

**Daily Readings for the
Week of December 29, 2024**

Sunday, 12/29: Sirach 3:2-7,12-14/ Ps 128:1-5/ Colossians 3:12-21/ Luke 2:22-40
Monday, 12/30: 1 John 2:12-17/ Ps 96:7-10/ Luke 2:36-40
Tuesday, 12/31: 1 John 2:18-21/ Ps 96:1-2,11-13/ John 1:1-18
Wednesday, 1/1: Numbers 6:22-27/ Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/ Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21
Thursday, 1/2: 1 John 2:22-28/ Ps 98:1-4/ John 1:19-28
Friday, 1/3: Philippians 2:5-11/ Ps 113:1-8/ Matthew 1:18-23
Saturday, 1/4: 1 John 3:7-10/ Ps 98:1.7-9/ John 1:35-42



Schedule for December 31, 2024

Lector: Volunteer
Greeters/Gifts: Mary/Nadine
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Volunteers

Schedule for January 5, 2025

Lector: CCD
Greeters/Gifts: CCD
Servers: CCD
Money Counters: Jon/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Ron/Rick

**Today's Mass Intention
Paul and Mary Lasack**

Mass Intention January 5th
Josephine Behn

Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Bill Ihns,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



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10:00am-11:00am

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Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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Live by Your Convictions in the New Year

Dear Parishioners,

Once a passenger plane airborne, way up in the sky, developed an engine-related problem causing it to make a sudden descent. I am glad the plane didn't ultimately crash.

However, as it was to be expected during an imminent catastrophe, the passengers reacted to the situation. As narrated by one of the passengers, instantly, two identifiable reactions ensued. Some passengers activated their autopilot to react to profanity and curses. Others' reactions were shouts of the name of God and prayer.

Well, somehow in the process of fast descent of the plane in an inevitable crash, the pilots were able to kick the engines back on and the plane was able to resume normal flight to the nearest airport.

Like the passengers on the plane, the Gospel of Luke tells how Mary and Joseph were hit with unexpected and unusual experiences. They had taken their only son to the pilgrim feast of the Passover, but they had almost returned without Him. Have they tragically lost their son? Whose fault was it? Joseph? Mary? Someone else? No! They didn't find it necessary to point accusing fingers. And don't think it was to be expected. If you doubt, check the story of the first couple, Adam and Eve, and the blame game they played after the fall.

Well, Jesus was not lost. He was safe in His Father's house. Upon finding Him, He tells them unexpectedly "Do you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Notice the reaction of Mary and Joseph towards such an unexpected answer. The reaction was not one of insistence on wrong or right response, nor anger, nagging, and blaming, but one of silence, love, understanding, and surrendering to the peace of God.

This Holy Family lived and practiced their convictions that they had each been set apart by God for something more remarkable that demanded of them love, respect, and honor. They counted their blessings as being part of each one's history.

Here is something extremely important for you today. History is moving to a final close as 2024 ends and we get ready to welcome 2025. Here are some things to think about to enable you live out your convictions as a Christina and a follower of Christ:

1.What are some things you need to do less of in the new year? 2.What are the things you need to do more of? What are the things you must stop doing? 4.What are the things you must start doing? As disciples of Christ, our actions must always express our convictions of who we are whether we are airborne or land borne.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family and Happy New Year!

Our next "Table of Plenty" will be January 5th, 2025

Refreshments will be served following Mass on January 5th. Refreshment committee for this day will be: Shari C and Stacey M. Thank you ladies!

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will meet for just a few minutes after Mass today. Please attend if possible.

REMEMBER: Mass on December 31st, celebrating Mary, the Mother of God, is at 6:00pm.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way getting our church ready for the Christmas season. The Altar, hallway and outdoor decorations are beautiful and make our church welcoming to our church family and visitors. We are blessed to have you volunteering for these jobs.

A special thank you goes out to all of our ministry volunteers who help Mass go smoothly every Sunday and Holy Day. We thank Fr Andrew and Deacon Mark for leading us in our faith.

The DMI survey has received 24 online surveys at this time. We have also received 1 paper survey. Thank you to this individuals who have turned in their survey. We have until January 8th to complete all the surveys. It does not take long to complete. Please take part.
<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/bty695>

We have only a handful of days left to fill out the DMI Survey. Surveys need to be completed by January 8th. Someone will be handing out paper surveys to complete and return by January 12th if you prefer to use this method of completing the survey.

REMEMBER: online surveys need to be completed by the end of Day January 8th.

The survey takes only about 15 minutes to complete. Everyone in your household 18 and over are asked to participate.



December 22, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 740.00
Offertory	22.00
Candles	9.00
Other env.	5.00
(Citizen State Bank)	
TOTAL	\$ 776.00

Parish Baptism Preparation Class for Families Seeking Infant Baptism at St. John, St. Isidore, and Sacred Heart.

Preparation Class Venue:
St. John the Baptist Mt. Vernon, IA
Time: 2:00pm

Scheduled Dates for Classes:

Coming Soon

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM