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December 10, 2023

Second Sunday  
of Advent



Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths." MK 1:1-8*



# Advent

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGY

### FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

- Sunday, December 24th at 8:30am

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- Sunday, December 24th at 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

- Monday, December 25th at 9am

## RETREATS AND GATHERINGS

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH

- Sunday, December 10th from 4-6 pm

### ADULT ADVENT RETREAT

- Saturday, December 16th from 12pm-4:30pm

## SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICES

### TAIZE at HOLY TRINITY

- Sunday, December 10th 6-6:45pm (after the Generations of Faith)
- Sunday, December 17th 5- 5:45pm

## COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

### CONFESSION at HOLY TRINITY

- Saturday, December 9th at 3pm
- Wednesday, December 13th at 1pm and 6pm
- Thursday, December 14th at 5:30pm
- Saturday, December 16th at 3pm
- Wednesday, December 20th at 6pm
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### DIOCESAN ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES 2023

- Saturday, December 9th at 10 am (Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny)
- Sunday, December 10th at 2 pm (St. Mary of Nazareth, Des Moines)
- Sunday, December 10th at 4 pm (St. Pius X, Urbandale)
- Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm (St. Theresa, Des Moines)
- Thursday, December 14th at 7 pm (Ss. John and Paul, Altoona)



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## From the Church | December 10, 2023

**Enrich Your Advent.** HT offers Adoration and Prayer after 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays during Advent. Share a few extra minutes with Jesus as we prepare for Christmas!

**Enjoy Taizé During Advent.** Experience serenity and silence at Taizé this Advent season. Give yourself over to simple prayer and song in a period of joyful expectation on **Sunday, December 10**, from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and **Sunday, December 17**, from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Contact Julie at [redflutejc@gmail.com](mailto:redflutejc@gmail.com) for details!

**High School Study Club.** Students are invited to join Youth Ministry on Sunday, December 17, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Study for finals, work in small groups, and prepare your heart and mind for the upcoming holiday.

HT Youth Ministry will provide snacks, drinks, and dinner!

**Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training.** Parishioners who want to distribute the Eucharist and lector at Mass can attend training on Sunday, December 17, after 10:30 a.m. Mass. Contact [mercediess@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:mercediess@holytrinitydm.org) for details.

**Holiday Bulletin Schedule.** Due to holiday closures, we will publish a two-week bulletin before Christmas (December 24). We will publish the next bulletin the first weekend in January (January 7).

**Cub Scout Troop 77.** The scouts are giving out handmade Christmas ornaments for freewill donations after 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 17. Go see them in the south entryway.

**Advent Giving Tree.** During this season of giving, we invite our parishioners to help us serve the community. Visit the tree before or after mass to grab an ornament or two. Each ornament lists an opportunity to help St. Vincent de Paul, The Connection Cafe, Mary's Helping Hands, and Children Family Urban Movement (CFUM). These four organizations are engaged in life changing ministry each and every day, and their demands become greater during this time of year.

Return your donations to the giving tree during mass or drop them off in the parish office. We will accept donations through the Christmas season.

Thank you for your generosity! Contact John Mertes at [johnm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org) or 515.255.3162 for details.



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### Financial Blessings Ending December 1, 2023

Budget July 2023 through June 2024	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$953
YTD Actual Tithing	\$389,223	Tithing for the Week	\$20,095
YTD Budget	\$388,270	Number of Donations Received	53



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# Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

Enjoy dinner and discussion as we prepare for the coming of our Lord!

Discussion topics include...

- **Isaiah 40:3** *A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!*
- **Luke 3:4** *A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'*

***Generations of Faith*** is 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/413E7nO>.

Contact John Mertes at [johnm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org) for details.

## Uncovering the Call of Advent: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy.

Saturday, December 16, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. with Tom Primmer!

Tom is the Director of Faith Formation at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, an oblate of St. Benedict, a Spiritual Director, and has served as an adjunct professor teaching college courses in world religions, philosophy, and ethics.

Share an afternoon with Tom to uncover the call of Advent, and reflect upon the meaning of hope, peace, joy, and love. Register at <https://bit.ly/46HMZjP> and contact John Mertes at [johnm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org) for details.

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## 2024-2025 Enrollment Starts Now!

We have space for new preschool, transitional Kindergarten, elementary, and middle school students, and members of Holy Trinity Parish receive top enrollment priority!

2024-2025 Enrollment Priority for Registered and Participating Parishioners began Friday, December 1, and continues through Friday, January 26, 2024. Claim your spot before the general community starts enrolling on Saturday, January 27, 2024.



[Click here or scan the QR Code  
to apply before January 26!](#)

Need more information? Contact Richard TeKippe at [rtekippe@htschool.org](mailto:rtekippe@htschool.org) for details! Schedule a tour or Student Shadow Day, discuss tuition assistance, and more.



Call the School Office at **515.255.3162 ext. 115** for more information!



**Knights of  
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**Save The Date!** Join the Knights of Columbus for breakfast after 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 10. Proceeds will benefit *Coats for Kids*.

**Santa Lucia Celebration** Join the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa on Sunday, December 10th at 3 pm for the Santa Lucia Celebration. Enjoy a blessing and lighting of the Christmas Fire, candlelight procession, memorial service, Cuccia with regional toppings panettone.

Presented by: Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa  
2633 Fleur Dr., Des Moines, IA 50321  
Contact: Therese at 515-559-4869



**YCDM Events.** Young Catholics of Des Moines strengthens the community through faith and friendship!

Attend the Christmas Party at St. Theresa Parish on Friday, December 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Wear festive sweaters, enjoy snacks, and wrap presents for *Innervisions*.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3EO6VHk> and contact [ycdmcatholicsingles@gmail.com](mailto:ycdmcatholicsingles@gmail.com) for details.

