

Daily Readings

Week of December 19, 2021

Sunday, 12/19: Mi 5: 1-4a/Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/

Heb 10: 5-10/Lk 1: 39-45

Monday, 12/20: Is 7: 10-14/Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/

Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday, 12/21: Zep 3: 14-18a/Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1: 39-45

Wednesday, 12/22: 1 Sm 1: 24-28/1 Sm 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1: 46-56

Thursday, 12/23: Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14/Lk 1: 57-66

Friday, 12/24: 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/Lk 1: 67-79

Saturday, 12/25: Is 52: 7-10/Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1: 1-6/Jn 1: 1-18



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RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”

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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

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10:00am-11:00am

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Schedule for December 24th & December 26th

Lector: 24th-Sarah, 26th-Mark

Greeters/Gifts: 24th-Rissler Family, 26th-Leeper Family

Servers: 24th-Eli/Kevin, 26th-Tim/Kevin

Money Counters: 24th-Mary/Jon, 26th-Mark/Kris

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 24th-Mary Ann M/Margo
26th-Mark/Doris

Today's Mass Intention:

J.C. & Helen O'Hara

Prayer Corner

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



To Our PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Mass Time Change in the Spring

Dear Parishioners:

Most of you are aware that since July, I have served as the pastor of Sacred Heart, in addition to St. John and St. Isidore. Because Sacred Heart's Mass time was 10am on Sunday, it was arranged that it should be moved to 11am due to navigation adjustments I needed to make at the start of the assignment.

After six months, in a spirit of fraternal love and Christian solidarity with our sister parishes, the Pastoral Council of St. John has consented to 8:00am Sunday Mass at St. John, to enable Sacred Heart to move toward an earlier Mass schedule, closer to its original time. Given the after-Mass greetings with parishioners and the distance between Mount Vernon and Oxford Junction, the Pastoral Council of Sacred Heart has also consented to 10:30 am Mass.

While the initial plan was to start the new schedule on January 1, 2022, after learning about the conditions of the county roads to Oxford Junction in the winter, and other existing programs in the two parishes, **we have decided to move the start date to early April**. Please be aware that I communicated the **10 am** Mass time during Mass two weeks ago before considering the reasons above. Hence, this formal notice cancels the January 1 start date and the 10 am time I mentioned in the Mass.

As your pastor, I understand the reality that coming to Mass at 8 am at St. John, can be early and challenging. Along the same lines, 10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart, can be late and challenging. And while I gravitate toward the interest of each parish, I also understand that I cannot meet them squarely. So, I appeal to and urge you to accept the challenge as we embody what we all hold dear—our faith in Jesus. To that end, St. Paul reminds us of how we share “one body and one Spirit ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all,” (Ephesians 4:5).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

In Christ,

Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah, Pastor

- Christmas Eve Mass will be at 4:00pm on Friday, Dec. 24th with carols beginning at 3:45pm.

- If you plan on donating items for the winter clothing tree, please have your items hung on the tree by the end of the year. Items will be donated to the Midland Elementary School after school begins in the New Year.

- THANK YOU to the Crock family for the beautiful portrayal of the live Nativity last week.

- The next CCD class is Sunday, January 2nd at 9:45am. Our “Children’s Mass” will follow.

- 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 place in the tray that is on top of the mailboxes or 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. It is very important that we return our forms by the end of December.



Live Nativity scene from The Crock Family

Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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