

Holy Family Parish



First Sunday of
ADVENT

Nov 28, 2021

Mass Intentions

Dec 1 to Dec 5

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Millie Manternach
Thu	8:30am	HT	Virginia McAndrew
Fri	8:30am	SM	Martin Brophy
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	People of Holy Family Parish
Sun	8:00am	HT	Jim Shalla
Sun	10:00am	SM	Paul Schnoebelen

Confession

If you would like Fr Bill to hear your confession, please call him at (319) 430-6888 to schedule a time.

Birth Announcements

If you or a loved one has given birth, we would be more than willing to announce it at Mass! Contact the office at 319-648-2331.



Synod 2021 - 2023

In a nutshell, the 2021-2023 Synod is a series of listening sessions held by the bishop across the diocese. The bishop then submits this feedback to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, who will in turn discuss this when they travel to the Vatican in 2023 to meet with the pope. More specific information (including dates and locations of the listening sessions) will be posted over the coming months. Below is a prayer for a successful and fruitful 2021-2023 Synod.

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

(Here, Before the Holy Spirit)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

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Financial reports are available upon request. Call the office at 319-648-233

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Mass Offerings

As of Nov 19th

YTD Budget	\$ 77,200
YTD Collection	\$ 79,929
Under/Over	+ \$ 2,729

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First Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us.

When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much.

We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God.

Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by.

Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God.

Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out.

While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day will catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love, and so easily justify not having all

that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit.

St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time.

Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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Warm Socks and Winter Glove Drive

The KC's will be collecting warm socks (not dress socks) and winter gloves for the Catholic Worker House to hand out to people in need. Look for boxes at the back of church.

2nd Collection for Charity – UI Dance Marathon

This month's 2nd collection will go to The University of Iowa Dance Marathon. The University of Iowa Dance Marathon is a student organization that provides year-round support to youth cancer patients and their families

Communion to the Homebound

If you know of anyone who would like communion brought to them at home, please contact the office at (319) 648-2331 or email rvsec@iowatelecom.net.

How to Give to Charity Tax Efficiently

If you're at least 70 ½ years old and have a tax-deferred IRA, you can make cash donations via Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). A QCD is when you directly donate money from your IRA to a qualifying charitable organization. The amount donated is not considered a taxable distribution and it is allowed to take the place of any Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). For example, if you have some stocks, bonds, etc. that you were to sell you can donate the gains and securities to a charity. When donated, neither you nor the charity must pay tax on the gains.

Substitute Teachers Wanted

For more details and info contact Rosemary Fiagle 319-354-7048.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Birth Announcements

Please contact us if you have a birthday, anniversary, or birth announcement you would like announced.

Know Someone Who Needs a Bulletin?

Please email Jane Duwa at rvsec@iowatelecom.net with the person's name and mailing address.

St. Patrick's Adoration Chapel

Adoration Chapel Hours 6am – midnight. Key required to enter the building from 9pm - 12am. We need adorers! Please contact Joann Page at (319) 855-2709 or joann.page@mchsi.com.

Homemade Cheeseballs!

Cheeseballs! Just in time for the holidays. Great for parties, gifts and just to snack on at home! Lower Deer Creek Church is selling homemade cheeseballs. Flavors options are ham, pineapple, and veggie; price is \$10 each. They will be made on Saturday, December 11 and can be picked up at the church from 9-11 am (unless other arrangements are made prior to that day). Deadline to order is December 4. Contact the church with your order via email donna@ldcmc.org or phone (319)656-2076. Proceeds will go to help fund a youth mission trip in summer of 2022 and other church missions.

Prayer Requests

Please contact Fr Bill or Dcn Derick if you have any Prayer Intentions. We will put them in the Prayer Intentions Basket and offer them up at Mass.

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel can help. They understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: [563-333-4107](tel:563-333-4107) or [1-888-456-HOPE](tel:1-888-456-HOPE). Mon, Wed, and Fri from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Christmas Memorial Offering

Christmas Memorial Offering: Please submit names of loved ones and donation in an envelope and put it in the collection basket or mail it to Holy Family Parish, P.O. Box C, Riverside, Iowa 52327. A list of the memorials will be available at all Christmas Eve Masses. Thank you very much.



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