

**Daily Readings for the
Week of November 10, 2024**

Sunday, 11/10: 1 Kings 17:10-16/ Ps 146:7-10/ Hebrews 9:24-28/ Mark 12:38-44
 Monday, 11/11: Titus 1:1-9/ Ps 24:1-5/ Luke 17:1-6
 Tuesday, 11/12: Titus 2:1-8,11-14/ Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29/ Luke 17:7-10
 Wednesday, 11/13: Titus 3:1-7/ Ps 23:1-6/ Luke 17:11-19
 Thursday, 11/14: Philemon 7-10-20/ Ps 146:7-10/ Luke 17:20-25
 Friday, 11/15: 2 John 4-9/ Ps 110:1-2,10-11,17-18/ Luke 17:26-27
 Saturday, 11/16: 3 John 5-8/ Ps 112:1-6/ Luke 18:1-8

Schedule for November 17, 2024

Lector: Sarah
Greeters/Gifts: Rissler Family
Servers: Declan/Kevin
Money Counters: Mary/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mark/Sharon



**Today's Mass Intention
Jerry and Arnella Comstock**

Mass Intention 11/17/2024
Dolores Eganhouse

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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 Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday
 www.sacredheartoj.org

November 10, 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

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

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monte Ahrendsen

Jon Eganhouse

Abby Inglis

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Julie Ahrendsen

Glenda Leeper

Finance Council Members:

Donna Schewe

Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

PASTOR SPEAKS

Parish Vitality Goals for 2024-2025

Dear Parishioners,

At Mass today, our brother Brett Morman will speak to us on behalf of the Parish Council about our parish vitality goals for this current year. For the past two years, the Archdiocese of Dubuque has asked all parishes to undertake these exercises that are intended to generate internal discussions and awareness of the reality of the parish. It is believed that by critically looking into the state of the parish and looking for ways to revitalize it, we can forge ahead together in building a sustained vital parish community.

Through Parish Council deliberations, we have lined up some activities as steps to assist us improve the health of Sacred Heart parish. Therefore, in addition to his presentation, here are some of the salient issues we all need to reflect on together.

Considering the Jubilee Year 2025, to be celebrated by the Universal Church, our parish theme invites us to consider ourselves “pilgrims of hope.” Accordingly, we continue with our vision to focus on creating an intergenerational community of children, teens, young adults, middle-aged and seniors, with an increase in church attendance on Sundays and increasing active membership and participation.

Building on these efforts to bring more individuals into our parish will take time and ongoing changes of techniques and inspiration to get the word out about who we are and why new members should join us. Also, we know that since the cluster we belong to became defunct, there are some Catholics around Oxford Junction and its surrounding towns that are not actively going to church or engaged in their faith. Our hope is that we can reach out to such people to join our parish. All this is because with a small parish such as ours, our major goal should be to grow and increase in size.

One action we want to take is to engage in and participate in community events such as car parades in in Oxford Junction and surrounding towns for evangelization purpose using posters, flyers, parish T- Shirts/other merchandise.

We also intend to add two other communication channels including free announcements on local radio, newspapers and local newsletters in surrounding towns, and improve the use of social media platforms for the parish events.

Besides, we would like to organize a Christmas music/carol night and open it up to the community. Again, we organize three Soup Supper events during the Lenten Season where the community can attend to show support and presence in the parish. This way, the Sacred Heart Church can engage with the community potentially gain new members, but also give back to the people around us.

All this will indicate how we see ourselves as chosen, faith-filled, and joyful members of Sacred Heart church. Therefore, when you hear a call for participation in any of these, please do.

Thank you

The 1/4 Beef Raffle is in full swing. Sacred Heart Church will be raffling off two 1/4 Beef with basic processing included. Tickets are \$20 each or you can purchase 6 tickets for \$100. Please see a Parish Council member to get your tickets to sell. Turn your stubs and money into Jon Eganhouse or any Parish Council member or Finance Committee member.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will have a cinnamon roll bake on November 23rd. We are taking orders now in addition to being able to order online. Ads have been posted on Facebook and are hanging in the windows. **The deadline for ordering is November 13th.**

The price of 6 day memorial candles has increased to \$ 4.00 effective now. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart had another successful “Table of Plenty” bringing in \$151.00 for the church. The next “Table of Plenty” will be December 1st.

The next meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart will be November 24th after Mass.

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.

Let us take the time to say “Thank You” to the volunteers who help make our Parish thrive. You are so important to our Sacred Heart family.

All interested in the Bible Study, please meet in the church office (across from the kitchen) immediately after Mass on Nov. 17th, to discuss the upcoming Bible Study. It should only take a few minutes.



November 3, 2024 Collection

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| Envelopes | \$ 650.00 |
| Offertory | 92.00 |
| Candles | 22.00 |
| All Souls/other envelopes | \$75.00 |
| Religious Ed | 20.00 |
| TOTAL | 859.00 |

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