

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 11:00 AM—Mass (The People of Immaculate Conception)
- 12:00 PM—Taking down Christmas decorations

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

Weekday (1); *Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

Weekday (1)

- 9:00 AM—Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

Weekday (1)

- 9:00 AM—Mass Followed by Coffee
- 6:30 PM—K-8, Faith Formation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

Weekday (1)

- 9:00 AM—Mass
- 7:00 PM—Finance Council Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

Saint Anthony, Abbot

- 9:00 AM—Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

Weekday (1)



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:17

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8
Ps 116:12-19
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

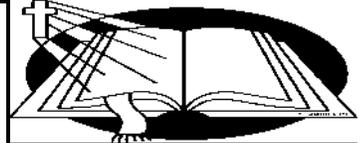
1 Sm 1:9-20
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
Mk 1:40-45



Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Ps 89:16-19
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
Ps 21: 2-7
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 7-10
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Some Dates to Remember

- Jan. 16—Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 21—Social Action Committee meeting
- Jan. 28—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Jan. 28—Parish Council Meeting

Did you know?

We are in the pews before Mass begins, kneeling and saying our prayers. But have you ever wondered why we are kneeling to begin with? Kneeling is biblical. "Every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Phil 2:10-11) Catholics count it as a privilege to kneel before him, because he is worthy of our reverence and submission. ©LPi

Local Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls age 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held at Colfax-Mingo High School on **January 26th at 12:30.**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions. All Boys and girls 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to have parental consent and have their age verifiable.

Winners at the local level proceed to a district level competition and compete to move on to the state championship. A state wide competition is held to crown the annual K of C Free Throw Champions.

Faith Formation News

Classes as usual on Jan 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm.



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

- Envelopes \$1,772.00 (\$65.00 in auto tithing)
- Food Pantry \$130.00
- Christmas \$50.00
- Mary, Mother of God..... \$35.00

MASS INTENTIONS

It has been a long-standing practice in the Catholic Church to assign intentions for each Mass celebrated.

Some occasions for offering a Mass for an individual, group, or cause:

- ◆ The birthday of parents, especially, or for anyone
- ◆ The death anniversary for a loved one, especially parents and family members, or for anyone;
- ◆ For particular intentions:
- ◆ Vocations
- ◆ For a particular person
- ◆ For a particular need

Now that we are celebrating Mass daily, we have the opportunity and need for more intentions for Mass. We currently have a total of 10 Masses requested. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the parish office with the name of the person or intention and the date you would like to have the Mass celebrated.

Current diocesan practice in that a stipend of \$5.00 should accompany each Mass request, however, no Mass intention will be denied if the person can't afford the stipend. According to Canon Law one Sunday Mass must be offered for the special intentions and needs of the parishioners of Immaculate Conception parish.

The Baptism of the Lord

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. “He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water” (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634). Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God. *From the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006) 184. Copyright © 2006, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved Used with permission.*



Coffee and Donuts

Thank you to Rob, Lisa, Mackenzie and Mark for hosting donuts last week. If you would like to host in the future, please let Dc. Joe know.

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- ⇒ Iowa’s bishops support a constitutional amendment on abortion.
- ⇒ Hispanic Catholics sing and dance for baby Jesus in Davenport.
- ⇒ US bishops’ president says violence in the name of God is blasphemy.
- ⇒ Australians seek prayers as wildfires spread.
- ⇒ Pope Francis begins New Year with an apology.
- ⇒ The pope advises people to set aside their phones to talk to each other..

Columns

- ⇒ Bishop Zinkula shares more thoughts about Vision 20/20.
- ⇒ Norm Bower reflects on serving as a eucharistic minister.
- ⇒ Father Doyle Q&A focuses on the crucifix and non-Catholic weddings.
- ⇒ Movie reviews, fiction and nonfiction.
- ⇒ Fr. Rolheiser writes about the “best 10 books that found me.”
- ⇒ Plenty of letters to the editor..

