

Welcome!

Together, we are one family.

December 9, 2018 — Second Sunday of Advent



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM

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Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Hymns

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Cantor: Kate Fudge

Sunday, 9:00 AM

Cantor: Judy Richmond

**Saturday, 4:00 PM
& Sunday, 9:00 AM**

Entrance Chant:
**Come, Thou Long-
Expected Jesus**
#200

Presentation &
Preparation of Gifts
**Beyond the Moon
And Stars**
#204

Mass Setting:
Mass of Renewal
#27-35 pgs 34-37

Communion Chant:
**Psalm 85: Let Us See
Your Kindness**
#134

Psalm 91: Be With Me
#138

Sending Forth:
The King of Glory
#315



Mission Statement

We, the members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, as a caring Christian community, help one another to live, to nurture, and to celebrate God's gifts.

We encourage others on their faith journeys to join us in giving witness to our Catholic faith and to grow as disciples.

We celebrate the sacraments and receive the gift of grace to strengthen our faith and to enrich our relationships with Christ and his Church.

We gather together to pray, to worship, to give thanks, to petition, to seek comfort, to share joys and sorrows, and to experience God's love, joy, and peace.

Cover Photos:

- The crew that changed the misselettes for the new liturgical year: Dean Baker, Marils Strike, Sharon Rogers, Betty Knopf, Linda Pierce, Pam Rausch, & Mary LaRosa.
- Karen Hoffmeier's First Grade class: Caroline Ludwig, Ethan Jackson, Jase Layton, Jillian Moffitt, Henry Flaherty, & Riley Ratliff
- Social Action Commission Members decorated the two Advent Giving Trees: Front row: Linda Pierce, Lori Ward, Tammy Cochran, & Lorraine Kalkhoff. Back row: Bill Ehler, Barb Gannon, Judy Manusos, Kathy Hammerly, & Lynn Keller.

Saturday, December 8:

- 3:00 PM Confessions will be heard
- 3:30 PM Rosary will be prayed in the church
- **4:00 PM Mass** will be offered for the repose of the soul of Carl Ellis, father of Dan Ellis.
- 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Bingo will be held in McCann Center. Youth Group will be selling nachos during Bingo

Sunday, December 9:

- 8:30 AM Rosary will be prayed in the church
- **9:00 AM** will be offered for the members of the parish. *December Wedding Anniversary Blessings will be held during Mass.*
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts will be served in McCann Center following Mass
- 7:00 PM Communal Penance will be held in the church
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group will meet in McCann Center
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #354 Planning Meeting will be held in McCann Center

Monday, December 10:

- **11:30 AM Mass** will be offered for the repose of the souls of Purgatory.
- 3:45 PM Seasons of Hope will be held in McCann Center

Tuesday, December 11:

- 10:00 AM Grinnell Deanery Meeting will be held in McCann Center
- 5:05 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church
- **5:15 PM Mass** will be offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Geri Long family
- Adoration will be held in the chapel following Mass until 5:45 PM.
- Confessions will be heard during Adoration
- 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meal & Meeting will be held at the KC Hall.

Wednesday, December 12:

- **11:30 AM Mass** will be offered for the repose of the soul of Scott Strike, son of Burt & Marlis Strike
- 12:00 PM Parish Potluck will be held in McCann Center following Mass.
- 5:30 PM Community Meal will be served by Sacred Heart at the First United Methodist Church
- 6:00 PM K-6 Faith Formation will be held in McCann Center

- 6:30 PM Choir Practice will be held in the church
- 7:15 PM Jr. High Faith Formation will be held in McCann Center
- 7:15 PM Confirmation Class will be held in McCann Center

Thursday, December 13:

- 1:00 PM St. Monica Book Club will meet at the Fisher residence
- **5:15 PM Mass** will be offered for the repose of the soul of Lenette Swanson, wife of Doug Swanson
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #354 will meet in McCann Center

Friday, December 14:

- **9:00 AM Mass** will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mary Marnell, mother of LuAnn Lucas
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Visiting in McCann Center following Mass.
- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held at the Wilson residence

