

**Daily Readings for the
Week of December 1, 2024**

Sunday, 12/1: Jeremiah 33:14-16/ Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14/ 1 Thessalonians 3:12- -4:2/
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Monday, 12/2: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-9/ Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, 12/3: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/ Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, 12/4: Isaiah 25:6-10/ Ps 23:1-6/ Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, 12/5: Isaiah 26:1-6/ Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27/ Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday, 12/6: Isaiah 29:17-24/ Ps 1,4,13-14/ Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, 12/7: Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26/ Ps 147:1-6/ Matthew 9:35- -10:1,5,6-8

Schedule for December 8, 2024

Lector: Steve

Greeters/Gifts: Rissler Family

Servers: Kevin

Money Counters: Jon/Margo

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Ron/Margo



**Today's Mass Intention
Josephine Behn**

Mass Intention 12/8
Treyton Lange

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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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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

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Welcome to the Liturgical Year 2025

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholics, one of our characteristic features as individuals and a Church is ordering our lives and actions in a similar direction or call it 'following structures and rules.' These are not bad at all. On the contrary, they assist all of us as adherents of the same faith to keep our focus on what matters to all of us.

One such structure we all follow is the Liturgical Year or Calendar. The Catholic Church Liturgical Year is structured around specific seasons, each with its own themes, readings, and liturgical practices. Generally, the seasons commemorate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as well as the lives of the saints.

Here's a summary of the main seasons:

- **Advent:** A season of preparation for the birth of Christ, beginning four Sundays before Christmas. It's a time of anticipation and hope.
- **Christmas:** Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a season of joy and celebration.
- **Ordinary Time:** The longest season of the liturgical year, divided into two parts. It focuses on the teachings and ministry of Jesus. The first part follows Christmas and runs until Lent, while the second part follows Easter and runs until Advent.
- **Lent:** A 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving leading up to Easter. It's a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection.
- **Holy Week:** The week leading up to Easter, commemorating the final events of Jesus' life, including His Passion, death, and resurrection.
- **Easter:** Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's the most important feast in the liturgical year, a time of great joy and hope.
- **Pentecost:** Celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. It marks the beginning of the Church's mission to the world.
- There are also Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials about Mary and the Saints that are incorporated into the calendar.

This year, we enter into the Liturgical Cycle C with the focus on the Gospel of Luke. As we celebrate these Liturgical Seasons, I hope you will draw richness and inspiration from the seasons to grow in your own faith journey.

God bless you , and Happy Advent.

"Table of Plenty" sale for December is today. The profits from this fundraiser will go toward our goal shown on the thermometer in the hall. The next "Table of Plenty" will be January 5th.

The 1/4 Beef Raffle is in full swing, if you have not purchased raffle tickets yet, please consider this purchase as an offering to help Sacred Heart Church meet its budget goal. We have two more weeks to sell raffle tickets before the drawing on December 15th after Mass.

Remember to save December 15th at 4:00pm for our church program, "The Christmas Story in Song" with soup/sandwiches and fellowship to follow. Please invite family and friends to join us for this family friendly event.

Please text Amy Eganhouse if you have a child in college that you would like Sacred Heart to correspond with and send out care packages from time to time. Amy's Phone # is (563) 212-4867.

Our Bible Study will begin on December 4th at 6:30 at the church. We will be doing a Bible Study called the Crux, provided by focusequip.org. All are welcome to attend. Please bring along a bible. The next dates for the Bible study are December 18, January 8th and January 22nd, all at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart. Thank you so much to Stacy Agnitsch for leading our Bible Study.

LIVE NATIVITY December 7th from 6-7pm. Stay warm and enjoy instrumental Christmas music as you slowly drive past the Holy Family in the quiet country. 854 Ocean Ave. Clarence, Iowa 52216

Please consider donating a poinsettia or other Christmas flower to help decorate our Altar for the Christmas season.



November 17, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 795.00
Offertory	82.00
TOTAL	\$ 877.00

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