



**DECEMBER 24TH, 2017
FOURTH 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.

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| Dec 31 | B & D Keller | 9:15am |
| Jan 7 | T & K Hodge | 9:15am |

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be an additional collection
this week for Christmas.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second
collection for the Feast of the
Holy Family. It will be used to support
family and pro-life activities in the
Diocese of Austin.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Often we have heard that Mary is the model of trusting faith; however what does this mean to us? Faith is not merely mental acceptance of truths. Faith is also personal trust. The Creed itself indicates this in its opening words. Not, “I believe *that* . . . “but, “I believe *in* . . . “The one we believe in, whom we trust, is God. The kind of trusting faith we see in Mary models a faith that is always open to God. She believes in God’s love for her and in his promises, and gives herself wholly over to him to do with her and her life whatever he would. Can there be any doubt that it is precisely this trusting faith of Mary’s that we need today? We need the faith she models for us: faith which continues to trust in God amid events in our world and our lives we do not understand. Faith, then, is not something we can summon up by willpower. Faith the catechism tells us, “is a supernatural gift from God” (CCC 179). And who can doubt that this faith will be given to us in the same measure in which it was given to Mary? Her faith allowed Jesus to be born into the world. Let our faith welcome that birth tomorrow, and share it with the world. May you have a very blessed Christmas season.

Fr. Steve



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~

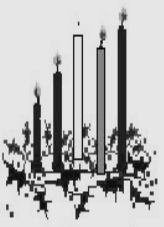
In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes"- "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."- that the promise finds fulfillment.

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

December 17, 2017

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| Sunday Collection | \$ | 6,642.67 |
| Retired Clergy | \$ | 1,967.96 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ | 1,831.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ | 360.00 |
| School Fund | \$ | 302.00 |
| Bldg. Fund | \$ | 110.00 |
| Helping Hands | \$ | 110.00 |
| World & Home Missions | \$ | 100.00 |
| Faith Formation | \$ | 100.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$ | 54.27 |
| Thanksgiving | \$ | 30.00 |
| Holy Christmas | \$ | 5.00 |
| Feast of the Holy Family | \$ | 2.00 |
| Total | \$ | 11,614.90 |

Note: totals include online giving



Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Candle of Love" or "Candle of Peace" is lighted, scripture is read, a devotional may be given, and prayer is offered.

God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

The Week Ahead

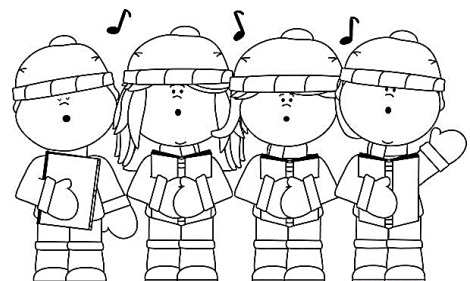
| Date | Event | Location | Time |
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| Mon Dec 25 th | OFFICE CLOSED | PARISH OFFICE | ALL DAY |
| Tues Dec 26 th | OFFICE CLOSED | PARISH OFFICE | ALL DAY |
| Wed Dec 27 th | NO MASS OR ADORATION | Church | |
| Thurs Dec 28 th | NO MASS | Church | |
| Sun Dec 31 st | Flores Baptism | Church | 5:00pm |

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 your time.

O Come Let Us Adore Him

The 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass is traditionally our Children's Mass. This is a special invitation for the children to join us at the altar to greet the Christ child in song. Please arrive early as the program starts at 5:15pm, and seating is limited. For information, contact Bill Keller at 254-624-7408.





FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

Through Mary saying, "May it be done to me according to your will," Christ is born into the world. By our ordinary everyday lives as believers we are the heart, voice, truth and healing power of Christ. Christmas is not just a symbolic feast of God's presence in the world or simply a ritual commemorating the birth of a religious figure. It is the Feast of God taking on a real body in the person of Jesus. In this body Christ offered Himself to the Father and followed the will of God. By doing so, He consecrated us to God. Christmas is a feast of our consecration to God, and we live out that consecration by giving birth to Christ in the world, living out the call to serve others. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas.

RE starts back on January 10th.

Patricia St. Amour, DFF

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 from 9:00-3:00. For more information contact Patricia St. Amour 254-773-4541



FALCON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and families of St. Mary's Catholic School I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We are so grateful to our parish for your continued support and love for our school. You are our Christmas gift!

With the beginning of 2018 comes the opening of enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in quality Catholic education, please give us a call and we can set up a tour. School reopens on January 3rd. Allow us to share the good news of Catholic education with you. You'll be glad you did.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins on February 4th with our Annual Catholic Schools Week Open House: 10:00-1:00 p.m.

God bless you.
Sincerely,
Theresa Wyles
Principal
254-778-8141

Important Dates to Remember

Wed. Jan. 3rd School Reopens
3rd Quarter begins



DECEMBER 25TH TO DECEMBER 31ST

DEC 30TH - DEC 31ST, 2017

5:30 PM MASS

Lector: L. Chaffin
EM: P. & MA Everett, S. Guenat
Greeters: B. Goonan
Altar Servers: A. Cantu, M. Cruz, L. Flores,
T. Lockhart

7:30 AM MASS

Lector: M. Maldonado
EM: T. Hamff, K. & R. Oujezdsky
Greeters: J. Hattemer, R. & J. Bruggman,
C. Reeves
Altar Servers: A. & L. Federle, R. McNeil

9:15 AM MASS

Lector: R. Schigut
EM: M. & L. Matthews, R. Schigut
Greeters: A. Pechal, W. & E. Wilde
Altar Servers: M. & D. Mikeska, N. & T. Bennett

11:00 AM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector:
EM: JA Mason, P. Engbrock, J. Dudley
Greeters: A. Pechal, R. Krumnow,
B. Stewart
Altar Servers: L. Lukose, B. Nash, G. Walters,
L. Figueroa

Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound

Dec. 31st, 2017

P. & MA Everett, T. Leos, T. Hamff, D. Kaminski,
M. & K. Walters, P. Engbrock, M. & L. Matthews,
C. Oakes

Monday 8:00AM †Jacob Noel Deutscher
10:00AM †Shirley & Daniel Staebler
Tuesday 12:10PM Sharr Kirshner
Wednesday 7:00AM **NO MASS AND
NO ADORATION**
Thursday 7:00AM **NO MASS**
Friday 12:10PM Vernon & Jan Hein
Saturday 7:30AM † Louis Hanacik
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM For the People
Sunday 7:30AM † Joe Head
9:15AM † Georgia & James
Smetana
11:00AM † Anna Jo Mikeska



Temple College Adult Education

High School Equivalency Classes
(GED, HiSET & TASC)

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

8:30am or 5:00pm

For more information call 254-298-8620.

Parish Job Opportunity ~ Christ the King

Full-time Parish Secretary:

Responsibilities include providing administrative support to the Pastor and the Director of Parish Operations, greeting visitors, handling phone calls, sorting mail and packages, and other front-line receptionist tasks. This position also prepares and manages the documentation requirements for the sacraments of baptism, marriage, funeral, as well as scheduling, recording and data entry. This position requires expertise in managing online facility and pastor calendars, publication software, and the full Microsoft Office suite. Spanish speaking required.

Director of Parish Operation:

Responsible for assisting the Pastor by managing parish finance, office, parish activities and their usage of the facilities of the parish in accordance with diocesan policies and guidelines. Applicants should send resumes to fr.kim@ctkbelton.org.