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Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday, 7:30, 9 & 11 AM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Saturdays

Weekend Masses at St. Albert H.S.

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RCIA is for non-Catholics wishing to be Catholic and for adult Catholics desiring 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

**If a prior marriage is involved by attendee or spouse, sessions may be attended, but annulments must be finalized before sacraments received.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: If engaged, 6 months notice is required by the diocese before the anticipated wedding date. If a prior marriage is involved; one year notice may be necessary. Please plan accordingly.

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December 18, 2016

4th Sunday/Week of Advent

Mon. December 19 — Scripture: Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

8 AM Communion Service

Tues. December 20 — Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

8AM Mass for Marcella & Bruce Lee

Wed. December 21 — Scripture: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

NO Mass, please attend Fr. Carlos' Mass @ Queen's, 6:30 PM

Thurs. December 22 — Scripture: Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

8 AM Mass for Tim English

Fri. December 23 — Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Luke 1:57-66

8 AM Mass for Ginny Berger

Sat. December 24 — Scripture: 2Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Luke 1:67-79

Sunday, December 25 — CHRISTMAS

3:45 PM for *Deceased Members of the Tinley & Ternus Family*

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

6:30 PM for *Angeline Rono*

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

10 PM for *Ivo Wilwerding*

Scriptures: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

9 AM for *St. Patrick Parish*

Scriptures: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Monthly payments have been coming in well over the year. If you haven't already, now is the time for those paying annually to send their payments. A reminder letter will not be sent out; call the Parish Office if you have any questions. If you are sending stock, make sure to call Deacon Emmet Tinley with the approximate amount and from which financial institution it is coming. Please make sure to remind your fellow parishioners to send in the monthly or annual payments to the Parish Office by December 31st for tax saving purposes. Thank you for your generosity supporting the new church and all that you do to spread the Gospel through all our parish's various ministries! *Fr. Glen*

Mass Schedule

Christmas Masses at St. Albert

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve 3:45 6:30 10 PM

Sunday December 25th Christmas 9 AM only

December 31st/January 1st, Mother of God, we will have our regular weekend Mass times.

The Parish Office Center will be closed on Monday, December 26th & Monday, January 2nd, and NO 8 AM Communion Services on those days.

NO 8 AM Mass or Communion Services on December 27th & 28th.

WE NEED HELP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES!

- **We need 1 more Altar Server for 3:45 PM & 6:30 PM Masses
- **We need 3 Eucharistic Ministers, 4 Servers & Gift Bearers for the 10 PM Christmas Eve Mass
- **We need 3 Servers & Gift Bearers for the 9 AM Christmas Day Mass

Women's Book Study. Groups are forming now for the 2017 semester; you may join an existing group or form your own. Groups consist of 5—10 women who meet biweekly either during the day or in the evening. The 2017 sessions will begin the week of January 9th. The next book is "**Walking with Purpose**" by *Lisa Brenninkmeyer*; followed by "**Life's Greatest Lesson**" by *Martha Wood*. Our first book "**Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World**" by *JoAnna Weaver* will be offered again in a daytime session. If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Kenny at 712-328-8330 or email stpatrickswomen@gmail.com. You may sign-up after Masses today.

NO Mass on Wednesday, December 21st. Please attend the **Mass of Thanksgiving** by **Fr. Carlos Gomez** who was a seminarian at St. Patrick's two years ago. **Mass is 6:30 PM at Queen of Apostles site.** That would be a great opportunity to receive a blessing. Those blessed by a newly ordained priest can receive a plenary indulgence (the full remission of punishment due to sin) for those both going to Reconciliation and receiving Eucharist on the day (or within days) of the priest's blessing. *Fr. Glen*

REMEMBER: Please remember in your prayers the following people who are on active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan or in the Middle East:



Army Ranger *Jason Schweers*
Senior Chief *Tony Koch*

Parish Stewardship/Tithing

DATE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
YTD <small>11-30-16</small>	234,699	242,000	(7,301)
12-04-16	13,346	11,000	2,346
12-11-16	9,436	11,000	(1,564)
TOTAL	257,481	264,000	(6,519)

Help the Parish through automated giving. Complete the EFT form or On-Line Giving both on the Parish website.

“A GIFT FROM YOUR HEART” ANGEL TREE. We are participating in this wonderful program again this year. The angels are to honor our departed souls and as a remembrance of a loved one during the season of Christmas or to recognize that of a friend or even someone who you wish to express a special gratitude towards. Gifts made in Honor, Memory or Gratitude will be recognized by the placement of an ornament on our Angel Tree displayed in the lobby at St. Albert School. Each ornament represents the love and importance of one life upon another and gratitude to those who have made an impact on our life.

You may purchase an Angel by filling out the form in today’s bulletin now through **December 19th**. A name tag will be attached on the angel/s with the information on the form you fill out. Angels can be picked up after Mass beginning Christmas Eve through January 8th or at the Parish Office Center after January 10th until January 31st. Each gift is tax deductible.

There will be a 2nd collection at all the Christmas Masses for the new church. Even if you’ve made an on-going pledge, please encourage others who haven’t made an on-going pledge by putting something in the basket during the 2nd collection. Your example will help visitors, less-attending parishioners, and the “Chreaster” crowd with their giving as well. Talk with them, too, sharing your excitement about the new church! A simple conversation may stir excitement in them and bring them back to Mass more often. Thank you. *Fr. Glen*

Craft Ladies. The Wednesday morning Craft Ladies are taking a break! They will be back to crafting/sewing in January 2017.

AREA-WIDE NEWS

Service Project for High School Youth. It’s not too late to donate for the December service project for the *Youth Emergency Services*, an Omaha-based agency that serves homeless and at-risk youth. Items needed: Hoodies, T-shirts & leggings (all sizes for all 3), winter coats, fleece blankets, Gift Cards (\$5-\$10 of WalMart, Target, Gas Stations, Fast Food locations), socks, Ear Buds, Scarves, Art Supplies/Adult Coloring Books/Markers/Colored Pencils, and personal items, lotions, nail polish, cologne, grooming kits, lip balms, deodorant, shaving cream, hair clips. Questions, call Jill Faust, 402-699-3919 or jrfaust1@cox.net

Catholic Youth Camp registration is now open! CYC 2017 dates are available on our website: stmcenter.com CYC is for students entering 3rd grade through high school graduation and is located in Panora, IA. Sponsorships are available.

TEC #261—January 14-16, 2017. *Archdiocesan Retreat & Conference Center.* **Do you know any teens who would like to make a TEC weekend?** Please invite them to attend! Registration and promotional information can be found at: <http://archomaha.org/events/conferences/teens-encounterchrist/omaha-tec/>
Interested in working TEC #261? We are looking for people to work and serve in leadership roles. Please contact Barb Saucier, the Lay Director for the weekend at bjsauce58@yahoo.com

We are looking for coloring, books, crayons, children’s books (new and/or used in good condition) and also magazines (please make sure they are current, a month or two old) for different organizations around Council Bluffs. You may drop off these items at the Parish Office Center. Thank you.

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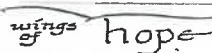
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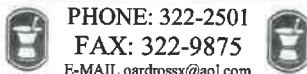
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Good News!

December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24

Today's Nativity scene shows the figures set in a golden, eternal background. Details are missing: no landscape, cave, stable, or cattle. Ghirlandaio, Michelangelo's teacher, focuses on the people. The Gospel also refrains from external details and focuses only on the main actors: Mary and Joseph and what is going on in their hearts and minds.

Joseph has to decide how to handle surprising news: His wife is with child and he isn't the father. She claims it was by divine intervention. He had every intention of protecting her while at the same time respecting the law. Luckily his open and honest heart hears indications from an angel. He is to do the unthinkable—take her to himself—because the unimaginable has happened: “It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived” (Matthew 1:20).

The artist paints Joseph sleeping peacefully because he is the just man who silences his troubled heart in order to hear God's voice. He, like Mary, reflects on things profoundly and grapples with God's will and the amazing vocation placed before him. His struggle in prayer leads him to have faith and trust. Following God's plan will mean pilgrimage, thus the walking stick, water jug, and knapsack.

We are all tempted to flee from the challenges of discipleship. Yet today Joseph shows us how to “man up.” He assumes his role as a servant leader, teacher, and example. His dozing is not one of laziness but of silent self-control that leads to attentiveness and obedience to God's voice.

For Reflection: Challenges are opportunities for growth. How do I face the challenges of following Jesus?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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1. Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____
i.e. of your Mother, Name: Jan

Person to notify: _____ Relationship to honoree: _____
(if other than yourself)

Address: _____ City/St/ZIP _____

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2. Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____
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The angels may be picked up at St. Albert School after Christmas Eve Mass and thru Jan. 8th or at the parish office beginning Jan. 10 to Jan. 31. Remaining angels will be donated.

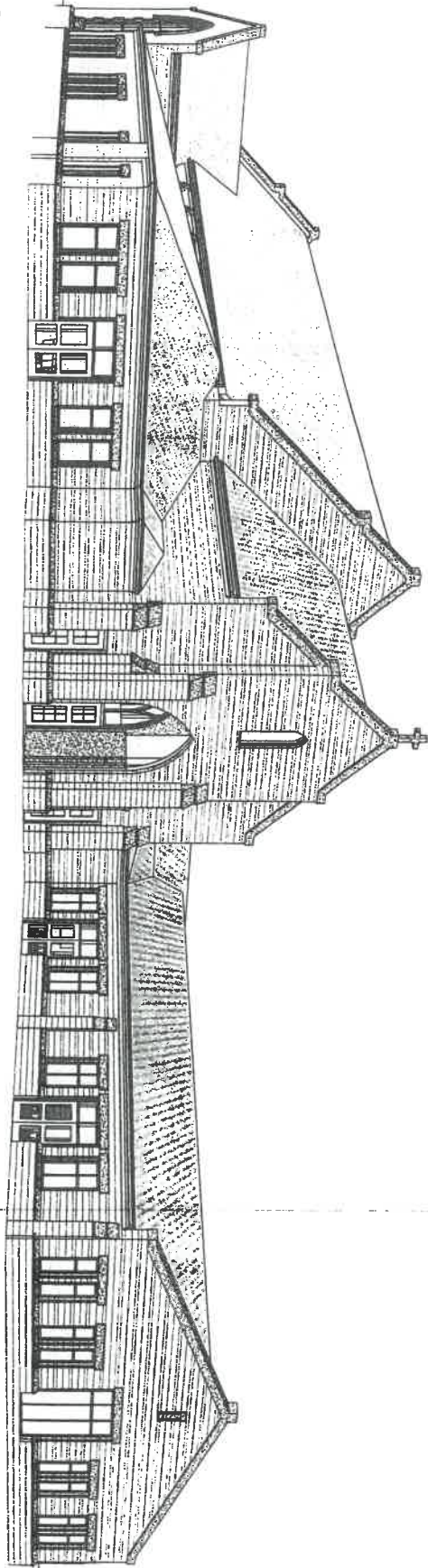
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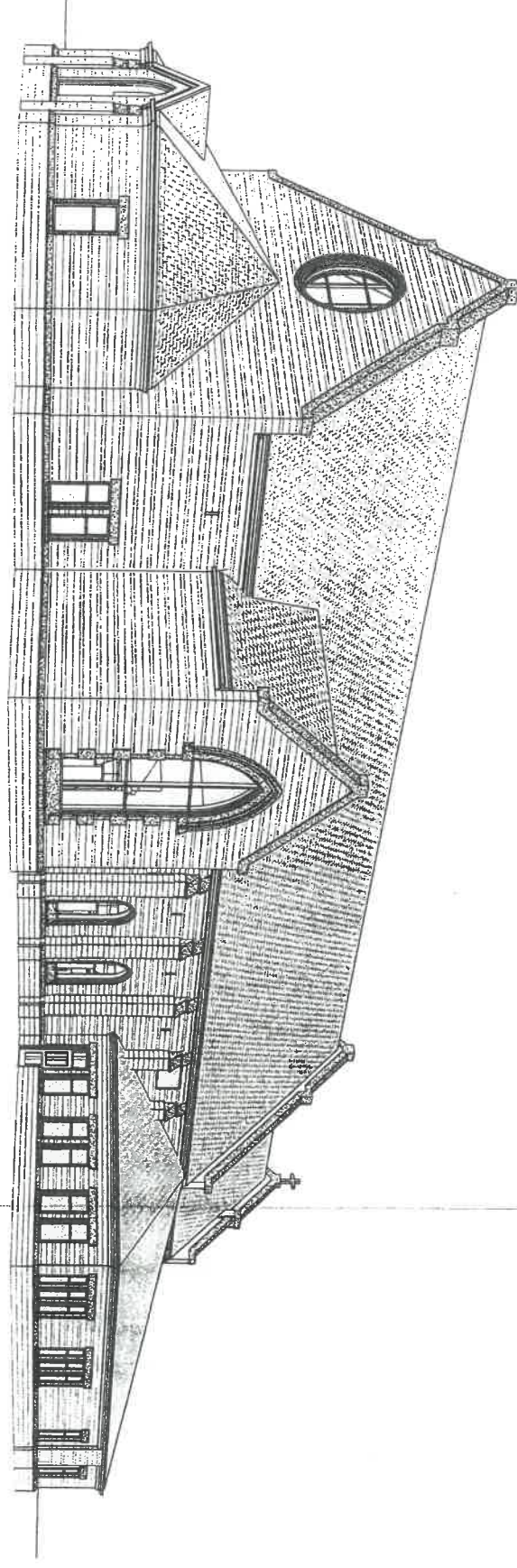
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