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DECEMBER 19, 2021



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOYFUL

"And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should
come to me? For at the moment the
sound of your greeting reached
my ears, the infant in my womb
leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

Parish Staff

Barb Aarhus, SH Secretary
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507-451-1385

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm, SH
Sunday: 8:15 am, HT
Sunday: 10:00 am, SC

Reconciliation

Baptism

Please call the office to register a
date for baptism. First time
baptisms requires preparation with
priest.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for
Adults**

Classes are held at St. Columbanus
from September through April.

Marriage

Contact the SC Parish Office at
least 6 months prior to proposed
wedding date. Preparation program
is required.

Care of the Sick

Call the office

Christian Burial

SC Parish Office, 507-583-2784

December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 20 - 26, 2021

Thursday, 12/23: George Draves
SH 8:30 AM

Christmas Masses- Friday only

Friday, 12/24: Frieda & Aldoph Kvasnicka
SH 3:00 PM

SC 5:00 PM Clara Siebenaller

HT 7:00 PM Esther Fischer

Regular Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/25 Genelle Bergerson
SH 5 PM

Sunday, 12/26
HT 8:15 AM For the Parish

SC (BP) 10 AM Deloris Glynn

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 25-26, 2021

Sacred Heart, Hayfield – Fri. December 24 – 3 PM

Christmas Mass

Lector: Eric Severson
EM: Zach VonRuden
Greeter: Margaret Becker
Ushers: Jim Aarhus, Roger Hahn
Eric Severson, Matt Rutledge

Sacred Heart, Hayfield – Sat. December 25– 5 PM

Lector: Barb Aarhus
EM: Glenn Hahn
Greeters: Bev Johnson’s
Counters: Deb & Donna
Ushers: Jim Aarhus, Roger Hahn
Eric Severson, Matt Rutledge

St. Columbanus, BP~Sunday, December 26h, 10:00 am

Lector: Miranda Camery
Euch. Min.: Bob Remker
Ushers: Larry Stebins & Tom Camery
Counters: Team 1

Holy Trinity

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021

LEC – Sister Franchon
EM – Jamie Herget
SERVERS – Lily Schammel & Rachel Winzenburg
USHERS – Tony Schiller & Ed Skala

Sunday, December 26, 2021

LEC – Melissa Schammel
EM – Leona Suchanek
SERVERS – Tyler Anderson & Valerie Winzenburg
USHERS – LeRoy Schroeder & Lonny Bartsch
GREETER – Peggy Rysavy



Cluster Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

HOLY TRINITY:

SACRED HEART:

Sun. Dec. 19: No Classes

Sat. & Sun. Dec. 25 & 26: No Classes

Sat. & Sun. Jan. 1 & 2: No Classes

ST. COLUMBANUS

Sunday school is held in the church basement during mass. Kids ages 3-kindergarten are welcome to join.

Wednesday, December 8, from 6:45-7:15--Dress Rehearsal!

Students 1st grade-6th grade---Please try to attend all practices!

New Class Times:

Elementary 6-6:45

High School 6:45-8

HELP NEEDED!

St. Columbanus is in need of substitute teachers for Wednesday night faith formation classes. Please contact Krystal at 507-475-1425 if you're able to help out!

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December

Pope Francis prayer intention for Catholics to pray for in December is for Catechists. The work of Catechists – to teach the faith in both word and example – is one of great importance.

Catechists have an invaluable mission for the transmission and growth of the faith. The lay ministry of catechist is a vocation; it's a mission. Being a catechist means that you "are a catechist," not that you "work as a catechist." It's an entire way of being, and we need good catechists who are both companions and teachers.

We need creative people who proclaim the Gospel, but who proclaim it neither with a mute nor with a loudspeaker, but rather with their life, with gentleness, with a new language, and opening new ways. In many dioceses, on many continents, evangelization is fundamentally in the hands of a catechist. Let us thank catechists for the interior enthusiasm with which they live this mission at the service of the Church. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace.

~Pope Francis

Holiday Services

12/24/21

3 P.M. Hayfield

5 P.M. Blooming Prairies

7 P.M. Litomysl

New Years Masses

12/31/21

St Columbanus 5 P.M.

