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Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:30pm

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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish)

Sunday: 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed, & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am

Friday 6:00-7:00pm

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
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.

Catechetical Corner

MERRY CHRISTMAS

All classes resume Sunday, January 9th, 2022

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Irvin & Katie Kroll, Judy Diskin, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko, Jolinda Contu.

Happy Birthday to: Dcn. Mark Pittman, Donna Nerio (19); Rebekah Schuler (20); Linda Haney (21); Fr. Louis (23).

Happy Anniversary to: Tom & Virginia McCoy (22).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?

Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: December 18th - 24th, 2021

Saturday Tom Ritchie & Family / Ritchie & Sontag Family
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Dcn. Mark Pittman / Julie & Adam Pittman
Tuesday McKenney Family / Mike & Cindy Tanner
Wednesday Special Intentions
Thursday Fr. Louis / Sacred Heart Parishioners
Friday Adam Dunkel t / Jake & Vicki Dunkel



**Readings for the week of
 December 19th, 2021**

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 /Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	Lector	Ushers
Dec 18th	- D Hancock	J Sontag / D Young
Dec 25th	- K Sontag	D Cavenah / M Neises
Jan 1	- M Tanner	D Hancock / M Hancock
Sunday	Lector	Ushers
Dec 19th	- J Haskell	W Haney / R Mulvihill
Dec 26th	- S Beuchat	C Lawson / B James
Jan 2	- N Wise	K Lawson / W Haney

DONUTS

December 19th - Cavenah Family
 December 26th - No Donuts
 January 2022 - Volunteers Needed

Sacred Heart Church Collections



December 12th, 2021 Collection

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December 5th, 2021\$ 3,919.00

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4th Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:39-45

Blessed Advent!

Today we have two mothers meeting; they are related, and one carries in her womb John the Baptist and the other woman, Mary, carries in her womb Jesus.

The Gospel account says that John, who would cry out in the desert the message that everyone needs to "prepare the way of the Lord," leapt with joy in the womb of his mother upon hearing Mary's greeting.

John's message in the desert is the message that we all need to heed as we get closer to the Christmas celebration. May our faith leap with joy at the chance to proclaim our Lord and to prepare the way!



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve: December 24th
5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.*

*Choir Presentation/Carols 10:00 pm
Wine & Cheese Reception immediately after Mass*

*Christmas Day: December 25th
10:30 a.m.*

December 26th, 2021
The Holy Family

January 1st, 2022
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 2nd, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

January 9th, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

END OF CHRISTMAS SEASON

Parish Staff

Jennifer Rumsey, Secretary
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Virginia McCoy, Music Director
Jeff Everard, Coord. of Religious Education

Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Rick Rumsey at 918-200-3201

Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30 - 12:00. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

Grief Support Group: 8 wk sessions/Dates: TBD
Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a ministry sign up sheet in the gathering area for those wishing to assist at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Everyone is invited to join the choir at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve for the singing of Christmas Carols. Let us all celebrate our Lord's birth by lifting our voices up to heaven before Mass.

Please continue helping the Fatima Ladies trim the tree with hats, scarfs, gloves/mittens, socks and shoes, and fill the packages with coats for the Coats of Compassion Drive. New or gently used, all sizes, men, women, and children. Items will be distributed to the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities.



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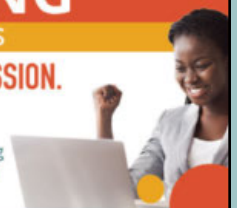
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