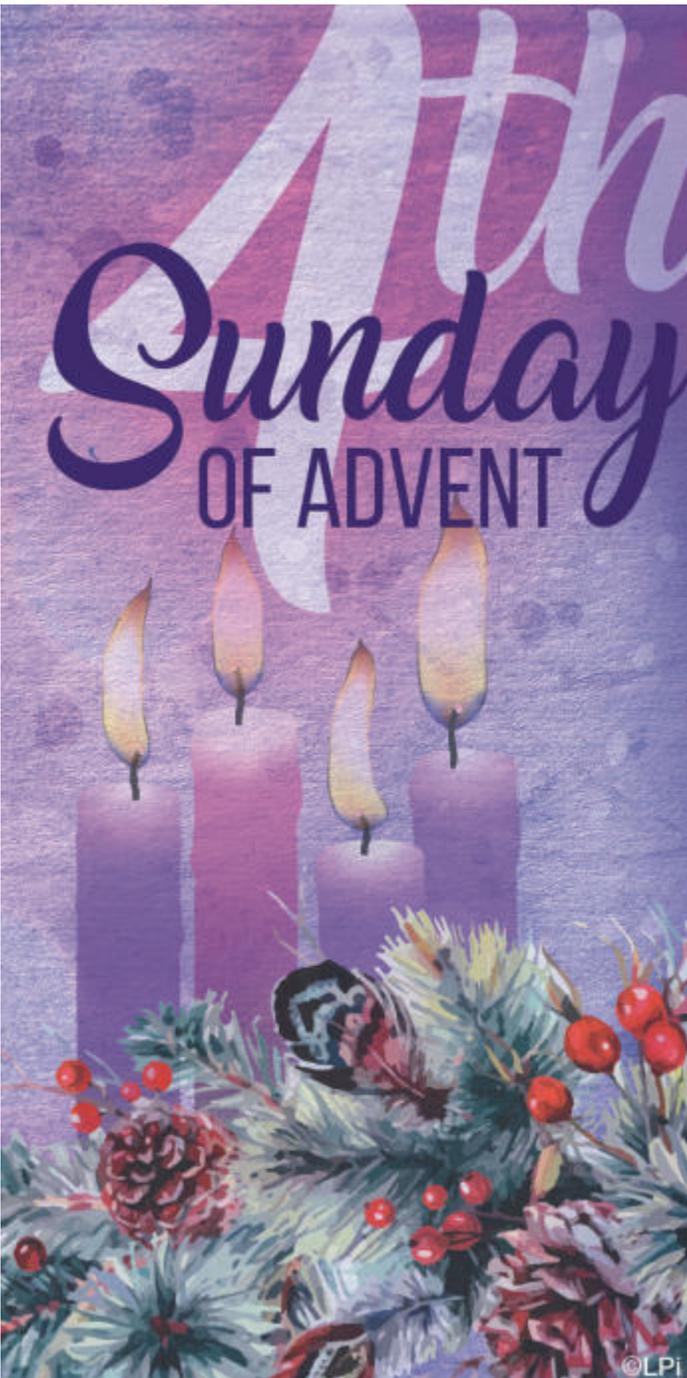


St Francis-St Maximilian

Catholic Community

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



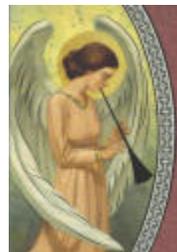
Decoration of Church

We will be decorating the church on Sunday,
December 20th @ 2:00 pm

We need several volunteers to help with decorating the Church for Christmas. More hands make the job go faster.

For tax statement purposes please be sure that all 2020 offertory and donations are in by January 3, 2021. CSA gifts must be received by January 6 to be counted in the 2020 tax year, please go online to www.give.aod.org. Since we have met our goal all donations are returned to the parish at 100%.

