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WAITING IN



Joyful Hope

NOVEMBER 29, 2020: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

“Be watchful! Be alert!”

(Mark 13: 33)

Advent is a time of yearning for a presence. This presence is God himself, who comes as a Child—poor, homeless, and in need of love and sustenance. Caught up with the delights of the world, we miss welcoming His presence.

This pandemic has renewed our hunger for this presence. Because of it, our journey will be different this year. We will not remain in the margins—and act as if we long for the Son of God, but in fact, we don’t. We will not look at the spiritual preparation as another requirement to be completed before Christmas. Our longing for God is real now. Our hope for healing and transformation has assumed flesh and blood; for those who have suffered the most—and continue to suffer during this time, hope in God is the place of peace and strength.

Our gaze upon this humble presence reminds us that “God is with us, that he has not withdrawn from the world, and that he has not deserted us.” (Pope Benedict XVI). It should reassure those among us who feel a sense of loss and confusion about God’s engaged presence in our world today. Advent pilgrimage is thus a renewal of our longing for God now and at the end of our lives.

Longing for God’s presence at Christmas always returns us to each other. The more we long for the Incarnate Love, the more we will be committed to each other. Our Advent vigilance will always renew our passion for each other, our love for the poor, and our commitment to those in the margins.

Pax et bonum, Father Chinna

Mission

“To encounter Jesus in Word & Sacraments; to become the joy of the Gospel with a generosity that can host everyone and be attentive to the poor.”

MASS

Weekdays:

Tuesday at 5:30 PM
Wednesday through Friday
at 8:00 AM

Weekend:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday:
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

CONFESSION

Tuesday through
Friday: 4-5PM

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online Mass weekends
at 4pm and live-streaming
of Weekday Mass
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PARISH CONTACTS

WELCOME TO ST. BONIFACE

You are welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the diocese!

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you desire to become a member of the St. Boniface family, please call **Chris Bell** in the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

If you need information on Baptism, Marriage, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick, please contact **Sara Krohnke** in the Parish Office.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is thinking about joining the Catholic Church or is inquiring about the faith, please contact **Faye Akers** in the Parish Office.

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DAILY READINGS

Saturday, November 28

BVM

Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, November 29

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4 (First Friday Devotions)

[Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church]

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

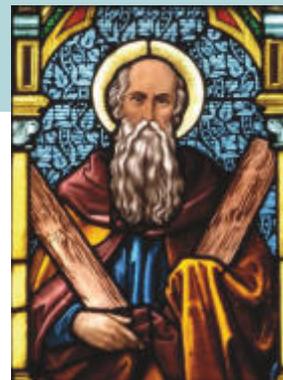
Saturday, December 5

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



SACRAMENTAL UPDATES

BAPTISMS

Let us joyfully pray for these children and their families!

December 4, 2020

- FRANK BRODERSEN, child of Kevin and Anne Brodersen

December 5, 2020

- NORA BARBARA JOHNSON, child of Matthew and Maureen Johnson

MASS INTENTIONS

REFLEXION

Saturday, November 28

4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of our parish family

5:00 PM: Michael Bauer (RIP)

Sunday, November 29

8:30 AM: Steve Jamison (RIP)

10:30 AM: Kyle Riesberg (RIP)

Tuesday, December 1

Judge Curran (RIP)

Wednesday, December 2

John Downey (RIP)

Thursday, December 3

Larry Schreiner (RIP)

Friday, December 4

Evert Masters (RIP)

Saturday, December 5

4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of our parish family

5:00 PM: Bob & Florence Lynch (RIP)

Sunday, December 6

8:30 AM: Gail Stein (RIP)

10:30 AM: Scott Guy (RIP)



DEVOTIONAL OFFERING

The Sanctuary Lamp (Red Lamp) in our chapel burns continuously this week for LYNNE RIHNER. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

¡Estén atentos! ¡Estar alerta!"

