




THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

- Jn 1:14

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Wishing you the love Jesus, Mary, and Joseph knew on that first Christmas night. May you and your loved ones share peace and happiness with each other.

May those experiencing sickness, distress, or sorrow know healing. May all of us live in love with each other.

May every blessing of this Holy Season be yours. With gratefulness for your faith, generosity, and support throughout the year, we wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and Merry Christmas.

You have a special remembrance in my Christmas Masses, and in my daily prayers throughout the year.

Fr. Phil Thompson

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Financial information for December 19 is not available due to early Christmas bulletin publishing deadline.

Coins for a Cause

December 19 & 26 **Iowa Veteran's Welcome Center**

January 2 & 9 **HACAP Homelessness Programs**



To be included on your 2021 year-end statement, donations must be received by **December 31**. Donations received in the parish office

by December 31 (the office closes at noon that day) or in the collection basket at 4:30 Mass that evening will be counted as 2021. Donations received after that time, even if the check is dated December 31 or in a 2021 offering envelope, will apply to 2022.

Stewardship forms were mailed to all parish households in November. Please verify your current contact information and make any needed changes, including updated email address and cell phone numbers. Mark the ministries you would like to be a part of, even if you are currently serving. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure.

FORMATION



A SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR THE NEW YEAR

January 19-April 7

Wednesdays at 7:30pm or Thursdays at 10am
Part one of the study will be January 19—February 24
Part two of the study will meet March 2—April 7

*Contact Tony by **January 6** to register*

Support for the divorced or divorcing

Surviving Divorce is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 12-week process of healing, hope, and support. Sessions will be offered on Mondays, January 17 – April 11 2022 from 6-7:30pm at St. Ludmila.

For more information, contact

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Maureen Gaeta—mmgaeta15@gmail.com

Anthony Lavorata—formation@crpiusx.org

or call the parish office at 319-393-4445

PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, December 26
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses in the church

MONDAY, December 27
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meeting in Pius Hall

TUESDAY, December 28
6:00 a.m. Men's Group in Pastors Hall
No Mass or Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY, December 29
No Mass
No Religious Education classes or Youth Ministry

THURSDAY, December 30
8:00 a.m. Mass in the church
10:00 a.m. Epiphany setup in Pius Hall
7:00 p.m. Glory rehearsal in the church

FRIDAY, December 31
4:30 p.m. Holyday Mass in the church

SATURDAY, January 1
9:00 a.m. Holyday Prayer Service in the church
9:30 a.m. Coffee & donuts in Pius Hall
No confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass in the church

PRAYER LINE: Contact Glenda Hutton-Stejskal
gc7t@yahoo.com or (319) 329-0006

Pancakes next weekend!
KCs will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, and beverages next Sunday, January 2, from 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. in Pius Hall.



GAME NIGHT Friday, January 7



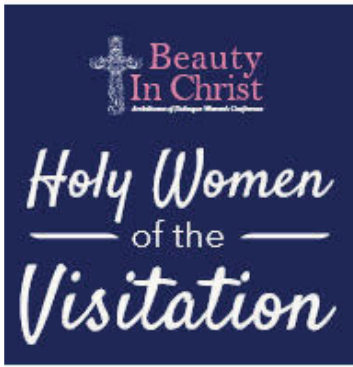
For families and tabletop players all ages
Bring your favorite game or try something new.
6-8pm Pastors Hall

Contact Tony for more information 393-4445

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 26

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
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 2:1-12

ARCHDIOCESE of DUBUQUE | 2022 Women's Conference



January 29, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Confirmed Speakers:



Liz Kelly
Talks will be available in English and Spanish

Emily Jaminet



This year's virtual conference enables women to participate from the comfort of their own homes or to gather in parishes to experience our virtual conference together!

www.ArchWomensConference.org

IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8:30am & 10:30am Masses 8:30am KC breakfast 3pm Epiphany concert & social	January 3 No Mass Parish offices closed 7pm Boy Scouts	January 4 8am Mass	January 5 8am Mass No Religious Ed or Youth Ministry	January 6 9am School Mass	January 7 8am Mass 11am Adoration 6pm All ages game night	January 8 3:30pm Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass
January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 8:30am & 10:30am Masses 9:40am First Eucharist parent meeting 10:30am Children's Liturgy 11:30am Environment & Art	January 10 No Mass 7pm Boy Scouts	January 11 8am Mass 7pm Parish Council	January 12 8am Mass 6pm RE classes 7pm First Eucharist parent meeting 7pm Youth Ministry	January 13 9am School Mass 6:30pm RCIA	January 14 8am Mass 11am Adoration	January 15 10:30am Baptism class 3:30pm Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27—ST JOHN

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28—HOLY INNOCENTS

No Mass

WED., DEC. 29—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

No Mass

THURSDAY, DEC. 30—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. *Special intention (JM)*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31—MASS OF NEW YEAR

4:30 p.m. *Special intention (MS)*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 a.m. Prayer Service

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:30 p.m. *Presider intention*