Saturday, December 15:

- 9:30 PM Confessions will be heard
- 3:30 PM Rosary will be prayed in the church
- **4:00 PM Mass** will be offered for the repose of the soul of Adeline Haycock, mother of Marsha Haycock. *Brief promotion by Katie Patrizio for "The Nature of Love" will be held during Mass.*

Sunday, December 16:

- 8:30 AM The Rosary will be prayed in the church.
- **9:00 AM Mass** will be offered for the members of the parish. *Brief promotion by Katie Patrizio for "The Nature of Love" will be held during Mass.*
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts will be served in McCann Center following Mass
- 10:15 AM Exploring the Catechism will be held in McCann Center
- 12:00 PM—2:30 PM First Sacraments Reconciliation Retreat & First Reconciliation will be held in McCann Center and the Church.

Welcome to Father Bill Wiegand who is presiding at the weekend liturgies while Father Reynolds is attending the State Family meeting of the Iowa Knights of Columbus which he serves as state chaplain.

Advent Communal Penance



On Sunday evening, December 9, at 7:00 PM the parish communal penance service for Advent will be celebrated in the church. Several priests will be present to assist with confessions. There is communal penance in Grinnell this

Sunday at 4:00 PM.



ADVENT TREES

Two decorated trees are in the Gathering Space. The **ADVENT CARING TREE** has cards with names of homebound Sacred Heart parishioners and Accura HealthCare East residents.

Ideas for gifts are listed on each card. Please choose a card from the tree and purchase a gift for the person whose name is on the card. Each card has directions for delivery.

The **ANGEL TREE** supports the Salvation Army Christmas Drive. Please place new, unwrapped gifts under the tree by **Sunday, December 16**. Suggested items are listed below.

- fleece throws – most appreciated
- knit gloves, scarves, and hats
- socks & underwear (boxers for boys)
- pajamas – sizes infant to adult medium
- board games & card games for ages up to 12 years
- books & family movies for ages up to 12 years

Thank you,
Social Action Commission

Need Help?

People who need assistance for shoveling their walk, or mowing of grass, or for doing odd jobs around the house, the Knights of Columbus would like to help. Please contact the parish office at 641-792-2050. They will handle all requests with privacy.



Jessica McNeer, Linda Perrenoud, Kari Tiffany, Cathy Dietrich, Mary Nolin, Dorothy Green, Nancy Smith, Ruth O'Brien, Rose Anna Henning, Mark Hendrickson, Lois Carter, Pat Patterson, Betty Hummel, Teresa Hauge, Myrna Hill, Cecelia Stratton, Theresa Clark, Ruth Stewart, Sharron Hawkins, Adam McNeer, Jim Golik, Pam Rausch, Rosemary Sloss (cousin of Rosie Murphy & Margaret Durbala), June Rausch (mother of Tom Rausch), Donna Baker (sister of LuAnn Lucas), Angi Reed (sister of Pam Zaabel), Jacki Aikeyns (uncle of Dana Determan), Madelyn Kecki (great-granddaughter of Bill & Carmen Gill), Terese & Brad Wiese (sister & brother-in-law of Joanie Lukavsky), Erick Grossmeyer (cousin of Janet Cox), Jimmy Hayes (brother of Margaret Ellis), Jase Merriman (cousin of Jill Ergenbright), Les Curry (father in-law of Colleen Curry), Monica Nilles (mother of Jim Nilles), Thomalu Elliott (sister of Marsha Haycock), Jennifer Maki (granddaughter of Glorian Maki), Jack Whittinger (father of Tammy Cochran), Kristi Forsythe (niece of Bruce & Karen Hoffmeier), Lee Stammeyer (father of John Stammeyer), Tim Shie (son-in-law of Paul Muller), Pam Quindt (daughter of Marie Frimml), Barb Jaeger (mother of Connie Loehr), Leigh Warren (daughter of Nancy Smith), Alisha Meyer (daughter of Betty Ellis), Josh Watson (Joanie Lukavsky's niece's husband), Pat Flattery (nephew of Mary Flattery), Martha Flattery (sister-in-law of Mary Flattery), LeRoy Childress (father of Pamela Vigil), Jeanne Riggerberg (daughter of Ruth O'Brien & sister of Colleen Curry), Jennifer Gardner (niece of Rhonda Bauer), Elijah & Daniel Lukavsky (nephews of Joanie Lukavsky, Tabitha Vaughan (granddaughter of Gloria Welp), Leon Kurt (father of Kerri Reed), Pat Kelly (brother of Teresa Stewart), Roxene Tedrow (sister of Rick Stewart), Jo Thornton (sister of Pam Rausch), Sara Ehler (daughter-in-law of Bill & Peg Ehler)

