

Christmas, New Year's Mass schedules

Church services scheduled for Christmas and New Year's for area churches are as follows:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
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On December 24, Christmas Eve Mass at 8 p.m.; December 25, Mass at 9 a.m.; January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation), Mass at 9 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

On December 24, Mass will begin at midnight; December 25, Mass at 11 a.m.; December 31, Mass at 6:30 p.m.; January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation), Mass at 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Church

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 there will be a 4 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. This Mass

satisfies for the Christmas Day obligation.

On Christmas Day beginning at midnight, Dec. 25 there will be a Latin-English High Mass with the Adult Choir singing the responses under the direction of Mrs. Joe L. Popp with Mrs. William Abell presiding at the pipe organ. Before Mass the adult choir will sing Christmas carols beginning at 11:30 p.m. Other Masses on Christmas Day are at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The youth choir will sing Christmas hymns at this Mass, with Eddie Ruesewald directing and with himself, Linda Gold and Rebecca Korenek presiding at the pipe organ.

Again on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 there will be a 4 p.m. Mass. This Mass satisfies for the New Year's Day obligation. Other Masses on New Year's Day, Jan. 1 will be at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Again this Mass will be a Latin-English High Mass sung by the Adult Choir.

Rev. Msgr. Victor G. Schmidt-

insky, pastor, announces the general public is invited to all our Christmas and New Year's Day services here at St. Mary's Church, Nada, on State Highway 71.

United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake will have a special Christmas Eve service. A Candlelight Communion service will be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 24.

The early hour is set so as not to conflict with family activities Christmas Eve night.

Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, announced Rev. A.E. Flathmann, pastor.

At Zion Lutheran Church in Sublime, there will be a Christmas Worship Service at 9 a.m. Christmas

Day, December 25.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, in addition to its Sunday worship (10:30 a.m.) and church school (9:30 a.m.) offers a Christmas Eve worship service, December 24, at 6 p.m. with carols, scripture, story, communion and candlelighting.

"All are welcome to be with us and share in this special time," said Rev. Charles C. Miller Jr.

Holy Cross Church

The Holy Cross Church in East Bernard will have Mass at midnight Thursday, Dec. 24, 7 a.m. (in Czech) and 9 a.m. (in English) on Friday, Dec. 25. A Christmas story will begin at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24. Masses for New Year's will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, 7 a.m. (in Czech) and 9 a.m. (in English) on Friday, Jan. 1.

Confessions will be heard a few

minutes before each weekday Mass and on Tuesday, Dec. 22 is the scheduled Christmas confessional 7 p.m. There will be no confessions heard on Saturday, Dec. 26 or Sunday, Jan. 2.

Great Mt. Olive

Christmas Mass service at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church will be held at 7 a.m. on Christmas morning, Dec. 25.

Rev. R. Kiser, pastor of Greater Mount Olive, and the congregation invite their many friends to come and worship with them.

Friendship Missionary

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church announces the following

schedule: Christmas Day Service, December 25 at 8 a.m. with the sermon by Rev. R.J. Williams.

The annual Prayer Bowl Service, all day service with preaching, praying and singing will be held Friday, Jan. 1. Dinner will be served.

January 4-8 a revival has been planned. Renowned evangelist and speaker Rev. C.L. Jackson, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Houston will be the guest speaker at the revival beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

A grand musical has been scheduled Saturday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. Friendship Baptist Church Choir is sponsoring the musical.

Designated driver is the life of a party

Designated drivers help friends remain safe, alive, and out of jail.

The designated driver in a group agrees to remain sober and drive others safely from a party or other event where alcoholic beverages are served. Use of the designated driver concept is aimed at saving lives and avoiding injuries. According to the National Safety Council (one of the leading groups promoting the lifesaving concept), it originated in Sweden and the United Kingdom, where designated drivers place their car keys in their empty beverage glasses so they are not served.

Even with concerted efforts across the nation during 1986, 23,000 persons still lost their lives during that year in alcohol-related highway crashes. Department of Public Safety statistics for 1986 show 1,304 persons

died in DWI involved accidents in Texas. Other individuals experienced the trauma of painful injury due to the combination of alcohol and driving.

Texas Safety Association's president, George R. Gustafson, added his organization's support to the designated driver concept: "Decide to help a friend keep a driver's license, avoid a fine, stay out of jail, avoid embarrassment, and stay alive. It's a simple and free way to keep a valuable friendship alive, both during the coming winter holidays and all year long."