(Marcos 13:33)

El Adviento es un tiempo de anhelo de presencia. Esta presencia es Dios mismo, que viene como un Niño: pobre, sin hogar y necesitado de amor y sustento. Atrapados por las delicias del mundo, extrañamos dar la bienvenida a Su presencia.

Esta pandemia ha renovado nuestra hambre de esta presencia. Por eso, nuestro viaje será diferente este año. No nos quedaremos en los márgenes y actuaremos como si anhelamos al Hijo de Dios, pero de hecho, no lo hacemos. No veremos la preparación espiritual como otro requisito a completar antes de Navidad. Nuestro anhelo por Dios es real ahora. Nuestra esperanza de curación y transformación ha asumido de carne y hueso; para quienes más han sufrido y continúan sufriendo durante este tiempo, la esperanza en Dios es el lugar de la paz y la fuerza.

Nuestra mirada sobre esta humilde presencia nos recuerda que "Dios está con nosotros, que no se ha apartado del mundo y que no nos ha abandonado". (Papa Benedicto XVI). Debe tranquilizar a aquellos entre nosotros que sentimos una sensación de pérdida y confusión acerca de la presencia comprometida de Dios en nuestro mundo de hoy. La peregrinación de Adviento es, por tanto, una renovación de nuestro anhelo de Dios ahora y al final de nuestra vida.

El anhelo de la presencia de Dios en Navidad siempre nos devuelve el uno al otro. Cuanto más anhelemos el Amor Encarnado, más comprometidos estaremos el uno con el otro. Nuestra vigilancia de Adviento siempre renovará nuestra pasión los unos por los otros, nuestro amor por los pobres y nuestro compromiso con los marginados.

Pax et bonum, Padre Chinna

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

In-Person at 4 PM, 6 PM, and 10 PM

Online at 3 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

In-Person at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

ADVENT JOURNEY

It's time to bring out and bless the **ADVENT WREATH!** The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



Designate a family member as the leader and then use this prayer to bless your family wreath:

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read. Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. **Amen.**

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

Courtesy of the USCCB

PRAY WITH YOUR WREATH AT HOME

Themes associated with the candles of the Advent wreath are as follows:

- 1st Week = Hope
- 2nd Week = Love
- 3rd Week = Joy (rose-colored candle)
- 4th Week = Peace

A Simple Prayer

for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Weeks of Advent

LORD,
as we prepare to celebrate
the birth of your son,
Jesus Christ,
this Christmas,
we pray that we will welcome him into our hearts.
As the light of our advent wreath
grows stronger,
week by week,
make us strong in following him
in the love and the peace
we show to others.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ADVENT REFLECTION

ADORATION & CONFESSION

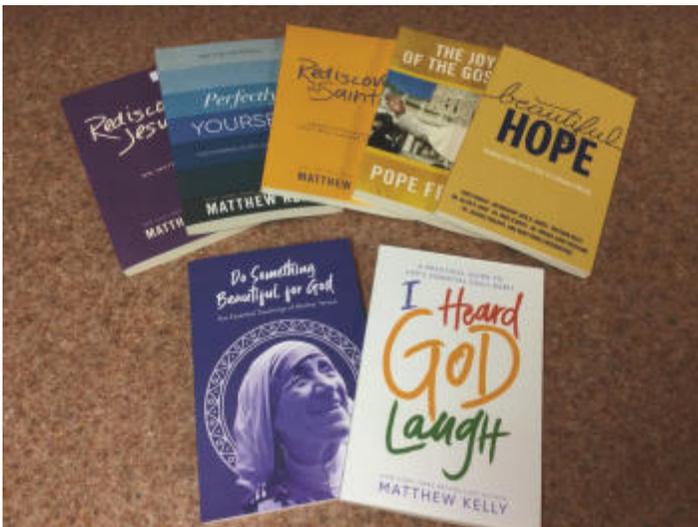
With Father Ken and Father Chinna

On **Tuesday, December 8** and **Tuesday, December 15** at **6 PM**, we will have Adoration and Confession for an hour immediately following our regular 5:30 PM Mass. Join us in preparing for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spending time in reflection with the Most Holy Body of Christ.

