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December 4, 2022



Taking the Journey TOGETHER

"A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Mt 3

Second Sunday of Advent



Join us in-person or worship online at <https://bit.ly/37n4LAu>

Congratulations on your Confirmation!

O God, I pray that you give me a right heart, that I may come to know you in Jesus.
Lead me to know the sinfulness of my own heart, and your great love for me, in Christ Jesus.
Help those who teach me, to give me the teaching I need. Grant that, on my Confirmation Day,
I may be ready to give myself to be your faithful soldier and servant to my life's end;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

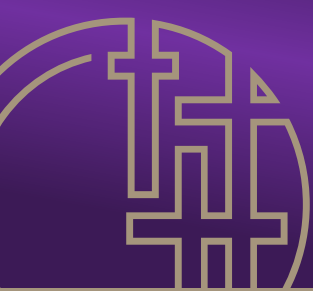


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Advent 2022

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGY

FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

- Thursday, December 8, at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- Saturday, December 24, at 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

- Sunday, December 25, at 9 a.m.

GATHERINGS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

GENERATIONS of FAITH

- Wednesday, December 7, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 11, at 4:30 p.m.

TAIZÉ at HOLY TRINITY

- Sunday, December 4, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 11, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 18, at 6 p.m.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

CONFESSION at HOLY TRINITY

- Saturday, December 3, at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 6, at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 7, at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, December 10, at 3 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15, at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, December 17, at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 20, at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 21, at 1 p.m.

CONFESSION AROUND THE DIOCESE

- St. Mary of Nazareth | Sunday, December 11, at 3 p.m.
- St. Theresa | Monday, December 12, at 7 p.m.
- St. Pius X | Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m.
- Our Lady Immaculate Heart | Saturday, December 17, at 10 a.m.
- St. Mary-Holy Cross in Elkhart | Sunday, December 18, 2 p.m.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH



The Twelve Days of Christmas: A Journey from Christmas to the Epiphany

Wednesday, December 7, from 6 to 8 p.m.

&

Sunday, December 11, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is served at both events. For details and registration, visit <http://bit.ly/3EOnNwl> or contact Director of Faith Formation John Mertes at 515.255.3162 ext. 224.



ADVENT TAIZÉ SERVICES Join us this Advent season for Taizé, an ecumenical prayer service with the purpose of providing a quiet place of peace during the busy Christmas season. Taizé is a meditative prayer service incorporating scripture, song, and periods of silence in an atmosphere of soft lighting.

Attend Taizé at Holy Trinity on Sundays in December.

- Sunday, December 4, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 11, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 18, at 6 p.m.

Service lasts about 45 minutes. Take time to breathe this Advent.



SUPPORT THE DISCERNMENT PILGRIMAGE TO ICELAND
Attend this fun evening of trivia to support young men taking a Pilgrimage to Iceland during Christmas Break.

Support **Johnny Fox, Ben Hoover, and Joe Wilwerding of Holy Trinity**, Matthew Dietrich of St. Joseph, Trevor Holtorf of St. Pius, and Danny Nielsen of St. Francis. Led by Fr. Reed Flood and Jon Wisnieski of St. Francis.

Trivia Night is Friday, December 9, at 7 p.m. in the Social Room. Cost is \$200 per table OR \$25 per person. Snacks, water, and soda available for purchase. To register, email GWilwerding@DowlingCatholic.org.

If you cannot attend but want to donate to this worthy cause, please send your donation to Dowling Catholic Campus Ministry (memo: Iceland) 1400 Buffalo Road, West Des Moines, IA 50265.

CELEBRATE MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's conception without original sin. It is a holy day of obligation.

Mass times are at 8:30 a.m., led by eighth grade students, and again at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate this feast day.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$16,036)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$348,079	Tithing for the Week	\$32,241
YTD Budget	\$364,115	Number of Donations Received	290



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IOWA CATHOLIC RADIO DECEMBER EVENTS WITH CY KELLETT

Cy Kellett is an author as well as the host of *Catholic Answers Live*, a program dedicated to apologetics and evangelization on the Iowa Catholic Radio Network. He formerly hosted *The Bright Side with Cy Kellett* on the Immaculate Heart Radio network. For more than a decade, Kellett was editor of San Diego's diocesan newspaper, *The Southern Cross*.



MAN UP WEST POWER LUNCH Cy Kellett is our guest on Friday, December 9. Come to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at Noon for discussion and free lunch offered by Chick-fil-A.

If inclement weather causes St. Francis of Assisi Parish to close on this day, the Man Up event will be cancelled as well. Due to possible space limitations, we highly encourage you to register for this event at: www.iowacatholicradio.com.

DINNER IN DECEMBER What ever happened to the modern world? The modern era, which is supposed to be about progress and reason, is in serious trouble. People have lost Christ, and knowing how that happened can help us recover a modern world fit for people.

We look forward to seeing you, celebrating the Advent season, sharing a meal together, and giving us a chance at Iowa Catholic Radio to tell you how much we appreciate you! Get your tickets at iowacatholicradio.com/events/.



