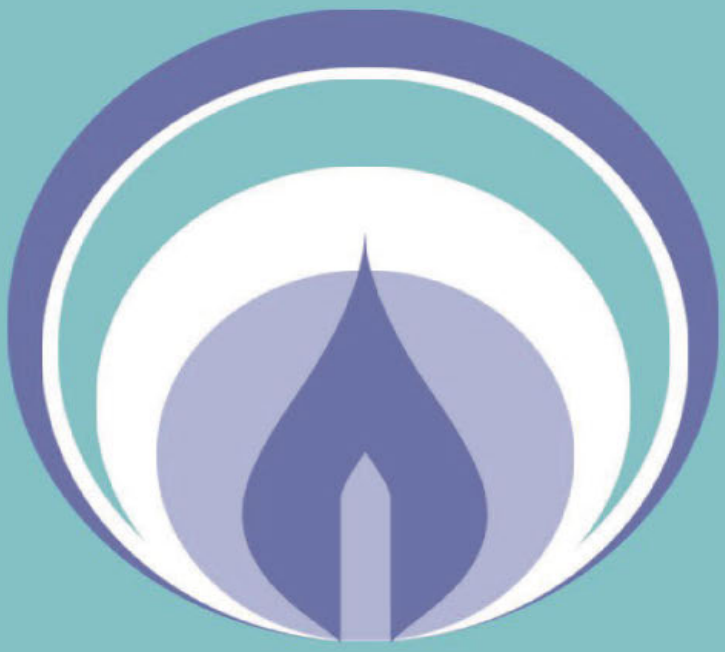
WAITING IN



Joyful Hope

SAINT BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 28, 2021

www.stbonifacechurch.org | 1200 S. WARRIOR LANE, WAUKEE, IA |515-987-4597

Advent—A New Beginning!

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy....
and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap" (Lk 21:34)

Isn't it so true that we can become so absorbed in our everyday anxieties, or spiritually anesthetized by self-indulgence in material things that we can completely fail to take time for reflection about our inner lives, about confronting habits that prevent us from leading a deeper and more humane life, about giving time for those closest to us, and importantly, about caring for God who loves us into being? (Senior, 2018).

This is why the season of Advent is truly beautiful. It offers us a new beginning—and yes, absolutely a way forward—from being lost in ourselves to being attentive to God and others. With ongoing COVID-19, we may have become spiritually drowsy, even lackadaisical in our sacramental life, and intermittent in our worship. Let's not lose heart because God loves the world so much (Jn 3:16) that He sends His only Son to save us. What we cannot, or struggle to do on our own, God accomplishes it in His Son, Jesus Christ.

What return can we make to this marvelous gift? "Staying awake" or "being alert" is the primary recommendation for the First Sunday of Advent, because we don't know the time or the day of our Savior's visitation. As Pope Francis recommends, we should perhaps engage in "small gestures" of love and kindness everyday to offset the inclinations to selfishness, anger, and oppression. We should beg the Lord for the grace we need to shake off our spiritual drowsiness and plunge deeper in the mystery of our lives.

As we begin our advent pilgrimage, I pray that "the Lord may make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.....so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones, Amen" (1 Thes 3: 12-13).

Pax et bonum, Father Chinna

"Cuídense de que sus corazones no se adormezcan....
y las angustias de la vida cotidiana, y ese día te pilla por sorpresa como una trampa "*(Lc 21, 34)*

¿No es tan cierto que podemos quedarnos tan absortos en nuestras ansiedades cotidianas—o anestesiados espiritualmente por la autocomplacencia en las cosas materiales, que podemos dejar de tomarnos un tiempo para reflexionar sobre nuestra vida interior, sobre cómo enfrentar los hábitos que nos impiden liderar? ¿Una vida más profunda y humana, sobre dar tiempo a los más cercanos a nosotros y, lo que es más importante, sobre el cuidado de Dios que nos ama hasta la existencia? (Donald Senior, 2018)

Por eso la temporada de Adviento es verdaderamente hermosa. Nos ofrece un nuevo comienzo, y sí, absolutamente un camino a seguir, de estar perdidos en nosotros mismos a estar atentos a Dios ya los demás. Con el COVID-19 en curso, es posible que nos hayamos vuelto espiritualmente somnolientos, incluso indiferentes en nuestra vida sacramental e intermitentes en nuestra adoración. No nos desanimemos porque Dios ama tanto al mundo que envía a su único Hijo para salvarnos. Lo que no podemos, o luchamos por hacer por nuestra cuenta, Dios lo logra en Su Hijo, Jesucristo.

