

Thank You to everyone who gave donations for Christmas Flowers and Decorations. Especially those in memory of:

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For Deceased Members of these families:

Andrew Bergfeld - Archie DeWald – Frank Gaffney - Gallo & Harrington – Halligan & Lombard – Hogan, Weiden, & Becker families – Ray Keppler - Frank Kolb – Herman Krebsbach – Joe Miller - James Moore - Napoli, Newton & Koch - Russo & Frazer – Stasi

For Living and Deceased Members of these families:

Cannon & Molinsky - Donlon & Thole - Hamilton & Winter – Hansen & Miculinich – Hedding & Weishaar - Joe & Herlinda Hernandez – McIntosh - McMillan & Byrnes – Pond & Rau - Rau & Arthaud - George & Donna Reed – John & Edna Riley – Shafer & Wahls – Sodini & Harmon - Suhr & Stannard – Trenkamp & Jasper - Wayson & Wingert & Scheckel

Living & Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Advent is the Promise of Holiness:

What the angel promised Mary, Jesus promises to every one of us. And Jesus says: “*Blessed is the fruit of your life.* You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.” (John 15:16) That is the promise of God himself. The fruit of our lives does not depend on how smart we are, how talented, or what opportunities we have. All we have to do is let Jesus work *with us, in us and through us* in our daily lives. At every moment of the day all we have to do is surrender. Like Mary: “Let it be done to me according to your word.” That is holiness.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

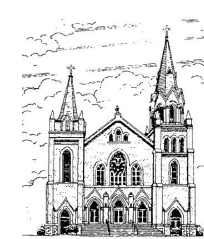


Sacred Heart Parish

“A Eucharistic Evangelizing Community”

December 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent



Leap for Joy in the Lord

Two miracles occur with two cousins. When the angel Gabriel visited Mary, not only did he tell her the good news that she was chosen to be the mother of God’s own Son, he also revealed to her that her cousin Elizabeth, who had been unable to conceive a child, was now also with child by the same Holy Spirit who conceived the child in Mary’s womb. Mary did not hesitate to travel by foot about 100 miles to visit her cousin and share the good news. At her greeting, the baby in Elizabeth’s womb, which was John the Baptist, leapt for joy, and Elizabeth stated that it was an honor to have the mother of her Lord come to her. She knew Mary’s news before Mary had even told her. John the Baptist’s first official act as a prophet of God was to leap for joy at the news of the coming of His Lord. May we, who share that same love and hope in our Lord, also leap for joy as we celebrate the birth of the Son of God.



Christmas Mass Schedule - Monday, Dec. 24: 4:00pm at SH
6:00pm at IC
Tuesday, Dec. 25: 8:30am at IC
10:30am at SH

Donations to the Parish - The 2018 calendar year is ending soon. All donations to the parish must be postmarked or delivered to the office no later than Dec. 31st in order to be included in your 2018 financial statement. Thank You!

Giving Tree - A Big **THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way with this year’s Giving Tree project. Many families in the Oelwein Community are being blessed by your work, thoughtfulness, and generosity this year.



Youth Choir - For the month of January the Youth Choir sings on January 6 and January 20.

Adult Choir - will have rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 24, at 2:30pm. We will sing carols before Mass starting at 3:30pm.

Retirement Fund for Religious - This is the final week to turn in donations for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Remember: Your donations provide care for our elderly sisters.

Have you been thinking about joining the Knights of Columbus? It is very easy to complete your first step on line now. Visit www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html and complete the information to start your journey into knighthood. Our council is a group of men that are dedicated to helping others. Our goals are to support our Community, our Families, and our Parish. We sponsor events that bring our community and families together such as “The Taste of Pizza” coming January 26th, where you can taste pizza, salads, and sandwiches from our local businesses for your “Super Bowl” Sunday. We sponsor the annual “Easter Egg Hunt” the Saturday before Easter. Our council sponsors scholarships for children of members of our council for higher education after High School. If you have any questions please call Mike Schulmeister at 563-920-8345 or Cory Michels at 563-920-1662.

SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec. 22	4:30pm	SH	Gerald Lamphere & Lucille Keppler
Sun. Dec. 23	8:30am	IC	Don & Thomas Even
Sun. Dec. 23	10:30am	SH	For the People
Mon. Dec. 24	4:00pm	SH	John Falck
	6:00pm	IC	For the People
Tues. Dec. 25	8:30am	IC	Jan Gunderson
	10:30am	SH	Carissa Smith
Thur. Dec. 27	8:00am	SH	Carla VandeVorde
Fri. Dec. 28	8:00am	SH	Tina Sodini Lawrence
Sat. Dec. 29	4:30pm	SH	Deceased of Stasi/Troupe family
Sun. Dec. 30	8:30am	IC	For the People
Sun. Dec. 30	10:30am	SH	Kimberly Ann Gibney, Jon Martin & James Kolsto
Mon. Dec. 31	4:00pm	SH	Wallace & Alberta Brecht
	6:00pm	IC	
Tues. Jan. 1	9:00am	SH	For the People

Confessions on Saturday are from 3:30-4:15pm.
Rosary is recited on Sat. at 4pm & Sun. at 10am.

