

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Darlene Kellogg)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Weekday (34);

Tuesday, November 27

Weekday;

- 6:00 PM—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM—Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Weekday;

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Decorating for Advent



"Then you are a king?"
John 18:37

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Ps 24:1-6
Lk 31:1-4

Tuesday

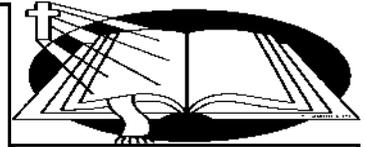
Rv 14:14-19
Ps 96:10-13
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Rv 15:1-4
Ps 98:1-3, 7-9
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a
Ps 100:1b-5
Lk 21:21:20-28



Friday

Rom 10:9-18
Ps 19:2-5
Mt 4:18-22

Saturday

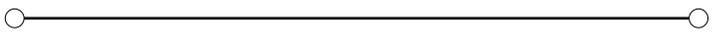
Rv 22:1-7
Ps 95:1-7
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Some Dates to Note

- Nov. 27—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Nov. 27—Parish Council Meeting
- Dec. 12—Communal Reconciliation Service
- Dec. 16—Christmas Pageant and Parish Chili Supper



Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

All ornaments have been picked up. **Remember that gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 2, so there is not a lot of time.** Do not wrap the gifts. Include paper and a gift box if needed but the parents will actually wrap them.



Advent Resources

Advent begins in two weeks on Sunday, December 2. 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.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

We are almost there. We need only \$4,728.00 to meet our goal. We have pledges for \$12,918.00 of our \$17,646.00 goal or 73.21%. 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.



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

- Envelopes.....\$758.00 (\$87.00) in auto tithing)
- Campaign for Human Development.....\$37.00



"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars."
Luke 21:25

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Matt Gannon)
- 12:00 PM—Coffee and Donuts

"Pastoral ministry in a missionary style is not obsessed with the disjointed transmission of a multitude of doctrines...the message has to concentrate on the essentials, on what is most beautiful, most grand, most appealing and at the same time most necessary."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)



Pageant Helpers Needed

There will be a Christmas Pageant late in the afternoon on Sunday Dec. 16 with a meal to follow About 20 children, kindergarten through 6th are participating. We need some adults to assist with a couple of practices and on the day of the pageant. Practices are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30, Nov. 29 and Dec 6, and maybe on Dec. 13, 6:30 to 7:00 if needed. Parents of children participating please consider helping with this. Also, anyone's help would be appreciated even if you don't have a child in the pageant. Community Service hours available for high school. Please let Peggy Dvorak know if you can help. 515-674-4406 home, 515-490-6886 cell, or email peggy.dvorakia@gmail.com





FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas (“In the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Pope Pius XI said that Christ “reign[s] ‘in the hearts of men,’ both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind.”

Quas Primas continues to ring true. In recent years, aggressive secularist campaigns have sought to marginalize the Church and other religious institutions. In response to alienation and loss of solidarity—which tend to accompany these secularist assaults—nationalistic movements have sprung up across the western world. Now, as always, we must turn and gaze on the face of Christ, our merciful Lord. . Copyright © 2016, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

God’s abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



Looking for something different on the radio. Try KWKY, a Catholic radio station out of Des Moines. For a

line-up and more information go to www.kwky.com.

Colfax Community Blood Drive Saturday, December 1, 2018 7:15 AM-10:15 AM

Colfax United Methodist Church
BLOODMOBILE 7 S Locust St.

To make an appointment, contact Sheryll Skidmore at 515-689-4927 visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or 800-287-4903



Come Carol With Us

Immaculate Conception will once again be caroling at Colfax Country Christmas on Saturday, December 1. We will carol from 4:30 to 5:30. This is always a lot of fun.

Meet in front of the bank a bit before 4:30. **All members of Immaculate Conception and their family and friends are welcome. Anyone may join us.**



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.

Altar & Rosary Society News December meeting and Christmas party. Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:30 PM

We'll have a potluck starting at 6:30 on Thursday, Dec. 6. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for a fun Christmas game. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please come for an evening of fun and fellowship.

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.

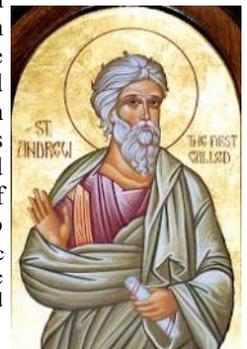


SAINT OF THE WEEK

Andrew the Apostle: first century

Feast Day—November 30

In the synoptic Gospels, Andrew is a Galilean fisherman grouped with his brother, Peter, and with James and John in the inner circle of Apostles; in John’s Gospel, he is the disciple of John the Baptist who is the first to follow Jesus and who brings his brother to the Lord. Many traditions about Andrew come from the apocryphal second-century Acts of Andrew, which depicts him as a zealous missionary in the Black Sea region who is crucified—tied to an x-shaped cross—by the Roman governor. Some early church historians also said he evangelized in Greece and Asia Minor. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia, Greece, and those who fish for a living . . . Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



November 25, 2018—11:00 AM

Lectors: Rita Krueger & Joann Carrothers
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Heggen, Sharon Jones, Kathy Williams, & Claire Williams
Altar Servers: Irma Bell & Matthew Holmes
Greeters: Bill & Meta Hill

December 2, 2018—11:00 AM

Lectors: John Heggen & Terri Rosonke
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Brown, Mackensie Brown, Linda Barnum, & Meta Hill
Altar Servers: Matthew Rosonke & Sharon Jones
Greeters: Joann Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp



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 on Wednesday, November 28, will be at the regular time, 6:30 to 7:30. The parents of the second grade students will meet in the gathering space..



DIOCESAN PRAYER:

Vision 20/20 - From Pentecost to Pentecost

As you know from the article above, 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.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

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

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door. "Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one."

"Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man.

"That's one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man.

The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man.

"Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"



Communal Reconciliation Wednesday, December 13

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.



A Stewardship Moment

Nov. 25—The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate asks Jesus: "What have you done?" Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us into new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord?



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.