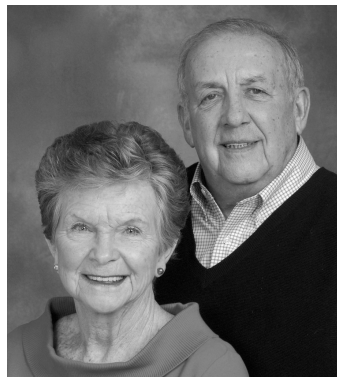
. . . For the repose of the soul of Pamela Banwell, daughter-in-law of John & Cassie Banwell, who died November 27th and comfort for her family.

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month




Norman & Esther Boyle
 December 12, 1953 — Married 65 Years
 St. Mary's Catholic Church, Stockbridge, Wisconsin



Ralph & Cindy Buchmeier
 December 7, 1963 — Married 55 Years
 Christ the King Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
 Monday, December 24th
 4:00 PM
 6:30 PM

Christmas Day
 Tuesday, December 25th
 9:00 AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Tuesday, January 1st, 9:00 AM



Giving Tree

Once again the Giving Tree is located by the courtyard doors of Skiff Hospital. It is decorated with scarves and mittens free for taking by anyone in need. The tree is sponsored by Sacred Heart Prayer Shawl Ministry and all items are handmade by the group. The tree will remain in place from November 30, 2018 to February 28, 2019 or while supplies last, whichever comes first.

Annual Consecration to Mary

On Friday, December 14 those renewing their annual consecration to Mary will meet in the chapel after the 9:00 AM Mass.

Are You Being Called to Serve the Poor of El Salvador?

The next annual mission trip to El Salvador is now being planned now. It is scheduled for March 17th through March 24th. There are many many ways to help if you feel called. First you can pray for the success of this work, or go on the trip to help serve there, collect needed supplies to be taken and distributed, help with the baby bundle project, make rosaries, contribute financially, help make wooden cars, gather beads for jewelry making, collect large suitcases or many other ways.

Please contact Lee or Veronica Mangrich if interested. Email us at lmangrich@gmail.com or leave a message at 641-792-0082

If you feel you want to go on the trip, please contact Lee and Veronica within the next 2 weeks for application and further details. Group tickets are being purchased now so there are limited seats available.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 15
4:00 PM

Lector: Fred Dimon Abbie Barr

Hospitality: Craig & Suzy Trotter
Steve & Mary Mullan

Extraordinary Ministers:

Deacon Joe	Francis Campbell
Eill Ehler	Kurt Funke
Cindy Humke	Meggan Machin
Ben Ringgenberg	Jeff Maki

Altar Servers: Ryan Barr
Ethan & John Valtman

Rosary: Steve McManus

Sunday, December 16
9:00 AM

Lector: JoAnne Price Jim Thorpe

Hospitality: Dan & Margaret Ellis
Lee & Veronica Mangrich

Extraordinary Ministers:

Deacon Joe	Terry Ulrich
Cody Muhs	Karen Hoffmeier
Barbara Gannon	Terri Ayres
Terry & Char Townsend	

Altar Servers: Owen Muhs
Nicholas Tremel Alex Riney

Children's Liturgy: Jill Ergenbright

Rosary: Joan Thorpe

Coffee Hosts: Knights of Columbus

Trivia Night

Call all Super Fans!!!
Show us your colors!!
Trivia Night returns
Saturday, January 26,
2019, at 7pm.



