WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

Nov.20 & 21, 2021*:* Regular Collection: $3,000.00, CCE Fund: $25.00, Cemetery: $10.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Nov.29: Dorothy Bielski, JoAnn Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

Monday, Dec.6: Barbara Malinowski, Joanie Correll, Doug Elder, Jenny Tobin.

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families:

Stella Mikolajchak, Shirley Moszkowicz, Virginia Moszkowicz Meschwitz

NOTE: ***Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.***

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Sylvia/Jimmy Hines, Nov.2 —58th
Morgan/Scott Cooke, Nov.3—9th
Becky/Larry Derkowski, Nov.3 —48th
Judy/Randall Stockton, Nov.6—39th
Diana/Johnny Kubeczka, Nov.16—47th
Pamela/Chad Riley, Nov.17—9th

Next week, parish office hours will be: Monday, Nov.29: 8 am to 2 pm
Thursday, Dec.2: 2 pm to 6 pm

There will be no CCE classes this Sunday (Nov.28).

Father Jozef is continuing the ongoing study of the Catholic Faith, each Wednesday at 6:30 pm (following the 6 o'clock Mass) in the rectory. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of Catholic Tradition and doctrine.

The new indoor Nativity set has arrived, and will be blessed on Christmas Eve at the 4 pm Mass. Thank you to all those who donated!

ATTENTION TO ALL KNIGHTS & THEIR FAMILIES… The annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party will be held on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 in the Parish Hall.**
Social hour starts at 6:00 pm, followed by a meal and a white elephant gift exchange. Gift limit is $25. Also, please bring a dessert. Please RSVP by Nov.30th to Randall Stockton at 281-851-2292 or Ed Hoffart at 832-814-2419, so that we can have a head-count for the caterer.

The KJT will have its last meeting of the year and its annual Christmas gathering on Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 PM, at the Cielito Lindo restaurant in Bellville. Interested non-members may contact Joan Wilganowski at 281-414-0028.

The Altar & Rosary Society will be having its annual Christmas Party at the Texas Seafood & Steakhouse in Brenham, on Tuesday December 14th, at 5:30 pm. The meal is $13, and includes a beverage (coffee, tea, or soda). Please call Virginia Malinowski (979-836-0080) by Dec.9 to make a reservation if you plan to attend.

Thoughts for your Meditation

The term Advent comes from two Latin words *adventus* or *advenire*, which simply means "to arrive" or "to come" respectively." It marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical calendar. It is a four-Sunday period leading up to Christmas.

For us Christians and Catholics in particular, it means a time of expectation and preparation for the Lord's birth. So, the prophecy of John the Baptist: "*a voice of one calling in the desert, prepare a way for the Lord …"* (Mk 1, 3), echoes loudly to us this season.

Advent is a time when we expect mercy and liberation because our Lord, the King of the universe whose solemnity we celebrated last Sunday comes with power to reign over his people.

The first reading from Jeremiah reminds us that we expect the fulfillment of God's promises to us this season. The promise is about our deliverance, and the restoration of our lost integrity which has been stifled by fear of the unknown. It is equally a time of restoration of our hope and faith. Jesus comes also to liberate us from shame and sorrows.

How do we begin this preparation? St. Paul gives us a clue in our second reading when he says: "*May he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God…when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints*."

Holiness of life in our world today appears to have lost its meaning, or perhaps it is believed by many, even Christians, to be unattainable. Yet, it is a necessary condition for seeing and meeting the Lord when he comes because, "*without holiness no man can see the Lord*" (Heb 12, 14).

In spite of the difficulties we face in attaining holiness, this season St. Paul admonishes us to "conduct ourselves in the ways that please God." This is a call to strive for perfection. If it were not possible, Christ would not have demanded it from us.

So, this season, let us endeavor to avoid sin, and the things that can lead to sin. We must prepare and equip ourselves with good virtues like a bride waiting for her groom.

Today's gospel reminds us of something very important in our Christian journey. It calls us to be awake and watchful. Therefore, this is a call for us to intensify and strengthen our prayer life. This is because prayer purifies the soul and casts away all fears. It prepares and strengthens us in joyful hope.

Importantly, prayer provides us the spiritual energy, courage and confidence to stand firm. Therefore, as a family, this Advent offers us the opportunity to unite in prayers as we wait for the Lord. So, rather than engage ourselves only with mundane preparations, let us engage ourselves in intensive prayers. We must prepare together as a family through prayer.

May our Lord find us awake and ready when he comes in glory. So, with the psalmist let us proclaim: "*To you, O Lord I lift up my soul."*

Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

***Beginning this weekend* you may choose a gift request card from the Giving Tree in the narthex. Please return packages (wrapped) with the card attached, by December 12.**
Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

"Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunction cordis* (repentance of heart)."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1431)

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT (Year C)

To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

Sat. Nov.27	6:00 PM	In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Sun. Nov.28	9:00 AM	+VERNA DEMNY by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak
Wed. Dec.1	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Dec.2	9:00 AM	+MARGUERITE CARRAWAY by Jenny/Kieran Tobin
Fri. Dec.3	8:00 AM	+MARGUERITE CARRAWAY by Jenny/Kieran Tobin

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

Sat. Dec.4	8:00 AM	(First Saturday Mass—Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Sat. Dec.4	6:00 PM	+DOROTHY KITOWSKI by Bennie/Florian Bolcerek
Sun. Dec.5	9:00 AM	+BILLY POLASEK by Carthy Polasek
Wed. Dec.8	*The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY* (Holy Day of Obligation)	
Wed. Dec.8	9:00 AM	DANA DYBDAL-HARGREAVES by Diane/Brennan Peterson
Wed. Dec.8	6:00 PM	+EDWINA KAMINSKI by Tammy/Larry Goldberg
Thur. Dec.9	9:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Dec.10	8:00 AM	+VERNA DEMNY by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak

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NOVEMBER 27TH & 28TH, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday :	6:00 PM
Sunday:	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8– 8: 45 AM and 30 minutes before weekday Masses

Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.
To Register in the Parish: Forms are available in the narthex (near entry of the church).

Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:
Parish Council: Mark Bilski
Financial Committee: Doug Elder
Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler
Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter
Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak
Religious Education: Peggy Husky
Knights of Columbus: Randall Stockton
Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak