

Holy Family Parish



The Nativity of the Lord

Dec 25th, 2021

"To Know God and Make God Known Through Word, Worship, Fellowship, and Service"

Mass Intentions

Dec 29 to Jan 2

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Steve Slaubaugh
Thu	8:30am	HT	Alice Malek
Fri	8:30am	SM	NO MASS - New Year's Eve
Sat	10:00am	HT	People of Holy Family
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	People of Holy Family
Sun	8:00am	HT	Dean Tucker
Sun	10:00am	SM	Rita Stumpf

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!



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

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

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Mass Offerings

As of Dec 19th

YTD Budget	\$ 88,780
YTD Collection	\$ 91,675
Under/Over	+ \$ 2,895

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Nativity of the Lord

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made...He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).”

The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made.

The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can.

With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love.

Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities.

Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be.

Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed!

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Substitute Teachers Wanted

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



Nativity of the Lord

Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore Him!

Garments to Go 2.0

Garments to Go 2.0 is an initiative of Mercy Hospital Spiritual Care to provide clothing for patients unable to leave the hospital with proper attire. Donations are being accepted for: sweatpants, crew neck sweatshirts, long-sleeve t-shirts (unisex sizes M, L, XL, and 2XL). Clothing may be dropped off at Mercy Hospital or the Parish Office in Riverside. Any questions, call Mercy Spiritual Care (319) 339-3556

Scams and Fraud

Scams seem to be more prevalent this year, so please be cautious. Common scams include: an email or hardcopy bill stating, “your loan has been approved”, or your “subscription has been updated”. The email usually has a phone number for you to call. If you call, they will try and get your financial info – Don’t give it out! A few things to remember: Fr Bill would never email/text to “ask for a favor” (he would call or visit in person); double-check with family and friends if you have been offered an item or service that seems too good to be true and see what they think; elderly people who live alone are the most common targets.

Are Your Adult Kids Members of the Parish?

If you have an adult son or daughter, please have them register as parish members. Having them register as separate members helps with record keeping. In addition, the more registered members we have, the more viable a parish we are.

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.

St. Patrick's Adoration Chapel

Adoration Chapel Hours 6am – midnight. Key required to enter from 9pm - 12am. We need adorers! Please contact Joann Page at (319) 855-2709

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.

Prayer Requests

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

Dec 31st - No Mass New Years Eve

There will be NO Mass Fri morning Dec 31st at St. Mary's.

Jan 1st - Solemnity Mary Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God will be celebrated Saturday Jan 1st 10:00am at Holy Trinity. We will also have Mass that evening 5:00pm at St. Joseph's.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Find out what you've been missing by attending one of these upcoming experiences. February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Wounded by Abortion?

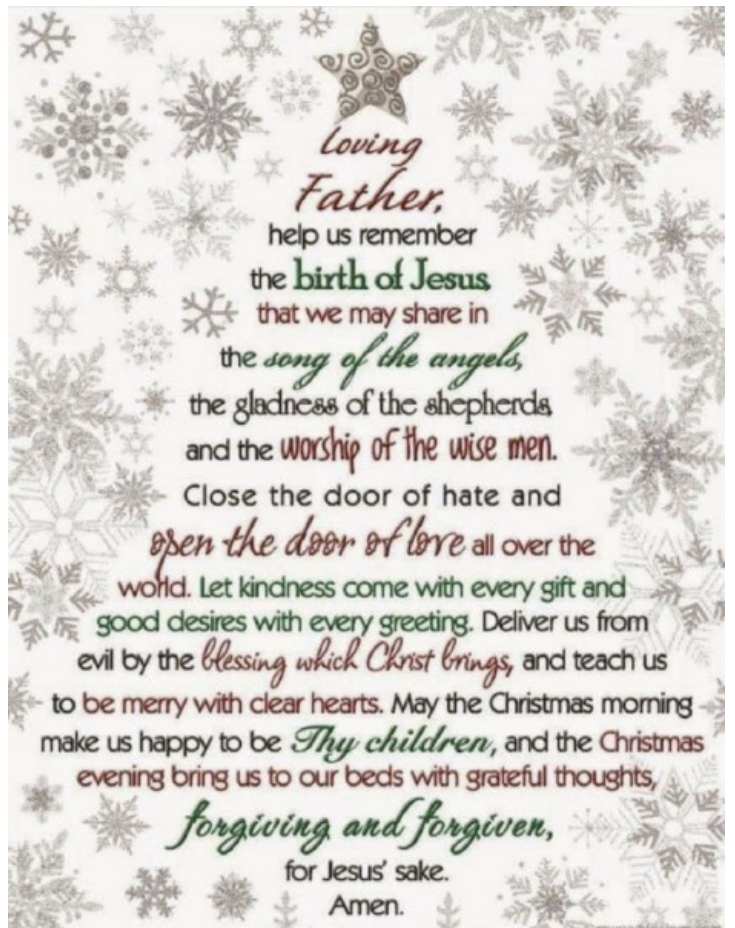
Project Rachel can help. They understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: [563-333-4107](tel:563-333-4107) or [1-888-456-HOPE](tel:1-888-456-HOPE). Mon, Wed, and Fri from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Know Someone Who Needs a Bulletin?