Come dressed as your favorite professional, college or high school themed team. Bring your own team of eight, or come alone and we'll team you up! Game questions are general knowledge and fun for all.

Tables of eight-\$100, Couples-\$25, Individuals-\$12.50.

Reserve your spot now by emailing Kathy Hammerly at stewardship@iowatelecom.net or Sheri Benson at slb04362@gmail.com.

Proceeds from the evening go to support the Sacred Heart Parish Charity Fund.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Collection For US Disasters

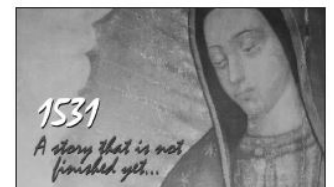
This weekend we take a special collection at the request of the American Bishops to assist Catholic Charities USA in responding to the many national disasters which have struck the United States and its people; flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, etc. Let us also offer our prayer for those who have suffered so greatly due to these natural disasters.

FORMED PICK

1531: A Story That is Not Finished Yet

Our Lady of Guadalupe Came to Change the World

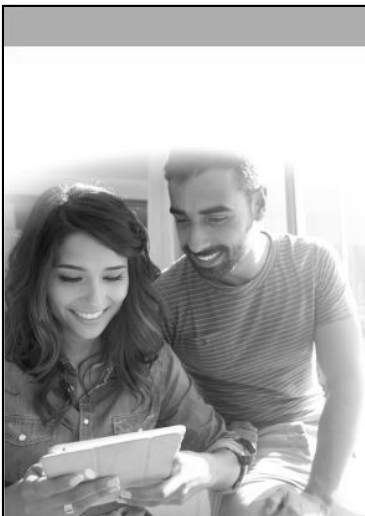
1531 shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet.



"This is a powerful story. Amazing."

— Constance A., Euclid, OH

Watch on formed.org





The Nature of Love

WHAT IT IS
&
WHY IT MEANS
EVERYTHING



WITH
KATIE PATRIZIO

FEBRUARY 16, 2019

4:00 MASS (SACRED HEART)
5:00 SOCIAL HOUR
6:00 DINNER
7:00 PRESENTATION

DMACC CONFERENCE CENTER
600 NORTH 2ND AVE WEST
NEWTON, IA

TICKET SALES START
JANUARY 5
\$25 PER PERSON
(INCLUDES DINNER)

PURCHASE ONLINE AT:
WWW.SHCNEWTON.COM

The Catholic Messenger



In *The Catholic Messenger* the week of December 6th:

- Speakers chosen to bring Gospel joy to Vision 20/20 convocation.
- Iowa's bishops issue letter on gun legislation.
- Organizations rally to keep winter shelter from closing its doors.
- Young adult Catholic Jourdan Reynolds shares his reflections on Advent.
- St. Mary-Davenport creates its own danza group to honor Our Lady.
- Two couples receive McMullen awards at St. Ambrose University.
- Exploring alternatives for fetal tissue in medical research.
- In response to global warming, the idea of personal sacrifice resurfaces.
- Belgian doctors to go to trial for violating euthanasia law.
- Pope meets with kids battling cancer.
- If gay priests, religious can't be celibate, they should leave, pope says.

Columns

- Fr. Bill Kneemiller: Family prayer part II.
- Tim Walch reviews book on Catholicism in the American heartland.
- Fr. Joseph Sia: Reflection on Vocations Awareness Week.
- Fr. Rolheiser: A lesson in a parking lot.
- Patrick Schmadeke: The treasures of the church.
- The Catholic Messenger Editorial: Make room at the inn.

Thank you for your support. Please let us know of any stories or suggestions you'd like to share with *The Catholic Messenger*!

