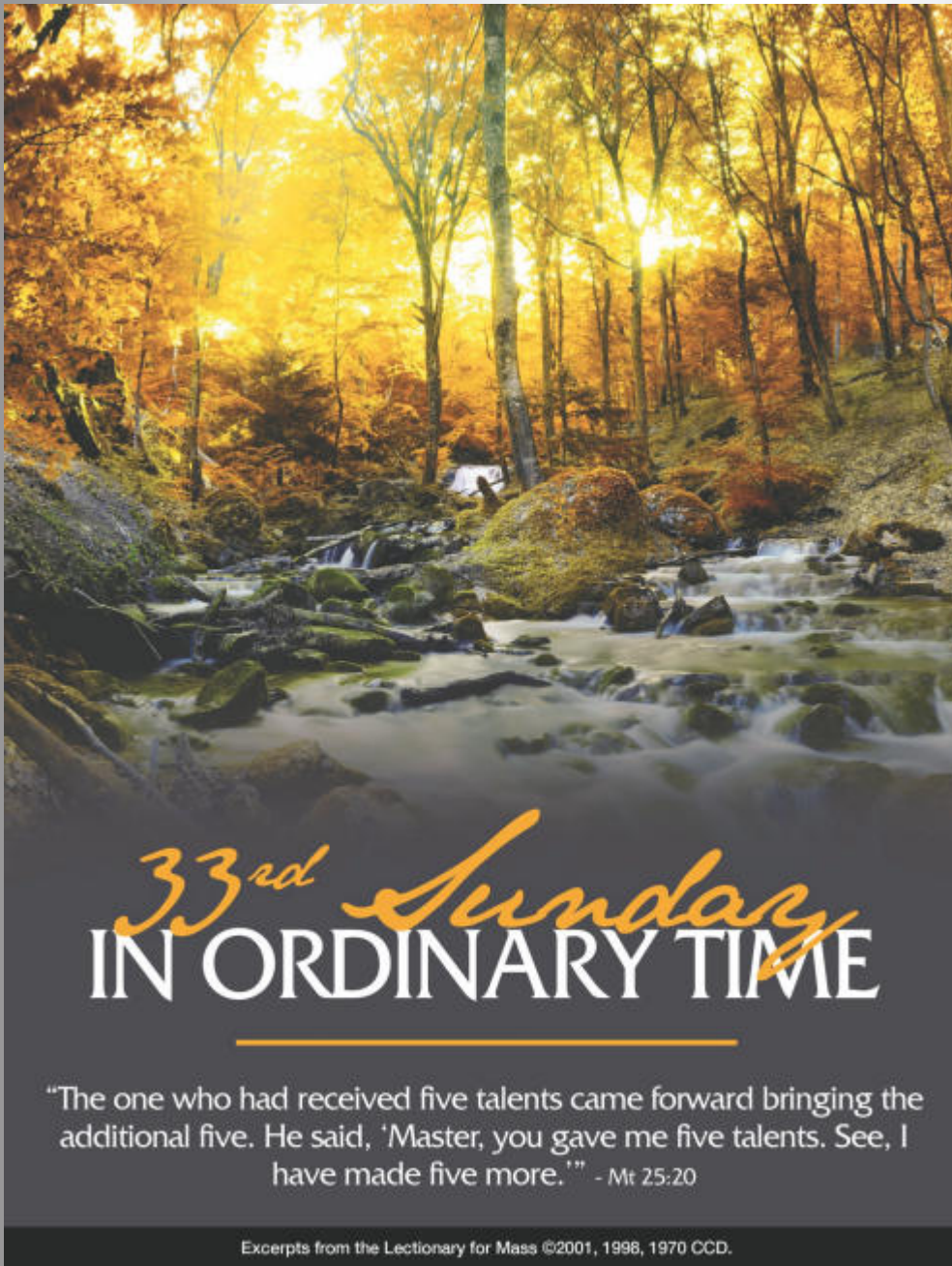


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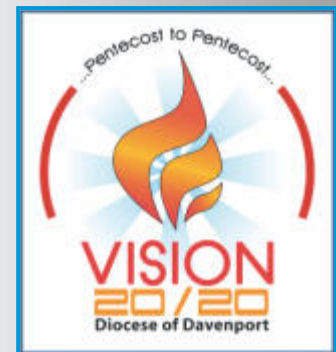
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Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

ORDER OF MASS

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the Lord,
who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4a, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen

Concluding Rites

The Advent Wreath

Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the month of December leading up to Christmas Day. Although Advent wreaths are very popular, you may not be aware of the rich meaning and symbolism embedded in this tradition. If you learn this meaning, you can appreciate it all the more!