1/1/22 Sacred Heart 5pm (also considered Sunday Mass)



Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021

Totals As Of November 19, 2021

Parish	2021	Amount	Percent of Goal	Number of Donors	Balance Left
	Goal	Given Pledged			
Holy Trinity	\$ 7,800	\$3,300	41.77%	18	\$4,570.00
Sacred Heart	\$ 7,353	\$7,557.90	98.71%	25	\$ 98.10
St. Columbanus	\$11,769	\$7,850	61.18%	39	\$4,569.00

Sacred Heart Christmas Flowers

Anyone wishing to donate towards the Christmas flowers for the altar in memory of someone should pick up an envelope next to the bulletins at either entrance and fill it out and put it in the collection or give it to Barb Aarhus. We would like them returned by Dec. 20.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Sacred Heart Church on Friday, January 7th from 11 AM to 4 PM. Please give if you can as they are short of blood. Mark your calendar, schedule an appointment with the American Red Cross or call Ruth Santjer at 477-2339.

Weekly financials

Sacred Heart Nov. 28, 2021 - \$1,392.00
Dec. 5, 2021 - \$2,563.00

St. Columbanus 12/5 \$820.00

Holy Trinity 12/5 \$1689.00

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Sacred Heart

Prayer: Public (bulletin) – Barb Aarhus, 477-2458

Prayer Chain: (private) – Barb Schimek, 365-8033

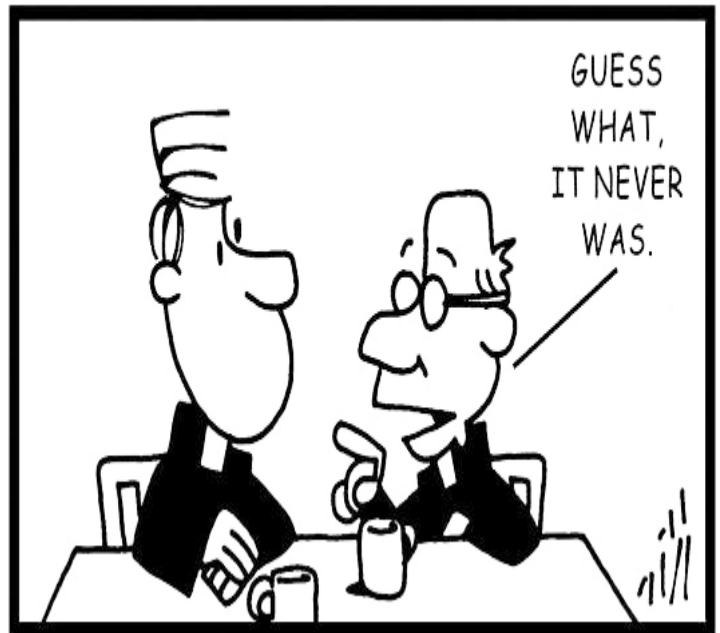
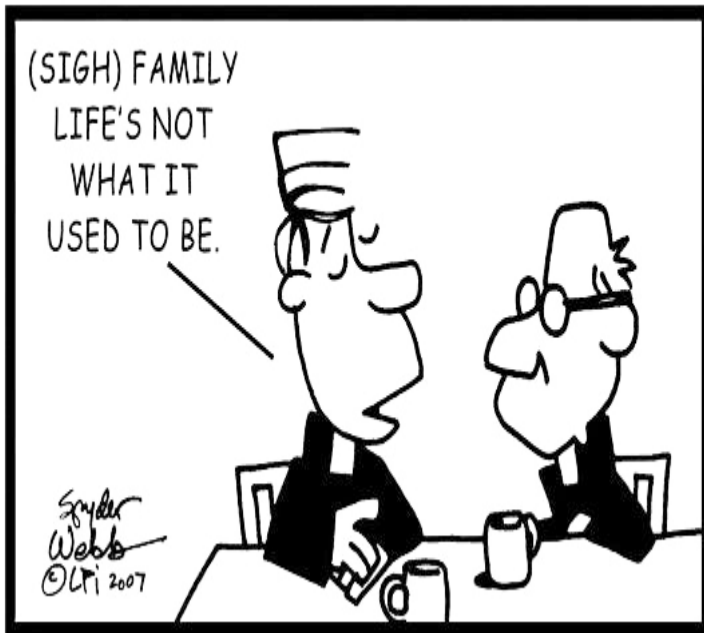
Or Sue Richardson, 477-3434

Chris Hahn, Virginia Buelt, Michele Klennert, Brian Klocke,
Pat Towey, Sr., Kathleen Stanton, Ron Vogel, Dennis Tempel

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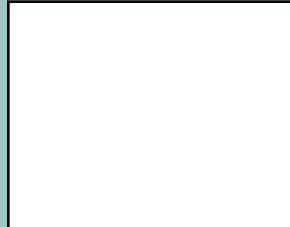
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