

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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December 26, 2021

We are a community of believers,

Led by the Holy Spirit,

To make present the Kingdom of God,

Through prayer, study and action.

MASS TIMES



Holy Ghost Church 2921 Central Ave Sat., 4:15pm; Sun., 9:30am Daily Mass: Mon., & Thur., 7:30am



Holy Trinity Church 1701 Rhomberg Ave Sun., 8:00am Daily Mass: Tue., 7:30am



Sacred Heart Church 2215 Windsor Ave Sat., 4:00pm; Sun., 11:00am Daily Mass: Wed. & Fri., 7:30am

RECONCILIATION

Holy Ghost: Sat., 3:00-4:00pm Sacred Heart: Sat., 3:15-3:45pm Friday after 7:30am Mass Holy Trinity: Sun., 7:15-7:45am

BAPTISMS

Call the parish office to schedule a baptism class.

WEDDINGS

Contact the parish office at time of engagement.

SICK, HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOMES

Contact the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, and home visits.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to become a member of Holy Spirit Parish, please call the parish office.

The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.

From the Pastor

Feast of the Holy Family

There he sat....

At the time of the Gospel story Jesus is twelve years old. The family had gone up to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.

Passover lasted eight days, along with the customary celebrations. There was a great procession to Jerusalem, with many villages represented. They all watched out for each other's children.

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus did fine with the big holy days. Even with the reading of the Haggadah, especially with the Seder Meal and its special foods, songs, and customs. This last was the focal point of the Passover celebration. As expected, Jesus, obedient, stayed with his parents. The savory and pungent odors sought him out, even though mixed with human and animal fragrances and with the dust of Jerusalem, ancient even then.

Soon it was over. Imagine reassembling the caravan and putting everything in order. But the procession was like a huge family. So you knew your child would be with friends or relatives when he was not by your side.

Road dust, camel sniffables, and so on, now dominate. It was a happy time, recalling the festivities, remembering the earliest acts of God on behalf of his people.

Then the sun began to sink and families came together for sleep. "Joseph, I think we should look for Jesus. He is probably talking with his friends as usual."

Little did she know.

No relative had seen him anywhere. Last sighted the day before.

In Jerusalem.

Mary's heart must have broke. What mother on earth cannot imagine it. Missing child. My child. Gone.

They scoured the cramped city. Day One, looking everywhere, no sign of him. They sleep an hour or so. Day Two, searching everywhere, asking everyone, following every trail. He was not there. Images of kidnapping, slavery, terrible accidents, and so many more hovered just beneath their consciousness. Somehow they trusted.

Day Three. To the temple, this time finally daring in their panic to enter directly into the utterly private rooms where teachers and Rabbis debated minor and major points of scripture. No regular people were allowed there, especially poor travelers.

There he sat. Perfectly at home for these three eternal days, the twelve year old, questioning teachers and answering them. Imagine his parents. "Son, how could you? How could you?"

His answer was odd and we are told that Mary pondered it in her heart for years to come. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Was this reply preposterous? Obviously he needed a good spanking if he thought desertion of his parents was perfectly fine.

Yet think about it. He did not come to earth in order to be Mary and Joseph's child. Just the opposite. Mary and Joseph came into earthly existence to prepare this boy for his role as the adult son of the Father of all things. Every family's duty is to send their young children out from home when they are approaching adulthood. In this case, even at twelve years old, he was showing how God interacts with the world.

(This weekend's reflection is offered by Fr. John Foley, S. J. He is a composer and scholar at Saint Louis University)

THANK YOU! Many thanks to those who offered greetings, kind words, and gifts during the Christmas Season—may your kindness be returned to you many times over. Please know of my continued prayers for all of you and I wish everyone a peace-filled and prosperous New Year!

I also want to thank the many volunteers who helped with setting up all of our Christmas decorations this yearwonderful job by all! And too, I want to thank everyone who helped out with our liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Awesome job despite the ongoing challenges of these COVID times! I believe we offered a very fitting celebration to God on the Feast of His Son's Nativity. May God bless you for your efforts.

WELCOME FR. VU! In lieu of Fr. Mark Kwenin leaving our parish to return to Ghana, we are grateful to have a supply priest to assist with Masses at our parish as we will be without an associate moving forward. Beginning next weekend, Fr. Dustin Vu will be assisting with weekend Masses and Monday weekday Mass. We welcome Fr, Vu to our parish community and thank him for his willingness to help us out.

--Fr. Steve



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Harold Breitsprecker. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family and friends.

Fr. Steve, Fr. Mark and the parish staff wish you a



SOLEMNITY OF MARY

(not a holyday of obligation this year)

Friday, December 31st Vigil Mass
5:30pm – Holy Trinity

Saturday, January 1st
9:30am – Holy Ghost

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At Holy Spirit Parish



Holy Hour with Night Prayer at 7 pm in Sacred Heart Church for the Divine Mercy Chaplet along with night prayer. Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.HOLYSPIRITDBQ.ORG

Religious Education

Religious Education: There will be no class on Wed., Dec. 29. Class will resume on Wed., Jan. 12.