Christmas Mass Schedule



**Thursday,
December 24**

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm
Bilingual Christmas Eve 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am

Saturday/Sunday December 26/27

Regular Mass Schedule 5:30 pm; 7:45 am; 10:00 am; 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God ~ Holy Day of Obligation 10:00 am

**North Macomb Vicariate
Advent Penance Schedule**

Tuesday, Dec 15 @ 7 pm, St. Kieran

Wednesday, Dec 16 @ 7 pm, St. Lawrence

Saturday, Dec 19 @ 1 pm, St. Therese of Lisieux

Monday, Dec 21 @ 7 pm, St. Isidore



Stewardship Thought

In today's Scripture passages from Second Samuel and the Gospel from the evangelist St. Luke, God pledges that the line of David will be everlasting. Nathan's prophecy to David foreshadows our Blessed Virgin Mary's acceptance of God's eternal plan of salvation. In the Gospel, the archangel Gabriel declares to Mary, *The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.* The Messiah would be conceived in her womb and born of the house of David. The Virgin Mary fully embraces God's call and gives all to do His will. Are we, as Advent stewards, prepared to pay the price of faith-filled discipleship by following Mary's example? One way to deepen our personal relationship with Christ is through the daily reciting the Rosary. Directions on how to pray this beautiful, Scripture-based, Marian prayer can be found on the website: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary.html>

Retirement Fund for Religious

Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

January 3rd Bulletin needs to be in by Friday, December 25th..

What is the RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey for adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and or becoming Catholic. RCIA weekly formation sessions offer the opportunity to study sacred scripture, discern the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer. RCIA is designed for those adults who are:

- In need of Baptism
- Baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholic, and in need of the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation
- RCIA formation sessions will begin soon, call the office 586.598.3314 or see Fr. Chris or Fr. Art.



*Wishing you and yours Joy, Peace and Blessings
on Christmas and throughout the New Year!*

*¡Deseándoles a usted y a los suyos Alegría, Paz y
Bendiciones en Navidad y durante todo el
Año Nuevo!*

Fr. Chris Fr. Steve Fr. Art Fr. Bob



Deacon Rick

Deacon Gary

*Kathy Burke Christine Duffly
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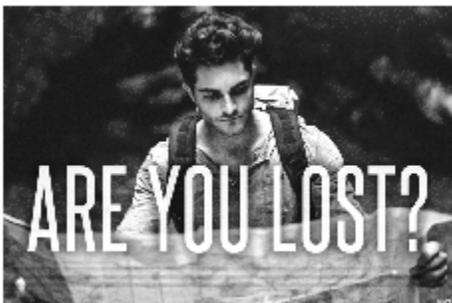
In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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From Fr. Steve



Merry Christmas to you and to your family. This day is a day to rejoice and to celebrate in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Without His birth we have nothing. The official title of this feast day is the Holy Incarnation. Which means God taking flesh. Our Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, did not have to become a man but He chose to. He chose to come for you, and for me. He became a baby to die on the cross to wash away our sins in His Blood. And it all began today.

As the world outside has lost the understanding and the meaning of Christmas, we as Catholic-Christians must strive to have awe and wonder this very day. Those two words are what I would like us to reflect on throughout the remainder of this week. **Awe!** and **Wonder!** Awe simply means to be awestruck; to have amazement at what has happened. Wonder means to ponder; to be consumed with thinking about why it is that God chose me to become a baby and to die for. (Remember my Advent challenge to everyone: to pause, ponder and prepare!) This very day is what we have been waiting for!

Christmas is also a time for family. Jesus was born into a family. He was not just planted on the Earth out of nowhere. But given a home with a mother and a father. Though our family situations are different in so many ways, the holidays always seem to bring us together (either for better or worse). This Christmas season as we gather together let's be mindful of praying as a family and invoking the name of Jesus...especially before our meal. And if this year because of the Covid-quarantine we are not gathering with our families, let us be sure to make the effort to call everyone and wish them a Merry Christmas.

I am also very cognizant of the fact that many of us do not enjoy the Christmas season at all. Primarily because it reminds us of heartache and Christmases long ago when we had someone special in our lives. You especially will be on my heart and in my prayer as I offer the Holy Sacrifice on Christmas Day.

This, being my very first Christmas here at St Francis-St. Maximilian and St. Mary Mystical Rose, I am overjoyed to have you in my life. 2020 has been one heck of a ride, with many unexpected turns, but I wouldn't change a thing. Please continue to show me your support and know of my love and support for you and your families. As always, know of my prayers.

Again, Merry Christmas,

In the Heart of Jesus and Mary

Fr. Steve



FOUR GIFTS FOR YOU THIS ADVENT

The four weeks of Advent are a time of spiritual preparation that begins with an awareness of our own longing and leads us to a deeper openness to the many gifts God wants to give us. This article offers a reflection on a different spiritual gift for each week of Advent. Take time each day to reflect on the week's theme. If you make time for inner preparation, carrying out all the other demands of the season is bound to be more enjoyable. May you have a blessed Advent.

