin Mary is our
patron saint for the Parish and School. Please join
me as we entrust ourselves to the loving embrace
of the Mother of God, our Mother.

Fr. Steve





Tues. 12/12 St. Mary 7PM
 Wed. 12/13 St. Michael, Burlington 7PM
 Wed. 12/13 St. Stephen, Salado 7PM
 Wed. 12/13 Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak 7PM
 Sun. 12/17 Church of the Visitation, Westphalia 7PM
 Mon. 12/18 St. Paul Chong Hasang, Harker Heights 10AM
 Tues. 12/19 Holy Family, CC 7PM
 Wed. 12/20 St. Joseph, Killeen 7PM
 Thurs. 12/21 St. Monica, Cameron 7PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Second Sunday of Advent ~
 John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live-the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

November 26, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	11,476.45
School Fund	\$	1,830.21
Bldg. Fund	\$	120.00
Helping Hands	\$	80.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	45.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	32.00
Children's Collection	\$	31.29
Human Development	\$	27.00
Feast of the Holy Family	\$	15.00
Retired Clergy	\$	15.00
Thanksgiving	\$	10.00
Total	\$	13,681.95

Note: totals include online giving

The Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Mon Dec 11 th	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Room	9:00am
	Wilson Rec Girls Basketball Practice	Parish Hall	3:30pm
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:00pm
Tues Dec 12 th	Knitting & Crochet Group	Ave Maria Room	10:00am
	Smith Baptism	Church	2:30pm
	Adult Bible Study	Ave Maria Room	6:00pm
	Penance Service	Church	7:00pm
Wed Dec 13 th	Wilson Rec Girls Basketball Practice	Parish Hall	3:30pm
	Religious Education	O'Reilly Building	6:30pm
	Confirmation Practice	Ave Maria Building	6:30pm
	RCIA	Regina Caeli Rm	7:00pm
Fri Dec 15 th	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Vasquez	Church	6:00pm
Sun Dec 17 th	Confirmation Reception	Regina Caeli Rm	9:00am

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.





FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

Advent is a time of expectancy along with waiting in hope. During this Advent season, we have our own set of expectations, longing for a better world. We long for peace. We cry out for justice. Security remains elusive. We lament the fact that the world in which we live is in the condition that it is. "Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God," Isaiah tells us.

God speaks to us, a people dear to His heart, while at the same time He speaks to us personally and individually. We have our responsibilities, both communal and individual. We can look to see what we can do to improve the world around us. Do something to be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. May we be moved this Advent Season to act in love towards others.

Patricia St. Amour, DFF

Wednesday December 13th:

6:30 pm in the church (following the dismissal of RE classes), Confirmation Practice for Candidates and their sponsors.

Friday, December 15th:

5:00 pm, candidates and sponsors meet in the Hall, dressed and ready.

6:00 pm in the church, Confirmation Mass.

December 20th – January 3rd:

Christmas and New Year's Break for Religious Education classes.

No Baptismal class in December.

Have a Blessed Christmas.

Diocesan Faith Formation Level 1 Certification Classes

In order to receive required certification, all faith formation ministers must attend Level 1 Classes. Parishioners are also encouraged to attend if interested in deepening knowledge of their faith. Classes will begin in January on Saturdays held from 9:00-3:00. For more information contact Patricia St. Amour 254-773-4541



FALCON'S CORNER

Amazon Smile Announcement

The holidays are approaching and we will all be busy shopping for gifts, decorations, and more. Please remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), *Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at [smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1297273](https://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1297273) Amazon donates to St. Mary's Catholic School of Temple.*

Important Dates to Remember

Tues. Dec 12 th	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 8:15AM Semester Exams begin
Fri. Dec. 15 th	All School Mass 8:15 a.m. Noon Dismissal/Christmas Vacation begins Second Quarter ends
Wed. Jan. 3 rd	School Reopens 3 rd Quarter begins

Save the Date

January 13, 2017

St. Mary Parish Hall

Help us Celebrate 121 years!

St. Mary's Alumni Fiesta \$25 per person

Mass 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Leon River Band 7:30

Cash Bar Silent Auction

Everyone is welcome including parents & friends of current and future Alumni.

Must be 21 & older. RSVP by Jan. 3, 2018

at www.stmarys-temple.org/alumni

Prepare for the Christ Child

Please join us in decorating our church for the joyous Christmas season. We will meet in the church at 12:30 p.m. on Sun., Dec, 24. With much work to be done before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm, lots of hands will make the task easier and quicker. Bring the whole family; what a great way to offer your time and talent as a gift to Jesus. We appreciate any amount of time.

DEC 16th - DEC 17th, 2017

5:30 PM MASS

Lector: HM Kreitz
EM: C. & S. Guenat, P. Thrift
Greeters: P. Everett, K. Petter, R. Beck
Altar Servers: A. Cantu, M. Cruz, L. Flores, T. Lockhart

7:30 AM MASS

Lector: C. Warren
EM: D. Shepard, P. Proctor, K. Cameron
Greeters: L. Lagut, C. Reeves
Altar Servers: A. & L. Federle, R. McNeil

9:15 AM MASS

Lector: J. Hattemer
EM: S. & B. McAtee, D. Gibson
Greeters: M. Guenat, K. & J. Bartz, T. Leos
Altar Servers: S. & R. Mosmeyer, V. Obregon, D. Pena

11:00 AM MASS

Lector: L. Edwards
EM: M. Walters, J. Dudley, J. Oakes
Greeters: B. Stewart, M. Cyr, L. Castillo, R. & J. Dudley
Altar Servers: V., A. & N. Basile, MB Garcia

Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound

Dec. 17th, 2017

C/S Guenat, D. Kaminski, P. Proctor, B. McAtee, D. Shepard/P. Thrift, HM Kreitz, T. Mireles, C. Oakes, J. Solis



Many thanks to everyone who helped make our First Father/Daughter Dinner Dance a success. Mark your calendars for next year, it's already set! The special men in their lives helped the girls enjoy dancing, dining and playing games.



DECEMBER 11TH TO DECEMBER 17TH

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 8:15AM † Rosa Rodriguez
12:10PM † Eddie Edwards
Wednesday 7:00AM † The Unborn
Thursday 7:00AM † Louis Hanacik
Friday 8:15AM † Margaret Turner
12:10PM † Robert Hein
6:00PM Confirmation
Saturday 7:30AM Jairo Andres Libreros
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM † Clarence Entrop
Sunday 7:30AM † Leonette Entrop
9:15AM For the People
11:00AM Mary & Bill Grygar



KJT Society #114 Dinner and Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 6:00PM
Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall
Short business meeting followed by a Dutch Treat Meal. Each person attending is asked to bring a small inexpensive gift for a Christmas gift drawing. RSVP by Mon, Dec 18th at egpavlat@aol.com
Any questions call Eugene Pavlat at 254-778-8954.

Our Lady Of The Angels Maternity Shelter

JOB OPENING FOR FULL OR PART-TIME HOUSE PARENT. A house parent's priority is to advocate for the moms and children we serve; a supportive person, transporting to doctor appointments, helping with life skills, such as parenting classes, along with other things that improve their pregnancy or parenting situation. Then they can take better care of themselves and their children. If you are EIM certified, able to complete a background check and have a current Driver's license, please consider serving with us! Send a resume to administrator@olams.org or call 254.742.2340 for more information.