By Mary Kay Head
As many of you are aware, a group of parishioners recently returned from a visit to the Holy Land. It was a very moving and spiritual experience. In eight days of touring, our pilgrimage took us to 23 churches built on sites commemorating an event in the life of Jesus as well as 13 locations that we have all read about in the Bible. Many pictures were taken as we walked where our Savior once walked. Needless to say it is taking some time to really process all that we saw and experienced. Traci Busenbark shared that, “Visiting the Holy Land was a wonderful experience.” Barbara Kingsley said, “I thought it was really special to be in Capharnaum, to be where Jesus spent the last years of His life and did so much of His work here on earth. I think it was my favorite spot.” And from Dave Rapoff, “A touching moment for us early in our pilgrimage was in the Garden of Gethsemane, where we were sitting on the benches and Jarir (our tour guide) was explaining all the historic sites in our view. There was the valley in front of us, which was an ancient cemetery, and up above the cemetery was a hillside containing the sites. Pontius Pilate, Caiaphas, and King Herod’s homes, along with Via Dolorosa and tomb were all into view in the old city of Jerusalem. We were in awe of being where our Lord and Savior was crucified and resurrected over 2000 years ago! What a great trip.” We experienced so many emotions, covered a lot of area, and were truly amazed by the whole experience. And we spent our evenings together in a lighthearted atmosphere as we got to know one another better. I will share more with you in our next issue, go into detail and include pictures. The one picture included now seemed appropriate with our celebration of the birth of Jesus coming so soon. It is good to be back.

Sacred Heart Holiday Schedule
Immaculate Conception
Monday, Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, Dec. 24
4 p.m. Lessons & Carols
4:30 p.m. Mass
9:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols
10 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day
Wednesday, Dec. 25
10 a.m. bilingual Mass

Solemnity of Mary
Tuesday, Dec. 31
7 p.m. Vigil Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 1
10 a.m. Mass

We remember
By Mary Kay Head
The month of November was a time to remember. There was All Saints Day when we celebrated all those canonized men and women who lived their lives in love of God and now reside with Him in heaven. Then we had All Souls Day, when we remembered all who had gone before us, especially family members and friends. We entered their names in our Book of the Dead, and they were remembered at all of our Masses during the month. The nation celebrated Veterans Day, remembering all the men and women who so bravely served to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this country. And at Sacred Heart we celebrated with our annual Mass of Remembrance.

At the Mass we remembered family and friends with a ceremony of lighting candles in their name. We first remembered those who died in the past 12 months. This included Nathan Ward, Gerald Elder, Richard Heimburger, Norma Jean Orscheln, Larry “Lee” Wayne Eckerle, Therese Tone, Charlie Burch, Mary Chevens, Bill Klang, Lawrence Blanchard, Christopher Vogt, Paul Caubet, Margaret Fischer, Alvin Bietsch, Eileen Hayden, Clare Thomas, Vilma Gale Heibel, Becky Vitt, Angie Ruggirello, Tom Harley, Robert Garrett, Craig Leonard Kingsley, Joseph Schindler, Dan Czuba, Larry Gene David, Paul Rothenheber, Emily “Emi” Marie Meyer, Patrick Inman and Antonio Calcao. Then those present were invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones who had passed previously.

Attendance at this celebration grows each year. Once you have attended, you want to return. It is such a simple but very moving way to remember those who meant and still mean so much to us. What a fitting way to honor their memory.
December Birthdays

