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HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Heavenly Rest is dedicated to serving and creating community by proclaiming the good news of God's love for all.
New here? Please fill out a welcome card from the back of the pew or on our website at heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit.

TODAY AT HEAVENLY REST

Sunday School Classes for Adults - Join us at 9:15 for one of our three adult Sunday School classes: Coffee Talks (Gen Von Ende) with Dr. Mark Waters, Exploring Spiritual Treasure in Gerhart Hall and C. S. Lewis: Letters on Faith (Bishop Garrett) with Dr. Darryl Tippens.

Sunday School for Children and Youth - There will not be classes for children and youth on November 22nd and November 29th. The nursery will be available for children ages 0-4 years old.

Liturgy at Lyndale - All are invited to join us for worship at Lyndale Abilene Memory Care, 6568 Central Park Blvd, this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Families are welcome, and children are encouraged to attend! For more information, contact Mother Karen at kboyd@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

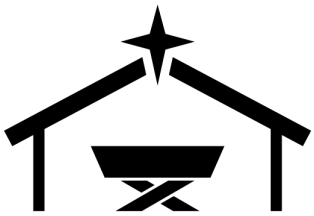
LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Exploring Spiritual Treasure - Join us throughout the month of November for great classes to prepare for confirmation and deepen our faith! This Sunday, November 22nd will be "Confession and Unction" with Mtr. Ashley. Grab breakfast and join us for good conversation! EST will NOT meet on Sunday, November 29th.

Thanksgiving Eve Service - At the heart of every Sunday service is a prayer of thanksgiving. The word "Eucharist," in fact, comes from the Greek verb "to give thanks." The life of our community, in other words, is centered around the act of giving thanks to God for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. For this reason, it is hard to imagine a more appropriate way to celebrate Thanksgiving than by gathering for the Holy Eucharist. Before the feast, football, and fellowship, join us at Heavenly Rest for our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25th at 5:30.

Angel Tree: Be an angel, take an angel! - The angel tree is located in the cloister. Each angel represents one gift. Each child receives 3 gifts so there will be three angels for each child. Purchase a gift valued at no more than $40, return the gift unwrapped but with the angel firmly attached. We will wrap all the gifts on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm at the annual Wrapping Party. Thanks for providing a wonderful Christmas for the children of incarcerated parents. For more information contact Mtr. Amanda Watson.

Consecration Sunday Update - Thank you to everyone who has returned a 2027 estimate of giving card. This past Sunday, members of our parish who worship at the afternoon service, held a Sadaka (Swahili for offering) service where they made pledges for the upcoming year. We are grateful to include their pledges in this update for 2027. As of this past Wednesday, 184 households and 9 children returned estimate of giving cards on Sunday for a total pledged amount of $956,994.56. If you missed Father Robert's message, it can be found on our YouTube page. Estimate of giving cards are also located in the Narthex and the church office.



Advent Stations - The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. However, with so much busyness and activity during December, it can be difficult to make time to stop and prepare our hearts for the gift that God gives us at Christmas. Included in our Advent Prayer Stations will be two activity stations: making a family Advent Wreath for your home, with children making their own version, making a Luminaria, and more. Other stations will invite you to pray and respond as you reflect on the Light of the World, Journeying through Advent, The Gift of Hope. And the Symbols of Christ (Chrismons). There will also be a Quiet Space for children to explore nativity sets, books, and puzzles. These stations will be available in Gerhart Hall November 29th through December 22nd. On the November 29th if you would like to help with set-up from 9-10:15 and/or make your family Advent wreath you are welcome to join us in Gerhart Hall. Our Advent Prayer Stations are designed with ALL ages in mind, and for those with children to experience as a family. You are welcome to visit anytime the building is open or to stop by the office during the week and a staff member will open it for you We hope that you will take part in this opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ Child.

Hands-On Outreach Grocery Distribution - Thank you for your generosity of donated grocery items and money to provide hams to families through our Friday food distribution. We are humbled by your response and will be able to provide more than 80 hams and over a hundred bags of Thanksgiving food items. We are grateful for the ways you have supported this ministry this year.

Neighborhood Caroling - Following the 6 pm dinner on Wednesday, December 2nd, we invite everyone to go caroling around our parish's neighborhood. The parish will provide songbooks. More details coming soon.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 22nd
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Coffee & Breakfast
9:15 AM Sunday School (for adults)*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Liturgy at Lyndale
6:00 PM EYA Friendsgiving (St. Mark's)

Monday, November 23rd
5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Tuesday, November 24th
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Staff meeting
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, November 25th (Office closes at noon)
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
5:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist*
6:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 26th (Office closed)

Friday, November 27th (Office closed)

Saturday, November 28th
8:30 AM Swahili Prayer
9:00 AM Altar Guild Preparation
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:30 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal

Sunday, November 29th
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Coffee & Breakfast
9:00 AM Advent Station set-up
9:15 AM Sunday School (for adults)*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*

** Nursery available (ages 0-4 years old)*

MINISTRIES

Hands-On Outreach Ministry – Our parish grocery distribution ministry, Hands-On Outreach, is currently in need of canned soups, deodorant and bar soap. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the parish office during regular hours. Contact Sue McWilliams at smmnm@aol.com for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of Vivienne Christine Hurt.

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Graham Allen, Mussa Bahekelwa, Emily Brumley, Natalie King, Sharon Lawler, Carolyn Sheffield, Ungwa Shukurani, Eto Shukurani, James Stearns, Atticus Stephens, Sage Ughanze

Intercessions: Cole and Luke Waters, Mike Godsey, Amy Lang, Diane Stearns, Jenna Hall, Sam Cutbirth, Mary Hieronymi, Phil Chambers, Mike Drinkard, Kent Gallaher, Lew Carter, Lucia Gomez, Jenny Young, Bobby Reyes, Julie Hurt, Ray Pyeatt, Paige Parker, Cindy Hudson, Caroline Morris Oelfke, Sam Funk, Beth Keffer, Sherry Burchell, Brennan, Rusty Plocheck, Andrew Bennett, David Elsey, Carlotta Luster, Keith Boyd, Max Stearns, Steve Hinman, David Blankenship, Glen and Jan Funkey, Stan Treanor, Donna Nelson, Melissa, Ovala Chapman, Ken Majkut, Eca Epambela, Carrie Garcia, Ed Conley, Barbara Brock, Carol Knapp, Jackie Batjer, Michelle Fernung, Charlotte Passell, Jerry Gulley and David Lynch, Tommy Pyeatt, Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Hunter Thomas, Peter Efroymnson, Duane Martin, Lace Archambeau, BJ Madrid, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Nancy Williams, Thomas Madrid, David Weigle, Arnold Guerra, Ralph Webb, Christopher Choate, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Angaza Alembo

Intercessions for deployed military and first responders: Weaver Lilly, Sam Choate, Ryan Jones, Michael Scarborough, Riziki Mulanda, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

Intercessions for the recently departed: Laura Reinbolt, Kevin Peters, Barbara Fry Arnold, Michael Askins, Dakota Russell Arnold

CONTACT US

To learn more or to contact the clergy, visit us online at heavenlyrestabilene.org or by email info@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

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Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, 1-4:30 PM, F 8:30-12:00 PM
Hands On-Assistance (Online) M,W,F 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Grocery Distribution F 9-11:30 AM

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Thrift House, 761 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX 79601 (325) 672-3812 Open: Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Is there something you would like to share with the church? Please submit announcements and materials to the Communications office. Contact Jen Rogers at jrogers@heavenlyrestabilene.org.