

December 16, 2012: Third Sunday of Advent



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — Lk 3:16

Illustration from the Laboratory for Mass (1920), 1992, 1970 CCC.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Dec. 16 (Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Jim & Josephine Gutierrez

Monday, December 17 (Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17)

7:00 am- Leon & Emogene Kahanek
10:00 am- Theresa Steffek (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, December 18 (Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25)

7:00 am- Rudy & Mary Opela

Wednesday, December 19 (Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25)

7:00 am- James Bozka
8:05 am- Frank N. Konvicka & Ralph Waligura

Thursday, December 20 (Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38)

7:00 am- Joe & Agnes Leopold; Gus & Rosa Werner
10:00 am- Annie & Charlie Henke (Stevens)

Friday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius, Priest &

Doctor of the Church (Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45)

7:00 am- Dolores Ludwig
8:05 am- Special Intention

Saturday, December 22 (1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56)

5:30 pm- Delaine Kolacny

Sunday, December 23 (Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Eugene & Eva Brent

Advent Penance Services:

Sacred Heart: Monday, December 17 at 5:30 pm
St. Joseph, Moulton: Tuesday, December 18 at 5:30 pm
St. Joseph, Yoakum: Thursday, December 20 at 5:30 pm

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of Jim & Josephine Gutierrez.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Charles & Dorothy Jansky in memory of deceased members of the Frank Holik & Adolf Jansky Families.

Vigil Light: In thanksgiving for prayers answered.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$10,458.50; Immaculate Conception-\$1,110; Loose-\$1,943; Children-\$49.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Herbert Marek*, brother of Adolph & Leonard Marek. *May he & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*



Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

-Rosary & Evening Prayers, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-Advent Penance Service, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-Choir Practice, 6:15 p.m., Family Center.
-Lavaca Right to Life meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mary's House.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-K.C.'s-Catholic Daughters Christmas Party, K. C. Hall. Doors open 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Irene Bordovsky, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemeck, Geneva Strmiska, Joyce Bucek, Chibana Alfaro, Steve Smith, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Bernice Neskora, Glenn Rabel, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Donna Coldewey, Braxton & Bentley Rother, Donna Avant, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Annette Krupala, Mary Bonorden, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Richard Terry, Richard Staha, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Tonie Brooks, Mary Ann Pustejovsky, Joyce Pesek Hermes, Lucille Werner, Annie Mae Pesek, Josephine Muniz, Franklin Billimek, Dorothy Allen Hass, nursing home residents & homebound.



Christmas Flowers: Donations are being accepted for the Poinsettia's that beautify our church during the Christmas Season. You may drop off your donation at the Rectory, or place it in an envelope with your name and drop it in the collection basket. *Thank you!*

Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters

Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 18, K.C. Hall. CDA members are to provide snacks. Social at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Free will donation will be accepted.

Calendar Membership: **Dec. 6:** Eddie Kosh-\$100; **Dec. 7:** Irene Szwarc-\$100; **Dec. 10:** Bohuslav Farm & Ranch-\$50; **Dec. 11:** Michael Chase, Katy-\$50; **Dec. 12:** Leroy & Mary Schroeder-\$50.

Sacred Heart Youth – There will be no Youth Night in the month of December; however, we are very excited about a new opportunity we have been given to take part in activities with the residents of Hallettsville Rehab on Sunday, Dec. 23. We will be playing dominoes with the residents starting at 2pm, snacks and hot chocolate will be provided. This is a great way to spread the love of Christ during the blessed season of Advent. We need an idea of how many are coming. Please call or text Marianne Herndon at [979-204-2740](tel:979-204-2740) to let us know you are coming.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make Msgr. Say's and my celebration last Sunday such a beautiful and memorable day. Thank you especially to the choir for the great music, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters officers and all those who helped in the various ministries including the altar servers.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the use of the hall; Gayle Bludau and the Catholic Action Committee; George Cervenka and his cooking crew; Angela McConnell and the students and others for helping serve the food; those in charge of decorating, especially Jo Nell Janecek, Peggy Scherer, Irene Knebel, Pat Mladenka and all those who helped; Harold and Pam Dolezal, Glen and Margaret Dolezal and Glen's Packing Co. for the flowers; and, Ed Scherer for taking pictures. I also thank Judge Woytek, City Council Woman Alice Summers, Grand Knight John Henke, C.D.A. Regent Joyce Machicek, and Pat Fawbush, Parish Advisory Council President, for their presentations, and Tom Donnelly for being the Emcee. Thank you also to Eddie Kosh and Gus Janak for tending the bar, and St. Mary's Czech Singers and Buddy Boehm for the entertainment.

Thank you to everyone who attended, who gave gifts to the Seminary Burse in my honor and for other gifts, and for your prayers and congratulations.