Friends can help keep their friends alive and safe by adopting the designated driver concept. "Arrive alive. Start three lifesaving habits this holiday season: drive sober, buckle up and encourage others to do the same. Remember — first a friend, then a host."

Sweet Potato Pecan Pie

(This recipe was brought in by Msgr. Victor Schmidtinsky and is President Ronald Reagan's favorite dessert.)

Preheat oven to 425°.

1 small sweet potato (boiled in salted water)
1 cup pecans
1/2 cup butter

Saute pecans in butter until light brown. Add sweet potato and cool.

Mix:

3 eggs
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. lemon juice

Add sweet potato mix. Bake 10 minutes at 425°. Bake 40 minutes at 325°.

Assess feelings before going home

Many people feel joy and excitement about the holidays. But others feel anxious and tense because they fear the very thing that most look forward to — going home.

A Baylor College of Medicine family counselor says those individuals who dread visiting their families can lessen their anxiety by assessing their feelings beforehand, setting their own rules about the visit, and preceding the visit with phone calls.

"The holidays are traditionally a time for family gatherings. But some children have an unpleasant home life that, when they become adults, pulls them between wanting to be with family and not wanting difficulties to resurface."

"It's okay for them to want to go home, but they need not feel unhappy or stressed," said Robert Beck, assistant professor of psychiatry at Baylor. "There is preliminary work that needs to be done."

However, he said, immediate changes should not be expected. And if a visit home is just too painful because of bad feelings resulting from physical neglect or abuse, his advice is: "don't go."

The first thing Beck suggests to those who fear family gatherings is that they try to understand the nature of the bad feelings.

"Is it a function of mother's or father's intense expectations that you do something they require of you, or is it a function of how you operate in life," he asks.

Beck said that by thinking feelings through, the person going home may be able to talk rationally with the parent or sibling with whom they don't get along.

His next suggestion is to set rules about the visit.

"Make it clear that certain things are not going to be done or discussed during your visit," he said.

A final task in preparing for a visit home, Beck said, is to ease the way by making phone calls, which offer the opportunity to explain feelings about certain conflicts and activities.

He further suggests that people going home consider what they want from family members and how they will react in certain situations.

Those who are facing a visit home with anxiety should not expect changes right away, he cautions.

"I'm sure the family can be immediately affected as a whole," Beck said. "It's up to the individual to develop a new way of operating and interacting with his family. But one little change by one person will eventually impact everybody around him."

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Fajkus, Smith united in Holy Matrimony

Annette Patricia Fajkus, of Eagle Lake, and Glen Clark Smith, of El Campo, were united in marriage at three o'clock in the afternoon. The double ring ceremony was performed at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church of Eagle Lake by Father Jesse Furest.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fajkus of Eagle Lake and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith of El Campo.

Two large arrangements of white and fuchsia gladioli and carnations flanked the altar which was illuminated by a large arch candelabrum and two spiral candelabra. Aisle candelabra illuminated the aisle and candle arrangements adorned the church windows.

Patty Stephens, organist, played the bride and groom's selections of traditional processional and recessional hymns and, accompanied the soloist, Cynthia Sunderman, in singing "Wedding Prayer," "I Corinthians 13" and "Only a Shadow."

The bride, escorted by her father, was beautiful in a formal length gown of white bridal satin. The fitted bodice came to a point in front, featuring a jeweled wedding band collar and accented with re-embroidered French lace embellished with bridal pearls and indecent palliades. The long sleeves came

to a deep point over the hand adorned with jeweled lace. From an elongated waistline, the full graceful skirt, deeply bordered at the hemline with jeweled lace, swept into a circular train of cathedral length.

A crescent of French lace and iridescent silk flowers embellished with bridal pearls held her veil of French silk illusion. She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses centered with an orchid and accented with baby's breath and greenery. Satin streamers tied with love knots adorned the bouquet.

Attendants

Betty Janish, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Evelyn Janish of Austin, Marilyn Glover of El Campo, Deloris Kurtz and Rose Lobnitz, both of Dallas and Gloria Brandt of Bay City, and the bride's sister-in-law, Jean Fajkus of Austin. Flower girls were the bride's nieces, Janna Janish of Nada, Jessica Lobnitz of Dallas and Jennifer Janish of Austin.

They wore formal length gowns of teal green of satin charmeuse with fuchsia accessories. They wore fuchsia flowers adorned with baby's breath in their hair and carried single long-stemmed fuchsia tiger lilies tied with gold and fuchsia ribbon.

