



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
- Lk 1:41-42

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Church Of All Saints

Mass

Wed.-Fri. 8:30 am, Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:00 pm

Baptisms: Call or stop in the office to give information and schedule the date and time.

Marriages: Contact The Church of All Saints six months ahead of your wedding.

Ministry to the Sick: Inform office if home bound parishioners would like to receive communion at home.

Church Office Hours:

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Tues.-Fri..

All Saints Prayer Chain: Call Carlene Lemon

with prayer requests (524-3235).

St. Vincent Catholic School

2981 Plank Road, Keokuk, IA 52632-2399
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School Principal:

Shari Bozorgzad (524-5450)

Parish Council Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

All Saints Council Members:

Gabe Capaldo- President
Mindi Davis- Vice President
Dian Schleier- Secretary
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Mark Heston
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St. Joseph

Mass

Tuesday at 5:30 pm and Saturday at 6:00 pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment

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Parish Council meetings for St. Josephs are held on the 2nd Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:00 pm.

St. Joseph's Council Members:

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Mass Intentions**All Saints, Keokuk**

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 2021

8:30 am † Martha Barcliff

THURSDAY, December 23, 2021

8:30 am † Joan Logsdon

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

4:00 pm † Christmas Flowers

6:00 pm † Christmas Flowers

SATURDAY, December 25, 2021

9:30 am † Christmas Flowers

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

8:30 am † Tony Cetta

10:30 am † People of the Parish

St. Josephs, Montrose

TUESDAY, December 21st, 2021

5:30 pm † Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, December 24th, 2021

8:30 pm † Christmas Flowers

SUNDAY, December 26th, 2021

9:30 am † Rev. Marty Goetz

All Saints Financial Update

For Sunday November 14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$3389.43
Offertory:	\$208.50
Building Fund:	\$690.58
Other:	\$530.16

Total: **\$4,818.67**Needed: **\$8,000.00**

Checks to Ladies Of Charity: \$120.99

Check to Limited Resources: \$67.19

Checks to School's Plural: \$2155.00

July 2021—October, 2021Parish Income **\$92,742.39****St. Joseph's Financial Update**

For Saturday December 11, 2021

Sunday Envelopes **\$389.00**Offertory: **\$6.00**Total: **\$395.00****July 2020—June, 2021**Parish Income **\$54,429.07**Parish Expenses **\$36,118.98****Readings for the week of
December 19, 2021****Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45**Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38**Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a, 3a]/Lk 1:39-45**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66**Friday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79**Saturday: Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52**Special Musical
Presentation****CHRISTMAS EVE**

Please join us from 5:30 – 6 pm on Christmas Eve for a special presentation of Christmas music by the choir, soloists and instrumentalists. Enjoy the Sounds of the Season while preparing your hearts to worship the newborn King.

Gifts for Baby Jesus

On Christmas Eve, leave a gift for baby Jesus at the Nativity for Birthright of Keokuk. Gifts will be collected January 9th. Needed items are diapers (sizes 2,3,4... no size 1 please), winter clothing and snowsuits (sizes newborn to 9 months), small toys, board books, baby wash, baby lotion, etc. NO receiving blankets please.

Decorating All Saints

Please come on out and help! Decorating will be taking place 1:00 pm this Sunday, Dec. 19th.

Take-down of Christmas décor will take place on January 9th at 1:00 pm

Advent Confession**St. Joseph, Montrose**

Sunday, December 19th

1pm 2pm & 3pm on the hour

All Saints, Keokuk

Wednesday, December 22nd

Penance Service: 6:30 pm

Epiphany**Blessing of the Home**

Join us (All Saints & Saint Joseph's) on the weekend of January 2nd for the blessing of Epiphany Chalk on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Blessed chalk can be taken home and used to bless your home. Pamphlets will be given out explaining how this can be done in each home as a family.

Christmas Flower Memorial

Please get your Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes in the collection basket on or before December 19 or in the parish office before December 21. Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be offered for the Christmas Flower Memorials and the people of the parish. If you did not receive an envelope, you may write your name and the names you want to be remembered on the Christmas memorial list and put it with your donation in an envelope. Please put that envelope in the collection or mail it to the office.

Ramblings of the Pastor

A woman went to buy stamps for Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk? "I didn't think about that. Well, give me 20 Catholic stamps and 20 Methodist stamps." Christmas is almost here and it can get a little hectic for us all. The prophet Micah gives assurance that from the unimportant village of Bethlehem, God will bring his greatest gift. In this busy season we need to seek that greatest gift, Jesus. Take time like Elizabeth to seek Jesus and who found him in the unexpected visit of her cousin Mary. Jesus may come in the least expected person we meet. Also let us bring Jesus to others as Mary did in the Gospel to Elizabeth. Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Salvation came 2,000 years ago and is still here for us to discover. This Advent and Christmas make sure to find Jesus and bring Jesus in the many people you meet this season. The nicely wrapped gifts are nice but what we all need is appreciate the people around us and God in our life. Rejoice, Christ is here!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please take extra care to note that Christmas falls on Saturday this year so there are some changes to our normal Mass Schedules

Mass Schedule for St. Joseph, Montrose

Christmas Eve: 8:30 pm (No Mass Saturday)

Solemnity of the Holy Family (Dec. 26): Sunday 9:00 am

Mass Schedule for All Saints, Keokuk

Christmas Eve: 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day 9:30 am (No Confession or 4:30 pm Mass)

Solemnity of the Holy Family (Dec. 26): Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

*Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need - Amen*

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ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL Calendar

Monday, Dec. 20th

Christmas Break! Hooray! No School

Tuesday, Dec. 21th

No School

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd

No School

Thursday, Dec. 23rd

No School

Friday, Dec. 24th

No School

Merry Christmas Eve!!!

