Second Sunday of Advent  December 4, 2016

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   Crystal Crowley
   Kasha Wood
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Baptism
   Please call Fr. Phil 754-2480
Marriage
   Planning & Preparation 6 months in Advance
Sacrament of the Sick
   Call the Parish Office 754-2480
Natural Family Planning
   Trish Moulten, NFP (Couple to Couple League) 254-1032
   Beth Gilb, FCP (Creighton Model Fertility Care) 271-2685
Mother’s Rosary
   Fridays, 10 a.m. in the Church

Mass Schedule

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<td>First Saturday</td>
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Eucharistic Adoration:
Every Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Chapel
Every Friday 8 a.m.-9 a.m. in the Church
First Wednesdays of the Month 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation
   Saturday at 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
   After Daily Mass
   By Appointment – 754-2480
Religious Education
   Times and Dates:
   Grades 1-12: December 7th, 2016 6:30 p.m.
   DTS: December 4th, 2016 6:00 p.m.
   Adult Ed/RCIA: December 7th, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Meetings
   Parish Council
   December 6, 2016 6:30 p.m. @ Carroll Hall
   Finance Council
   To Be Determined, 4:00 p.m. Parish Library
   Knights of Columbus
   December 8, 2016 7:00 p.m.
   Women’s Group
   First Thursdays @ Newman Center 9:30 a.m.
   Staff Meeting
   December 22, 2016 9:30 a.m.
Living And Giving In Christ

Diocesan Update: The goal for St. Barbara’s for this year is $55,786. Currently we have pledged $44,774.50, leaving a shortfall of $11,011.50.

Please help St. Joseph’s mission with donations of new and gently used mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. The tree will be available in the back of the church thru the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Please no other clothing items. Thanks for your generosity.

Are you new to the area and to St. Barbara’s Church? Please stop by the back of the church after this weekend’s Masses to receive a gift from our Welcoming Committee. Welcome to our church family!

LECTORS: If you would like a copy of the Handbook for Proclaimers of the Word, please pick up your complimentary copy on the glass shelf in the Knights of Columbus Holy Shop.

Reconciliation service at St. Barbara’s will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m., in Cody on Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m., and in Lovell on Tuesday, December 20th.

Please no other clothing items.

Amount of donations needed per week to meet our expected expenses for the year: $5,315.57

Donations from last weekend’s collections: $3,844.43 ($1,471.14 below the weekly goal)

Activities for the week of Dec 4 – Dec 11

12-4 Mass-9:00 a.m. Feast of St. Barbara Brunch after Mass. Extraordinary Form Mass-12:00 noon, Mass-5:00 p.m., DTS-6:00 p.m., No Young Adult Dinner @ Newman Center-7:00 p.m.
12-6 Mass-12:00 noon, Parish Council-6:30 p.m.
12-7 Holy Day Vigil Mass-5:30 p.m., Faith Formation & RCIA-6:30 p.m.
12-8 Mass-7:00 a.m., No Mass-7:30 a.m., Adoration 8a.m.-8p.m., Extraordinary Form Mass- 12:00 noon, Mass-6:00 p.m., No Young Adult Rosary @ Newman Center-7:00 p.m.
12-9 Mass-7:30 a.m., Adoration 8a.m.-9a.m., Mother’s Rosary -10:00 a.m.
12-10 Confessions- 9 a.m. & 4 p.m., Praise & Worship @ Chapel- 11:00 a.m., Altar Server Training-1:00 p.m., Mass-5:45 p.m.
12-11 Mass-9:00 a.m., Extraordinary Form Mass-12:00 noon, Mass-5:00 p.m., DTS-6:00 p.m., Young Adult Dinner @ Newman Center-7:00 p.m.

Altar Servers

Mark your Calendar: Fr. Phil and Mike Stratman will be having an altar server training for any youth interested in serving. Youth need to have made First Communion. Training will be on Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Parents are welcome to sit in on the training. Pizza will be provided after the training.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Thursday, December 8th) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

December 7th: Vigil-5:30 p.m.

December 8th: Mass-7:00 a.m.
Extraordinary Form Mass-12:00 noon
Mass-6:00 p.m.
Feast of Saint Barbara, this Sunday December 4th. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking a breakfast on December 4th to celebrate the Feast of St. Barbara. All are welcome, no charge, Parish sponsored. There will not be a breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of December.

Women’s Group Activities
*New Study: Priest, Prophet, King by Father Barron is a 7 week, DVD Series. The study begins at 9:45 a.m. at the Newman Center on Tuesdays. Discover Jesus foreshadowed in the Hebrew Scriptures.

* Next Business Meeting, Monday, December 5, 6:30, at the Newman Center.

* Christmas Luncheon, Saturday, December 10th at 11:45. Please bring new or gently used Pajama for children and Moms at the Crisis Center. We hope to see you there.

Attention: The 7th Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting, originally scheduled for Nov. 30th, has been postponed to February 8, 2017. The last Faith Formation class before Christmas is on Dec. 14th. Classes will resume on Jan. 11th.

Attention Young Adults: The young adults will have a free weekly dinner on Sundays @ the Newman Center at 7:00 p.m. The Young Adults Group will also be praying the Rosary/Ice Cream Social on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Newman Center, except every 3rd Thursday of the month will be movie night.

St. Barbara’s is now offering Baptism preparation classes for couples and godparents. This is now a requirement for Baptisms. These classes will be broken into two parts: Session 1 and Session 2. Monday, December 19th at 6:30 pm at the Newman Center will be Session 2 for those who attended Session 1 in November. Please contact Mike Stratman at the parish office at 307.754.2480.

Community Wide Toy Drive for the 2016 Christmas Basket Program is asking for new and used toys. The deadline for donations is Dec. 16th. For further information please contact Sally Montoya at 754-4277 or 202-1663. A flyer will be in next week’s bulletin.

Please join us for Praise & Worship on December 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the Adoration Chapel at St. Barbara’s in Powell. Praise & Worship is a form of worship of God (not in place of Mass) with music, prayer and praise. This will continue monthly and will alternate between Cody and Powell. Come Praise the Lord with your voices!

Weekly Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

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Readings for Dec 4 thru Dec 11
12/5 Is35:1-10 Ps85:9-14 Lk5:17-26
12/6 Is40:1-11 Ps96:1-3,10-13 Mt18:12-14
12/7 Is40:25-31 Ps103:1-4,8,10 Mt11:28-30
12/8 Gn3:9-15,20 Ps98:1-4 Eph1:3-6,11-12 Lk1:26-38
12/9 Is48:17-19 Ps1:1-4,6 Mt11:16-19
Mt17:9a,10-13
12/11 Is35:1-6a,10 Ps146:6-10 Jas5:7-10 Mt11:2-11

Candles in the Adoration Chapel the week of Dec 6th thru Dec 12th are offered for:

Poor Souls in Purgatory
The Stringari & Kalt Families
Andrew Moretti    Heidi Schuenke
Anthony Alaniz     Salicia Siebert
Juanita & Joe Diaz

(Please make sure you close and lock the Chapel door when you leave. Thank you!)

The Book of All Souls, located on the podium by the Statue of St. Therese, will be available through the Epiphany for you to enter the names of your loved ones.

We welcome to our faith family:
Payton Louise Cox, daughter of Ryan & Kimberly Cox, who was baptized on Nov. 25th.

Congratulations to Curt Lamb and Carol Wiesen who were married at St. Barbara’s on November 25th.
A special invitation to the Women of St. Barbara's

Ladies Christmas Luncheon
Luncheon will be served

Saturday, December 10, 2015

11:45 at Carroll Hall

Those who can please bring Sleepwear for a child, or a teen, or a Mom New or Gently Used. Children's sizes 5 to 16 especially needed

These items will be donated to the Crisis Center for families who arrive unexpectedly and in need of shelter for the night and some will be used for Christmas presents

We hope to see YOU there!
And do bring a friend.
The Parishes of St. Barbara & St. Anthony invite you all to join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Monday, December 12, at St. Barbara’s in Powell

6:00 A.M- Mananitas

5:30 P.M.- Procession with Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Celebration of the Mass & skit to follow

Dinner after Mass in Carroll Hall-All are welcome!
Waters of Hopefulness and Harmony

Heavenly Father,
in your wisdom you call us to your Son,
who welcomes us,
and through our Baptism,
we find the source of peacefulness
and harmony.
May our lives be spent in hopeful
encouragement of one another,
with the Spirit as our guide,
and justice our path.
May the community into which
we are baptized
continue to be a place of welcome
and forgiveness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

December 4, 2016
Roots, Stumps, Branches, and Fruit

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Romans 15:4–9; Matthew 3:1–12. “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse” begins today’s First Reading. These words not only set the tone for the day’s Scriptures but are the foundation for images and understandings of the coming of the Messiah and of his familial roots. Isaiah’s prophetic voice outlines a kingdom where the Messiah brings justice but also one that is an outgrowth of the line of David. The son of Jesse, David was a shepherd who became king. The kingdom described today is one in which the ruler will be guided by the poor and justice will be the outcome of his judgments.

When justice reigns, all will live in harmony and all of creation will be at peace. The harmony of wild animals living with domestic ones, and of children who curiously reach into a snake’s home without harm coming to them, are the bases for the Gospel, where John the Baptist, the wild precursor, proclaims the coming of the Kingdom. His warning to prepare calls us to question whether we are ready for a kingdom of harmony. When John states that the ax is ready for the trees that do not bear good fruit, we are taken back to the stump of Jesse.

The Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus’ family, is full of hope and promise. In your homes, discover who some of the ancestors of Jesus were, and make a Jesse Tree with symbols of those ancestors. Rediscover the ancestors of your family, those who brought hope to your family tree. In that way, you may find the encouragement “to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus” (Romans 15:5).
THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 5
A Forgiving Household
Forgiveness and mercy can be difficult to accept, as Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel. The season of Advent is an opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ by seeking forgiveness as we prepare our hearts and forgive others as we prepare our homes for Christ to enter. Today's Readings: Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11–12, 13–14; Luke 5:17–26.

Tuesday, December 6
St. Nicholas, Bishop
As you place your shoes for Bishop Nicholas of Myra to fill, remember his generosity. He gave money to help three young women who were being taken advantage of. This season of Advent consider ringing bells to assist the Salvation Army, or finding a group that others have not yet begun to assist, and changing their lives. Most appropriately today, donate some shoes for homeless children. Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 96:1–2, 3, 10ac, 11–12, 13; Matthew 18:12–14.

Wednesday, December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
In today's Gospel, Jesus says that his "yoke is easy" and his "burden is light." St. Ambrose accepted the yoke and burden that the city of Milan placed on him, electing him their bishop. Still a catechumen, Ambrose was baptized, ordained, and made a bishop on December 7, 374. Our burdens may not seem quite as daunting as were those for Ambrose, but we know we do not tackle them alone. Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:25–31; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28–30.

Thursday, December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
"Nothing will be impossible with God." Mary accepted the angel Gabriel's message and even reached out to support her cousin, Elizabeth, as she approached the birth of her son, John the Baptist. At home today, let your family support system be strengthened by reaching out beyond your needs. Then find a symbol for someone else in your family and hang it on the Jesse Tree. Today's Readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20; 145:1, 9, 10–11, 12–13ab; Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12; Luke 1:26–38.

Friday, December 9
The Law of the Lord Is Wisdom
In a time of quick judgments and hurtful words, often found in social media, today's Gospel reminds us to hold off on our criticisms that are instant rather than thoughtful, immediate rather than purposeful. Wisdom is to be our guide. Today's psalm response is our comfort for this week of Advent: "Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life." Today's Readings: Isaiah 48:17–19; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4, 6; Matthew 11:16–19.

Saturday, December 10
O Come, Divine Messiah
Halfway through the season of Advent, we are still waiting, but we wait with hope. The days are getting shorter, and so we sing of the Messiah's coming as the world waits in silence "the day when hope shall sing its triumph." Find a way to break through the darkness and silence in your world today, and discover Christ in that activity, reaching out and breaking through. Today's Readings: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11; Psalm 80: 2ac, 3b, 15–16, 18–19; Matthew 17:9a, 10–13.
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Psalm 72
Raymond Dell’Isola