Continued from last week:

Gift 3: God's Love Placed in Your Heart

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will put my law within them, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

As a child, every year before Christmas I drew up a list of the toys and presents that I had my heart set on receiving. Usually there was that one special item that I just knew would gladden my heart and make me feel complete.

This week in Advent we focus on hearts: glad hearts, sad hearts, hard hearts, broken hearts, longing hearts. In the Scriptures much is written about hearts because the heart represents the person's deepest identity. Our hearts reveal who we most truly are because they hold what we most deeply desire.

What's in your heart? We can give many answers to that question, and it's a good question to ponder during this week of Advent. But God has an answer for that question, too. "I will put my law within them, and write it on their hearts," says the Lord. So in addition to whatever else might be in your heart, you can also be sure that the law of the Lord is written—in permanent ink—on your heart. That law is love.

It's time to live out what's in your heart. I know that when I've gotten confused and lost in my faith there is one sure way to find my way back, and that is to love somebody. In my confusion, I look around to see who in my life could use a loving response. It might be my daughter, who's confused about a decision she faces and needs someone to listen—truly listen. Or it might be my wife, who is overwhelmed with responsibilities and could use a helpmate to shoulder some of those duties. Or it might be that my parish offers me the chance to help make Christmas happier for a family in need. The Advent gift this week is the love God places in our hearts.



FAITH FORMATION

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Theme: God Calls Us to Conversion of Heart

The bottom line is that we have to take responsibility for ourselves. The seed of change in our families, in the community, and in the world begins with answering God's call to meet us and to change our heart. In the midst of a world going insane, it seems a small thing to do. But one heart in tune with God can resonate in our families and through our families and communities into the world.

Gift 4: Hope That Lasts

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

One day while on retreat in New Mexico, I made a trek across a barren stretch and up a difficult slope to stand on top of a high mesa. As I walked, the whole area seemed desolate and empty. But once atop the mesa I got another view. From there, in the distance I could see the outline of a currently dry river bed. It was easily visible because all along its dry banks, life abounded. From high above, the river bed was like a ribbon of green and gold. In the brilliant sunshine, green and gold leaves fluttered on trees and shrubs, whose roots stretched out to be watered by the stream when the rains came. These roots must have gone deep to sustain such abundant life even during a long, dry season.

Advent is a time to sink our spiritual roots deep, to let them stretch out to God, the source of all life. Because we are thus connected with God, we too can be sources of life to others in the way we live our daily life. Christmas is not only the season of receiving gifts; it is even more so the season of taking delight in giving to others. We emulate what God has done for us and in that we find our deepest joy. Let us prepare, then, to be generous in offering our family, coworkers, and neighbors spiritual gifts such as patience, prudence, encouragement, counsel, faith, hope, and love.

There's a spiritual adage that says, "You can't give what you haven't got." The gift offered during this last week of Advent is the gift of hope. Let us drink deeply of the spiritual gift of hope that God offers us. Then we can cherish within us the spirit of Christmas and bring to others the blessings of the Christ Child every day of the year.

Theme: Hope Helps Us Endure in Difficult Times

We can easily become impatient with God and with one another. Living in hope means being willing to live courageously day to day. The signs of change in us will most likely be subtle. Living in hope means that while Jesus has already come, we are still in the process of letting him

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complete the journey into our hearts.

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May you have the Gift of
FAITH,
The Blessing of HOPE,
And the Peace of His LOVE,
Merry Christmas!



LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

En los pasajes de la Escritura de hoy de la Segunda Carta de Samuel y en el Evangelio del evangelista San Lucas, Dios promete que la línea de David será eterna. La profecía de Natán a David anuncia la aceptación de Nuestra Santísima Virgen María del plan eterno de salvación de Dios. En el Evangelio, el arcángel Gabriel le revela a María: *El Espíritu Santo descenderá sobre ti y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra*. El Mesías sería concebido en su vientre y nacería en la casa de David. La Virgen María acoge plenamente el llamado de Dios y lo entrega todo para cumplir con Su voluntad. Nosotros, como corresponsables de Adviento, ¿estamos preparados para pagar el precio del discipulado lleno de fe siguiendo el ejemplo de María? Una manera de profundizar nuestra relación personal con Cristo es a través de la recitación diaria del rosario. Las instrucciones sobre como recitar esta hermosa oración Mariana, basada en la Escritura, puede encontrarse en la página web: Vatican

