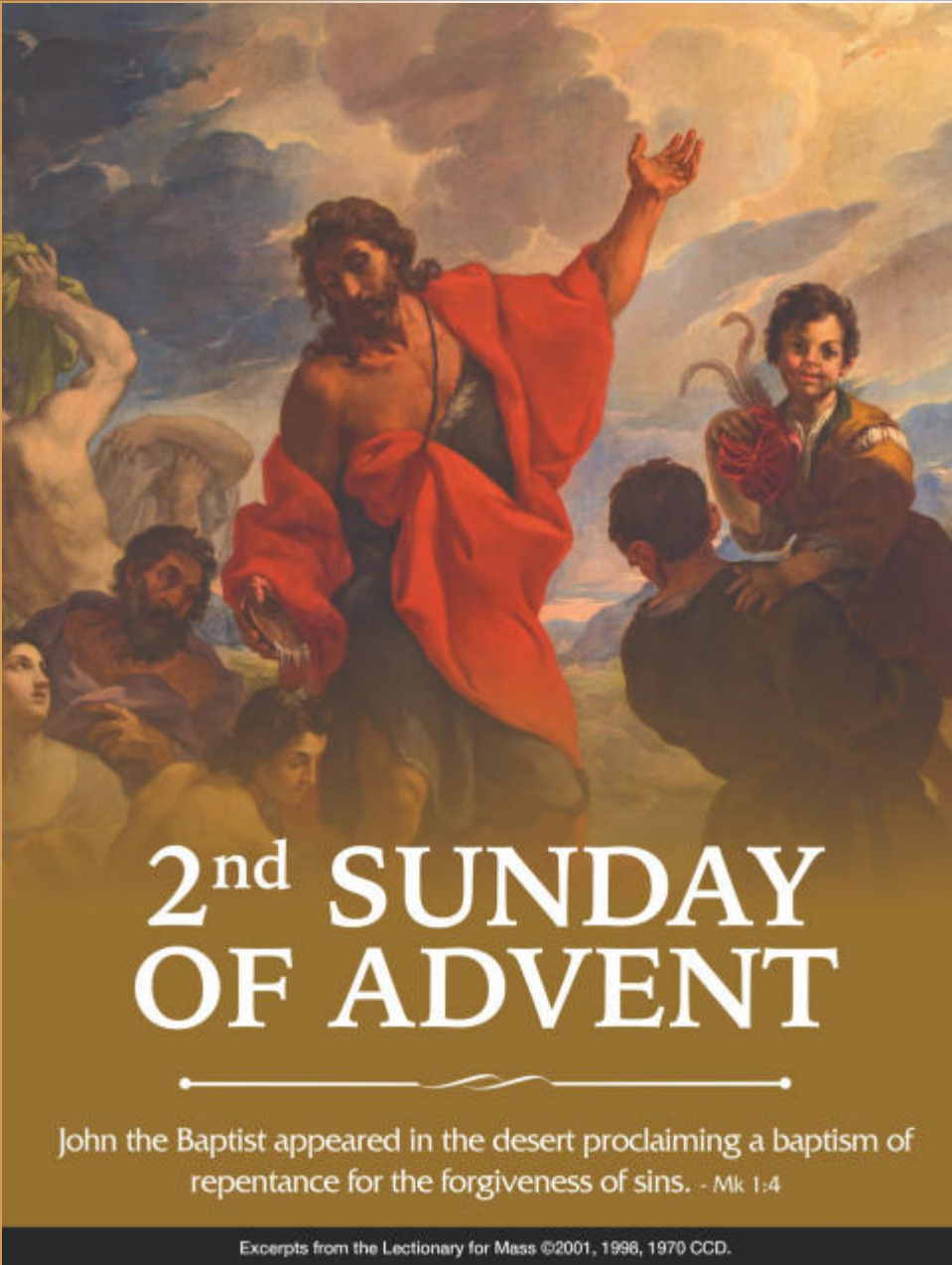


# Holy Family Parish Cluster

## Sunday, December 6, 2020



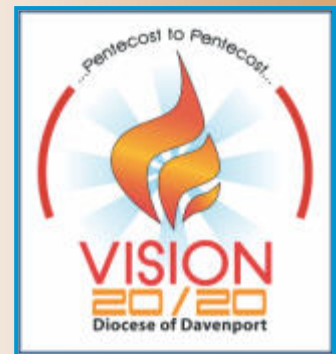
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Bulletin Deadline

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

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### 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 [Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11](#)

### Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14](#)

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the Lord—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The Lord himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

## Second Reading [2 Peter 3:8-14](#)

### Gospel Acclamation [Luke 3:4, 6](#)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel [Mark 1:1-8](#)

### 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 Gift of Reconciliation

For many of us, Christmas will be a little less lavish than it has been in years past, and we might find ourselves bemoaning that fact. Sometimes we get carried away with lights and parties and flashes of this and that, and we forget the real meaning of Christmas: the promise of the Messiah, who came to heal us, to save us, and to teach us how to live. We are called, especially during this Advent season, to transform ourselves to meet the Lord and become what He has planned for us to become.

Advent is an invitation to change our lives. It is a time of looking into our hearts, looking at what is there and determining where we are to grow if we are to achieve eternal life. One of the hardest things in the world is perhaps to change our lives. In today's gospel we're told, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Mark 1:3) This is a call to straighten ourselves out because it is God himself who comes to walk down the straight path and into our hearts.

