

**Daily Readings for the  
Week of January 5, 2025**

Sunday, 1/5: Isaiah 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/ Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6/ Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, 1/6: 1 John 3:2- - 4:6/ Ps 2:7-8,10-12/ Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, 1/7: 1 John 4:7-10/ Ps 72:1-4,7-8/ Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, 1/8: 1 John 4:11-18/ Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/ Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, 1/9: 1 John 4:19- -5:4/ Ps 72:2,14-15,17/ Luke 4:14-22

Friday, 1/10: 1 John 5:5-13/ Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/ Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, 1/11: 1 John 5:14-21/ Ps 149:1-6,9/ John 3:22-30

**Schedule for January 12, 2025**

Lector: Sarah

Greeters/Gifts: Rissler Family

Servers: Kevin

Money Counters: Mary A K/Mary A M

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Jon/Margo



**Today's Mass Intention  
Josephine Behn**

Mass Intention January 12th

Koppes Family

**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



# SACRED HEART

**"BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY  
OF SACRED HEART: LOVE,  
PRAYER & SERVICE"**



January 5, 2024

**Sacred Heart Office Hours**

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

Phone: 319-320-5003

**St. John the Baptist (Mt. Vernon)**

**Office Hours:**

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

Phone: 319-895-6246

**St. Isidore (Springville) Office Hours:**

Wed. & Thurs.: 10:00am-3:00pm

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## Epiphany of the Lord

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## A Chain of Life and Love in Action

Dear Parishioners,

Take a quick moment and turn your face up to the heavens and think of people that have shaped your life of faith. Chances are that some of them are people you've never actually met. Our life is connected to many in a chain of *love in action*.

## The Timelessness of God's Gift of Jesus

God sent His only Son on account of *His* love that we might have eternal life. When Jesus appeared on earth, the shepherds and the Magi, people who did not know Mary and Joseph, came to visit, worship, and offer gifts to them. But this unfathomable gift also united us to Him and to one another in this life. If the incarnation had never happened, where would you be today?

Without the extraordinary example of painful birth and motherhood that started in the lonely stable at Bethlehem of Judaea, St. Monica would never have learned to turn to God as a mother and pray for her son.

Without the power of God's *grace* and *love* we learn about so well in the Gospels, there would have been no hope of conversion for St. Paul, St. Augustine, and therefore no spiritual community we call the parish/church. You probably would have still been alive, successful, and somewhat happy as a person, but your life wouldn't have been grounded in *faith*. *What does the chain of faith-filled servants and actions look like in your faith journey?*

In addition to the Christmas season, the year 2025 is also a Jubilee Year. In light of the theme for the Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims of Hope*, let us be hopeful and enter the new year keeping an open, loving, and unbounded relationship with all. Also, pay attention to work towards the Jubilee Year spiritual benefits such as indulgences and apply them to yourself.

Again, make it a new habit, a resolution, to take a few moments daily to give thanks to the generous and extraordinary God of creation who sent His only Son, gave us faith, and gave us one another. He continues to set so many hearts aflame with purpose, hope, and courage, offering us a legacy to follow.

You are part of the living plan. You are a part of a generation of people of goodwill and love that started long ago in Bethlehem.

**Have a great Christmas Season and a New Year.**

The "Table of Plenty" will be open before and after Mass today. Remember that all the money raised from this event goes to our church.

Refreshments will be served following Mass today. Refreshment committee today will be: Shari C and Stacey M. Thank you ladies!

According to the Parish Council, the Beef Raffle has raised \$6,680/00 towards our 2024 fundraising goal. The thermometer will be updated today. We have gone beyond our fundraising goal for 2024. Thank you parish family for all your hard work to help us reach this goal.

The DMI survey has been completed by 30 parish members. We have also received 4 paper surveys. Thank you to the individuals who have turned in their surveys so far. We have until January 9th at 10:59pm to complete the online survey. The paper surveys need to be turned into the church by January 19th. You can place your completed survey in the top clear pocket organizer hanging next the bulletin boards on each end of the hallway or they can be returned to Wendy Swan at church on the 12th and 19th of January. This will be the cut off for paper surveys. It does not take long to complete. This is of great importance for the future of the church.

Thank you. <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/bty695>

Someone will be handing our paper surveys after church to people who do not wish to complete the survey online.

Everyone in your household 18 and over is asked to participate.

Just a reminder that the bible study classes for January will be at 6:30 on the 15th and the 22nd at Sacred Heart Church in Oxford Junction. All are welcome to join in.



### December 25, 2024 Collection

Total \$ 1,626.00

### December 29, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 253.00
Offertory	41.00
Candles	30.00
Christmas	105.00
Total	\$ 429.00

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