

**Daily Readings for the
Week of December 8, 2024**

Sunday, 12/8: Baruch 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-6/ Philippians 1:4-6,8-11/ Luke 3:1-6
Monday, 12/9: Genesis 3:9-15,20/ Ps 98:1-4/ Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12/ Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday, 12/10: Isaiah 40:1-11/ Ps 96:1-3,10-13/ Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday, 12/11: Isaiah 40:25-31/ Ps 103:1-4,8,10/ Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, 12/12: Zechariah 2:14-17/ Judith 13:18-19/ Luke 1:26-38
Friday, 12/13: Isaiah 48:17-19/ Ps 1:1-4,6/ Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday, 12/14: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11/ Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/ Matthew 17:9,10-13

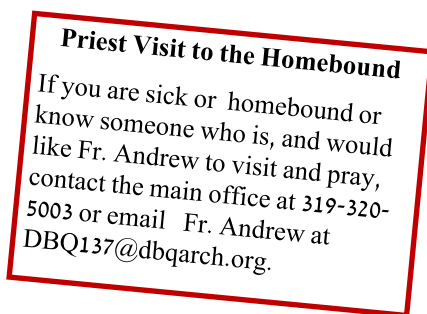
Schedule for December 15, 2024

Lector: Eli
Greeters/Gifts: J Ahrendsen Family
Servers: Kevin/Declan
Money Counters: Mary A M/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron



**Today's Mass Intention
Treyton Lange**

Mass Intention 12/15
Otto & Janice Lasack



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



December 8, 2024

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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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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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2nd Sunday of Advent

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Developing our Spiritual Self

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, we welcomed the 2025 Liturgical Year C during which we will mark the 2025 Jubilee Year. Because a Jubilee Year is a remarkable moment in the life of the Church for receiving extraordinary graces and blessings.

In light of our Parish Theme, I recommend these two prayers that are to accompany us in preparation for the Jubilee. Please keep them close to you and pray them often, if not, daily. I also pray that, this year, each of us will strive to give greater attention to his or her spiritual growth.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Francis

Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist You, Lord Jesus Christ,
make present to us the memorial of Your Passion –
the outpouring oblation of love to the Father that brings
salvation to the world, for our journey unto everlasting life.

Holy Spirit, stir up and awaken within us, within our
diocese, within our parishes, and within all the faithful
a lively devotion, profound reverence, and deep love for
this Sacrament of Sacraments. Grant us the grace to
hunger and thirst for You in the Eucharist.
Help us to approach You in Holy Communion frequently
and to receive You worthily and fruitfully.

Strengthen us that we may hear you calling us to the altar,
to the tabernacle, and to the monstrance, that we may joyfully
bask in Your Eucharistic Presence with all the angels and saints
and call all people to faith in the Most Holy Eucharist.
May Mary, Your mother and ours, teach us to be docile and
humble in the sight of this wondrous Mystery.
And may Your Eucharistic Heart, so fully and totally present to us,
be ever praised, adored, and loved at every moment, in all the
tabernacles of the world, even unto the end of time.

AMEN

Thank you Sarah, teachers, parents and CCD student for doing such a great job helping with Mass last Sunday. We encourage, support and enjoy watching our students grow in faith and become active members of our church family. “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 “Table of Plenty” sales last week earned \$184.00 towards our fundraising goal. Thanks to all who participated, either bring or purchasing items.

We only have one more week to sell raffle tickets for the 1/4 Beef Raffle. Please purchase tickets and sell raffle tickets. The drawing will take place after Mass on December 15th. This is our last fundraising event to meet our budget for 2024. This is a very important raffle for our parish. We need your help to make it successful.

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.

Our first Bible Study was held on December 4th at 6:30 at the church. We had 8 people attend. The Bible Study is 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.

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

The cinnamon roll bake was a great success (especially for our first time). We made 191 dozen and raised \$2,340.35 towards our church fundraising goal of \$15,000. Thank you so much for our wonderful women for this successful event.

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 1, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 575.00
Offertory	60.00
Candles	12.00
TOTAL	\$ 647.00
Bld. Fund	10.00

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