Spirit Day - Please bring 50 cents on Fridays if you wear blue jeans with your spirit shirt. If you prefer, you can pay \$16 for the whole school year.

Collection will go to a charity at the end of the school year. Thank you.

Please have students wear tennis Shoes on Mon., Wed., and Fri. for P.E. classes.

A Very Merry & Warm Christmas to all!

Shari Bozorgzad School Principle and St. Vincent School Faculty and Staff!

Administrative Assistant Opening St. Vincent School

If you or anyone you know is interested in the position, contact school principle Shari Bozorgzad 319.524.5450 The position is available immediately, and Tammy's last day is December 17,2021

Christmas Break... When does it end?

School is set to resume bright eyed and bushy tailed on Monday, January 3rd, 2022. Excited to see everyone after a great holiday!

Schools Plural Goal

\$70,000.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$29,347.00

AMOUNT TO GOAL

\$40,653.00

SCRIP IS BACK!

Now Available at Church after Masses when sellers are available!!!! Holiday deadline is over but we will still have scrip for your everyday needs:)

St. Joseph's Corner

Reflections of the Parish Life Coordinator

A few brief announcements: please check out the Christmas Mass Times below Fr. Dave's Column on page two! Also on page two bottom center is listed many opportunities for Confession. What an excellent way to prepare for the advent of Our Blessed Lord than coming to Confession.

My family and I want to wish you a very merry Christmas. We have many years of family traditions, memories, and warmth created around the holidays, we are blessed to share them with the St. Joseph family this year.

The past several Fridays it has been up to Fr. Dave and I to reflect on the reality of the Holy Family during our Adoration series. For me this has been a great project and has really shown me a real depth into each person as I completed research and much reading. There are a few things that I think are worth highlighting from all that we have shared over the past three Fridays as we look towards the great solemnity of Christmas.

As you study the Holy Family one of the first things you will realize looking into Sacred Scripture is that there really isn't a lot on the early years aside from the Nativity of Jesus, flight into Egypt, & return. Another thing you will notice in Matthews Gospel is that every time we find St. Joseph though he does not speak, he is usually sleeping. Funny enough there are statues dedicated to a slumbering St. Joseph. Pope Francis has one on his desk! The most interesting perspective I found is one shared by many saints particularly St. Josemaria Escriva in observing the silence over a majority of the life of Jesus. In a word, living an ordinary life with Mary & Joseph. Some call this the "Making Holy" of ordinary life and ordinary things. I like to try to imagine a simple day spent at the household of Mary & Joseph. Laughter, work, prayer, and play. Things that we all should find important these days as we come closer to the holidays of Christmas and Mary the Mother of God.

Decorating St. Joseph's

Decorating of the Church will take place Monday December 20th at 4:00 pm come on out and help! Many hands = light work

Welcome!

Please welcome Sara Vigen who is newly contracted to deepen and enliven our liturgy with organ and cantor music.

All Saints ADA Goal

Thank you for your generous response to the request from Bishop Zinkula to make a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

We are now at \$39,433.00 or 88.56% of our parish goal of \$44,525.00.

For those who have not returned their pledge envelope, please consider making a donation.

We will meet our goal quickly when you respond sooner rather than later!

All Saints Christmas Mass Ministry Schedule Signup

Christmas sign-ups are available on the back table! Please help out! Liturgy schedules for November/December have been sent to the emails and have been printed for the back table of the church.

Reminder

Contributions to the Church and School need to be received by Monday, December 27th to be included on your 2021 contribution statements. Thank You!

Cookie Sales

Thank you to all the people that baked cookies and bought cookies. We realized a profit of \$940.00. Merry Christmas to all!

-Jeanene Breitenstein

Giving Tree Announcement

You may have noticed that the giving tree was missing this year, not to worry! We have not forgotten our nursing home family. All Catholics have been remembered and have been recognized with warm Christmas greetings. Looking to revive this excellent Christmas Tradition next year!

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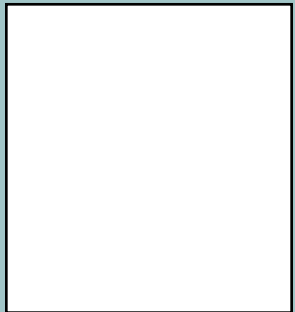
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