

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday Of Advent**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Mike Bell)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Advent Weekday

**Tuesday, December 11**

Advent Weekday(1); *Saint Damasus I, Pope*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service followed by coffee
- 6:30 PM—Faith Formation, K-8
- 7:00 PM—Communal Reconciliation Service

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15,**

Advent Weekday

- 10:00 AM—Cookie Walk



A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Luke 3:4

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Is 35:1-10  
Ps 85:9ab-14  
Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

Is 40:1-11  
Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13  
Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday**

Zec 2:14-17  
(Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19  
Lk 1:39-47

**Thursday**

Is 41:13-20  
Ps 145:1, 9-13ab  
Mt 11:11-15



**Friday**

Is 48:17-19  
Ps 1:1-4, 6  
Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**Sunday**

Zep 3:14-18a  
(Ps) Is 12:2-6  
Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18

**Some Dates to Note**

- Dec. 12—Communal Reconciliation Service
- Dec. 15—Cookie Walk
- Dec. 16—Christmas Pageant and Parish Chili Supper
- Dec. 19—Begin decorating for Christmas
- Dec. 23—Finish decorating for Christmas



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." Luke 3:16

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Maria Tovar, Grandmother of Emigdio Camu)

**Communal Reconciliation Wednesday, December 12**



One of the best way to prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and open our hearts to him is to experience the loving forgiveness of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament on Wednesday, December 12, 7:00 PM. Please plan on joining us.

Communal reconciliation at Sacred Heart, Newton, will be at 7:00 PM, Sunday, December 9. Father hears confessions every Saturday at 3:00 PM.

**Poinsettia Memorials**



Envelopes are available in the gathering space if you would like to donate to the poinsettia fund in memory of deceased loved one. Names will be listed on the Christmas program and prayed for at Christmas mass. There is no set amount, whatever you would like to contribute. Be sure the envelope is returned no later that Wednesday, Dec. 19.

**Advent Resources**



Advent begins today. This is a sacred and holy season for us to prepare for the great mystery of Christ's incarnation and birth. There are three daily meditation books in the gathering space to help you with your Advent journey—*The Little Blue Books* from Saginaw, *Five Minutes with the Word*, and *The Word Among Us*. Please help yourself.

**Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Gathering Space**

Free will offering, boxes will be provided.

We need lots of donations of Christmas goodies for this fundraiser. There is a signup sheet in the gathering space. Please consider helping and of course, come and buy lots of wonderful goodies.



**"The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus."**

**Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)**



**Decorating the Church for Christmas**

We will begin decorating on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 PM. We will put up the stable and the trees but will not light them.

On Sunday, December 23, we will finish decorating immediately after mass. Lunch will be provided.

Please come and help us prepare for Christmas if you can.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Envelopes .....	\$3,617.36
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Food Pantry .....	\$202.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$50.00
Retired Religious.....	\$20.00



### FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

**“You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust.” – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is sent.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love. Reprinted [Excerpted] from Respect Life Program, copyright © 2018, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved .

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



### **Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 16, 5:30 PM All are invited**

Immediately following the pageant, there will be a chili and hotdog supper for all the parish.

### **Saturday Evening Mass at Sacred Heart, Newton is at 4:00 PM during December, January and February.**

Father will hear confessions at 3:00 PM those months.

### **Christmas Mass Schedule Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM  
Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day, 9:00 AM  
Monday December 31, The Vigil of the Solemnity of the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, 4:00 PM

#### **Sacred Heart, Newton**

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:00 & 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day, 9 AM

Tuesday, January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, 9:00 AM



### **Flu Season is Here**

While we will not be making any changes to the liturgy at this time please keep the following in mind:

**Hand Sanitizer:** There is a large bottle of hand sanitizer by the front door. If you are not feeling well, or just as a general precaution, everyone is urged to use the sanitizer as they enter the church.

**Sunday Obligation:** The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday other Holy Days of Obligation, is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you are not feeling well, especially during this time—flu season, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

**Sign of Peace:** Members of our congregations should not be offended if someone chooses not to shake the other person's hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, "Peace be with You", to avoid bodily contact or one might wave slightly at the other person.

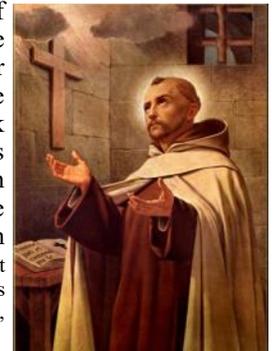
**Reception of Holy Communion:** While it is the teaching of the Church that the Fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist, under the form of the Host that is distributed at the Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling sick, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving communion under the form of the Blood of Christ.

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK**

#### **St. John of the Cross: 1542-1591**

Feast Day—December 14

A Doctor of the Church, John is also one of its great mystics and poets. Born Juan de Yepes de Alvarez in Spain, he was raised by his mother and entered a Carmelite monastery in 1563. He was ordained in 1567. Finding the Carmelites very lax, he joined with St. Teresa of Avila to reform the order. In 1568, he entered the first reformed house for men, taking the name John of the Cross. He encountered severe opposition and was even imprisoned for nine months in a monastery cell, where he began writing poems. The Dark Night of the Soul is his most famous work. Only after his death was John recognized as co-founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is the patron saint of mystics and poets. . . . Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



**December 9 2018—11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Joe Hayden & Sharon Jones

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joann Carrothers, Cathy Hayden, John Heggen & Kathy Williams

**Altar Servers:** Dane Owens & Rita Krueger

**Greeters:** Ed and Mary Dell Flattery

**December 16 2018—11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Brad Hagarty & Linda Barnum

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Irma Bell, Elizabeth Birkenholtz, Rita Krueger, & Claire Williams

**Altar Servers:** Mackensie Brown and Meta Hill

**Greeters:** Gordon & Sharon Jones



## Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



## Faith Formation News

Classes will begin at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 12. A little before 7, the classes will go upstairs for reconciliation. Grades 2-8 may be picked up in the church. K and 1 will remain downstairs.

## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Hail Mary, Lady of Peace

We pray for the peace in our world; make us peacemakers.

Hail Mary, Friend of Common People,

Unite us across economic lines; together let us raise up the cause of the oppressed.

Hail Mary, Mother of Mexico,

Help us both appreciate Latin America's culture and work to end its poverty.

Hail Mary, Mother of the Infant Jesus,

We pray for all children who are victims of war and hunger; let us stand for them.

Hail Mary, Wife of the Carpenter, Joseph,

We pray for the rights of hardworking laborers in all the world; let their dignity be recognized.

Hail Mary, Woman of All Generations,

Move us to speak for the elderly who lack adequate health care and shelter.

Hail Mary, Homeless Mother,

We pray for those without homes; let us advocate for affordable housing.

Hail Mary, Lady of All Colors,

Show us how to love all people by challenging racism and discrimination.

Hail Mary, Mother of Our World,

Make us global citizens, working for justice and well-being in all the world.

## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

“The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing.” Psalm 2:4  
Psalm 2:4

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?' Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

So close. **We need only \$1,986.00 to meet our goal.** We have pledges for \$15,678.00 of our \$17,646.00 goal or 89%. You will find fliers and envelopes in the gathering space To all of those who have contributed—thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge, please do so soon.



## A Stewardship Moment

**December 9, The Second Sunday of Advent**

In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

## Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.