Dec. 15 Christina Frymire, Ian McDonald, Maria Paugh, Ana Perez-Sievart, Sonya Potts
Dec. 16 Madonna Ferris, Brian Neuner, Joshua Orthals, Ryan Richardson
Dec. 17 Ogechi Anyanwu, Marlon Guzman
Dec. 18 Joseph Camille, Donna Haley, Kayla Ludwig, Ryan Mayer, Colton Ochsner, Carissa Tarowski, David Wagner
Dec. 19 Debbi Bruemmer, Mario Ivan Gomez, Cole Riney, Jon Sarrazin
Dec. 20 Taylor Heath, Andrew Miller, Seamus Pratte, Filigonia Rodriguez
Dec. 21 Denise Bell, Lola Bentley, Dorothy Mountjoy, Elizabeth Quetsch, Alejando Rogel
Dec. 23 John Crane, Erick Lopez, Tess Pickett
Dec. 24 Theresa Musket, Michael Weller
Dec. 25 Michael Gerecke, Sandra Hernandez, Jan Jeffries
Dec. 26 Duelegh Biesian, Presleigh, Bishop, Robert Doyen, Mark Thomas
Dec. 27 Juan Alvarez-Bernal, Robin Cadwell, Hudson Cravens, Elizabeth Denace, Alice Hoke, John Schulte
Dec. 28 Dana Beani, Audrey Green, Glenda Kelly, Kelly Richardson, Mel Smarr
Dec. 29 Deborah Gerecke, Katherine Keevins, Kathryn Miller, Caroline Neuner
Dec. 30 Joseph Bindbeutel, Ronel Ghidey, Andrew Jayammane, Haley Mendez-Flores, Suzanne Younger
Dec. 31 David Broussard, Martin Dinehart, Julie Kalatzandonakes, Perry Leslie, Nicholas Whitworth

January Birthdays

Jan. 1 Jolly Barumpunde, Tantine Barumpunde, Gustavo Garcia, Brian Hornbeck, Tantine Iraoke, Mery Kor, Wadan Kor, Nibiga Masumbuko, Matuti Nojedha, Leocadie Ntigonzal, Brian Hornbeck, Tantine Irakoze, Mery Kor, Wadan Kor
Jan. 2 Alejandro Arzate, Greg Cooper, Melissa crane, William Devoy, Dylan Hodapp, Catherine Johnston, Dusenge Masumbuko, Paula Naugle, Tammy Scott
Jan. 3 Janet Pack, Elena Tillman
Jan. 4 John Crouch, Irma De la Paz, Albert Johnston, Patricia Quint
Jan. 5 Reginald Crocford, Michael Johnson, Carol Nacarato

By Barbara Head, Chair

The next Social Concerns meeting is Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome.
This time of year it is easy to get caught up in shopping and baking, but we need to remember our neighbors who are in need. There are many ways you can help. One is to continue to use the poor envelope. The funds received are given to organizations that help many who struggle with paying rent and utilities and even in buying food. St. Vincent DePaul Society volunteers serve the poor in Columbia by meeting their urgent needs for food, shelter and utilities.

Their help line is open weekdays for one hour a day, 424-1022. As we enter this Season of Giving their funds are almost gone! Please help if you can by making a donation.

The Wardrobe, a non-profit thrift store at 715 Park Ave., requests support through donations to their CoMoGives campaign this December. The Wardrobe's all-volunteer organization assists low-income families with used clothing and new shoes for school children. Please donate online to the Wardrobe at CoMOGives.com.

Room at the Inn, the winter shelter opened Dec. 8. Volunteers are always needed for various shifts and for transporting laundry back and forth to University Hospital. First Baptist is unable to be a host church this year, so Sacred Heart has not committed to a particular week. If you have volunteered in the past, please consider signing up again. If you have never experienced the gift of interaction with those without warm homes, this is an excellent opportunity. Go to the website https://roomattheinncomo.org to find out more. Click the Volunteer button, and then the Sign Up button. This will take you to the page that explains the various shifts and what they entail.

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in the Giving Tree program. It was a huge success and we helped many families have a Merry Christmas.

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Traveling safely over the holidays

By Becky Shafer, Health Ministry

Holiday seasons often present opportunities to celebrate with loved ones or enjoy a family vacation. If you plan to drive to your favorite holiday destination this year, AAA offers a few tips to help make the trip a smooth one.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained. Have your car and tires inspected before leaving on a long drive.

Map your route in advance, and expect busy roads during the most popular times of the year. Consider leaving earlier or later to avoid heavy traffic.

Store valuables in the trunk or covered storage area.