¿Qué podemos devolver a este maravilloso regalo? "Permanecer despierto" o "estar alerta" es la recomendación principal para el primer domingo de Adviento, porque no sabemos la hora o el día de la visitación de nuestro Salvador. Como recomienda el Papa Francisco, quizás deberíamos participar en "pequeños gestos" de amor y bondad todos los días para contrarrestar las inclinaciones al egoísmo, la ira y la opresión. Debemos rogar al Señor por la gracia que necesitamos para sacudir nuestra somnolencia espiritual y sumergirnos más profundamente en el misterio de nuestra vida.

Al comenzar nuestra peregrinación de Adviento, oro para que "el Señor los haga crecer y abundar en amor los unos por los otros y por todos ..... Para fortalecer sus corazones, para ser irreprensibles en santidad ante nuestro Dios y Padre en la venida..." (1 Ts 3: 12-13).

Pax et bonum, Padre Chinna

DAILY READINGS

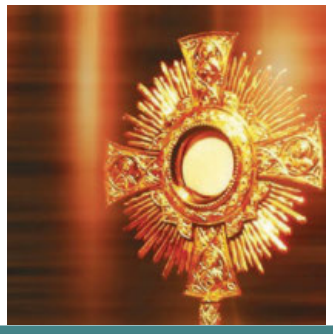
Saturday, 27 November
Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday, 28 November
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday, 29 November
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, 30 November
Saint Andrew
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday, 1 December
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, 2 December
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, 3 December
Saint Francis Xavier
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, 4 December
[Saint John Damascene
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday, 5 December
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 27 November
4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of Parish Family
5:00 PM: John Ebeling (RIP)
Sunday, 28 November
8:30 AM: Tim Hand & Chuck Pollak (RIP)
10:30 AM: Brian Best (RIP)
Tuesday, 30 November
5:30 PM: Jim (RIP) & Catherine Witte (LIVING)
Wednesday, 1 December
8:00 AM: Mike Kellar (RIP)
Thursday, 2 December
8:00 AM: Mary Ann Herbert (RIP)
Friday, 3 December
8:00 AM: Larry Schreiner (RIP)
Saturday, 4 December
4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of Parish Family
5:00 PM: Nancy Emerson (RIP)
Sunday, 5 December
8:30 AM: Lorene Wheeler (RIP)
10:30 AM: Anthony Amosson (RIP)

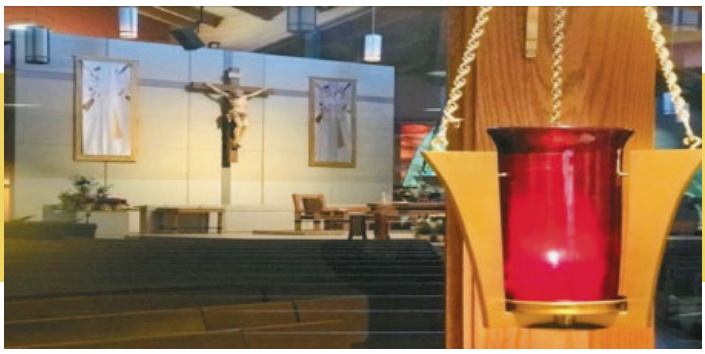
ADORATION

December 3rd is First Friday. Following 8:00 AM Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon. As part of your Advent preparation, please spend quiet time with the Lord!



SANCTUARY LAMP

Offered in remembrance of **DEBBIE VALENTINO:**
May the Lord grant her eternal rest!



PRAYERS FOR

- ⇒ **Family of Richard Dougherty**
- ⇒ **Tom and Karen Barnard**
- ⇒ **Joe Follet**
- ⇒ **Jerry Dougherty**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

MATRIMONY

Congratulations to
Curtis Lee Secrest and Chase Catherine Crane
married on November 12, 2021

WEEKLY EVENTS

Saturday, 27 November
10:00 AM: Baptism
4:00—5:00 PM: Reconciliation
5:00 PM: Mass

Sunday, 28 November
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM: Mass
10:00 AM: Communion Service (Independence)
11:30 AM: Money Counters Ministry
5:00 PM: Life Teen Mass

Monday, 29 November
4:30 PM: Grades 1-5 Faith Formation
5:00 PM: Piano Lessons
5:45 PM: Grades 1-5 Faith Formation
5:45 PM: Confirmation/Purpose
5:45 PM: Edge Youth Ministry
7:00 PM: Prayer Group

Tuesday, 30 November
10:00 AM: Adult Faith Study Group
5:30 PM: Mass

Wednesday, 1 December
8:00 AM: Mass
4:30 PM: Grades 1-5 Faith Formation
5:30 PM: Children's Choir
5:45 PM: Grades 1-5 Faith Formation
6:00 PM: Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:00 PM: Confirmation/Purpose
7:00 PM: Edge Youth Ministry

Thursday, 2 December
6:30 AM: Men of Boniface
8:00 AM: Mass*
9:00 AM: Prerecording Mass (31 October)
1:30 PM: Study Group
4:00 PM: CONFESSION
6:00 PM: First Encounter & Prayse Band Concert
7:00 PM: Becoming Catholic (Team Only)

Friday, 3 Decmber
8:00 AM: Mass*
4:00 - 5:00 PM: CONFESSION

Saturday, 4 December
10:00 AM: Baptism Prep

Sunday, 5 December
8:30 AM: Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:30 AM: Baptism
11:30 AM: Money Counters Ministry
5:00 PM: Life Teen Mass

*Available online through Facebook: **WeAreStBCC**

ADVENT EVENTS

2021 Advent Reconciliation

MSGR. BEESEN
FATHER KEN
FATHER RYAN

Tuesday, December 7
6:00 PM

Immediately following 5:30 PM Mass
Please Join us for Confession with Adoration

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th
4:00 PM Mass
6:30 PM Mass
(Christmas Pageant)
10:00 PM Mass

December 25th
7:00 AM Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

SOLEMNITY OF THE

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Vigil Mass at 6:00 PM

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!

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Doctrine of 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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: ANALYSIS

WEEKLY TITHING COMPARISON

Week ending 16 November, 2020	
Tithing	$20,261
Building Faith	$755
Parish Debt as of 16 Nov.	$1,351,708

Week ending 15 November, 2021	
Tithing	$19,515
Building Faith	$1,375
Parish Debt as of 15 Nov.	$708,267

DECEMBER: MASS MINISTERS

Dec. 4 & 5	Usher	Eucharistic	Server	Lector
Saturday, 5:00 PM		**NOT FILLED** - H1 Celebrant Position - H2 Kathy Masters - H3 Dave Dufek - H4 **NOT FILLED** - H5 **NOT FILLED** - H6	**NOT FILLED** - S1 **NOT FILLED** - S2 **NOT FILLED** - S3	Dave Dufek - L1 Todd Braun - L2
Sunday, 8:30 AM		Mary Meineke - H1 Celebrant Position - H2 Nick Gruber - H3 **NOT FILLED** - H4 **NOT FILLED** - H5 **NOT FILLED** - H6	Tanner Simpson - S1 **NOT FILLED** - S2 **NOT FILLED** - S3	Catherine Witte - L1 Anne Vaske - L2
Sunday, 10:30 AM (Youth Mass)		Lori Hurkin - H1 Celebrant Position - H2 **NOT FILLED** - H3 **NOT FILLED** - H4 **NOT FILLED** - H5 **NOT FILLED** - H6	**NOT FILLED** - S1 **NOT FILLED** - S2 **NOT FILLED** - S3	Youth L1 Youth L2

Dec. 11 & 12	Usher	Eucharistic	Server	Lector
Saturday, 5:00 PM		**NOT FILLED** - H1 Celebrant Position - H2 Kathy Masters - H3 Dave Dufek - H4 Tom Dunn - H5 Catherine Witte - H6	**NOT FILLED** - S1 **NOT FILLED** - S2 **NOT FILLED** - S3	Barb Arkwright - L1 Susan Dunn - L2
Sunday, 8:30 AM		Nick Gruber - H1 Celebrant Position - H2 Craig Seagren - H3 Renea Seagren - H4 **NOT FILLED** - H5 **NOT FILLED** - H6	**NOT FILLED** - S1 **NOT FILLED** - S2 **NOT FILLED** - S3	Maria Matamoros - L1 Renea Seagren - L2
Sunday, 10:30 AM		**NOT FILLED** - H1 Celebrant Position - H2 **NOT FILLED** - H3 **NOT FILLED** - H4 **NOT FILLED** - H5 Chris Bell - H6	**NOT FILLED** - S1 **NOT FILLED** - S2 **NOT FILLED** - S3	Patrick Bell - L1 **NOT FILLED** - L2

FAITH FORMATION

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy. . . and that day catch you by surprise. . .

