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Dear Friends!

We are so close to Christmas! RUN WITH HASTE in these days to go out to meet Christ our Savior at His birth.

I know you are busy getting everything ready, planning things, cooking, buying gifts, etc.

But don't forget the most important Christmas preparation of all; preparing your soul.

Please, if you haven't already, GO TO CONFESSION. That is the best "gift" you can give to your Savior. Give him your sins and let him have mercy on you. Please. This way you can be all in the state of grace and able to receive Jesus Himself on Christmas in Holy Communion.

Also, don't forget about the two presents that we as a parish are all giving to Jesus for His birthday.

The first is our Christmas dinner for the needy and elderly on January 9th. Please stop by the tables set up after Mass, take a flyer, and sign up to help. We are expecting 800 to 1000 people. Please, we need everyone in the parish's help and support to pull his off this beautiful Christmas gift to Jesus in His beloved poor.

The second present that we are giving to Baby Jesus for His birthday is of course the gift of an organ to add beauty and splendor to His church. That is what the envelopes passed out and still available at the back of the church are about.

As of the time of this writing, we are 31.41% of the way there in terms of the money given. Just under a third of the way there, but that is really good and so many have been extremely generous! The money given so far has paid for the console of the organ as well as the digital part of it (the speakers, the soundboard, the amplifiers, etc.).

But the most expensive part of an organ is obviously the pipes. They would be absolutely beautiful and would be the very best ones--they come from and are made in Padua, Italy. I have drawings of how they could go, and, wow!, they would add a lot to the aesthetic of our church and make it even more beautiful on the inside (the pipes would go on the back brick wall on both sides of the tabernacle and the stained-glass window of the Crucifixion). And that's just the way they would look, let alone the majestic sound of how it would really fill out the space and lift up and support the voices of a singing congregation!

The way it works is that pipes would be coordinated with the digital part of the organ to achieve the greatest possible sound for our space. Again, they would not be too loud or overpowering, but are custom made to be perfect for our church and its space.

At any rate, it's very exciting to think about. The fact that already we have raised almost a third of what would be needed is very encouraging! And in the meantime we can at least enjoy and use the digital part of the organ which I must say is just awesome to hear in our church!

Thank you again to all who have contributed to Jesus' birthday presents here: the organ and the Christmas dinner for the needy.

Thank you for taking the time to seriously and spiritually prepare yourself for the birth of the Savior, which is the reason for the season.

Thank you for not getting caught up in secular and consumeristic mentalities but for maintaining, as the true Christians you are, the real spirit and joy of what this time is all about.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!

With you eagerly awaiting the birth of Jesus,
+Fr Simon

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve

5:30 P.M. – Children's Mass

December 25, 2015

Christmas

12:00 A.M. – Midnight

Christmas Morning

10:30 A.M.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday

December 31, 2015

5:30 P.M.

Friday

January 1, 2016

10:30 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

MINISTERS – SATURDAY – December 26, 2015**SACRISTANS**

5:30 P.M. Katie Haynes-Burns
Stephen Haynes

USHERS

5:30 P.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 P.M. Jodyn Everett
Ryan Rowley
Jacob Rowley

LECTORS

5:30 P.M. Augustine Martinez
Angelica Nieto

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:30 P.M. *Anna Nagro (R-Captain), *Mike Nagro –
L, Fidel Madrid, Marta Madrid

MINISTERS – SUNDAY – December 27, 2015**SACRISTANS**

8:30 A.M. Mike & Anna Nagro

10:30 A.M. Carlos & Dora Rivero

USHERS

8:30 A.M. Eddie's Angels
10:30 A.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 A.M. I – David Garcia
Victoria Gutierrez
Jacob Gutierrez
Hugo Chavarria
10:30 A.M. Christian Gartner
Karissa Gartner
Annie Gartner

LECTORS

8:30 A.M. Barbara Anaya
Keishla Cole
10:30 A.M. Dora Rivero
Billy Penland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 A.M. *John Schonberger (Captain-R), *Mary Shockley- L, Lee Smith, Jesse Alvarez, Katie Haynes-Burns, Lyn Carwile, Victor Gutierrez, Christy Gutierrez

10:30 A.M. *Dora Rivero (Captain-R), *Carlos Rivero- L, Roselia Vicuña, Lola Bryant, Cindi Cantu, Paul Ellis, Suzanne Ellis, Jean Kaplan

