

We are the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Church, a multi-cultural Catholic Christian parish in Ottumwa, Iowa. We are growing in commitment to Christ, proclaiming the Good News and offering charity to all.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (English) 4:30 PM

Sunday (English) 9:00 AM

Sunday (Spanish) 12:00PM

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Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00 to 4:00
PM Saturday, or by appointment.

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Third Sunday of
ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS AND CALENDAR

Saturday December 12, 2020

- 1:00pm SMV Our Lady Guadalupe Spanish-Bob Carr
- 3:00pm Reconciliation
- 4:30pm (SMV) Mass–Walter Stegemann

Sunday December 13, 2020

- 9:00 am SMV English Mass– Larry Radosevich
- 12:00pm (SMV) Spanish Mass– For the Parish
- 12:45pm Eng. Classes

Monday December 14, 2020

- 5:15pm SMV No Mass

Tuesday December 15, 2020

- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass–Vincent George
- 6:30 SMV Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday December 16, 2020

- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass– Vincent Zerngast

Thursday December 17, 2020

- 5:15pm SMV No Mass
- 6:00pm English Classes

Friday December 18, 2020

- 5:15pm SMV Spanish Mass–Jose Luis Rodriguez Diaz

Saturday December 19, 2020

- 3:00pm Reconciliation
- 4:30pm (SMV) Mass–Ted McNulty

Sunday December 20, 2020–

- 9:00 am SMV English Mass– Vincent T. Haas
- 12:00pm (SMV) Spanish Mass– For the Parish
- 12:45pm Eng. Classes

December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

All of the people in today’s readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Quarantined

All of St. Patrick’s masses are currently postponed until further notice. Thank you for understanding

The Catholic Messenger Advent

On Gaudete Sunday, we light the rose (pink) candle on the Advent Wreath and shift our reflection from “the lord is coming” to “the lord is near.” we are more than halfway to Christmas Day!



12/13/20 Sunday 9:00am

Lector : James Wessling

Euch Min: Mary Conlon

12/20/20 Sunday 9:00am

Lector: Mary Jo Kight

Euch Min: Bruce Conlon

Christmas and New years Mass Schedule

Thursday December 24th Christmas Eve

3:00pm Mass (Please Reserve a Pew)

5:00pm Mass

7:00pm Mass

Friday December 25th Christmas

10:00am Bilingual Mass

Friday January 1st 2021 The nativity of the Lord

10:00am

FINANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 29, 2020

Total Deposit	\$6,301.11
Envelopes	\$3,602.00
Offertory	\$502.91
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Vanco online donations (E-Giviing)	\$2,194.20
Weekly amount needed	\$7,900.00

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Oct 20’-Sept. ‘21 Goal	Paid to Date	Amount Under
\$54,470.00	\$16,434.00	\$29,274.00

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



Pastor's Pen

With the pandemic still happening, only a third of the pews are open for worshippers. This creates a challenge for Christmas Masses.

Christmas Eve Masses will be a 3, 5 and 7 p.m. (We have permission this year only to begin Masses at 3 p.m.) Those attending the three o'clock Mass must reserve pews. I don't think that the 5 nor 7 p.m. will be full. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE 3 P.M. MASS, CONTACT ME WITH THE NAME OF THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY AND NUMBER IN THE FAMILY. Also, the 5 p.m. Mass will air on the parish Facebook. Families can spend Christmas at home and watch the Mass on internet. There will not be singing at Mass but Dennis will play the organ. There will be 10 a.m. bilingual Mass on Christmas morning.

Many Catholics go to confession during Advent. With the pandemic, communal penance services will not happen. I hear confessions on Saturday from 3-4 p.m. I will be available for confession on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 1-2 p.m. and Dec. 23 from 6-7 p.m. Also, you must go behind the screen and not face to face. There is a kneeler, and chair if you need to sit down.

We will decorate for Christmas on Sunday, the 20th after the 12 p.m. Spanish Mass, about 12:45 p.m.

Fr. Jim

Seton Scrip Promotion - HyVee will be doubling the amount it gives back to Seton from December 10-24. That means every Hy Vee Scrip purchase in that timeframe earns the school 6% back. Please stop at the school office to purchase your Scrip cards for all your Christmas gift giving and shopping needs!

Did You Know?...

The priest is united to the Eucharist in such a unique and exceptional way that he receives a "specific sacramental identification" with Christ, which this enables him to offer the holy sacrifice in the person of Christ.

Join Liturgy Training Publications on Tuesday evenings from 6PM-7:30PM from November 24th – December 15th for *Living the Sunday Word: Reflecting as a Virtual Community*. These weekly sessions will break open the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday of Advent. There is no cost for the Advent series.



Religious Education News...

SECOND YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

2nd Year Confirmation students, your new books are ready to be picked up!

Look for a Remind notice.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICE:

If you have questions about the Flip Grid program we are using this year for Religious Education please give Gail Bates 641-682-0320 or Lisa Canny 641-682-4496 a call. If you need help in Spanish call Fr. Jim or Alicia at the St. Mary's Office 641-682-4559. We are all glad to help you.

We hope that you and your family enjoy these programs together!

Baptism Certificates: We have to have a copy of ALL Religious Education Students Baptism Certificates. **These certificates need to be received before making the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. If your child is in the Second year of First Holy Communion or Second year of Confirmation this next fall we need a copy of those. Please contact Gail Bates 641-682-0320 or Lisa Canny 641-682-4496 to see if we need yours.**

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

13 de diciembre de 2020 3er Domingo de Adviento

La atmósfera de la Liturgia de hoy es de júbilo y de alegría, porque la luz del Nacimiento de Cristo se acerca. Juan Bautista invita con intensidad a que descubramos la identidad de Jesús. Él indica el camino, y aún más les dice a sus oyentes: "Yo no soy digno de soltarle la correa de su sandalia". (Juan 1:27) Con esta expresión indica la grandeza del que viene. Su dignidad es grande, es de Rey. Juan es el profeta que tiene la alegría de dar esperanza a aquel pueblo que vivía en tinieblas. San Pablo también habla a los Tesalonicenses de la importancia de la fe a la luz de la alegría. "Estén siempre alegres, oren sin cesar y den gracias a Dios en toda ocasión; esta es, por voluntad de Dios, su vocación de cristianos. Y añade: No apaguen el Espíritu, no desprecien lo que dicen los profetas. Examinénlo todo y quédense con lo bueno. Eviten toda clase de mal, dondequiera lo encuentren". (Tesalonicenses 5:16-22) El Adviento es descubrir que Dios está en medio de nosotros. Y la alegría es el punto clave y esencial de nuestra vida de fe. Esa alegría se muestra en la convivencia familiar, en la ayuda al más vulnerable de la familia, en apoyar al inmigrante que sufre toda clase de desprecios. En fin, la generosidad no debe tener límites. Al Señor se le reconoce en el hermano/a con pensamientos y acciones efectivas. El Señor vendrá en unos días, sí, pero, su presencia en la Eucaristía está presente ya entre nosotros. ¿Lo reconoces ahí? ¡Ven Señor no tardes tanto en llegar!

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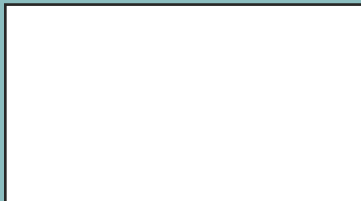
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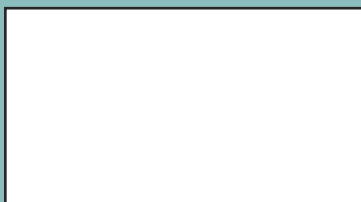
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