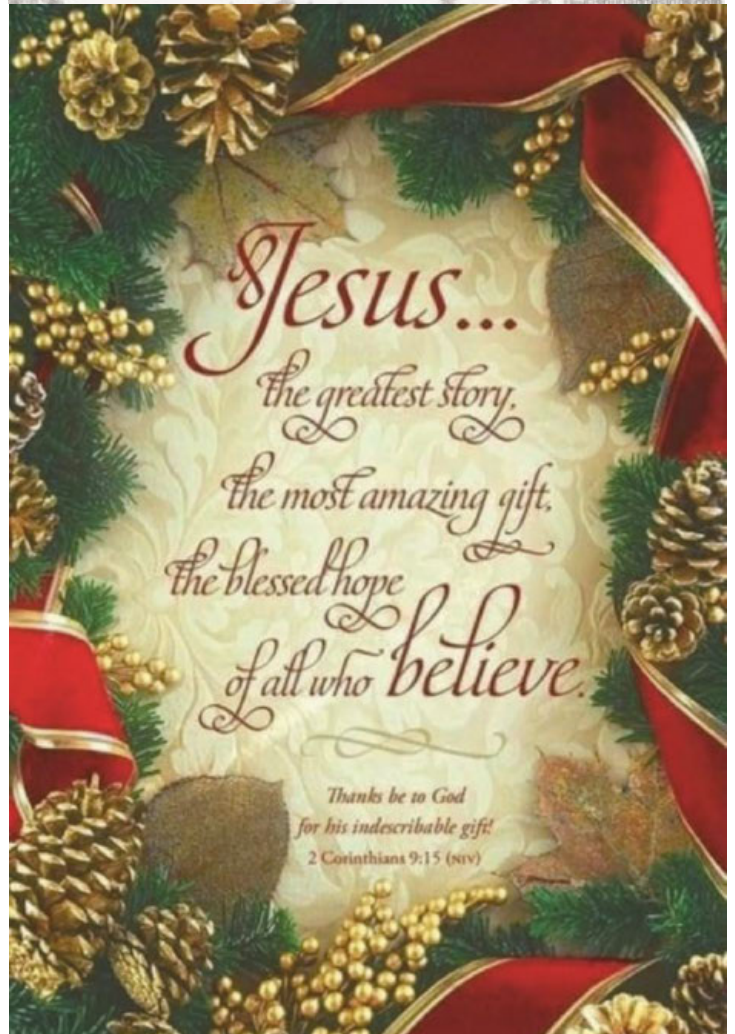
Please email Jane Duwa at rvsec@iowatelecom.net with the person's name and mailing address.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Newborns

Please contact us if you have a birthday, anniversary, or newborn you would like us to announce at Mass.



*Loving
Father,*
help us remember
the **birth of Jesus**
that we may share in
the *song of the angels,*
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the *worship of the wise men.*
Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the
world. Let kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
evil by the *blessing which Christ brings,* and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be *Thy children,* and the Christmas
evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.



Jesus...
The greatest story,
The most amazing gift,
The blessed hope
of all who believe.

*Thanks be to God
for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15 (niv)*

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