IN THE GATHERING SPACE

Parish Book Program

Throughout the season of Advent and into the Christmas season, we will have a variety of spiritual books available at no cost to you! Please take one or more for yourself, for a friend, or as a gift for someone you know!



Books will be on tables in the gathering space. Please follow social distancing guidelines (wear a mask and stay 6 feet from others) as you look at the books. Please also use the available hand sanitizer before and after you pick up a book. Thank you for your cooperation!

DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

We are not Meant to Journey Alone

Share the joy of the season with those you love by creating a space for Christ in your day and in your heart. Receive a daily meditation, formation, and motivation in preparation for Christ's coming. Sign up at <https://formed.org/advent>

Best Advent Ever 2020

This free, daily video program from Catholic publisher Dynamic Catholic comes straight to your email. Sign up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html>

ADVENT RETREATS

Hope in the Midst of the Imperfect

Thursday, December 3: 6-8 PM

Kevin O'Donnell, Emmaus House Co-Director

Register at <https://www.theemmaushouse.org/advent-evening-retreat>

Into a world that may, at times, seem confusing, divided, and broken, God enters. Please join us for a quiet evening of prayer, as we listen for God's gentle voice reminding us of our true hope.

Hope in the Midst of the Storm:

A Virtual Retreat

December 3, 10, and 17: 2 PM or 7 PM

Diocese of Des Moines with inspiration from Pope Francis and local spiritual directors.

Register with **John Gaffney** at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org

This three-week virtual Advent retreat is designed to help you find space to draw more deeply into this season that is in need of solace and hope!

PRAY WITH US

SOLEMNITY OF THE

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mass at 7:00 AM

Mass at 5:30 PM (Live-Streamed)



*Join us as we ask Our
Blessed Mother, the
Patroness of Our Country,
to intercede on behalf
the sick and the suffering
in the world today!*

FORMATION FACT

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God.

The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

MARY IMMACULATE, PATRONESS OF OUR COUNTRY, PRAY FOR US!

O GOD OUR CREATOR,

from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;

give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Courtesy of the USCCB

PREPARING THE WAY

CHRISTMAS MASS CELEBRATIONS

Are you thinking about your plans for Christmas yet? We hope whether you join us online or in person you will spend some time with us! **Our Mass times** are:

- Christmas Eve: 4 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM—In Person
- Christmas Eve: 3 PM—Online
- Christmas Day: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM—In Person

We need help with **Mass Ministries** for all our in-person celebrations! Each of our liturgies, especially the ones on Christmas Eve at 4 PM and 6 PM, will require two lectors, five Communion Ministers, and six Hospitality Ministers (Usher/Greeters).

Are you someone who has:

- Helped with Christmas in the past—in any ministry?
- Attended Mass regularly since we returned to the church?
- Served as a Mass Minister, but not recently?
- Thought about joining Mass Ministries but haven't yet?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, feel safe in the church, and are able, we would love to have you!

If you are already a member of Mass Ministries, you can sign up by visiting the Ministry Scheduler.

If you're not yet a member of Mass Ministries and want to help, or if you have any questions about getting signed up, please contact **Chris Bell** at chrisbell@stbonifacechurch.org or 515-987-4597.

Our plan is to provide a short training session—probably something virtual—to explain what will happen at these liturgies given the environment we are in. We want you to be prepared and restful in your ministry.

Thank you for helping our parish family celebrate Christmas!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

If you would like to make an offering towards the Christmas flowers, please fill out the form below and place it with your check in an envelope. Drop it in a tithing basket, mail it to us, or bring it by the Parish Office. Alternately, you may take care of everything online at stboniface.weshareonline.org. Contact **Sara Krohnke** in the Parish Office with questions. Thank you for your generosity!

