

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

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| Sat. | <b>4:30 p.m.</b>  | Mass – Sacred Heart   |
| Sun. | <b>8:15 a.m.</b>  | Mass – St. Anne (Sacred Heart Parishioners)                         |
|      | 9:00 a.m.         | Parish Breakfast until 12:30pm                                      |
|      | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Mass – Sacred Heart (Caroline Costanzo†)                            |
|      | 10:00 a.m.        | Formación de Fe de los niños  |
|      | 11:30 a.m.        | Choir Practice  |
|      | <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | Misa en Español   |
| Mon. | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | Mass (Rayce Altermatt†)   |
|      | 9:00 a.m.         | Bible Study   |
|      | 7:00 p.m.         | RCIA  |
| Tue. | 11:00 a.m.        | Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre’s home                                    |
|      | 6:00 p.m.         | Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos                           |
| Wed. | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | Mass (Menandro Pangilinan†)   |
|      | 9:00 a.m.         | Minister’s of Care Meeting  |
|      | 9:00 a.m.         | Hospitality in the Parish Hall                                      |
|      | 6:00 p.m.         | Faith Formation Classes (Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ) |
|      | 6:00 p.m.         | Bible Study   |
| Thu. | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Mass – Sacred Heart   |
|      | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Mass – Sacred Heart   |
|      | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Mass – Sacred Heart   |
|      | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Misa en Español   |
| Fri. | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | Mass (Franklin Brown)   |
|      | 9:30 a.m.         | Widowed Group Meeting   |
|      | 11:00 a.m.        | Mass at Oak River Rehab   |
| Sat. | 10:00 a.m.        | Confessions   |
|      | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  | Misa (Our Lady of Guadalupe)  |
|      | <b>4:30 p.m.</b>  | Mass – Sacred Heart   |
| Sun. | <b>8:15 a.m.</b>  | Mass – St. Anne (Sacred Heart Parishioners)                         |
|      | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Mass – Sacred Heart (Joseph Massucci†)                              |
|      | 10:00 a.m.        | Formación de Fe de los niños  |
|      | 11:30 a.m.        | Choir Practice  |
|      | <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | Misa en Español   |
|      | 5:30 p.m.         | Annual Christmas Party & Potluck (Parish Hall)                      |

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon.** Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
- Tue.** Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
- Wed.** Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
- Thu.** Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38
- Fri.** Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
- Sat.** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
- Sun.** Isaiah 35:1-6a; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Clementine Mills, Anita Walsh, Joy Giles, Mary Jarvis, Ross Clark, Francisco Flores, Ben Bowers, James Casados, David Jacobs, Dee Long, Jay Burns, Jorge Ortiz, Delaney Valles, Bill Thurman, Ilene Duval, Tom and Lorraine Cummings, Stan MacIsaac.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Our new Bible Study series – *“CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players”*, is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of civilization.

Our Bible Study series is held on Mondays at 9:00am and repeated on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Bible Study room in the school.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Collection Summary**

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|-----------------|---------|
| November 5/6:   | \$7,155 |
| November 11/12: | \$4,525 |
| November 19/20: | \$4,968 |
| November 26/27: | \$4,197 |

**For fiscal year 2016–2017**

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**  
**Total for 21 weeks: \$111,576 weekly Goal: \$5,385**  
 Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,313**

**Second Collection**

Our Second Collection *this weekend* is for our Maintenance and Improvement Fund. This collection helps keep our parish buildings and grounds in good working order and looking so good. Thank you for your generosity.

The Second Collection *next weekend* is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Support our elderly religious! A parishioner writes, “As a Catholic School student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful.” Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection.

**SACRED HEART MISSION OUTREACH**

The monthly meeting of the Sacred Heart Mission Outreach group will be at Humble Joe’s in Anderson at 9am on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The group finds and funds charitable projects throughout the world. Come enjoy a free breakfast and see what we’re all about. If attending meetings isn’t possible, you can always share by placing your contribution in the Sunday collection and designating it for the SHMO.