Strong Catholic Parents/Raising Great Kids

- Wednesday, December 12 from 6 pm - 7 pm
- For all parents desiring to raise great kids
- Childcare for ages 1 to 4 years
- Facilitated parent discussion led by parents of our Parish
- Casual and supportive atmosphere



Did you know that when it comes to shaping values and attitudes about faith and life, parents whether they realize it or not, have a greater impact on their children than anyone or anything else? And, when asked about the most important influences in their lives, teens consistently list their parents as the people they look to for help, guidance and approval.

Our parish is pleased to offer a new way to support parents in this incredibly important role! On Wednesday, December 12 parents will gather in the adult room from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm for a facilitated discussion with other parents who share the same objective - to gain insights to help us become better parents and raise great kids! Strong Catholic Parents materials are from a program titled **LIVE CATHOLIC: Practical Ways to Build Strong Catholic Families.**

LIVE CATHOLIC is designed to provide practical advice and tips for making faith more concrete and ensuring that children have the tools they need to talk about God, understand God's love for them, and use that understanding in their daily lives. The videos are short—only about 10 minutes each!—to accommodate busy schedules and allow time for discussion and reflection.

Session 4: FAITH-SHARING AND PRAYING AT HOME – It can be hard to pray in a way that feels “right.” What’s authentic to us, and which prayers should we use? How do we make prayer a daily habit? Learn three ways to think about how we encounter and recognize God.

Come enjoy an hour of fellowship, discussion, and support!



Support the Retirement fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

SHARE Preschool

It's beginning to look (and sound) a lot like Christmas at SHARE Preschool as we work on our upcoming Christmas program. Here are some of the activities we will be doing in preparation:

- Making program invitations
- Pretend playing in Santa's workshop
- Creating Christmas cards
- Practicing for our Christmas program
- Making program decorations
- Reading Christmas books
- Learning the Christmas story



Dinner Time



"Come to the Table"

Are you feeling the stress of the season? There are parties to attend, plays and performances to watch, gifts to buy, and more. It's hard to slow down this time of year, but it is important to make time for family meals where you actually slow down, and enjoy each others company. When time is limited, its time to simplify the menu. This pizza recipe allows each family member to assemble their own dinner based on what they like. And each pizza only takes 5 minutes to bake! Serve with fresh sliced apples or pears and a glass of milk for a complete meal.

For Each Pizza

- 1 100% whole wheat flour tortilla
- 1/2 cup chopped vegetables of your choice (such as onions, green peppers, mushrooms)
- 1/4 - 1/2 cup meat of your choice (such as sausage, pepperoni, shredded chicken)
- 1/4 cup pizza sauce (or tomato sauce)
- 1/4 cup shredded cheese
- 1/4 tsp oregano

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place tortillas on a cookie tray. Top with sauce, vegetables and meat. Sprinkle with cheese and oregano. Put the tray in the oven and bake the pizza until the cheese is melted, about 5 minutes.

Vision 20/20

"On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." — Pope Francis, the Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium



Community Meals

The Community Meal will be held at First United Methodist Church this Wednesday, December 12th from 5:30—6:30 PM.

Menu this week is:

Hamburgers, Cole Slaw, Chips,
Christmas Cake & Beverage

This week's meal sponsored by Sacred Heart Church

Mass Attendance

Saturday, December 1st at 5:30 PM	157
Sunday, December 2nd at 9:00 AM	221

Poinsettias for Christmas

The church decorating committee asks for your support of the parish flower fund. The flower fund is supported by donations normally given for poinsettias in memory of a loved one. The flower fund will provide the poinsettias needed to tastefully decorate for Christmas, and the additional funding will support living flowers and plants needed to decorate the church throughout all the liturgical seasons. Please consider a donation to the flower fund in memory of a loved one this Christmas. As always, the name of your loved one, and the name of the donor will be announced in the bulletin.



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A thought or two on stewardship in the Sunday readings

In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

Thank You . . .

Sacred Heart Catholic Community:

Thank you for the thanksgiving wishes. I hope you have a great Advent and happy liturgical new year. Tell Fr. Reynolds he looks good in rose.