If you’re traveling with children, remind them not to talk to strangers. Go with them on bathroom breaks and give them whistles to be used only if the family gets separated.

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In case of emergency, keep a cell phone and charger with you. AAA and many other companies offer smartphone applications that enable drivers to request help without making a phone call.

A travel safety kit can also help you prepare for minor health needs during your trip. Julia Chisholm, manager of ambulatory pharmacy operations at MU Health Care, recommends including these important items in your travel safety kit:

- Clean drinking water (enough for everyone on your trip)
- Medicine (prescription and over-the-counter):
  - Prescription medications
  - Epinephrine auto-injectors
  - Allergy medicines such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
  - Anti-nausea or anti-diarrhea medicines
  - Antiseptic wipes or creams
  - Eye drops or saline rinses
  - Pain medicines and fever reducers such as acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- First-aid tools:
  - ACE bandages
  - Adhesive bandages in a variety of sizes
  - Aloe vera lotion
  - Cotton swabs
  - First-aid manual
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Hot/cold packs
  - Latex (or nitrile) gloves
  - Rubbing alcohol
  - Safety pins
  - Scissors
  - Sterile gauze pads and adhesive tape
  - Thermometer
  - Tissues
  - Tweezers
  - Outdoor safety gear: Blankets
  - Flashlight
  - Maps
  - Rain parkas
  - Road flares
  - Sanscreen
  - Waterproof matches
  - Non-perishable food items:
    - Breakfast cereal
    - Dehydrated or freeze-dried fruits and vegetables
    - Granola or protein bars
    - Jerky or summer sausages
    - Peanut butter and crackers
    - Trail mixes
  - Emergency and health information:
    - ID for yourself and all passengers
    - Emergency contact information (primary care physician, pharmacy, and contact person)
    - Up-to-date list of medications (names, strengths and instructions)
  - Information about any pre-existing conditions or medication allergies
  - Make sure to check your first aid kit for expired products.
  - Chisholm recommends inspecting your kit (and replacing supplies if needed) at least once a year. With a little prep, you can leave the road-trip stress at home and enjoy your holiday with family and friends!


Knights of Columbus Council 14414

Three men were inducted into the Knights of Columbus at the Nov. 20 meeting: (left to right) Crispin Candia, Moises Sosa and Kevin Candia.

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council #14414 held our social meeting Nov. 6 at 44 Stone and held our business meeting Nov. 20 in the Education Building. Three new members were added to the council at the business meeting (see picture). In the past month, the Handyman Ministry helped a parishioner move from one assisted living facility to another and repaired a storm door and plumbing for another parishioner, receiving donations totaling $100 to support the parish.

Coming Up
Dec. 15 Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. Mass; volunteer via Sign Up Genius
Dec. 18 Business meeting, 7 p.m., Education Building; preceded by dinner at 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas to all! Our Lord & Savior has arrived.
Dec. 29 Fifth Sunday Mass at the 11 a.m. Mass. Council members will hand out Holy Family prayer cards.

For information or to join Council 14414, contact Dave Rapoff (573/864-1068; davidr@cmcmfg.com) or Steve Sutter (573/489-6001; steves42868@gmail.com).

Knights of Columbus Council 14414 Handyman Ministry

If you need help with projects around the home or in the yard, call Rick Clawson at (573) 491-3399 or email rclawson1950@gmail.com
Payment is not required, but donations are accepted by the council and are used to support the parish.

Join us!
Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 14414. The Knights stand for the four principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. If you want to be of service to your church and community, please consider the Knights.
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OLLIS News

By Chris Drury

Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School students and staff are taking time to reflect and celebrate Advent. Every year OLLIS students take part in service projects during Advent. The projects for Advent this year are as follows:
Kindergarten—Mitten Tree for a local preschool
1st grade—Pennies for Puppies (Humane Society)
2nd grade—Ronald McDonald House
3rd/4th grade—St. Raymond Society
5th grade—Rainbow House
6th grade—Raffle basket with profit donated toward St. Raymond Society
7th grade—Collection of groceries for giving tree
8th grade—Stockings for Ronald McDonald House

Additionally, students and staff begin every Monday morning with a special Advent Prayer Service in the gym. We ask families to make a special effort to have students in the gym by 7:30 so we can all participate fully in the service. Prayer is an important part of our Catholic Education. It helps us build community as a large school. It also sets the tone for our day as we thank God for his many blessings. Every day during the school year, we begin with the Saint of the Day followed by prayer. Students take turns leading the prayer.