Servers: Sadie Takes, Lily Proskovec

Lectors: Chris Cummings, Charlotte Martin

Musicians: Sue May, Jenny O'Donnell

Lead EM: Dan Stabile

Ushers: Frank Morosky, Les Plendl, Steve Schrader, 2

SUBS

Greeters: Sue Schollman, Carl & Sandy Senica, Takes family, Proskovec family, Mary Lou & Darrell Williams

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 a.m. + *Theresa Swiderski*

Servers: Leah Nguyen, Maya Nguyen

Lectors: Jim Klauser, Deb Owen

Musicians: Steve Schatz, Joe Nguyen

Lead EM: Robert Wilson

Ushers: Dick Dvorak, Leonard Olson, Donald Williams, 2

SUBS

Greeters: Marie Brown, Ron & Rosemary Hackman, John Neyens, Phyllis Seidl, Joe & Heather Nguyen

10:30 a.m. *For the Parish*

Servers: Daniel Roche, Mckenna Huntington

Lectors: Chad Huntington, Anne Parker

Musicians: Sandra Pickart, Paige Diebold

Lead EM: Anne Thing

Ushers: Dave Diebold, Dave & Willow Schillig, 2 **SUBS**

Greeters: Laura Diebold, Guerpo family, Mahoney family, Mary Swiderski, Charlotte Schillig

**This minister list is as of noon on December 17.

SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH

MCO will be closed for Christmas break from Friday, December 24th through Sunday, January 2nd.



Two weeks ago, multiple states in the South and Midwest experienced devastating tornadoes, which destroyed entire communities. The loss of life is heartbreaking and the grieving families and communities are in our prayers as they face the long road of recovery and rebuilding ahead. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro, one of the hardest-hit regions, noted in an email that "at least four of our parishes were damaged, some heavily so...Many of the parishioners from St Joseph in Mayfield (heavily immigrant community) were out cleaning up and assisting people before the National Guard got there." At this time of giving, and remembering all those who came to our assistance after the derecho, you may be moved to reach out to help others now. To support local disaster recovery efforts through Catholic Charities, please go to donations@CatholicCharitiesUSA.org, and donate individually.



Join us as we March for Life and Equality in the Womb on January 22. We will meet at St. Matthew First Avenue parking lot by 9:15am. We will have signs available for your use as we march to Planned Parenthood. Once there we will pray and witness for an end to abortion. The Return March starts at 10:30 back to St. Matthew where in the lower level (Kern Hall) we will warm up eating some delicious chili and have a rally from 11:10-11:40 featuring Bernie Hayes. Those who are unable to march may drive and join in also. Another option is to join the Adoration and Rosary that will be led by the Archdiocesan Council of Women (ACCW) at St. Matthew Church from 9:30-10:30.

Questions? Sue Martinek 319-270-0054

**EQUALITY
BEGINS IN
THE WOMB**

Contributions for poinsettias were received in memory of:

Sandra Cook

Gary Henning

Joe Hartogh

Florence & Pete Saller

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Pickart family

Deacon Lanny Peterson

Robert Wilson Sr.

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Marv & Brenda Martensen

Alex Auld

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Frank Sr. & Theresa Swiderski

Cal Basile family

Richard P. Schmitz



LITURGY

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Church has always venerated Mary as the Mother of God. It is most fitting that this particular liturgy is celebrated on the octave day of Christmas, during a season that revels in the coming of the Word, made flesh in the Virgin's womb.

We will celebrate this holy day on Friday, December 31, at 4:30 p.m. (vigil Mass) and Saturday, January 1, 9:00 a.m. (prayer service).

Servers, Ushers, Greeters, and Eucharistic Ministers are needed! Please contact the Liturgy Office (liturgy@crpiusx.org or 393-4445 ext.111) or sign up on the Liturgy bulletin board in the Gathering Space.



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Deacon Al Scharosch

SCHOOLS

St. Pius X Early Learning Center.....200-4546
Director: Connie Schulte

St. Pius X Grade School.....393-4507
Principal: Stephanie Sears

Regis Middle School.....363-1968
Principal: Josh Gredys

Xavier High School.....294-6635
Principal: Angela Olson

METRO CATHOLIC OUTREACH.....739-5490
CATHOLIC CHARITIES.....364-7121

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am—4:00pm
Parish Registration: Contact the office to set an appointment.

Baptism: Pre-baptism class required;
call the parish office 393-4445

Marriages: Contact Anthony Lavorata at least 9 months before desired date.

**We Come Bearing Gifts
Epiphany Concert**

Sunday, January 2, 2022
3:00 p.m.

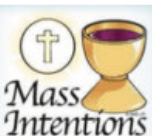
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Free admission.
Refreshments following the concert.

Everyone is welcome to "come bearing gifts"
of a monetary offering or non-perishable food item
for Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO).

Children's Liturgy of the Word returns January 9.

We will ease back in with once a month sessions during the 10:30a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is for students in K-5th grade. They leave after the opening prayer to meet in Pastors Hall and have their own kid-friendly readings, psalm and homily and then return to the church during the money collection. Children older than 5th grade can assist the leader by being a time-keeper and those in 3rd grade and up can volunteer to be a reader. Contact the liturgy office if you are interested in helping.



Masses can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one, in celebration of a special event such as an anniversary, or for a special intention. Call the parish office to schedule. There are many open dates in 2022.

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