The flower girls, carrying baskets of fuchsia flowers adorned with teal green ribbon, dropped rose petals as they walked down the aisle.

Best man was Norman Peter, friend of the groom, of El Campo. Groomsman were Mel Fajkus, brother of the bride, of Austin; Joe Liska, friend of the groom, of El Campo; George Glover of El Campo, Bill Kurtz of Dallas and Bill Lobnitz of Dallas, all brothers-in-law of the bride, and Ray Fucik, friend of the groom, of El Campo.

Ushers were Jerry Winters and Robert Havel. Serving as witnesses were Fred and Delores Phihoda.

Reception

A reception and dance following the ceremony at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Serving in the house party were Kathy Fucik, Susan Kalaza, Judy Merta, Judy Autry, Debbie Marshall and Melissa Ponder.

The couple made their home in El Campo following a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe.

The bride is a graduate of El Campo High School and graduated from Wharton County Junior College. The groom graduated from El Campo High School. He is a welder at Phihoda Welding.



Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clark Smith

NEW ARRIVAL

Samuel Anthony Longoria

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Longoria of Glidden, announce the birth of their first child, a baby boy, born on December 13, 1987 at 6:28 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake.

The baby was named Samuel Anthony and weighed six pounds and seven ounces. The attending physician was Dr. Jose Ugarte.

Ryan Jeffery Kasmiersky

Rusty and Donna Kasmiersky, of Kenner, Louisiana, announce the birth of their first child, a son, born Thursday, Dec. 17 at 5:56 p.m. The baby was named Ryan Jeffery and weighed nine pounds, two ounces and measured 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kasmiersky of Garwood.

Rusty is the director of media relations with the New Orleans Saints football team.

1st grade visits Heritage House

The Primary School 1st grade visited the Heritage House on December 18 to sing Christmas songs. The group was under the direction of the teachers Mrs. Shorter, Mrs. Leopold, Ms. Keunke, Mrs. Moody, and Mrs. Madden. The pupils brought two boxes of fruit to the residents at the Heritage House.

Santa came to the Primary School to visit the a.m. classes on the last day of school. The Pre-K and Kindergarten pupils saw Santa in a skit and sing-along program in the afternoon.

Garwood/Nada Community News

By GEORGIA MICHALKA

The Garwood Raider basketball team traveled to Louise on Monday, Dec. 14, for a rematch against the Hornets. The homecourt advantage proved too much of an obstacle as the visitors lost 29-16. The one bright spot for our team was free throw shooting.

The Raiders connected on 10 shots from the charity stripe but were able to make only three shots from the field. Ragen Sienke scored six points, Derek Sewell added five, Jesse George got four, and Andrew Casti-neda tallied one.

Basketball action resumes after the holidays when our team will travel to Weimar on January 7. That same night in Louise our "B" team lost 31-20. Our team showed some encouragement improvement despite the loss.

However, Ken Henderson scored 10 points, Shan Stovall and Garland Axel added four each and Terry Carter shipped in two points.

Inventioneers

Larry and Diane Snidovce attended a Farm Bureau convention in San Antonio from December 10-12. During the convention they took in a program about quality of tires and toured a factory where batteries are manufactured. Another fun part of the weekend was getting to stay in the Hyatt Regency situated along the beautiful River Walk in downtown San Antonio.

Homemakers

The Nada-Garwood Extension Homemakers will have their next monthly meeting on January 12. This is one week earlier than previously planned. The meeting will be at the St. Mary's Parish Hall. Regular meetings will be held every third Tuesday of the month.

Surprise party

Mrs. Anne Henneke was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party on December 13. The party was planned and given by her children, Rita Addicks, Steve Henneke, Bob Henneke, Jim Henneke and Mary Ann Henneke.

The celebration, held in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Addicks at Weimar, was to honor Mrs. Henneke on her sixty-fifth birthday on December 15. They enjoyed a delicious barbecue meal with all the trimmings.

Guests for the occasion included Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schoellmann, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schoellmann, Mrs.

Regina Buskamper, John Buskamper, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hyek, Mrs. Joe Schoellmann, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wied and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Baumgartner.

Exploits

It seems as if young and old alike are getting into the deer hunting piece. Two of our more "senior" hunters were seen around town last week showing off pictures of wild game taken from the field. Lawrence Boensch, 11 Troy Krenke hunted in Pearls.

Two backwoodsmen killed three deer and several wild hogs in one hunt. Boensch proved his stealth and marksmanship by bagging not only a fine 14-point buck, but also a dandy nine-pointer that same afternoon.