4º Domingo de Adviento

La Primera Lectura nos dice que David deseaba construir un templo de cedro a Dios, pero por medio del profeta Natán, Dios le dice que no quiere que se le construya un templo. Las intenciones de David eran buenas, pero, encerrar a Dios en un templo no era el plan de Dios para la humanidad. Su plan perfecto era la Encarnación del mismo Dios en María. Es decir, Dios afuera. Dios en todos, en cada ser humano. Nosotros somos el templo de Dios; Él desea morar en cada persona. ¡No en un templo, no en la parroquia! Dios está vivo, se mueve en cada ser humano.

María, es el mejor templo escogido por Dios, humilde, sencillez y lleno de amor para el Hijo de Dios. Con su "Sí" ella se entrega toda a él. Ahora, nosotros al rezar el santo rosario afirmamos lo que María es para Dios y para nosotros. Ella es arca de la alianza, puerta del cielo y estrella de la mañana. En resumen: las lecturas de hoy, nos invitan a ver tres puntos claves donde Dios muestra su presencia. 1. Cuando Natán va a casa de David. 2. Cuando el arcángel Gabriel va a casa de María. 3. Y cuando San Pablo dice: "¡A Dios, el único sabio, por medio de Cristo Jesús, a él sea la Gloria por siempre ¡Amén!" (Romanos 16:27). El punto 4, nos toca a cada uno de nosotros, ya sabemos que María es luz que irradia a Cristo en esta Navidad, es un misterio gozoso el ser Madre de Dios. Entonces, ¿Dónde llevaré la luz de Dios que habita en mí? ¿Qué tipo de arreglos necesita el templo de mi persona para que Dios nazca en él?

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Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de diciembre de 2020

Domingo: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 [2]/Rom 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38

Lunes: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21 [1; 3]/Lc 1, 39-45

Martes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56

Miércoles: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 25, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14 [cfr. Lc 21, 28]/Lc 1, 57-66

Jueves: *Mañana*: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29 [2]/Lc 1, 67-79

Viernes: *Vigilia*: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 [2]/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25. *Noche*: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 [Lc 2, 11]/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14. *Matutina*: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20. *Día*: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14

Sábado: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/Mt 10, 17-22

Domingo siguiente: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1] o

Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 [7. 8]/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o

Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

¿El mundo se da cuenta de que está esperando? A medida que avanzamos en todo el ajetreo de nuestras vidas y entretenemos nuestras distracciones, hay muchos agujeros y brechas en nuestras vidas que deben llenarse. Siempre estamos queriendo más, pero no estamos realmente seguros de qué es ese "más". El cumplimiento, la felicidad, la alegría y las verdaderas satisfacciones son hechos fugaces y a menudo nos llegan de manera ilusoria. Lo que creemos que es la solución definitiva para nuestro vacío ansioso, en realidad, es solo una tendencia elegante que entretenemos. El mundo no se da cuenta hoy más de lo que lo hizo hace más de dos mil años de que está esperando un Salvador. Necesitamos un salvador. Necesitamos ver y abrazar al Dios que ha irrumpido en la historia y se convirtió en uno con nosotros. Es esta unión de Dios y el hombre lo que nos pone en un camino recto, ordena nuestras relaciones, establece un enfoque y objetivos adecuados, y nos dice a qué reino realmente debemos servir. El mundo no sabe lo verdaderamente perdido que está. ¿Te das cuenta de lo perdido que estás y que el que más necesitas está aquí entre nosotros y a tu alcance?

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If you have someone special in the military, please send their name into the office so we as a parish can pray for them. You can call the office 586.598.3314 or email www.stfrancisnh@comcast.net.