December	Sat. Dec. 29 4:30pm	Sun. Dec. 30 10:30am
Mass Servers	Joseph Kalb Lucas Kalb	Alyssa Steil Alexis Steil
Music	Father Peters & Veronica Stewart	Father Peters & Cheryl Sill
Lectors	Alice Steinman	Olivia Yokas
Ministers of Hospitality	Joe Olson Barb Schoenjahn Brian Schoenjahn Ernie Steinman	Mike Hamilton Robert Hamilton Dawn Kendall Matt Vogel
Ministers of Hosts	Melisa Rau Jerry Marlow Christi Stecklein	Tammy Stasi Carol Paul Dan Sperfslage
Ministers of the Cup	Steve Rau TJ Stecklein Rita Thole	Teresa Loban Dennis Wolff Carol Wolff
Washers of Vessels	Melisa Rau Steve Rau	Tammy Stasi Teresa Loban
SCRIP Sellers	Jean Logan	Amy Recker Lindsay Rechkemmer
Rosary Leader	Anna Mary Harrington	Carol Hamilton
Video	Taper - Dennis & Lynne Koch	Player - Jake Blitsch



Our sympathy to
the family of
Erwin "Ollie" Fratzke

and to all who have lost loved ones

Mass on Friday, Dec. 28 will be at
8am because there is no school.

ASK FATHER

Question: Why do we have four Eucharistic Prayers, and what is the difference among them?

Answer: The Eucharistic Prayers developed in time. Eucharistic Prayer II was composed by Tertullian in the 3rd Century. Eucharistic Prayers II and IV come from the East, and Eucharistic Prayer I is linked to the pontificate of Gregory the Great (d. 604). Each has a unique emphasis and style. They are designed to highlight different dimensions of salvation history, while recounting the institution of the Eucharist. The Church developed these prayers, as Christ never left a set formula, apart from the Jewish ritual in which He gave us the Eucharist.



Father Ray Atwood, Pastor Deacon Jim Patera

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Wednesday Night Meals - The next meal will be on Wednesday, **January 9th** at the Columbus Club starting at 5pm. On the menu is **Meat Loaf**. Reservations would be appreciated by calling 283-1571 or 283-0562. Menu is subject to change.

Sunday Breakfast - Sunday January 13, Aurora Legion Hall, 8am-12 noon. Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs.

Oelwein Kitchen Cupboard - We are collecting canned Tuna for the months of December and January. Monetary donations are also accepted, drop in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Kitchen Cupboard".

Dear Families of Sacred Heart School,

I have accepted the resignation of our principal, Mike Ward, effective December 21. He has resigned for personal reasons. We are grateful to Mike for his service to Sacred Heart School and are sad to see him leave. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

The board and I, in consultation with the Office of Catholic Schools personnel, have created a transition plan. We are sincerely grateful to Father Beckman and the school board members at St. John School in Independence. They are allowing a part-time interim sharing arrangement for us and their principal, Mr. Jim Gieryng. We have begun the search process for a new principal but in the meantime, Mr. Gieryng will serve our school and its families.

Mr. Gieryng comes with very high recommendations and a strong background in Catholic school leadership, recruitment, marketing and curriculum. You will be hearing from him directly in the very near future. While he will not be here full-time, he is committed to making sure the needs of the students and staff are met. Mr. Gieryng will be outlining specifics about his plans for Sacred Heart, especially giving you information about how to contact him and the arrangements for onsite leadership responsibilities on days he is not physically present at Sacred Heart.

Let us pray that God sends us a strong leader for our wonderful school as we begin a diligent search for a good match for our needs.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Sincerely, Father Ray Atwood

Ministers	Mass Servers	Music	Lectors	Ministers of Hospitality	Ministers of Hosts	Ministers of the Cup	Washers of Vessels
Mon. Dec. 24 4:00pm	Brady Burkhardt Tony Koch	Adult Choir	Larry Murphy Steve Bradley	Carol Hamilton Joe Olson Cheryl Roth Ernie Steinman	Todd Bradley Heather Bradley Christi Stecklein Virginia Larimer	Sandy Steil TJ Stecklein Marsha Yokas	Todd Bradley Sandy Steil
Tues. Dec. 25 10:30am	Damon Melchert Joslynn Melchert	Father Peters & Veronica Stewart	Nancy Kastli Olivia Yokas	Todd Kastli Mike Hamilton Robert Hamilton Matt Vogel	Mike/Sharon Rettinger Eileen Koob Carol Paul	Dennis Wolff Carol Wolff Diane Hall	Mike/Sharon Rettinger Dennis Wolff
Mon. Dec. 31 4:00pm	Brady Burkhardt Lola Ciesielski	Veronica Stewart	Ellen Gaffney	Carol Hamilton Mike Hamilton Chuck Geilenfeld Barb Geilenfeld	Kathy Lenth Steve Rau Linda Ridihalgh	Matt/Diana Stewart Tammy Stasi Melisa Rau	Kathy Lenth Matt/Diana Stewart
Tues. Jan. 1 9:00am	Not needed	Mary Schubich	Alice Steinman	Todd Kastli Ernie Steinman Paul Ryan Cheryl Patera	Barb Vandersee Karen Cannon Carol Paul	Teresa Loban Mike/Sharon Rettinger Steve Bradley	Barb Vandersee Teresa Loban