With modesty befitting true sportsmen they refrain from boasting of their yeoman accomplishments.

However, I'm sure they could be convinced to share some of their hunting tips with some of us less successful hunters.

A young hunter also got into the act recently. Brent Schneider killed his first deer, a four-point buck. The proud youngster bagged his quarry while hunting near Altair. Brent's parents are Leon and Sandy Schneider. Congratulations to this young hunter for his skill and carrying on the great tradition of Texas sportsmen.

Dancers

For the past three months Garwood's young ladies have been dancing under the tutelage of Beverly Ripple. Beverly's School of Dance in Garwood has been meeting in the education building of the Methodist Church.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, these young ladies combined with the El Campo Dance Academy to present a Christmas special. Almost 40 dancers from our community, ranging in age from three to 19, got a chance to display a little of their talent.

Hutchins Gymnasium in El Campo was crowded with expectant parents, grandparents and other friends who came to see the girls perform. They were treated to a pleasant night of holiday music and dance. From the beginners to the most experienced dancers, the girls put on a great show and also seemed to be having a great time. It was great to see so many of our young people taking part in this fantastic activity. Congratulations to Ms. Ripple and her students and thanks for the wonderful entertainment.

Thank You

On behalf of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Chambers annual Christmas Parade. Judging by the many colorful entries and the crowds that gathered, I think the event was a big success.

I would also like to thank those people who assisted in staging the parade. It took much time, and without your efforts, Eagle Lake would have missed a real treat.

Special thanks go to Maggie Walker and her group of fine young ladies who sanded candy all that morning and then stayed all afternoon to help Santa Claus distribute it. They are Kelli Walker, Stacey Spumilch, Karl Seasholtz and Kristi Andel.

And of course, thanks to Santa Claus for making it once again. Sincerely, Tom Reed, president of Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce

School program

Garwood School was humming with excitement and activity Friday, Dec. 18. The pre-kindergarten through fourth graders staged their annual Christmas program. Santa visited after the program to listen to the kiddies' Christmas wishes and to distribute bags of fruit and candy donated by the Garwood Lions Club. Santa also visited St. Mary's School where he spread some more holiday cheer.

Christmas is a special time for family and friends to share. We wish each of our readers a happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!

Birthdays — December 24: Vicki Drisk, Melvyn Rose and Louis V. Crank Sr.; December 25: David Seifert; December 26: Georgia Michalka and Jason Weselski; December 27: Pam Crank; December 28: Jim Carter; December 29: Les Lamer, Raymond Labay and Hope Raley; December 30: Daphne Vasit.

Anniversaries — December 26: Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Turner; December 28: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bitter; December 29: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Popp Jr.; December 30: Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Labay.

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Thomas leaves for Japan

Pvt. 1st Class Derrick E. Thomas departed for Japan with members of the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, to participate in "Orient Shield," a bilateral training exercise with the Japanese Ground Self-defense Force.

Soldiers will participate in small unit training, weapons firing, and a tactical exercise with the Japanese soldiers.

Thomas, an infantryman, is the son of Barbara J. Thomas of Eagle Lake. He is a 1986 graduate of Ellison High School in Killen.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

We have had a lot of visitors to the museum the past few weeks and expect many more during the holidays. Bring your families and friends to view memorabilia from the Eagle Lake area.

Sales of The Eagle Lake History is going well — many have purchased books for Christmas gifts, especially for friends and families who have moved from Eagle Lake.

Some of the gift items from the gift counter are being sold at Canaris Nursery — go by and see and buy!

The entrance room of the museum looks great with the fresh coat of paint on the floor.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Robert Samuel Martin; secretary, Helen F. Craig; treasurer, Helen C. Wilson; reporters, Elizabeth Boothe and Ethel Cone; chairpersons for garage sales, Louise Brunner and Ethel Cone; curators, William H. Harrison Sr., Rollin Baker and Louis Schorlemmer Jr.; board of trustees, Elizabeth Boothe, Domingo Castillo, Ethel Cone, Lana Delany, Obie Rhodes, Helen Craig, Jeanie Leopold, Bunny Frazier, Mary W. Baker, W.J. Brunner, Robert Samuel Martin, Helen C. Wilson, Bill Wilson, Rose Castillo, A.B. Con, Mary Lou Szymanski, Grace Cook, Joe Lee McCrary, Elfe J. Jans, Estrella Truly.

Merry Christmas to all!

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