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

**Question of the Week**

**For Children:** Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

**For Youth:** What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

**For Adults:** Name the one thing in your life which you must “move out of the way” in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

**Liturgy of the Word**

Our first reading today is from Isaiah, describing the peaceable kingdom of God, the day of the Messiah of the Lord. In this kingdom ancient enmities are ended, and enemies live as neighbors. If we have heeded the message of last week’s Gospel, we understand that the best way to make ourselves ready is to live as if this kingdom is already here. What do you hear in today’s sacred scriptures that will help you to live out the presence of God right now?

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin. Because of His foreknowledge that Mary would consent to bear Christ, God kept Mary free from original sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

On **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – the day of our Blessed Mother’s conception – nine months before the celebration of her birth on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Masses will be celebrated at 6:30am, 9:00am and 5:30pm in English and at 7:00pm in Spanish. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

We perform penance to shake ourselves free of our attachments to sin and the distractions that keep us from recognizing the presence of God in our lives. Reconciliation allows us to put God in the center of our lives. Attending an Advent Penance Service helps us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day.

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**  
Sacred Heart Church – Red Bluff

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**  
St. Joseph Church - Redding

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**  
Sacred Heart Church, Anderson

**SACRED HEART WIDOWED GROUP**

The Sacred Heart Widowed Group is a support group to help people through the tough times after the loss of a spouse. At meetings, we discuss current events, happenings in the Church, and we always have a time of prayer and reflection. After the meetings, those who wish, go to lunch at a local restaurant. We also do community service work, such as collecting items for the Good News Rescue Mission, sending care packages to our troops, and making no-sew blankets for children whose families are in crisis. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at **9:30am** in our Knights of Columbus Hall. Come join us for prayer, fellowship and fun! For more information, please call Sylvia, 365-9073.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES**

At Sacred Heart Church, we offer two baptismal preparation classes for parents who wish to baptize their child (ages 0 -5) and for the god parents.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm, Mike Spence facilitates a class in English. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm, Hector Rubio facilitates a class in Spanish.

Any parent who wishes to have their child baptized and any adult who wants to be a god parent must attend a baptism preparation class. If you wish to attend either of these classes, **you must RSVP to the parish office, 365-8573.**

Children who are in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older who need to be baptized must be enrolled in our Faith Formation classes. For information about Faith Formation classes for children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, please call 365-4450.

**GIFTS OF KINDNESS**

Each day we live is a gift from God. When we live with intention, we live in gratitude to God; and, hopefully, we live to reveal God’s goodness and make the world a better place. Kindness and mercy (revealed in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy) give expression to our earthly mission. Weary of the news, and frustrated by pain and suffering, we are blessed by the good in this world. Through acts of kindness, we bring God’s joy to the world around us; we share the joy; and others continue the sharing. Throughout the Advent Season:

- Record your acts of kindness on note paper provided here at church, or write them at home.
- Describe your acts of kindness for your family, co-workers and friends.
- Place these “gifts of kindness” in the gift box, near the entrance of the church.

During Mass, our gifts will be brought to the altar. We will give back to God, with grateful hearts, our gifts, as an expression of gratitude for the gift of salvation we receive from Jesus. We want our lives and the lives of others to be full of joy, love and kindness. Let us prepare for the gift of Jesus this Christmas! Join us in this mission of mercy!

**PROJECT ANGEL TREE**

All Project Angel Tree gifts are due back in the parish office by **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm**. All gifts must be wrapped with the “angel” attached. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle VanErt at 357-3359.

**SACRED HEART THRIFT STORE**

Sacred Heart Parish is in the process of hiring a new manager for our Thrift Store. This is a full time position and includes health benefits. All Catholic church and school employees must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church. For more information and a job description, please call Fr. Wells at 365-8573.

**LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST**

In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it’s refreshing to know that the Knights of Columbus established the “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaign to remind people that Christmas is above all a Holy Day celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. To help deliver the “Keep Christ in Christmas” message, the Knights of Columbus worldwide begin the Christmas season with the “Light Up For Christ” celebration on the first Tuesday in December. The ceremonial lighting of the Nativity scene will take place on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** in the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Hall. The “Light Up For Christ” celebration is a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season to help spread the joyful tidings of Christmas. Everyone is invited to attend.