God Bless,
Isaac Doucette, Seminarian

Readings: December 10 through December 16:

Monday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Saturday:	Sunday
Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Tuesday:	Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	Friday:	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Who will promote the gospel in our community? (Luke 3: 1-6) If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Thom Hennen, diocesan vocations director at 563-324-1911, or write: HennenT@diodav.org.



Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Sacred Heart Church wishes to honor couples of the parish who are celebrating wedding anniversary milestones (every 5 years— 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and so on). Please complete the form available at the church office or on the website under “Family Life”. The deadline to be included in the bulletin is the 15th of the month before your anniversary.

According to one source, over 70% of Catholics give to support their church during their lifetime, but only about 6% make a gift through their will or other estate plans. Could you consider doing your part of remembering the Church in your final plans?

Happy Birthday

December 9:	Abigail Faidley
December 10:	Elaine Hammer Brian Van Beek
December 11:	John McMahon Meggan Machin
December 12:	JoAnne Price Marilyn Humke
December 13:	Margaret Ellis
December 14:	Jackson Riney Cade Smith

For Birthdays to be listed in the bulletin, you need to submit names and dates to Ann.

Annual Diocesan Appeal End-of-Year Payments


It is hard to imagine that the year end is rapidly approaching. The Davenport Diocese wants to remind everyone that their Finance Office needs your year-end Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) gifts/donations/checks postmarked by December 31, 2018 and received in their office no later than January 7, 2019, to be credited for the 2018 tax year.

Meditations

for Holy Hour Visits

“All my pleasure in this land of exile is that of having every kind of suffering found on the cross, deprived of every other consolation except that of the Sacred heart.”

— St. Margaret Mary Alocoque




Video-MAKING CONTEST

CALLING ALL K-12 STUDENTS!

- ▶ Make a 30-90 second video.
- ▶ Choose ONE of the following themes for your video:
 - a. What makes me proud to be Catholic?
 - b. What about being Catholic brings me joy?
 - c. In what ways can I share my Catholic faith with others?
- ▶ Video must be original. The Vision 20/20 song “Renew Our Hearts” may be incorporated in the video. The use of other copyrighted print, audio or visual material is not allowed.
- ▶ Join as an individual or a group.
- ▶ Submit your entry by January 15, 2019.
- ▶ The winning video will be showcased at the Diocesan Vision 20/20 Convocation in June 2019.
- ▶ The creator/s of the winning video will join Bishop Zinkula for a surprise event.

For more information and uploading instructions: www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-video-contest



Thanks to **Adam Otto** of **Otto Law Office PLLC** for being a bulletin sponsor. See ad on back of bulletin.



The Caring Chair

Sit down in the caring chair
Ease your burdensome load of grief work
Let these arms hold you
And give you a moment of peace

It's okay to be sad and to let the sadness show.
It's okay to be sad and allow the tears to flow.
It's okay to be sad and let other people know
That this is what you're feeling, and your life is at a low.

It's okay to be mad and want to shout and scream.
It's okay to be mad; you're allowed to let off steam.
It's okay to be mad; this is not an empty dream,
And the rage that burns inside you can come out and
be seen.

It's okay to be scared life without your mate.
It's okay to be scared when you ponder your own fate.
It's okay to be scared if you feel that there's a weight
That's pulling down around your heart as you
contemplate.

It's okay to be glad and remember good times past.
It's okay to be glad and hope those memories last.
It's okay to be glad and forget that life goes fast,
And hold on to each moment though your flag is at
half mast.



If you are admitted to a hospital please remember to inform the parish office so that parish staff can attempt to visit you. When you are admitted to a hospital please be sure to be identified as a Catholic at the time of your admission.



Are You Ill or Homebound?

Anyone who is ill or homebound please let me know so I can schedule a visit. Contact Lori Ward at 792-4242.