~ From this week's Sunday Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Adult reflection for the first week of Advent:

This week's theme is a call to consciousness and attentiveness. With your spouse or another adult, consider:

⇒ *Advent is time earmarked for pausing. Difficult when Christmas preparations are ramping up, but what is Christmas about? Presents, concerts, having the house perfect - or preparing our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus?*

⇒ *How does he come to us? How will we know he's come to us?*

⇒ *Let's take this week to . . . reflect.*

Family conversation starter for the first Sunday of Advent:

Discuss together with your family:

⇒ *What is Advent? (It is a time of preparing for Christmas. It comes from a word that means "coming.")*

⇒ *When we know someone is coming, how do we prepare?*

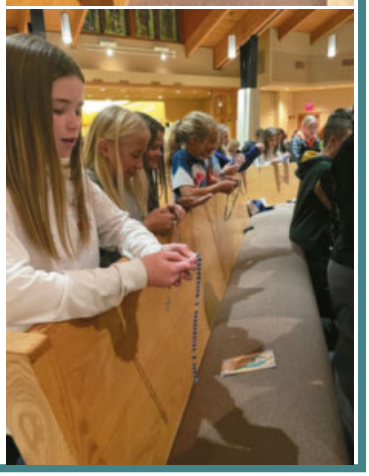
⇒ *For the coming of whom are we preparing?*

For more daily family faith conversation starters and prayers for this week, go to **Advent Faith Conversations at dmdiocese.org/Advent2021** or scan this QR code:

ADVENT BOOKS

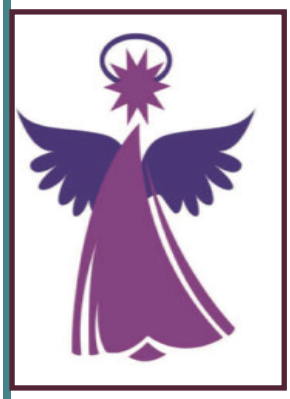
Throughout the season of Advent and into the Christmas season, we will have a variety of spiritual books that you are welcome to take! Books will be available in the gathering space so please take one or more for yourself, for a friend, or as a gift for someone you know!

On Wednesday, November 17, more than 200 EDGE Faith Formation students along with their parents gathered to pray the Rosary, led by Saint Boniface Council of Knights of Columbus: Mark Masters, Andy Schmidtz, Pat O'Brien and Ken Laughery. It was a great way for our youth to prepare for Advent!



Photos courtesy of Amy Slick

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Angel Tree

All gifts are due back this weekend!! The angel tree committee will begin the inventory process and will reach out if your gifts are not returned. Please be sure to attach a note to your returned gifts with the code/information of the person you purchased a gift for. If you have multiple bags, please include a note in each bag.

We still have plenty of angels to be adopted, so be sure to check out the sign up genius! So far we have filled 33 food boxes of the 85 we have committed to! A food box is $70 and there is a link on the sign up genius that makes it very easy to donate and supply a Christmas meal for a family who needs a little extra support this season!

As always, we are so grateful for your generosity.
Thank you, Angel Tree Committee!

El Salvador

Our parish El Salvador Mission Committee is planning to offer Christmas baskets (consisting of food items) for **175 families in El Recreo**. The cost of a Christmas basket for one family is $30. This is a great opportunity for our parish family to support our community in El Recreo during Christmas.

Please visit stboniface.weshareonline.org and look for El Salvador to offer your donation! Thank you!

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. You can also drop it in the tithing basket, mail it to us, stop in the Parish Office or, go online . at stboniface.weshareonline.org.

Flower offerings are due by Monday, December 13. Please 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!

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Suggested donation is $15.00; make checks payable to St. Boniface Catholic Church, 1200 S. Warrior Ln, Waukee, IA 50263; deadline for ordering is Monday, December 13, 2021.

YOUTH / COMMUNITY

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH REGISTRATION

Would you like to be part of St. Boniface parish family? Please call **Tiffany Hilgenberg** 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Want to publish something in the Bulletin? Please submit your content to **Chris Bell** in the Parish Office by the end of the day Friday the week prior.

