

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,

Some events that are taking place to prepare us for Advent:

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE - Tonight (Wednesday) at 7pm will be the final penance service at Holy Family. There will be a penance service at St. William Parish on Monday beginning at 7pm. If you missed that one you might have missed the final opportunity before Christmas, except for an appointment. Please be aware that there are many other things taking place and it may be difficult. Plan ahead and take the opportunity to prepare your hearts for the birth of our Savior.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION - We will have individual confessions this Saturday beginning at 9am

MEN'S FAITH GROUP - This group, led by Deacon Bob Ervin will be meeting on Thursday, 17 Dec 7 to 8:30pm, and again on Saturday, 19 December from 8:30 - 1000am. Both meetings are in Room 11. The topic for this week is - Men at prayer. Men, please take advantage of this opportunity to grow in your faith as Catholic men of the parish.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING - Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church and gathering space on Friday, 18 Dec from 9:30 to noon and again on Monday, 21 December from 9 to noon. The old adage fits here, "many hands make light work" and it's a great opportunity to share your talents with your brothers and sisters.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE - Prior to the Advent Season we sent out a post card to all registered parishioners with the schedule of various services that are taking place along with the Christmas and New Year's mass schedule. The mass times are different and if you have misplaced your "refrigerator friendly" post card please take a look at the bulletin for mass times.

ADDING NAMES TO THE EMAIL LIST - At present we have about 500 people who are receiving this email based on the emails in our data base. If you know of someone who is interested in receiving this please ask them to call the parish office and give us their email address. We will then update our files and add their names.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES BEGINNING WITH THE NEW YEAR - Now that Fr. Peter is on board we will be adding more masses to our weekday schedule. Watch the bulletin and the next Holy Family Email News flash for more detail.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

As we enter the middle of the Third Week of Advent remember to take some time for spiritual renewal of this Holy Season. Last night I was at Our Lady of Good Council Parish to assist with the celebration of their Communal Penance Service. During the reflection Fr. Ricardo encouraged the community to take some time to sit before the manger scene in the quiet of the evening with lights low. With the image of Mary and Joseph present reflect on their period of waiting for the birth of Christ. We must do the same.

I encourage everyone to do the same. Let it be an opportunity to reflect and pray that Christ will come and reign in your hearts and homes. Then take the opportunity to create the environment of the presence of Christ by serving your family members as Christ has served us.

God bless
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