



December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

Join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Memorial Walk

"In Honor of" or "In Memory of" Luminary Bags can be purchased for \$5

For sale after Masses on December 11-12th and 18-19th

The display will be set up outside of DMCC on Christmas Eve from 5-10pm.

This event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus #889 with all proceeds benefiting the Sister Parish in Panajachel, Guatemala.



Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is also the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. How appropriate to celebrate this fiesta of love and liberation while the church throughout the world is invited to rejoice in the new things God is doing among us!

The celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the Third Sunday of Advent creates a unique invitation for our own time. Our turmoil includes a pandemic and its attendant economic and social disruptions, increasing numbers of people on the move seeking a way to survive, and the church's 2022 road toward creating a religious culture of synodality that can teach us to appreciate the diverse experience and insights of all who are called together by Christ.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
12 Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18	Num 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23
6:00 am OLG Mañanitas DMCC 8:00 am Mass DMCC Mark Isaacson † 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Robert & Edward Johnson † 12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Ramiro Mata † 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Parish 7:00 pm BA Christmas Concert IC 7:00 pm Beau Chant Concert DMCC	6:45 am High School Bible Study IC-TC 12:00 pm Bulletin announcements due to Bulletin Editor. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. 5:00 pm Reconciliation DMCC 5:30 pm Mass DMCC Emil & Besie Ziskovsky *	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Walter Nelson † 9:00 am DMCC Quilters IC-TC 10:00 am Pleasant View Estate Anointing Mass 2:00 pm FCTV Mass from previous weekend: Consolidated Communications channel 10, Charter channel 181 3:00 pm Cantor Practice IC 5:30 pm PPC Exec Meeting DMCC-NAR 7:00 pm Son's of Thunder Men's Bible Study DMCC-Farmhouse	8:30 am Mass IC Gary Beucler † 10:30 am Mass IC Patrick Rath † 5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB-Atrium 5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 MSB-Atrium 6:00 pm Confirmation DMCS-CAF 7:15 pm High School Youth Group DMCS-CAF

Locations Key

DMCC—New Site (SFC—St. Faustina Commons; BDR—Bishop Dudley Activity Room; JP II—John Paul II Portico; NAR-Narthex); HOG—House of Gratitude; DMCS—Divine Mercy Catholic School; GYM—DMCS Gym; IC-Immaculate Conception; KC—KC Hall; MSB—Mother Samuel Building; TC—Tomlinson Center (youth room) MCF—Minnesota Correctional Facility PLM—Pleasant Manor



Message from Father Cory Rohlfing

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Mary was "full of grace," as the archangel Gabriel said.

- •She was like a glass that was filled to the very brim no leaky holes from original sin, and no spills from personal sin.
- •God gave her this special privilege because he had assigned her a special mission to be the mother of Christ and the mother of the Church.
- •We have not been given that same privilege, because we don't have that same mission.
- But we have been given a mission, each one of us is called to know, love, and follow Christ in a completely unique way.
- •And so we have also received God's grace, and we continue to receive it.
- •If Mary was "full of grace," we are "being filled with grace."
- •The more aware we are of this grace, the better we can collaborate with it, and being aware of it means knowing what it looks like.

God bless,

Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30	Gen 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	Mic 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
8:30 am Mass DMCC Sue & Jim Reuvers † 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB-Atrium 5:00 pm Jensen/Rohlfing Wedding Rehearsal DMCC 7:00 pm Prayer Group DMCC	7:45 am St. Anne's Choir Practice DMCC-BDAR 8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Dan Culhane † 4:00 pm Jensen/Rohlfing Wedding DMCC	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Dan Culhane † 9:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 4:00 pm Mass DMCC James Braun †	8:00 am Mass DMCC Parish 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Lambert VanHaren + 12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Jose Mario Arevalo + and Claudia Arevalo + 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Joyce Brazil +

PreK-Grade 12 Education

2022-2023 BA/DMCS New Student Applications Now Open - BA and DMCS are excited to welcome new student applications for the 2022-2023 school year! Find the link to our online application on the admissions/enrollment pages of our websites at www.dmcs.cc or www.bacards.org.

BA/DMCS Tours and BA Student Shadow Information - Family tours are offered Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm at both Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (PreK-Gr 5). Contact Ginger Van Hecke at DMCS or Kris Sauer at BA to schedule a tour. Student shadow days now offered Tuesday-Thursday at Bethlehem Academy for students entering Grades 6-12. Sign up under the Enrollment tab on BA's website at www.bacards.org.

Bethlehem Academy is Hiring! Interested in a part-time position? Bethlehem Academy is currently hiring a BA van driver for daily student transportation. Email Principal Mindy Reeder (mreeder@bacards.org) for more information. We also have coaching openings in track and field and fastpitch softball and are looking for people to officiate junior high basketball games. Please email athletics@bacards.org if interested.



Ministry of Mission and Outreach

Pastoral Care/Mission and Outreach

Last chance for Advent Day of Prayer at the Franciscan Center – Prior Lake is December 15. Just as you plan for shopping and decorating, think of scheduling a day of prayer in preparation for the coming of Christ both in our world and in your heart. Register online at www.franciscanretreats.net or by calling at 952–447–2182.

Joy Spreaders:

•Christmas Cookies for the Homebound: Thank you, CCW women, for the Christmas cookies, baked, bagged, and delivered to all our Catholic residents at the two nursing homes and six assisted living facilities. May God bless you abundantly for this gift of your time and talents. (They are still in the process of being delivered to the homebound by those who visit them.)

