

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (The People of Immaculate Conception)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019**

Weekday (1); *Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr*

**Tuesday, JANUARY 21, 2019**

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

- 9:00 AM—Mass
- 6:30 PM—Social Action Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

Weekday (1)

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019**

Weekday *Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr, Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*

- 9:00 AM—Mass

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019**

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 9:00 AM—Mass



"On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." John 1:33

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

1 Sm 15:16-23  
Ps 50:8-9  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

1 Sm 16:1-13  
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51  
Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10  
Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday**

1 Sm 18:6-9, 191-7  
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13  
Mk 3:7-12



**Friday**

1 Sm 24:3-21  
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11  
Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday**

Acts 22:3-16  
Ps 117:1-2  
Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday**

Is 8:23—9:3  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17  
Mt 4:12-23

**Some Dates to Remember**

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

**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.

**Faith Formation News**

Classes as usual on Jan 22 from 6:30-7:30



"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." Matthew 4:16

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019**

**THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (People of Immaculate Conception)



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](http://www.9daysforlife.com)! Copies of the Novena for Life are available in the gathering space.

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**Grinnell Deanery Ski Trip**

The middle and high school students will have the opportunity to participate in the annual Grinnell Deanery ski trip on Sunday, January 26 at Seven Oaks in Boone, IA. The cost per person is \$30.00. Rental helmets are an additional \$8.00. Any youth in grades 7-12 who are interested in attending the ski trip, please contact Luke Gregory or Andrew Schwartz before January 15, 2020. **We will also be in need of parent volunteer drivers for this endeavor.** Youth from the deanery (Newton, Grinnell, Pella, Oskaloosa, Knoxville and Melcher) will be attending.



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

- Envelopes ..... \$756.00 (\$65.00 in auto tithing)
- Mary, Mother of God..... \$25.00



## Congratulations to our Confirmation Class

Last Sunday, our Confirmation class celebrated *The Rite of Enrollment* as they prepared to enter into the last four months of preparation to celebrate the Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers. Easton Webb, Jocelyn Lind, John McGill, Kaden Dalton, Konner Dalton, Logan Aller, Mark Bussan, Rylie Muck, and Mickayla Lind. The Confirmation celebration will be on April 25, 5:30 PM, at Sacred Heart, Newton. Picture by Mary Dell Flattery, parish photographer.

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#### Please Note

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### WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU DIDN'T READ *THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER.*

- ⇒ Human trafficking targets the vulnerable.
- ⇒ Deacon Matt Levy's journey from Judaism to Catholicism.
- ⇒ Puerto Rico reels under successive earthquakes.
- ⇒ Iowa priest's cattle cross image photo goes viral online.
- ⇒ Pope says baptism is the first step on the path to humility.
- ⇒ Special day to honor, study, share the Bible.
- ⇒ Security tightened at annual Filipino procession.
- ⇒ Court ruling affects India Catholic schools.

#### Columns

- ⇒ Kathy Burken writes about lessening the discord among us.
- ⇒ Father Doyle Q&A focuses on confession, incense.
- ⇒ Dr. Karla Polaschek writes that abortion reversal can be possible.
- ⇒ The Catholic Messenger editorial: We can prevent human trafficking...

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### 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

## **COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT BACKPACK PROGRAM**

This program is designed to provide food insecure youth with a backpack of food to take home on the weekend. Each backpack contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners along with a couple of snack items. Please bring your donations to the church throughout the school year.

#### NEED LIST:

Spaghettios, cans of green beans, macaroni & cheese, Ravioli, cans of corn, peanut butter, Instant Potatoes, cans of fruit, chicken salad packs, Microwaveable rice packs, ramen noodles, soup, canned tuna/chicken/ham, tuna salad packs, individual cereals, all fruit cups, boxes of individual crackers, individual muffins, pudding cups, granola bars, jello cups, individual bags of chips, individual oatmeal packets, malt o'meal packets, pop-tarts, individual packs cookies, pb and cheese crackers, pretzel and cheese packs, individual raisins, fruit snacks, juice boxes

You could also do a monetary donation which will go to buying these items above.

## Saint of the Week **St. Agnes** Died C. 304

Feast Day: January 21

Agnes may have been only 12 or 13 when she died a martyr's death in Rome. According to tradition, she refused to consider marrying and consecrated her maidenhood to God. When a persecution broke out, she left home and offered herself for martyrdom, probably dying by being stabbed in the throat, a common form of Roman execution. She was buried in a cemetery in the Via No mentana, where a church honoring her was built about 350. Her name and feast date were listed in a calendar of martyrs in 354. She is the patron of girls.



January 19, 2020—11:00 AM

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

January 26, 2020—11:00 AM

**Lectors:** Sharon Jones; Linda Barnum  
**Eucharist Minsters:** Elizabeth Birkenholtz; Joann Carrothers; Karen Van Dusseldorp; Cathy Hayden  
**Servers:** Matthew Holmes & Lisa Bussan  
**Greeters:** Ed & Mary Dell Flattery



## 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.



## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

“The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing.”

Psalm 2:4

Where Is the Safest Place?

- ◆ Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
- ◆ Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
- ◆ Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians
- ◆ Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
- ◆ Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But.....You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church! And.....Bible Study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less. so, attend church, and read your Bible.

IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!

## A Stewardship Moment

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19, 2020

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist shows us how what we do and say reveals to others what we really believe. He has a clear sense of who he is and who he is not, and by his life's work he gives testimony to God's active presence in people's lives. He challenges us to examine how our actions reveal our attitudes, testify to our beliefs and show how those beliefs reveal our true selves to others. Good stewards of their faith are aware of the sort of God they reveal to the world by their words and actions. Do our acts witness to a God who takes away that which alienates people from God and each other? Do our actions truly reveal God's presence in the world today?

## 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.

## 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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal  
Diocese of Davenport

Supporting the Vision  
2019 - 2020

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We are **97%** of the way there. We have pledges of \$17,168.00 towards our goal of \$17,631.00. That leaves us only **\$465.00** 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.