First Sunday of Advent—December 3, 2017

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THERE’S A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS FRIDAY—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY *
Five Masses: 5:30pm (Spanish); 7:00pm English; 8:15am and 12:15pm (English); 5:30pm (Spanish)

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THERE WILL BE NO EARLY VIGIL MASSES HERE ON CHRISTMAS EVE: there will be no 7:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve which is Sunday, December 24th. Christmas will begin with Midnight Mass followed by 9:00am Mass in English and 11:30am Mass in Spanish. HORARIO PARA NOCHEBUENA Y NAVIDAD: no habrá misa de las 7:00 pm en Nochebuena el domingo 24 de diciembre. La Navidad comenzará con la Misa de Medianoche seguida de la Misa a las 9:00 a.m. en inglés y a la Misa a las 11:30am en español.

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES BEFORE CHRISTMAS Wednesday, December 20th 5:00-7:00pm; Saturday, December 23rd 10:00-11:00am and 1:00-2:00pm; Sunday, December 24th 1:00-2:30 & 6:00-7:30pm. Fr. Major and Fr. Stoley will also be available by appointment.

A HOLY DAY WITHOUT OBLIGATION Normally a holy day of obligation, this year the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God falls on a Monday—January 1, 2018. The Mass schedule will be: 9:00am and 5:30pm in Spanish. The Catholic Bishops of the USA decided that in such a case the obligation to attend Mass falls; it is a holy day but our obligation to attend Mass that day is lifted. Horario de misa para LA SOLEMNIDAD DE MARIA, LA MADRE DE DIOS el 1 de enero a las 5:30pm. Por supuesto es feria y en otros años también día de obligación pero en este ano cae en lunes. Por eso, los obispos estadounidenses han decidido en levantar la obligación de asistir a Misa.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE The cement floor and subfloor is finished. The parish hall floor is terrazzo concrete—a decorative concrete finish that is durable and easy to clean and maintain. Structural steel beams will begin to arrive December 13th and there should be a recognizable frame by around Christmas. NOTICIAS DE LA NUEVA CONSTRUCCIÓN Eel piso de cemento y el subsuelo esta cumplido. El suelo del salon parroquial es del tipo terrazo, un estilo de concreto decorativo que es duradero y fácil de limpiar y mantener. Las vigas estructurales de acero comenzarán a llegar el 13 de diciembre y debería haber una estructura impresionante para alrededor de la Navidad.

NEW GYM LIGHTS Eight new 54 watt LED bulbs have replaced some 400 watt multi-vapor lights which should save us some money on utilities. Furthermore, they will last lots longer (40,000 hours—20 years or so) than
the old bulbs, at a comparable price. Wow! **LAS 8 LAMPARAS DEL GYMNASIO** fueron remplacados por lamparas de 54 vatios LED y vamos a gozar ahorros grandes—los anteriores fueron de 400 vatios! Además, durarán, estos nuevos hasta 40,000 horas encendidas. Guau!

**EL APPELO PARA PANALES** de la Altar Society en el mes de octubre fue un gran éxito—Gracias! Un resuno de los resultados esta puesto en la entrada de la iglesia. Our Altar Society’s October **DIAPER APPEAL** was a great success—thank you! Results are printed and posted in the entry of church.

If you’re a Catholic man interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing your own faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is the organization for you. Members of the Crete Knights of Columbus Council will be available to answer questions and will be serving coffee and rolls in the hall after the 9:00 AM Mass on December 17. Please take the time to speak with them, learn more about this wonderful organization and become a member. For more information, visit kofc.org or contact Bob Siedhoff 402-826-5555, Mark Pribyl 402-641-7199, Manny Dimas 402-875-1966, Brian Carnes 402-826-9530, Bill Murphy 402-418-1108 or Larry Koerner 402-381-8550.

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Tuesday December 5**

8:15am George & Clara Havlat+
5:30pm NO hara misa hoy a esta hora; no 5:30 today

**Wednesday December 6**

8:15am Holy Souls+
5:30pm Rose Frickel-V & P Rickard

**Thursday December 7**

8:15am Lucy & Jon
*5:30pm Olga Guerra+
*7:00pm People of the Parish

**Friday, December 8**

*8:15am George Havlat+
*12:15pm John Nerud+ ns
*5:30pm Marguerite Luers+

**Saturday, December 9**

5:00pm Tom Kalkwarf+
7:00pm Harry Trepka+

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00am People of the Parish
11:30am Rose Winkler+
7:00pm George & Mildred Muff+

**WEEKLY DEPOSIT**

**Direct Deposit:** (monthly) $4,850.00
**Children:** $143.00
**Total** $11,056.00

This was another very good week. THANK YOU.

**There were also these:**

- Masses: $20.00
- Construction (11/26) $1,430.00
- Tuition—from Denton $9,000.00
- Adoracion Nocturna $200.00
- Cloistered Sisters $120.00
- Wedding donation $300.00
- Joy of the Gospel $100.00
- Vocations collection $50.00

**MINISTRIES:**

**December 2 5:00 pm**

Acolyte: Joe Rohach
Lector/Reader: Janet Pavlish
Ushers: Shirley Vodicka, MM Wayne Havlat
Gifts: MM Dan Knoell
Rosary: Ray Chrastil
Servers: Volunteers

**December 3 9:00am**

Acolyte: Jim Krecji
Lector/Reader: Ashley Hecht
Ushers: Larry & Kathy Koerner, Lori Cerny, Pat Filip
Gifts: MM Leonard Sand
Rosary: Dave Coffey Family
Servers: Jacob Cerny, Colton Fey