The 2019 OLLIS 8th grade volleyball team completed a community service project to impact kids their own age. The girls started off by making fleece blankets and collecting toiletries to donate to The Rainbow House. The Rainbow House is a nonprofit organization that touches the lives of local children through emergency shelter, advocacy, and homeless youth every day. The team went on to have a fundraiser night at their last home game. They ended up raising $850 for Rainbow House.


OLLIS is now participating in the Amazon Smile program. If you are an Amazon shopper be sure to designate OLLIS as your charity of choice. Every time you shop, OLLIS will receive a small percentage of your purchase as a donation. To date, OLLIS has received $406.25.

You can designate Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and Interparish School as your charity of choice by going to smile.amazon.com. If this is the first time you are designating a charity you will be prompted to select one.

If you need to change your designated charity, follow these simple steps:
1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Select a new charitable organization to support.

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Silas Glaude Scores 36 on ACT!
Congratulations to Senior Silas Glaude on earning the first perfect ACT score in Tolton Catholic history! What a Trailblazer! In addition to his academic achievement, Silas serves as president of the National Honor Society, is involved in the Pro-Life Club and competes on the Scholar Bowl, track and cross country teams.

Thank you for your support of the 2019 Gala!
Thanks to the generosity of so many sponsors, donors and volunteers, we are happy to report that the 2019 Blaze of Glory Gala was the highest-grossing Gala event in our history! This year’s “Fund A Need” was to help us update our school’s security system. Thanks to a matching gift, we were able to fully fund this important project. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

2020-21 Admissions Deadline
The deadline for 8th Graders to apply for the 2020-2021 school year is January 15. To apply to Tolton Catholic follow these steps:
Complete the online application form. A non-refundable $65 application fee is required.
Submit the following items to the school office: the student’s most recent grade card; and any recent standardized test scores.
Interested students are also encouraged to sign up for a shadow visit to tour Tolton during the school day with a current student.
Sign up is available online.

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By Tyler Peterson

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Tolton High School News

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December — the month of Divine Infant

What is the reason for the season? Well… the birth of Jesus of course! The weeks leading up to December 25 we think about all the events leading up to the birth of our Savior. It is Advent, the time of light! But have you considered how Mary and Joseph felt about the coming of a baby? They were probably scared sometimes. Just like any of us who experienced the birth of a child or a new brother or sister or cousin… there is excitement and love and maybe a little anxiety! Everyone looks forward to holding that baby! Do you know anyone who can look at a baby and not see the great gift of life, the innocence, and sweetness of a newborn child? Imagine those feelings as you look at the baby Jesus, knowing he was given to us by God himself?

Starting December 25th, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Then we celebrate the epiphany (which means the day when everybody else realized that God was truly among us in this innocent, baby) on January 6th. Think about that for minute. Consider if you were on your way to school or work, saw a bizarre bright light… and when you went toward it… there is a newborn baby surrounded by the light. In your heart… you know there is something really special about this baby… even if you never read the bible or had someone tell you bible stories. The shepherds present after Jesus was born could most likely not read or write. They may have known nothing about the bible… And yet, they trembled and bowed before this baby, maybe not realizing He was the son God himself, sent here to save us from ourselves. On January 14, we celebrate the feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague. This is another celebration of the baby Jesus. With all these feasts, it is easy to understand why December is celebrated as the month of Divine Infancy. We can’t forget that the first human to recognize Jesus as the Savior… was also an infant… John the Baptist himself!