In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings, We return to the Lord:

December 1st & 2nd

Envelopes	\$ 4,232.00
Autoshare	\$ 2,177.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 167.17
Votive Candles	\$ 339.27
Sunday Coffee	\$ 37.50
Parish Charities	\$ 35.00
CHD	\$ 25.00
US Disasters	\$ 120.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Imm. Conception	\$ 65.00
Flower Fund	\$ 120.00

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below/ Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email jljwwme08@gmail.com



Prayer Chain

To have someone added to the Sacred Heart Prayer Chain, contact Marilyn Lamb at 275-0020, Mary Pritchard at 792-3518 or Theresa Stewart by e-mail: stewart4@iowatele.com.net. If no one can be reached, you may call Margaret Dimon at 641-521-9819.

Gospel Activity Page — Second Sunday of Advent

Coloring Page



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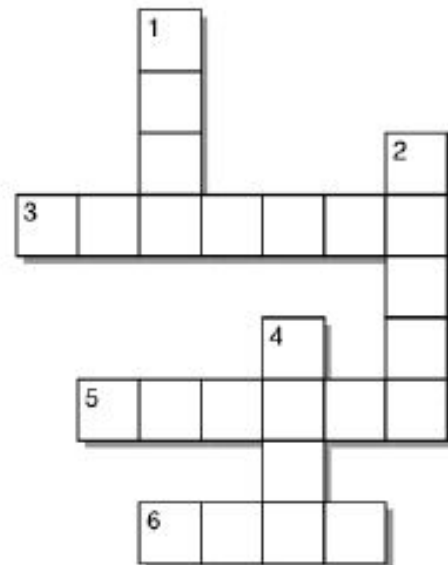
Crossword Puzzle

Across:

3. When we get ready for something we _____ for it!
5. Today is the _____ Sunday of Advent.
6. These are what separate us from God our _____! John preaches to repent and ask forgiveness for them!

Down:

1. The Gospel is the Gospel according to _____.
2. The tetrarch of Galilee in this Gospel.
4. _____ is the son of Zechariah in this Gospel.



Solutions in next weekend's bulletin.

Dear Padre,



Why doesn't the word immaculate also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, immaculate comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.



Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin in anticipation of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR

Ministry Schedule

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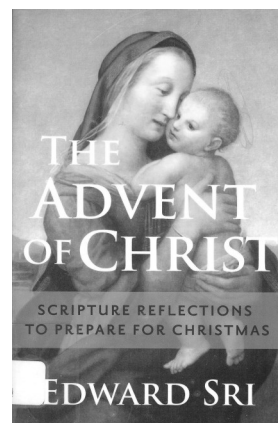
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The Advent of Christ: Scriptural Reflections to Prepare for Christmas by Edward Sri is a good way to begin this holy season of Advent. In this book Dr. Sri gives us meditations for the four weeks of advent and also Christmas week. The first week is "Setting the Stage: The Prophets and the Hope" The second week is "Serving God's Plan: St. Joseph, Zechariah, and John the Baptist". On the third week follow "Mary's Footsteps: Her Call and Her Journey of Faith." In week four we journey "From Nazareth to Bethlehem: the Joys and Sorrows of the Holy Family". In the week of Christmas we "Witness to the Mystery: The Shepherd, the Magi and Simeon". In each of these very brief mediations we read an appropriate scripture passage and comment and then a reflection.



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Good News!

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1–9; Phil 1:4–6, 8–11; Lk 3:1–6

Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to ad 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke’s explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never against nature, just beyond it.



Piece: *Virgin and Child Surrounded by Saints* (detail), 1537
 Artist: Marco Palmezzano
 Location: Vatican Museums

Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2– 9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed “among those born of women there has been none greater” (Matthew 11:11). “He was a burning and shining lamp” (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John the Baptist receded into the shadows.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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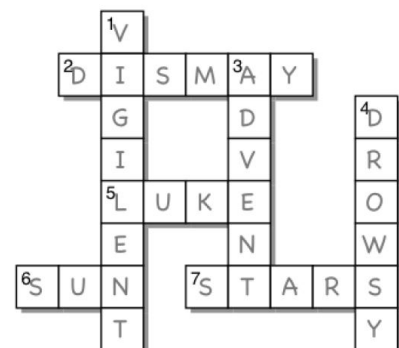
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Solutions to last week’s Activity Page

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