**Lessons, Carols, and Christmas Reflections.** Drake Alumni Choir, *Umeri*, presents celebratory music, readings, reflections, and a deeply immersive visual experience on Sunday, December 17, 3 p.m., at St. Ambrose Cathedral.

Dr. Michael Rubbelke of the Saint John's School of Theology will offer a pre-concert presentation on the art and spirituality of The Saint John's Bible at 1:30 p.m. at the Diocese of Des Moines Pastoral Center.

Both events are free and open to the public. Contact [aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu](mailto:aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu) for details.

**Business Manager Opportunity.** Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church is hiring a Business Manager that reports directly to the pastor and oversees the stewardship of the physical, financial, and personnel parish resources.

This is a full-time, salaried, benefits eligible position. Visit <https://bit.ly/3uAAWro> for a full job description. Send your resume to Fr. Michael at [frmichael@olih.org](mailto:frmichael@olih.org) to apply.

**Celebrate Your Family!** Revitalize your marriage during the Worldwide Marriage Encounter: positive, simple, common sense, private experiences between husband and wife.

Attend February 16 to 18 in Marshalltown, April 12 to 14 in Epworth, September 27 to 29 in Dubuque, and November 8 to 10 in Holstein. Call Sue Fink at 563-920-9419 for details.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE *at Sacred Heart*

**Tuesday, Dec 12**

5:30 PM Rosary

5:50 PM Procession

6:30 PM Bilingual Mass

Celebration to follow



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**Advent** - The twofold character of Advent calls us to prepare for the remembering of the Word made Flesh at Christmas, and directs us to wait with alertness for Jesus' second coming.

**Reading I : Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11** - Prepare the way of the Lord!

- The reading from Isaiah was written at the end of the Babylonian exile.
- The prophet helps the people imagine their return from exile and the restoration of their land.
- Like the Exodus from Egypt, this new exodus from Babylon will reveal to all humankind the glory of the Lord.

**Reading II : 2 Peter 3:8-14** - Be holy in your conduct and devotion.

- Many of the early Christian communities believed that Christ would return soon after his Resurrection.
- The author of 2 Peter gives a stern warning to those who have given up on the return of Christ.
- God does not work in human time.

**Gospel : Mark 1:1-8** - I send my messenger before you.

- Mark's Gospel begins the story of Jesus by introducing John the Baptist, describing him with phrases from Isaiah (40:3), Malachi (3:1), and Exodus (23:20).
- John is also portrayed as Elijah, the great northern prophet of the ninth century B.C., who called Israel back to fidelity to Yahweh.
- Pictured with images of every precursor of exodus and deliverance, John preaches a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



**Question for Children:** How do you experience God taking care of you, even in times of trouble?

**Question for Youth:** John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

**Question for Adults:** When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?

**Activity of the Week:** Letter the words "Prepare the Way" on a sheet of poster-board. List on the paper ways your family can prepare for the coming of Christ. Talk about ways to prepare room in your life for God.



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**Saint of the Week:** Nicholas, Bishop

Nicholas was born of wealthy parents and grew up to become a priest, and later a bishop. He is known as a generous man and has a reputation as a giver of anonymous gifts. His popularity spread throughout Europe after his death.

The custom of giving gifts to children in St. Nicholas' name originated in Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Dutch Protestants who settled in New Amsterdam brought the tradition of St. Nicholas to America, though by this time he had been converted from a popular saint into a Nordic magician (Saint Nicholas became Sint Klaes, then Santa Claus).

**Nicholas' message today:** This saint was known for his charity, which is the key characteristic in the many legends which exist about him. These stories tell us not only to be charitable, but to seek justice for those who would otherwise become victims.

What can you do to help someone who is a victim of injustice?





# Parish Calendar | December 10, 2023

	Sunday [12/10]	Monday [12/11]	Tuesday [12/12]	Wednesday [12/13]	Thursday [12/14]	Friday [12/15]	Saturday [12/16]
<b>School</b>		Christmas Concerts K-2 at 6:30PM 3-5 at 7:30		School Mass hosted by 7th Grade 8:30AM			
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Generations of Faith 4PM			9th Grade FF 6:30PM  FF & Edge Class 6:30PM			Sunday Reading Groups Men (MC) 7:30AM Women (CH) 8:30AM
<b>Adult Faith Formation</b>	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM  RCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
<b>More</b>	Taizé 6PM						Adult Advent Retreat 12PM
CH: Church   101-106: Classrooms   DC: Day Chapel   K: Kitchen   MC: Media Center   PO: Parish Office   SR: Social Room							

Upcoming Mass Schedule, Liturgy Schedule, and Intentions			
[12/10]	8:30AM	Mass	Jim Kleinschmidt
	10:30AM	Mass	Ron & Mary Ann Nielsen
[12/12]	8:30AM	Mass	Don & Pat O'Meara
[12/13]	8:30AM	Mass	Tim Sheaff
[12/14]	8AM	Mass	Colleen O'Meara Lewton
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[12/15]	8:30AM	Mass	Fred Hunter
[12/16]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Ruth & Jim Wright
[12/17]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Connie Hellmann

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Margaret Fiddelke, Joan & Nora Niday
[12/16]	Lectors	Matt Kiernan, Vonnie Salem
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 1
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	C. Goode, Jack Ernst, Jackson Hoodjer
[12/17]	Lectors	Doug Gross, John Goode
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 2
	Children's Liturgy	Katy Polich
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	V.Skeffington, R.George, B.&L.Caswell
[12/17]	Lectors	Teresa Baustian, Jim Wilwerding
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 1
	Children's Liturgy	Paul Bush, Catie Wilwerding
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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