PFC Aaron Bubka, *National Guard*
 Capt. Brian T. McGill, *Army*
 Pvt 1 Rob Schwartz, *Marines*
 A1C Eric Seefried, *Air Force*
 MSgt James Turner, *Marines*
 SMSgt Stephen Van Hamme, *Air Force*

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Happening this Week Church open 10-4 daily for private prayer

Monday, Dec 21 Mass @ 9 am—SFSM
Tuesday, Dec 22 Mass @ 9 am—SFSM
Wednesday, Dec 23 Mass @ 9 am—SMMR
7:30 pm AA—Spanish @ PC
Thursday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Mass @ 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 10 pm @ SFSM
Mass @ 4 pm, 10 pm @ SMMR
Friday, Dec 25 Christmas Day
Mass @ 10 am—SFSM
Mass @ 10 am—SMMR
7:30 pm AA-Spanish @ PC
Saturday, Dec 26
Mass 4:00 pm @ SMMR
Mass 5:30 pm @ SFSM
7:30 pm AA-Spanish @ PC
Sunday, Dec 27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Masses: 7:45 am, 10:00 am English
—12:30 pm Spanish
11:15 @ SMMR

SFSM—St. Francis-St. Maximilian Church
 • SMMR—St. Mary Mystical Rose Church, Armada
 • Austin High
 • PC—Parish Center 23965 23 Mile Rd
 Online Mass on Facebook.com/St Francis-St Maximilian Catholic Community or on YouTube

Prayer List

Parishioners

Ivan Ayala Martinez
 Del Asbury
 Kerry Beste
 Fr. Robert Blondell
 Giovanni Coppola
 Irene Couture
 Marge DeCrease
 Angelina DiPiazza Ferris & baby
 Pat Fehribach
 Jim Ferrari
 Marlyce Geil
 June Gentner
 Chester Godlewski
 Gloria Guerrero
 Tina Hahn
 Marge Harder
 Don Harris
 Bob Landino
 Charlotte Lipka
 Celina Lukowski
 Edgar Martinez
 Sue Mooney-Smith
 Joe Mrosewski
 Joan Murphy
 Pat Oleksik
 Johana Piazza
 Don Rhein
 Bill Rose
 Mary Ann Schoenherr
 David Smith
 Fred Smith
 Mary Vanhoorne
 Ellen Vanderbeke
 Irene Warren
 Bill Wiseman
 Sharon Wood

Family & Friends

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 Stuart Alexander
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 Patrick McShane
 Angelita Minter
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 Sheila Parker
 Chris Prohm
 Charles Pratt
 Stephanie Rado
 Jane Rose
 Angela Sanchez
 Elena Santozzi
 Mike Schoenherr

Dennis Seefried
 Janet Serreyne
 Michelle Simpson
 Karen Smith
 Kimberly Smith
 John Smith
 Elizabeth Solecki
 Janet Springer
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 Doug Thompson
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 Janet Wentzel
 Joyce Williams
 Barbara Wilson
 Janice Wilson
 Marilyn Wisenski
 Jerry Wysocki
 Cole Yahara
 Alvin Zeckzer
 Helen Zedan

Altar Linens Laundry Schedule

Month of December
Sandy Parmentier
Month of January
Bridgett Nowicki

CSA 2020 Update

Goal: \$31,953.00

THANK YOU!!

Total pledged: \$55,768.00
 Total paid: \$43,834.00
 Total pledges: 116



Your Stewardship in Action

Total Active Families 769
 Total Envelopes Mailed 526
 Envelopes Returned 103
 Tithe—Austin\$199.35
 Utility Fund\$ 825
 RFR\$ 640

Dec 6 \$5,795
 Dec 13 \$3,987
 Dec 20
 Dec 25
 Dec 27

Online offertory for month.....\$ 965
 Church Debt to Diocese \$ 778,000

Weekend Liturgy Schedule December 26/27, 2020

Mass	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 7:45 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
Presider	Fr. Bob	Fr. Art	Fr. Chris
Mass Intentions	† Leonard, Roy, John & Jenny Warren by family	† John Lee and Robert Buit by Angela Buit	† Irene Brender by Barb & Lawrence Colpaert
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Readings for the Week December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

The Mission of our parish is to see the face of Christ in every person so that they may see the face of Christ in us and together we will go forth to bring Christ to the world.

La misión de nuestra parroquia es ver el rostro de Cristo en toda persona, para que él o ella puedan ver el rostro de Cristo en nosotros, y juntos, llevemos el rostro de Cristo al resto del mundo.



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MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday 4:00 @ St. Mary Mystical Rose
5:30 pm @ SFSM**

**Sunday 7:45 am; 10:00 am English 12:30
pm (Spanish) @ SFSM**

11:15 am @ SMMR

**WEEKDAYS: Monday, Tuesday & Thurs-
day 9 a.m. @ SFSM**

**Wed. & Fri. 9 a.m. St. Mary Mystical
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