

Daily Readings

Week of November 28, 2021

Sunday, 11/28: Jer 33: 14-16/Ps 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/

1 Thes 3: 12; 4: 2/Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

Monday, 11/29: Is 2: 1-5/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Mt 8: 5-11

Tuesday, 11/30: Rom 10: 9-18/Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4: 18-22

Wednesday, 12/1: Is 25: 6-10a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15: 29-37

Thursday, 12/2: 1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30/Ps 84: 3, 4, 5-6, 8, 11/Eph 2: 19-22/Lk 19: 1-10

Friday, 12/3: Is 29: 17-24/Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9: 27-31

Saturday, 12/4: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26/Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9: 35; 10: 1, 5a, 6-8



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RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”

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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

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Schedule for December 5, 2021

Lector: CCD

Greeters/Gifts: CCD

Servers: CCD/Kevin

Money Counters: Mark/Mary Ann K

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Today's Mass Intention:

**Lawrence, Chuck, David &
Dennis Koppes**

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack,
Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston,
Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



To Our Parishioners & Friends

EVERYTHING CONNECTS TO THE CHURCH YEAR

The Liturgical Year B (Cycle B) is over; so, we have welcomed Year C as the new church year. We spent a twelfth-month period in our parish church celebrating the Paschal Mystery together, exchanging greetings without the usual handshake, praying with and for one another, and building stronger identity and ties as Sacred Heart parishioners. Every Church Year starts on the first Sunday of Advent, i.e., the Sunday closest to the beginning of December and ends on the Feast of Christ the King, i.e., Sunday closest to the end of November 30.

That the liturgical calendar precedes the secular calendar underscores the undoubted reality that all human history and experiences have their primacy and crescendo in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, the Alpha, and Omega (Rev. 21: 6). The Liturgical Year is, therefore “the human response rooted in the deep human need for faith in an ever-present and caring God, and for order, stability, life-inspiring changes and life-giving memories” that we celebrate in the seasons, solemnities, feasts and memorials of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Saints during the year. Every portion of the calendar is essential and requires our observance of it as Catholics.

Throughout the year, I enjoyed celebrating in all three parishes I that I am privileged to pastor, appreciating the architectural and spatial designs unique to each of them. As a pastor of three parishes: St. John, St. Isidore, and Sacred Heart, I notice that these parishes interact with me as sister parishes. Each worship space introduces me to unique richness and significance for a parish liturgical and spiritual life. I invite you during this liturgical year to make the effort to visit at least one of the other two parishes to attend Mass.

If this past year you didn't take advantage of the present sister-parish connection to get to know the other parishes and mix a little with worshippers in other locations except your favorite parish, I encourage you to decide to do so this year.

However, I do know that resolutions are often associated with the end of one calendar year and the starts of another. How many of us make essential decisions in December to commit to something that we consider significant and work towards it.

But we hardly consider the end of a Liturgical Year as a moment to examine our lives and make resolutions to step up efforts to improve in some dimensions of our lives. If everything revolves around Christ, the center of our lives and faith, then we center our aspirations and resolutions on him through the Paschal Mystery.

Maybe this church year you missed more masses, confessed less or none, dealt more with some social, emotional, spiritual, and material concerns than you wanted, you don't have to wait till December to resolve to make amendments. The Liturgical Year can be rather a good and favorable time to try and commit with the help of Christ.

Fr. Andrew.

- This year the Guild is planning on having a Winter Head, Neck and Hands tree. We will have a tree set up at the back of the Sanctuary to hang these items on. If you want to participate all you have to do is bring a warm cap, headband, ear muffs, scarf, mittens, or gloves and hang them on the tree. After Christmas these items will be given to the Midland Elementary School here in Oxford Junction.
- We are asking our church family to consider donating winter flowers to decorate our altar during the Christmas season. You may call Doris Denniston @ 319-480-6963 or Karen Bachman @ 319-981-3906 with questions or assistance in purchasing a plant/flower. More details to come.
- The next CCD class is Sunday, December 5th at 9:45am. Following class we will have our 2nd “Children’s Mass”.
- THANK YOU to our CCD kids and their teachers for raking leaves last Sunday at church!
- It has become necessary that our official membership data be updated to reflect our status as a stand-alone parish. Therefore, the Archdiocese of Dubuque requires that all parishes maintain an up-to-date Register of all parishioners. Such a register includes demographical data. So, with that said our Parish Council has come up with a new registration form that is in each family’s mailbox. Please pick up and fill out and give to Wendy Swan, our Parish Administrative Assistant or Blain Crock, our Parish Council President. If you do not have a mailbox please let either of them know and they will get you a registration form.



FORMED

Parishioners of St. John's, St. Isidore's and Sacred Heart now have access to FORMED --- an on-line platform with over 4000 Catholic videos, movies, educational topics and kids' programming. Browse the many options for movie night or find something to enhance your prayer life.

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Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

Email: collcoon@gmail.com