The Summer Religious Education students are meeting January 2 at 10:00 -11:15am in the Cathedral Center.

Confirmation Preparation: Our next session is Sunday, Jan. 9th at 9:15am in the Sacred Heart church basement. Confirmation sponsors are encouraged to attend with the candidates.

**Please contact Cassie at dbq059ff@dbqarch.org if you have any questions.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, December 31.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED: New Year's Eve/Day sheets may be found at the back of the church. Please sign your name on the day/Mass you are available or let Patrick know. Thank you, God Bless!

SH ENVIRONMENT: After many faithful years of serving the environment of Sacred Heart. Nicole has asked for someone to take her place as head of environment. Please let Patrick know if you are interested.



Beauty Exciting News ~ Holy Spirit Parish will be In Christ hosting the 2022 Virtual Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference, Beauty in

Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation, on Saturday, January 29, right here in Kriebs Hall. For all the details (whether interested in attending in person or from home) and how to register through our parish; please contact Raegan at 563-583-1709 or dbq059s2@dbqarch.org. We hope you'll save the date and plan to join us!



KIDS (AGES 6 & UNDER)

Brother Francis

· Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism



YOUTH (AGES 7 & ABOVE)

The Suitcase

· A Story about Giving by Jane Meyer



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- 3. Enter your name and email.

THAT MAN IS YOU. Men 18 and older, start the new year right with That Man is You. The spring semester starts January 22 and runs through the end of April. We meet Saturday mornings at 6:30am in Holy Ghost Church basement with breakfast at 6:45am, followed by a video and discussion and we always finish by 8:30am. This spring will feature a variety of national speakers on the theme of Thy Kingdom Come. You can attend one session or you can attend them all. Please join us this spring. Any questions, call Jim at 584-2227.

"Wall of Giving" Fundraiser: The concept is simple - each envelope on the wall has a specified dollar amount. Pick an envelope, insert the corresponding dollar amount into the envelope, and place in the offertory collection or return it to the parish office. This fundraiser will directly benefit the programs of the parish committees.

2021 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE. If you want to have a donation included on your 2021 statement it needs to be in the office by Wed., Dec. 29.

Stewardship of Treasure

Budgeted weekly contributions needed	\$19,930.00
Dec. 12	
Adult budget	\$20,295.16
Offertory	
Total	\$20,849.17
Thank you for all your support!	

YOUTH TIME & TALENT

Helped with Fair Trade—Julia
Helped with advent wreath—Grace
Sang Alleluia—Tommy
Sing in choir at church—Raychel
Helping other people—Olivia
Praying for my family and friends—Brynn

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Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30 AM HG Joe Hudspeth

Tuesday, Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30 AM HT Tom Lochner, Bob Hughes, Arnold Auderer,

Reisch & Oglesby families Wednesday, Dec. 29

7:30 AM SH Mary Glennon

Thursday, Dec. 30

7:30 AM HG Jim Baal

Friday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:30 AM SH Tressel & Joe Bauer families

5:30 PM HT Urban & Elda Uthe, Sr. Angel

Saturday, Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:30 AM HG People of Holy Spirit Parish

4:00 PM SH Lucille Brimeyer

4:15 PM HG Ben & Phyllis Roth

Sunday, Jan. 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM HT Paul Behr

9:30 AM HG Phil Wulfekuhle

11:00 AM SH People of Holy Spirit Parish

Kid's Corner





Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk

2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

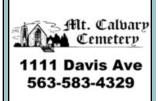
2022-23 New Family Enrollment Opens Jan. 31 at Holy Family Catholic Schools. Priority enrollment is given to members of Holy Family's supporting parishes. For more information or to schedule a personal tour of a Holy Family Catholic school, visit holyfamilydbq.org/visit.

2022-2023 Preschool, Pre-K, and Pre-K Plus Enrollment. New family enrollment in three-year-old preschool or four-year-old pre-K will open at Holy Family's five early child-hood sites on Monday, Jan. 10. Priority enrollment is given to children who are registered members of one of Holy Family's supporting parishes. Please contact Director of Enrollment Rebecca Mueller (rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org, 563-582-5456) or Holy Family Early Childhood Program Director Lis Ernst (<a href="mailytearly-length-l

Community News

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS. On Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Dubuque, the archdiocese is hosting a Holy Hour for Vocation 7 pm. One of our seminarians from the archdiocese will give a witness talk at this event. All are invited to attend and pray in support of vocations. We hope to see you there.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Upcoming experiences. February 11-13th in Ankeny; April 23-24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.





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