This year, take some quiet time, find a picture or a statue of the infant Jesus, and imagine how the shepherds felt about the coming of a baby? They were probably scared sometimes. Just imagine those feelings as you look at the baby Jesus, knowing he was given to us by God himself?

This year, take some quiet time, find a picture or a statue of the infant Jesus, and just think about the innocent love in the eyes of all babies. Remember that Jesus kept this love for us His whole life! Challenge yourself to see the innocence and love in the eyes of other people. Commit to reflecting that love for everyone you meet. Then you will have Christmas every day!

(Sarah Eber assembled materials for this page.)
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**Liturgy Commission**

**By Crissy Volkman, Secretary**

A liturgy commission meeting was held on Nov. 21.

Opening prayer was offered by Lucas Volkman.

Previous meeting minutes from October were approved without revision.

**Old Business**

- All Saints and All Souls masses were well attended.

- New Tabernacle Placement – updated communion minister instructions were discussed.

- Discussed the Hymn Board and still want the new one to match the old one.

- Still are looking to order new Chalices – received new information regarding prices and possible avenues to finance the purchase. Father will bring it up to finance committee and then decision on future order will be made.

- A decision was made to look into shopping for new numbers for the stations of the cross to replace those that are broken.

**Advent/Christmas**

Hoping to promote advent study groups – has been in announcements, Heart of the Matter article and now hope Father can announce to parishioners during Masses.

- Advent wreath is fixed and the decision was made just to bless it the first week and then go ahead and just light it the same way as last year over having a lighting ceremony.

- Children’s Music for 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass – it was discussed to have music 30 minutes ahead of Mass. Due to very large numbers in attendance at this Mass, it was discussed to move the “youth choir” to the Christmas Day Mass. However the African Choir sings during that Mass. Will look further into options or possibly see if some children volunteer for singing at other Masses. A decision was made to have children and their families gather in the choir loft as the other choirs sing from there as well. The Hospitality Ministers will coordinate if any more seating is available in the choir loft once families are seated.

- Christmas flowers will be ordered by Tuesday. Three vases of fresh flowers for altar and Mary, five large and 12 small poinsettias will also be ordered. Plans are to decorate after the last Mass on Sunday, so flowers will be delivered on Saturday.

**New Business**

- Director of Liturgy Report Mass flow was discussed in the hope of keeping the Masses more uniform.

- Candles – a new candle bank of votive candles was brought up previously by a company offering a new way to have candles for parishioners to light for loved ones. Further information on this new candle bank was gathered to see if it was right for our parish and seeing how well it was received by other parishes. There has been some discrepancy over how to pay for the new candle bank. It was noticed that there was a difference between the owner emails and discussions with the salesmen on how much per month would need to be paid to the company until the entire votive bank was paid for. Due to the differences Father said no going forward with buying a new votive bank until we check into other options.

- Art and Environment
  - Advent – Everything we need for Advent is on 3rd floor in the Education Building. It was discussed to have our youth who need service hours help move items to and from the church.
  - Penance service combined with Newman on Thursday, Dec. 5.
  - Other Topics
    - Discussed Christ the King Mass Thursday Dec. 12th there will be an evening Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe starting at 6:30 with a march over to the church. All parishioners invited to attend.
    - Dominican Order has decided to withdraw parish priests and to focus on other charisms such as teaching. This will be a change to our local parishes since we presently have Dominicans serving at the Newman Center.
    - Next Meeting – plan is to skip Dec. So next meeting will be Thursday, Jan 2nd
  - Closing Prayer – today we celebrated the Presentation of Mary in the temple, so we closed with the Hail Mary.

**Parish Council**

**By Ron Meyer, President**

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Ron Meyer. The minutes were approved without revisions.

- Ron provided updates on recent activities. The columbarium has been ordered and should be here around the end of January or the beginning of February. Several slots have already been sold and a formal advertising program will be developed. The asbestosis abatement has been completed at the old office building. Keith Miller is working with the plumber and the water line directly to the church should be in place very soon. We will then contact the city to turn off all of the utilities. The demolition can then take place after receiving permission from the city. There was also discussion about more substantial fund raising efforts to cover the costs of the demolition, memorial garden, updates/maintenance of the activity building, etc. We will continue to work on these plans.