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Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and

more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com! Copies of the Novena for Life are available in the gathering space.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER:

Vision 20/20 - From Pentecost to Pentecost

Bishop Zinkula has a new initiative, Vision 20/20. Prayer for the success of this initiative is so very important. Please consider praying the following prayer daily for the success of Vision 20/20

Send your Spirit, O God

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly your gifts and blessings,
Past and present,
And so be filled with gratitude.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly where we have failed to
proclaim
The Good News and welcome the stranger,
And so be moved to ongoing conversion.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the signs of the times
And where your Christ lies hidden at the margins,
And so see where and how we are being called to
serve.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the vision that you, O God,
have for us, The Diocese of Davenport,
And so answer your summons into a future together.

Yes, O God, send us your Spirit in a new Pentecost:

Renew our hearts
Renew our Church
Renew our world.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Auto-giving

Have you considered signing-up for auto-giving. Your contribution can be automatically credited either monthly or weekly. No hassles writing checks or remembering to contribute if you miss a week. **And it is green—good for the environment.** When you sign-up for auto-giving, we can cancel your envelopes saving paper, the energy to deliver them and the cost to the parish. It is fast, easy, and safe. Consider signing up today. Applications and FAQ are available in the gathering space or on line at www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org

January 12, 2020—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty; Joann Carrothers
Eucharist Ministers: Meta Hill; Linda Barnum; John Heggen; Susan Heggen
Servers: Ryan Braun & Sharon Jones
Greeters: Tom & Marcia Grimm

January 19, 2020—11:00 AM

Lectors: Nancy Hopkins; Rita Krueger
Eucharist Ministers: Tom Grimm; Marcia Grimm; Kathy Williams; Claire Williams
Servers: Mitch Holmes & Meta Hill
Greeters: Irma Bell & Sharon Jones



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

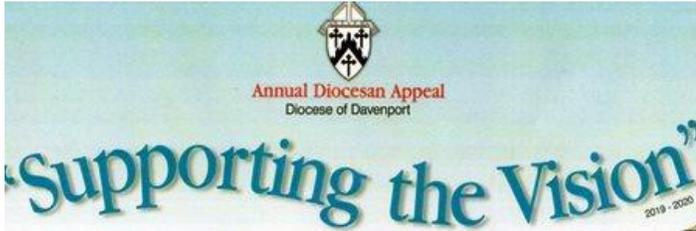
Diane Wood

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.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We are **96%** of the way there. We have pledges of \$16,993.00 towards our goal of \$17,631.00. That leaves us only **\$638.00** more needed. Remember, the Diocese of Davenport is our church and needs our support. If you have not yet pledged, please do so soon. Every little bit gets us closer to that goal.

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.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing."

Psalm 2:4

Getting to Heaven

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" a teacher asked the children in faith formation class. "NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children and loved my wife, would that get me into Heaven?" the teacher asked them again. Again, they all answered, "NO!"

"Well," the teacher continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."



A Stewardship Moment

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Weekend of January 11/12, 2020 Saint Matthew's story of the baptism of Jesus is an appropriate scripture reading to reflect on our own baptism. Jesus' baptism has been understood as a symbol of his death. Baptism is the sacrament by which we die to an old life of sin and enter a new life of grace. We "put on Christ." To be a good steward of one's baptism means to accept that one has new life in the risen Lord and is willing to be guided by the life of Jesus. As this year begins to unfold, reflect on the meaning of your own baptism, and how you might make an even deeper commitment to a new life in Christ Jesus.

Cancellations Due to Weather

Winter is back. A reminder of cancellation policies. Sunday morning services will not be cancelled unless Fr. Ron can't make it across the parking lot. If Mass is canceled, we will send out an email, post it on the web site, www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org, and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO.

If the weather is bad, please use caution when traveling to Mass. Attending Mass and Holy Days of Obligation are precepts of the Church, so missing them is a grave matter. But please use your best judgement as to whether you can safely make it to Mass.

Religious Education classes will be cancelled if the Colfax- Mingo or PCM schools are dismissed early or cancelled. If classes are cancelled, we will send out an email, post it on the website (www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org), and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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