I/We would like to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund!

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Suggested donation is \$15.00; make checks payable to St. Boniface Catholic Church, 1200 S. Warrior Ln, Waukee, IA 50263; deadline for ordering is Friday, December 18, 2020.

FAITH FORMATION

KITCHEN TABLE FAITH ALL HOUSEHOLDS, ALL AGES!

As we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, we also look forward to our next Kitchen Table Faith LIVE! session on **Wed, Dec 9**, at 7pm via Zoom.

Our **December theme** is, *Waiting in Joyful Hope*, and our **Scripture focus** will be on the annunciations, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, and the birth of Jesus, in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1-2.



We wait as a people of hope – for a vaccine, for a safer time, for opportunities to gather. We wait as Mary waited, and ask, *How is Mary a model for us?* We wait for the transformation of the world, and ask, *What is God pointing us toward?* and *How do we need to surrender control to God as we wait?*

During this month, read aloud and discuss in your household Luke Chapters 1-2. Here is a **suggested reading schedule**:

- First Week of Advent, Luke 1:1-38 (the annunciations to Zechariah and Mary)
- Second week of Advent, Luke 1:39-80 (Mary's visit to Elizabeth, John's birth, and the canticles)
- Third week of Advent, Luke 2:1-20 (Jesus's birth and the visit of the shepherds)
- Fourth week of Advent, Luke 2:21-52 (the presentation of Jesus and the boy Jesus in the temple)

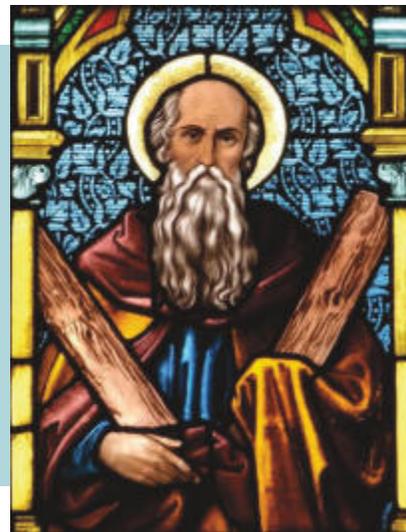
As always, we want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts about Kitchen Table Faith by completing our short comment form at <https://forms.gle/FVqq85bEoH5H97jw9>

NOVEMBER 30: Saint Andrew, Apostle

St. Andrew was a fisherman who lived in Galilee during the time of Jesus. He often followed John the Baptist and listened to his teachings.

One day, John saw Jesus walking along the road. John said to his followers, "Behold the Lamb of God." He told his followers to go and talk to Jesus. He wanted them to know that Jesus was the One for whom they had been waiting.

Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus and spent an afternoon with him. Early the next day Andrew found Simon Peter, his older brother, and told him, "We have found the Messiah."



Like the other apostles, Andrew became a missionary. He preached about Jesus in the area around the Black Sea in northern Greece, Turkey, and Scythia (now the southern part of Russia).

Andrew died as a martyr. Tradition says that he was tied to a cross shaped like the letter X. Ever since then, a cross in the shape of an X has been called St. Andrew's cross.

Learn more at <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-andrew/>

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing the rich legacy of St. Boniface's attentiveness to the marginalized and the poor, let's make a *difference* in someone's life this Christmas! May our sacrificial love for those in need reveal the immeasurable kindness of our God at Christmas!

Please review the following opportunities and prayerfully discern as households of faith where you can make a difference:

- Participate in Angel Tree
- Buy a food basket for the El Recreo Community
- Volunteer at JOPPA

Read on for more information about each!

ANGEL TREE—LAST CHANCE!

Angel Tree provides an opportunity to help families in need: Here's how you can help:

This year, to “**take an angel**,” sign up online! Check the Parish News or the church website, stbonifacechurch.org, for a link. Purchase the items on the family's wish list and bring the items back to the church. Remember to **include the gift receipts** with your items, too! Due to the pandemic, items will be gift-wrapped by the agencies distributing them. Please include **gift wrapping supplies** with your gifts if you are able.

