

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019
 Christmas Weekday; *Saint Andre Bessette, Religious*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
 Christmas Weekday; *Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

- 9:00 AM—Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Mass Followed by Coffee

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

Christmas Weekday



"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."
 Matthew 2:9

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6
 Ps 2:7-8,10-12a
 Mt 4:12, 23-25

Tuesday

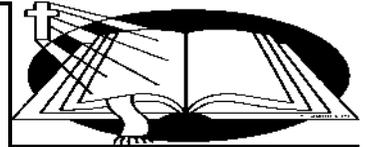
1 Jn 4:7-10
 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18
 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4
 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
 Lk 4:14-22a



Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13
 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 35:14-21
 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b
 Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
 Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
 Acts 10:34-38
 Mt 3:13-17

Some Dates to Remember

- Jan. 8—Faith Formation Class resumes 6:30 PM
- Jan. 16—Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 21—Social Action Committee meeting
- Jan. 28—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Jan. 28—Parish Council Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 11:00 AM—Mass ()
- 12:00 PM—Taking down Christmas decorations



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



Christmas Pageant

On December 18, the parish enjoyed a wonderful retelling of the birth of our Lord by our students. Thank you to all who helped and to those who provided a wonderful meal.



Faith Formation News

Classes as usual on Jan 8 from 6:30-7:30

pm.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with our beautiful Christmas celebration. To our organist, Mary, and our choir for the beautiful music. To all the liturgical ministers who ministered to us so well. To those who helped decorate the church and those who brought food. To all of you who joined us for our celebration. It was all very inspiring and beautiful.

Putting Christmas Away

Christmas season ends with the Baptism of the Lord on January 12. On that Sunday, we will take down our Christmas decorations and put them away immediately after mass. We will appreciate anyone who can stay and help us.



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

Envelopes	\$10,152.71
(\$869.00 in auto tithing)	
Christmas	\$20.00
Retired religious	\$910.00
Mary, Mother of God.....	\$241.00
Utilities	\$10.00

Catholic Principles of Migration

Our approach to migration is rooted in the Gospel and in the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. A recent example of this teaching is in *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, a pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States.

I. Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland. All persons have the right to find in their own countries the economic, political, and social opportunities to live in dignity and achieve a full life through the use of their God-given gifts. In this context, work that provides a just, living wage is a basic human need.

II. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families. The Church recognizes that all the goods of the earth belong to all people. When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right.

III. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders. The Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories and their borders. However, wealthier nations, which have the ability to better protect and feed their residents, have a strong obligation to accommodate migration flows.

IV. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection. Those who flee wars and persecution should be protected by the global community. This requires, at a minimum, that migrants have a right to claim refugee status without incarceration and to have their claims fully considered by a competent authority.

V. The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected. Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subject to punitive laws and harsh treatment by enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary. Copyright © 2016, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Andre Bessette 1845-1937

Feast Day—January 6

Born in Canada, Andre worked for three years in the United States as a weaver and manual laborer. After returning to Canada in 1870, he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross and took final vows in 1874. For decades, Brother Andre humbly served his community near Montreal as doorman, janitor, barber, gardener and infirmarian. With St. Joseph as his model and intercessor, he developed a healing ministry and huge following. In 1904, he moved into Montreal to help build the Oratory of the Holy Cross, and remained there for the rest of his life.

When this “Miracle Man of Montreal” was canonized in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said he “lived the beatitude of the pure of heart.”

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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.

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 5, 2020—11:00 AM

Lectors: John Heggen; Mary Dell Flattery

Eucharist Minsters: Lisa Bussan; Mackenzie Bussan; Rita Krueger; Irma Bell

Servers: Matthew Holmes & Meta Hill

Greeters: Joann Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp

January 12, 2020—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty; Joann Carrothers

Eucharist Minsters: Meta Hill; Linda

Barnum; John Heggen; Susan Heggen

Servers: Ryan Braun & Sharon Jones

Greeters: Tom & Marcia Grimm



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

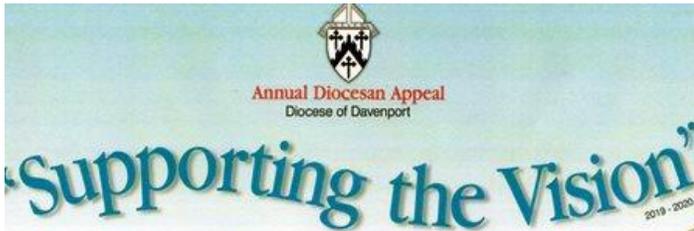
Diane Wood

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 84% of the way there. We have pledges of \$14,758.00 towards our goal of \$17,631.00. That leaves us only \$2,873.00 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

New Year's Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. Mark Twain



A Stewardship Moment

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Weekend of January 4/5, 2020 "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace..." This is how Saint Paul begins his letter to the members of the Church at Ephesus in today's second reading. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God's loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is at work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on Saint Paul's words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards of Christ's justice and peace?

Cancellations Due to Weather

Winter is back. A reminder of cancellation policies. Sunday morning services will not be cancelled unless it is so bad that Dc. Joe nor Father can't make it to the church. But neither live very far away so that seldom happens. If it does, they will send out an email, post it on the web site, www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org, and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO.

The obligation to attend mass on Sunday is very serious but God certainly does not want you to risk your life or your health to attend mass. Always use your best judgment.

Religious Ed. If the Colfax-Mingo or PCM schools are dismissed early because of weather, classes are automatically cancelled. (This does not of course include scheduled early out days.) If classes are cancelled, Dc. Joe will send out an email, post it on the web site, and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO. Again, always use your best judgment.