God can change our lives if we heed what He tells us. For example, all of the readings today talk of repentance. One of the best ways we can make straight our path is to tell God how sorry we are for having offended Him and turn to Him in love, taking the opportunity this Advent to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God is waiting there to offer us His forgiveness. In Confession, we hear Christ himself speak to us through the priest that our sins are forgiven, and we are to go and do better, which is the best way to prepare ourselves for Christmas. Receiving this grace from God will transform us and make us holy so we will be prepared to meet Him whenever that may be.

Sadly, because of the rising COVID numbers, there will be no in-person communal penance this year. However, Father Francis is available to hear confessions an hour before weekend Masses at OLHR and Ss. Philip and James, and an hour after Mass at Sacred Heart. He is also available before and after daily Masses as well. If however, we can't do that because we are not venturing outside our homes because of the pandemic, we can still repent. When we are alone in our cars or at home, we can say our sins out loud, lamenting the ways in which we have failed to live up to our connection with God and then finish by praying a heartfelt Act of Contrition.

Jesus came to live among us on earth more than two thousands years ago, and his return is imminent. Every week we recite these words in our Creed: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." That means that at the end of time there will be a final reckoning in which we all will be held accountable for how we lived on this earth, and as hard as it might be to hear, there will be consequences for our actions and those consequences could be eternal.

This Advent, let's all plan on giving ourselves the very best Christmas gift ever, making a good Confession. It only costs a little of our time, but it will make our Christmas more joyous, grace-filled, and meaningful. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great way for us to heed the call of John the Baptist, and "Prepare the way of the Lord"!

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team

### Virtual Advent Recollection

Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm, you are all invited to our Cluster Virtual Advent Recollection! A recollection is intended to be a personal encounter with God often characterized by meditation, silence, reflection, and prayer. This Recollection will be presented on zoom. Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing the office. The zoom app can be downloaded on a computer or phone very easily. If you do not have zoom and would like to get it set up, please send your email or your cellphone number to [grandmssphilipjames@diodav.org](mailto:grandmssphilipjames@diodav.org) and we will get you set up.

Please note mass time change on Wednesday this week. Mass will be at 8:00 am instead of 5:00 pm.

At the request of Bishop Zinkula as a member of the U.S. Bishop's Conference Subcommittee on the Church of Africa, there will be a special collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa TODAY! Please be generous!

CONGRATULATIONS to SSPJ's 8 young people who will make their 1st Reconciliation this week. Please continue to pray for them as they begin to prepare for their 1st Communion.

The Thrivent Community—Mississippi Valley invites you to donate paper products for the DeWitt Referral Center holiday food boxes. Items being collected are toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels. Please bring items to the office at 908 6th Avenue, DeWitt. Donations are being collected until Dec. 14. Thank you!

The St. Philip & James Social Action Committee will have its annual collection of hats, mittens, scarves and boots through Sunday, December 15, 2019. New and hand-made items only please! These items will be distributed to the Calamus-Wheatland and Central DeWitt Community elementary schools before the Christmas break. A basket will be in the back of the church. As always, thank you for your generous donations!

Sacred Heart Guild will meet on Monday, December 7, at 6:30 pm in the church library. Remember your mask and no lunch will be served.

Sacred Heart is collecting hats, head bands, ear muffs, scarves, mittens and gloves to be given to the elementary school at OJ after school begins in the new year. Please bring your new or hand-made items and place them in the basket at the back of church. Thanks in advance for your generous donations!

## WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

### Entrance Antiphon

#### Tuesday 12/8

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

#### Wednesday 12/9

In your strength, O Lord, the just one rejoices; how greatly your salvation makes him glad! You have granted him his soul's desire.

#### Thursday 12/10

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

#### Friday 12/11

The Lord chose him for himself as high priest, and, opening his treasure house, made him rich in all good things.

### Weekly Recessional Antiphon

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

From Words Among Us

### Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Website - <https://www.chmiowa.org/retreat> and click on the Retreat Calendar on the left-hand side for more details, or call 563-336-8414 or email [olpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:olpretreat@gmail.com)

#### **December 8 | 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

Free Online: Mary & Me: Integrating Mary's Magnificat—Leaders: Sr. Linda Greenwood, OSF and Ms. LeiLanie D'Agostino.

### **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 Kagemann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Stevenson

## MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 12/5	05:00pm	Toronto	Charlie Burke
Sunday 12/6	8:00am	Grand Mound	George Green
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
Tuesday 12/8	8:00am	Grand Mound	Maher Family
Wednesday 12/9	8:00am Note time change!!	Grand Mound	Hubert & Yvonne Green
Thursday 12/10	5:00pm	Lost Nation	Esther Benischek
Friday 12/11	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday 12/12	05:00pm	Lost Nation	Dave Eganhouse
Sunday 12/13	08:00am	Grand Mound	Sandy Crosthwaite
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Lawrence, Chuck, David & Dennis Koppes

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention For December

#### **For a Life of Prayer**

**We pray that our personal  
relationship with Jesus Christ be  
nourished by the Word of God and a  
life of prayer.**

### DAILY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

- Sunday** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
[8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Monday** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-  
14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10  
[1]/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-  
13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf.  
Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday** Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt  
13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,  
51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn  
1:6-8, 19-28


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