- The council also discussed having a parish assembly to inform all the parishioners of these events and ideas and to get their feedback. The tentative date for the assembly was set for Sunday, January 26th.

- A nominating committee for the council was developed. It consists of Frank Cunningham, Jorge Lugo and Charley Ohcoa. They will develop a slate of candidates and bring it back to the council for consideration. There will be two openings. Anyone interested in running for the parish council should contact someone on the nominating committee or any member of the council.

- It was decided that we would not have a council meeting in December. Ron will send out any information that the council members should have prior to the January meeting.

- The meeting ended with the Our Father.

**Faith Formation**

**By Sonia Potts, Chair**

The Faith Formation Commission met Tuesday, November 19th.

The following members were in attendance: Dian Kittle, Sr. Francine, Renee Molner, Susan Stolwyk, Phyllis White and Sonia Potts. Sonia reported that the 250 copies of the book, Rediscover the Saints, were ordered and will be given out at Sunday Masses. The books should arrive in time to be distributed Dec. 21-22.

- Booklets for the Diocesan Advent Small Group Study, A Steward’s Way, will be picked up by Sr. Francine at the Diocesan office. As of November 19 the group to be led by Marigrace Powers had no one signed up, and the group led by Phyllis White had 2 people. Sr. Francine will be setting up 3 groups in Spanish as the booklets are bilingual. An existing small faith group led by Deb Gerecke will also be doing the study during Advent. Additional Mass announcements and a bulletin insert for the weekend of Nov. 23-24 will hopefully encourage more parishioners to participate in the Advent small group study. The Diocesan office will also be providing a small group study for Lent next year.

- Promotional materials for the Dynamic Catholic Best Advent Ever program will be put up in Church. Parishioners can sign up online to receive daily, inspirational video clips via email during Advent.

- Sr. Francine shared information about the Hispanic celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be held on Thursday, December 12. The celebration will begin with a Procession of the Virgin of Guadalupe around the Church at 6:30pm. This will be followed by the Dance of the Matachines at 6:45pm. Mass will begin at 7pm. At 8:15pm there will be Mananitas with the choir to Our Lady of Guadalupe followed by fellowship in the Activity Building at 8:45pm.

- Renee Molner, youth minister, reported that 29 teens had attended the fall retreat. Lifenights for next semester will begin on Sunday, January 19. The topic for next semester will be the Gospel. Attendance at the Lifenights has been up this year from the previous year. Renee said there are 50 students in the current Confirmation class. This includes students from Sacred Heart and the Newman center.

- It was suggested that the group from Sacred Heart who traveled to Israel put together a presentation of their trip to share with the parish.

- The next meeting of the Faith Formation Commission will be Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6:15pm.
Vanessa Lagunas, daughter of Leandro Lagunas and Maria Reyes, was born in Columbia on Sept. 21, 2012. She was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019. Pictured with Vanessa are her parents Leandro and Maria and her godparents Judith and Juan Robledo.

Andrea Lagunas, daughter of Leandro Lagunas and Maria Reyes, celebrated her Quinceanera at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at the 4:30 Mass on Nov. 16, 2019. Pictured with Andrea in front are Carina Mocino and Rubi Mortirez. In back are Luis Robledo, Brandon Herrera and Ivan Dominguez.

Gisselle Lopez, daughter of Manuel and Maria Nayeli Lopez, received First Communion at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019. Pictured with Gisselle are her godparents, madrina Veronica Lopez and padrino Eduardo Lopez and their son Cristian.
The present tendency of social reform would seem to consist of destroying all traces of the parents.” – Irish Impressions

“The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself. Other institutions must largely be made for him by strangers, whether the institutions be despotic or democratic. There is no other way of organizing mankind which can give this power and dignity, not only to mankind but to men.” – Fancies vs. Fads

“The disintegration of rational society started in the drift from the hearth and the family; the solution must be a drift back.” – G.K.’s Weekly

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