Our goal this year is to provide eighty-six Christmas meals for local families. Please consider making a monetary donation towards a **food box** which will include a ham or turkey and everything else! \$70 fills a whole box! To donate any amount, visit stboniface.weshareonline.org. **Note:** We cannot accept food donations at the church this year.

The Angel Tree Committee will gladly accept your generous monetary donation towards their efforts via stboniface.weshareonline.org or via cash or personal check. Please specify “Angel Tree food box” or “Angel Tree gift” on your check or envelope so we know where to direct it!

Angel Tree

NOVEMBER 16-29

Drop-off weekends before/after Mass
Weekdays 9 AM to 3 PM

VISIT
STBONIFACECHURCH.ORG
FOR DETAILS!



Please **drop off your Angel Tree items**, gift wrapping supplies, or monetary donations at the church before or after Mass this weekend. Please bring all items to the church by this Sunday!

If you have questions about any of our Angel Tree activities this season, please contact **Chris Bell** in the Parish Office at chrisbell@stbonifacechurch.org or call 515-987-4597.

EL SALVADOR

Donate a Christmas Basket!

The St. Boniface El Salvador Mission Committee is providing Christmas baskets (consisting of food for a family) for all 165 families in El Recreo. The cost of a Christmas basket for one family is \$25. Support our families in El Recreo! Please visit stboniface.weshareonline.org and look for El Salvador to offer your donation online or drop off your check or cash donation at the church. Please specify that it is for an El Recreo Christmas Basket.

For questions or more information about this effort, please contact **Sara Krohnke** in the Parish Office at skrohnke@stbonifacechurch.org or 515-987-4597.

JOPPA

Volunteer Now!

St. Boniface JOPPA Ministry needs volunteers. Following our tradition, let us renew our commitment to the JOPPA Ministry and support the following areas:

- Welcome Baskets
- Circle of Friends
- Help and/or support at Joppa Facility
- Aftercare Program
- Christmas Celebration in December

For more information and questions about supporting this ministry, please contact **Margaret Godwin** at tedmargaretgodwin@gmail.com or **Tom Hromatka** at hromatka@mediacombb.net



Looking for something more? **December 1 is Giving Tuesday!** Visit stboniface.weshareonline.org. Tithes/ Sunday Collection or Building Faith supports St. Boniface directly or choose from any of the other active funds you see. Any little bit helps!



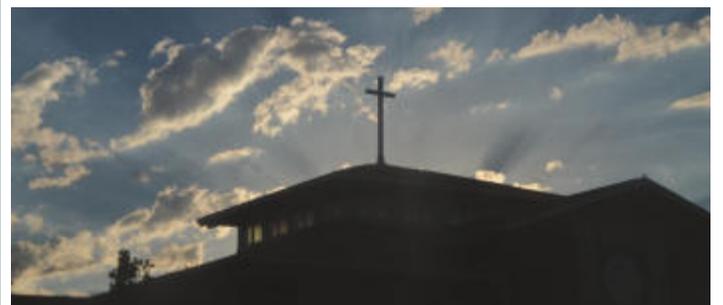
HEALING FROM DIVORCE

Holy Trinity Parish is pleased to announce their hosting of *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* ministry for men and women who are going through or have had a divorce.

The 12-week program features 30-minute videos that each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more.

Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings in this program, beginning on Sunday, December 6th at 6 PM. Contact **Bill and Ann Moore** for more information or to register. Bill: 515-480-3314 Ann: 641-425-0109 Email: moorefamilysm@gmail.com. Holy Trinity is located at 2926 Beaver Avenue in Des Moines.

For more information visit www.catholicsdivorce.com



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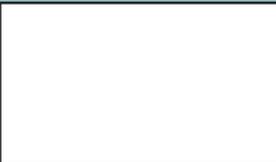
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