•Students at Divine Mercy:

-Thank you for the angels, created by the Divine Mercy Students, under the direction of Divine Mercy Art Teacher, Lynette DeShane. These angels are now gracing the window and doors of residents at nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Faribault.

-Thank you for the nativity door hangers (Kindergarten), painted Christmas trees and three dimensional Santas (1st grade), hanging tissue paper Christmas trees (3rd grade), and thanks to those classes whose gifts will come to us after the bulletin has gone to press.

-Thanks for those classes who have already been joy spreaders during September, October, and November.

<u>Cookie Delivery</u>: BeFrienders and Homebound visitors, please stop at DMCC as soon as possible to pick up cookies to deliver to those you visit. They will be in the freezer.

<u>Christmas Support</u>: If anyone wishes to support seniors or families during the Christmas season, you can drop off gift cards for gas, groceries, Wal-Mart or Target at the church for Bernadette or Sr. Kathleen to organize for distributing. Thanks to those who have already dropped gift cards or cash to buy gift cards. Thank you for spreading much needed Christmas joy.

<u>Penance Fair</u>: Thank you to all who gave their services to assist in a smooth flowing Penance Fair. We rejoice that so many parishioners were able to take part in the reconciliation event during the Advent Season.

<u>Let us remember in prayer</u>: Ashley Miller Carlson, grandniece of Linda Clausen, has completed her earthly journey. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Respect Life

And so we wait but soon the birth of our little Savior Jesus Christ will be at the forefront of our minds as we eagerly await his coming in just two short weeks. Mary and Joseph, dear parents of the holy Child Jesus, intercede for us that we may be a good example and bring up our children in the love of God. Help us to teach them a genuine respect for the elderly, the less fortunate, the physically and emotionally ill. Help us to teach them to pray and keep Jesus close to their hearts as they grow day by day.

Thank you so much to all who donated baby items to Pregnancy Options. Many items were delivered and they are very grateful. God bless you all!



Pregnancy Options Life Care Center is always in need of donations; call the center for more information! Diapers are always needed! www.pregnancyoptionsfbo.org - (507-332-7644)

DMCC Quilters need people to help tie beautiful quilts. Easy work, fun group! We meet on Tuesdays from 9-11 am at IC-TC.

CCW

THANK YOU to all who donated, packaged, and delivered cookies to Catholics in nursing homes, senior care facilities, and homebound. Nearly 150 bags of homemade and purchased cookies have been delivered. This is one way to let these special people know they are remembered by our parish.

We are called during this special season of Advent to open our hearts to serve the Lord. Each of us can reach out to those who are struggling.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas. Christmas gifts for children and grandchildren of those in need will be distributed in December, call 507-334-2100 for more information.

Happenings

Did you know...before merging to become Divine Mercy Catholic Church, all 3 Faribault parishes had groups who were making quilts! This tradition has continued on with a group meeting at IC church on Tuesday mornings to this day. The making of the quilts does not all happen on those Tuesday mornings at IC. Some volunteers cut the squares at their homes, and others take the squares and sew them into the quilt top. At the church, a group of women (men are welcome) tie the quilts. The final binding is done by 1 or 2 individuals in their homes. A few quilts are sold at Spirit Fest each year, with funds going to CCW who purchases the batting and other supplies needed. Other quilts are donated to Appalachia, St. Vincent de Paul, foster children, Hope Center, or other identified needs in our community. A few other quilts are also donated for silent auction fundraisers in the community. Thank you to all work behind the scenes on this beautiful ministry of our church.

Cemetery

Please remove all decorations/personal items from cemetery sites for the winter months. The cemetery is not responsible for broken or damaged items. We need to remove snow for burials and are unable to see items covered in snow.

No plastic, glass, or fabric items allowed. Items found will be removed immediately. Questions, call 507-330-0248.

Sons of Thunder

Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM at DMCC Farmhouse

Men of the Church,

You are invited to join a men's group formed to help us grow in our walk with God, to answer His call, and to give us an opportunity for fraternity. We call ourselves Sons of Thunder. This was the name Jesus gave two of his disciples, James and John (Mark 3:17), when he appointed the Twelve. This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

What to expect: Opening Prayer, Reading of following Sunday's Mass Readings, Refreshments, & Fraternity.

Please plan on joining us for about an hour or so. After closing prayer, we will have refreshments and social time.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ministry of Communion

Adoration Chapel

The chapel continues to be open daily, but is now closed from 12MN-6 a.m. If your hour went away, please consider helping us fill the below hours or an hour in most need of prayer partners over the win-

Current available hours:

Friday 2-3 p.m. (prayer partner needed)

Saturday 1-2 p.m.

Saturday 8-9 p.m.

Sunday 1-2 p.m.

Please contact Libby at 507-331-0860 if you can take an hour.





Seven Sisters Apostolate-**Praying for our Priests**

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus.

Ministry of Administration

Stewardship of Tithing: Financial Gifts

Envelope/Plate Contributions: Envelope/Plate Contributions:

Automatic (ACH) Contributions:

A friendly reminder for the United for our Future Campaign, please designate on your check or envelope that the money is going to "United for our Future" or new school building project. Thank you!

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others -educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

- •All bulletin submissions for the December 26 bulletin must be made by 8 am on Thursday, December 16.
- •All bulletin submissions for the January 2 bulletin must be made by 8 am on Wednesday, December 22.





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