Friends from out of town had wonderful comments about the parish and the celebration. They were all very impressed. Thank you one and all.

We also had a beautiful celebration Tuesday evening to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you to the Spanish Choir and also the Indian Dancers from Cuero.

Thank you to Anita Barrera-Rocha, the Henry De La Rosa family and Josie Ohnheiser for overseeing the meal after the Mass, Margaret Dornak for donating the Pan Dulce, and all who brought food. It was a wonderful celebration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Religious Education (CCD) –

Dec. 19: No classes – Christmas Holiday.

Sacred Heart Catholic School –

Dec. 16: Christmas Band Concert, Gym, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 17: Early dismissal Grs. 9-12 at 12:00 noon.

Dec. 18: Early dismissal Grs. PreK-12 at 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 19: Early dismissal Grs. PreK-12 at 12:00 noon for Christmas Holidays. No extended care.

Dec. 20-Jan. 1: Classes dismissed.

Extravaganza, Feb. 2, K.C. Hall. Tickets on sale at S.H. Credit Union, Sacred Heart School Office & the Rectory.

Delicious Fudge! Sacred Heart Booster Club is selling chocolate fudge, 1 lb. pans for \$10. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact Laura Jirkovsky at 798-4364.



Perpetual Adoration will continue through the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. If you are unable to fulfill your normal adoration hour, please find a replacement or contact your hourly captain.

Nobel Prize for Life by Tom Strode, Oct. 2012, Southern Baptist Texan. A Japanese Researcher who discovered a way to produce stem cells that act like Embryonic ones without their lethal consequences has won a Nobel Prize. *Shinya Yamanaka* said: "When I saw the embryo, I suddenly realized there was such a small difference between me and my daughters. **I thought, we can't keep destroying little babies for our research.** There must be another way." (Dec. 2012 Life & Family Advocates News)

For those who attended Fr. Tommy's Adult Ed Class on the Book of Revelation during the Fall and who purchased the binder, but did not pick up the Answer Packet during the last two classes, packets are still available for pick-up at the church office.

REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE

#5 – In honor of Rev. Msgr. John Peters: Catholic Daughters Court Sacred Heart No. 797-\$50; Knights of Columbus #2433-\$500; Leonard Ebner-\$20; Jerry Mikeska-\$50; Terry & Jan Tuttle-\$50; Felipa Rodriguez-\$50; Louise Waligura-\$20; John & LaVerne Trojcak-\$50; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$25; Daniel & Mathilda Melnar-\$25; Eddie & Catherine Kosh-\$100; Mary Ann Pavliska-\$20; Bill & LaMorris Thompson-\$50; Arnold & Dorothy Berger-\$50; Evelyn Pavliska-\$25; Harvey & Evelyn Hermis-\$50; Paul & Theresa Voelkel-\$20; James & Agnes Chomout-\$20; Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$20; Arthur W. Spies, Jr.-\$20; Mike & Helen Technik-\$50; Joyce Brewer-\$10; Gilbert & Agnes Adamek-\$100; Ronnie & Maurine Adamek-\$100; James & Tonie Brooks-\$40; St. John Altar Society-\$250; Liz Keepers-\$100; Kenneth & Annie Mae Henneke-\$50; Johnnie & Alene Steffek-\$10; Alvin & Bernice Havel-\$25; Joe & Ann Machalec-\$100; Rosalie Tobola-\$5; Lloyd & Anita Tschirhart-\$50; Rob & Jane Lewis-\$25; Josie Zappe-\$50; Walter & Josie Hermis & Dylan Goldberg-\$50; Charles & Geralyn Klmitchek-\$50; Frances Holley-\$15; Allen, Arlene, Ashley & Joshua Becan-\$20; Bob & Maggie Pustka-\$20; Georgia Bujnoch-\$25; Richard & Rita Wachel-\$40; Darrell, Miekko & Reese Wachel-\$20; Frank Forestier & Barbara Appelt-\$50; Margaret Kutac, Adella Kutac & Louis F. Kutac-\$50; Johnnie & Aileen Kasper-\$50; Jerry & Margaret Kallus-\$50; Frank & Elrose Migl-\$50; Gus Janak Family & Chuck Pavliska Family-\$20; Bob Kubena-\$100; Pete & Glenda Trlicek-\$100; Debra Smirak & Bob Technik-\$100; Joe & Joyce Morris-\$50; Daniel & JoAnn Jalufka-\$50; Jimmie & Pete Mikulenska-\$100; Kenneth & Lorrie Adamek-\$100; Chris & Patty Parma-\$50; Donald, Lorna & Janna Dusek-\$20; Presentation Sisters-\$50; Kim & James Lofland-\$20. **(To be continued next week...)**