CHURCH CLEANING

December 26 – *Nora Romero, Bernice Maynes, Adela Tijerina

ALTAR LINENS

December – Lucille Conley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Retirement Ranch	Martha Fuller
Clovis Healthcare	Nora Romero
Home Route One	Marcy Kos
Home Route Two	Martha Fuller

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sacred Heart has a group of "Prayer Warriors" who will seek God's Intervention on your behalf. All it takes is a phone call to Jeanne Kriegshauser at (575) 762-9214 or Mary Shockley at (575) 763-0953, and they will set prayer in motion.

**NEXT WEEKS GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:41-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.



Christmas Dinner NEWS

FRIENDLY REMINDER CCD STUDENTS/PARENTS

Just a friendly reminder to the parents of children in the religious education program:

If you would like to participate in the giving tree with toys for the children who come to the Christmas dinner, please send a wrapped toy with your child to their class or you can drop it off at the parish office. We are asking that a boy brings a toy for a boy and a girls bring a toy for a girl (age appropriate) and please provide a label stating which gender and age. The deadline for receiving the toys is January 6, 2015. Thank you!

Catholic Women's Bible Study

with play group for kids too!

Meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. Call Keelin Cromar for more information at (240) 401-8236.

LOST & FOUND

If you think you may have left anything behind in the church or the school building, please check in the office during regular office hours or call 575-763-6947.



Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a really big Christmas Dinner for the Elderly and Needy in our community on Saturday, January 9th, 2016.

WE ARE ALSO SEEKING DONATIONS

We are still needing the following food items:

- "Cook" brand shank hams (at least 10lbs)
- Large boxes of "Idahoan" Mashed Potatoes
- Corn Meal
- Desserts
- Gallon bottles of Punch & Tea

We will gladly accept monetary donations as well. This will help us in purchasing fresh vegetables, dairy products, bread, and necessary seasonings that is needed in preparing the Christmas Dinner. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Please call
Rosie Buchan
(575) 309-5040



Distribution will be held every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.

We are in need of volunteers to help!

If you are interested, please call Rosie Buchan at (575) 309-5040 so she can give you further information and to inform you of a time to meet to help prepare for our distribution, or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number so that we may contact you. Please be mindful that you must have attended the Sexual Abuse Awareness Training through the Archdiocese of Santa Fe to be able to volunteer.

In place of the distribution on January 9, 2015, we will be serving a Christmas meal for the needy and elderly and **our next distribution will be January 23, 2015.**

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Hot Chocolate packets,
- Cans of Soup,
- Oatmeal packets
- Canned Meat,
- Lunch Box Snacks,
- Empty Egg Cartons

We are also taking donation for New or Gently Used:

- Coats,
- Jackets,
- Sweaters,
- Stuffed Animals (toys)
- Or Blankets

Any help will be greatly appreciated. You can place items in the baskets in the back of the church or bring them into the parish office. Thank you and may God Bless you.



December 12^h & 13th, 2015

Envelopes	\$ 4,408.00
Loose	\$ 1,670.28
Total	\$ 6,078.28

Needy Collection

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 820.00
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SATURDAY **December 19, 2015**
 5:30 P.M. For the people of the parish

SUNDAY **December 20, 2015**
 8:30 A.M. † Allen Jesko
 Bill & Mary Shockley (Wedding Anniversary)

10:30 A.M. † John Bojorquez
 † Paul Sandoval

MONDAY **December 21, 2015**
 5:30 P.M. † Nick & † Florinda Gallegos

TUESDAY **December 22, 2015**
 7:00 A.M. Bill & Mary Shockley

WEDNESDAY **December 23, 2015**
 12:10 P.M. † Maria Lucio
 † Carlos Lucio
 † Feliciano "Chano" Lucio

THURSDAY **December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve**
 5:30 P.M. For the people of the parish

FRIDAY **December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day**
 12:00 A.M. For the people of the parish
 10:30 A.M. For the people of the parish

SATURDAY **December 26, 2015**
 5:30 P.M. † Jose Torro
 † Juana Ibarra

SUNDAY **December 27, 2015**
 8:30 A.M. † Joseph & † Beatrice Sandoval

10:30 A.M. For the people of the parish