Advent candles demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Human history spanned long ages shrouded in the darkness of sin before Jesus would finally make his appearance to free us. As the Messiah's coming draws nearer, another candle of the Advent wreath is lit, dispelling the darkness a little more. It also reminds us that, as Catholics, we're meant to shine the light of Christ in this world. As Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us, a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life, which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

The wreath traditionally holds four candles, which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000

years that humanity waited for the world's Savior, from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament. Some Advent wreaths also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day.

The color violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, also called "little Lent," is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ's birth, and just as the whole world does now as we eagerly await his promised return.

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the coming birth of the King of Kings.

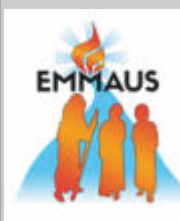
Hopefully, you now understand the meaning of the Advent Wreath a little better. Having an Advent wreath in your home, and using it to focus your prayer and meditation on welcoming Christ Himself into your heart, is a great way to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas.

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Iowa priest and Ghana native, Fr Francis Odoom, will inspire you with real stories about the transformative gift of water to his homeland made possible through the generosity of Iowans. Listen to firsthand reports from users of these wells in Ghana. A gift basket of hospitality will be extended to each family who registers for this virtual event to be held on Friday, Nov 20 from 7-8 pm Call 563-659-2991 or email Michele.Traver@thrivent.com to register and receive event details, Zoom meeting ID, and password. No products will be sold.

Important Message to Pastoral Councils

Members of the Holy Family Cluster parish councils please attend the next meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 pm. Every member of each parish council should attend this zoom meeting with Bishop Zinkula and Dan Ebener..



The Emmaus Initiative is a way to interact with others in small group discipleship, walking closely together and learning more about yourself, your faith, and your friends. It is based on the "Discipleship Quad" program from Franciscan University at Steubenville, and the Davenport Diocese has materials available to help you set up and organize your own groups. All materials are found on the Davenport Diocese's website: www.davenportdiocese.org. If you don't have access to the Internet, we can get those materials to you. All materials can be adapted to meet your needs. Wherever your faith is, it can always grow, and by journeying in faith with others, you not only grow yourself, but you can help foster greater faith in Christ through each other. So please seriously consider taking part in the Emmaus Initiative.

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 11/17

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm forever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

Wednesday 11/18

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of
the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to
meet Christ.

Thursday 11/19 and Friday 11/20

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not
of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every
place.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick, and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren you did it for
me.

From Words Among Us

At OLHR and SSPJ, Reconciliation will be one
hour before the mass and at SH Reconciliation
will be one hour following mass.

**Bulletin Due Dates—Nov. 29 bulletin infor-
mation is due Nov. 19 by noon.**

From OJ -Thank you to all who participated in
the memorial candle-lighting ceremony on All
Saint's Day. Those candles will be used through-
out the year in remembrance of our family mem-
bers who have passed.

Cluster Parish Prayer List

- 1. Our Shepherds:**
Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel
- 2. The Aged & Infirm:**
 - Melvin Duwa, Dorothy Hasenmiller, Gloria Kage-
mann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
 - Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck,
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Stevenson

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 11/14	05:00pm	Lost Nation	Dave Eganhouse
Sunday 11/15	8:00am	Grand Mound	Marilyn Rock
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Monk & Marguerite Coon
Tuesday 11/17	8:00am	Grand Mound	Rev. Raymond Hannigan
Wednesday 11/18	5:00pm	Grand Mound	Jessica Vance
Thursday 11/19		Lost Nation	Scott Benischek
Friday 11/20	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Glen Regennitter
Saturday 11/21	05:00pm	Toronto	Jim Wisor
Sunday 11/22	08:00am	Grand Mound	Richard Schwien
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Ray & Helen Koppes

Pope Francis Prayer Intention For November

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

- Sunday** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30
- Monday** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46


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