Office Associate
Nora Morales | nmorales@stbonifacechurch.org

Administrative Coordinator
Tiffany Hilgenberg | thilgenberg@stbonifacechurch.org

Business Manager
Cathy Bellis | cbellis@stbonifacechurch.org

Accounting & Facility
Monica Vanorny | mvanorny@stbonifacechurch.org

Pastoral Care
Sara Krohnke | skrohnke@stbonifacechurch.org

Parish Life & Communications
Christina Bell | chrisbell@stbonifacechurch.org

Liturgy & Music Ministry
Bridget Johnston |bjohntston@stbonifacechurch.org

Evangelization & Formation
Faye Akers | fayeakers@stbonifacechurch.org

Family Faith Formation
Amy Slick | aslick@stbonifacechurch.org

High School Ministry
Megan Schraeger| mschraeger@stbonifacechurch.org

MERCYONE

We are proud to be central Iowa's Catholic health care provider. Find a physician or clinic near you at mercyone.org/desmoines

MHCS
McGowen Hurst Clark Smith
Nick Finkenauer, CPA
Parishioner
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors
515-288-3279 MHCScpa.com

GROW YOUR BUSINESS WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PARISH.
Purchase a bulletin ad today!

Bob & Lisa Smith
Parishioners
StateFarm
Bob D Smith, Agent
80 4th Street
PO Box 1056
Waukee, IA 50263-1056
Bus 515 987 5404
Fax 515 987 2498
bob.d.smith.gh1y@statefarm.com
bobdsmith.com
NMLS #139716 NMLS MLO #1068586 MLO License #21445
Providing Insurance and Financial Services

CELEBRATE COUNTRY
A live concert benefiting Iowa Catholic Radio Foundation
STARRING
Lorrie Morgan, Jesse Keith Whitley, and Eli Alger
VIP Table and General Admission Tickets available now!
Visit www.CelebrateCountry.org for more information
Sponsored by: MERCYONE VALIANT WEALTH

THE IOWA CLINIC
Care how you want it.
Convenient
// Same day and next day appointments
// 24/7 online scheduling
515.875.9000 iowaclinic.com
Dr. Eric Donels – St. Boniface Parishioner
Internal Medicine, Urbandale Clinic

K&V HOMES
Phone: 515-252-9989
Colin King
Dean Vogel
www.kandvhomes.com
Your Style, Your Budget, Your Home.

M|L|O
McKINNEY LAW OFFICES P.C.
"Over 100 Years of Combined Experience Right Here in Waukee"
• Estate Planning
• Family Law
• Real Estate
• Personal Injury & Workers Compensation
• Free Initial Consultation
(515) 987-4578
480 6th Street, Waukee, IA 50263
www.mckinneylawoffice.com

WAUKEE DENTAL
Dr. Kaisha Brown, DDS
(515) 777-7568
www.waukee.dental

Shottenkirk
WAUKEE CHEVY
(515) 987-8575

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Paid Training
• Some Travel
• Work-Life Balance
• Full-Time with Benefits
• Serve Your Community
Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

West Bank
515-222-2300 | Member FDIC
westbankstrong.com

MF&H MILLER FIDLER & HINKE INSURANCE AGENCY
515-223-6757
2540 SE Encompass Drive | Waukee, IA 50263
www.MillerFidlerandHinke.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!
Contact Bert Spore
to place an ad today!
bspore@4LPi.com or
(800) 950-9952 x2527

Iles Funeral Homes
Celebrate Life the Way You Lived It
Kelly Broderick
IlesCares.com

Brian M Becker, AAMS®
Financial Advisor, Parishioner
4646 86th St
Urbandale, IA 50322
515-331-9059
www.edwardjones.com
Member SPIC
Travis Gaule
Financial Advisor, Parishioner
14225 Univirsity Ave Ste #240
Waukee, IA 50263
515-270-5375
Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

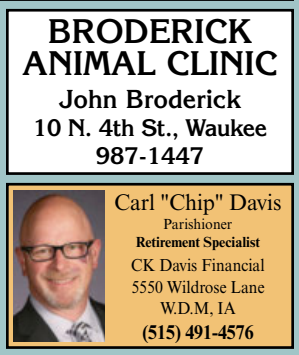
ASHWORTH VISION CLINIC
www.ashworthvision.com
Look no further for the quality eye care you deserve.
Dr. Barbara A. Scheetz
Dr. Kreg D. Harper
Doctors of Optometry
Phone: 515-440-4610
5970 Ashworth Rd
West Des Moines, IA 52066

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass
Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!
www.ParishesOnline.com

LENNOX
Hydro Heat
Geothermal Systems
DORRIAN HEATING AND COOLING INC.
Mechanical Contractor
25750 U Avenue • Waukee • Iowa 50263
Don Dorrian Jr.
Phone: (515) 987-4310
Fax: (515) 987-1551
Mobile: (515) 208-4310

Spurgeon Manor
Continue the journey
(515) 992-3735
1204 Linden St. • Dallas Center



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!