DRAKE ALUMNI CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT Umeri, the Drake University Alumni Choir conducted by Aimee Beckmann-Collier, invites you to *The Lessons, Carols, and Reflections of Christmas* on Sunday, December 18, at 3 p.m.

This concert at St. Ambrose Cathedral features Scripture readings, newly-commissioned reflections on the themes of Christmas, and choral music that illuminates those themes. Admission is free. Please consider the concert our gift to you.



SINGLES CHRISTMAS PARTY Mix and mingle to the jinglin' beat with fellow singles! Help us wrap presents for our adopted family from InnerVisions Healthcare, and bring your own gifts to wrap as well. Snacks and drinks are provided, and Christmas sweaters are encouraged!

All Catholic singles in their 20s and 30s are welcome on Friday, December 9, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Augustin Parish Hall. Email YCDMCatholicSingles@gmail.com for details, or visit YCDM on Facebook here: <https://bit.ly/3EO6VHk>.

IS THE PRIESTHOOD RIGHT FOR YOU? Any men considering priesthood are invited to the Bishop's Discernment Retreat on Friday, December 16 through Sunday, December 18. Join Bishop William Joensen, Vocations Director Fr. Ross Parker, and seminarians at Creighton University Retreat Center.

Learn about the day in a life of a seminarian, discernment, and life as a diocesan priest. Email vocations@dmdiocese.org or call 515.237.5050 to register.



Second Sunday of Advent

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 11:1-10

The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.

- The reading from Isaiah describes the expected Emmanuel God with us.
- The reign of Emmanuel will be harmonious, just, and peace-filled. The one who comes will be a person of justice and wisdom.
- The characteristics or qualities of Emmanuel are what Christians today identify as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Reading II : Romans 15:4-9

Accept one another, as Christ accepted you.

- In the passage from the Letter to the Romans, Paul urges the strong to carry the burdens of the weak, to follow the example of Christ, who became the servant of all.
- Followers of Christ ought to build the community and its members up rather than tear it down.
- Paul calls for unity and acceptance, between the Gentile Christians who were the majority and the Jewish-Christian minority.

Gospel : Matthew 3:1-12

Reform your lives!

- In the Gospel of Matthew, John the Baptist is introduced preaching a message of conversion: "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand."
- John the Baptists' preaching demanded a radical conversion of the whole person to God.
- John baptized the people in the River Jordan as a symbolic washing that signified their repentance, but this is a Jewish, not a Christian baptism. On this Sunday, we focus on preparation for Christ.



BRING HOME THE GOSPEL | DECEMBER 4, 2022

Reading I Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Reading II Romans 15:4-9 | Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Question For The Children What do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas (besides gifts)?

Question For The Youth What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

Question For The Adults Name the one thing in your life which you must “move out of the way” in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

Activity Of The Week Make a prayer list of members of your community, family, or friends who have died in the past year. Place the list in a special prayer space in your home. Every day this week, say a prayer for the people on the list.



Saint Of The Week Juan Diego, Farmer

Juan Diego was a poor Aztec Indian who lived in Mexico. They raised vegetables on their little farm, and every Saturday he took them to the local market to sell them to help support his family. He always went to Mass on those trips into the town. One Sunday, on his way to Mass, Juan heard beautiful music and saw a lady wearing a blue veil and a dress the color of roses. He saw right away that this was Mary, the mother of God. Juan was sent by Mary to ask the local bishop to build a chapel there where people could pray to her. He did as told, and today we honor him for trusting in her word.

Pope John Paul II canonized this saint on July 31, 2002 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Saint Juan Diego is honored by the Church with a memorial on December 9, the date of his first vision.

Juan's message today:

Although Juan was a man of very simple means, he was not afraid to speak to the bishop when emboldened by Mary's request. Our faith can help us to speak boldly as well, whether it be in the name of justice or simply to help someone in need.

Who needs your boldly spoken words right now?



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PARISH CALENDAR | DECEMBER 4, 2022

	Sunday [12/4]	Monday [12/5]	Tuesday [12/6]	Wednesday [12/7]	Thursday [12/8]	Friday [12/9]	Saturday [12/10]
School		Christmas Band Concert (CH) 6:30PM			School Mass hosted by 8th Grade 8:30AM		
Faith Formation				Faith Formation & Edge Class 6:30PM			
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM Taizé Prayer Service (CH) 6PM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM RCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses 8:30AM & 6:30PM Adoration 2-4:30PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	<u>Sunday Reading</u> Men's Group (MC) 7:30AM Women's Group (CH) 8:30AM Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More			St. Nicholas Day	Generations of Faith (SR) 6PM		Trivia Night (SR) 7PM	Boy Scouts Can Drive 10AM

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			
[12/4]	8:30AM	Mass	Phillip Berrie
	10:30AM	Mass	Bruno & Ignacia Coronado
[12/6]	8:30AM	Mass	William Sinnott
[12/7]	8:30AM	Mass	Ruth Donnelly
[12/8]	8AM	Mass	James Lynch
	2PM-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
	6:30PM	Mass	Jim Kleinschmidt
[12/9]	8:30AM	Mass	Marlene Stacy
[12/10]	3PM-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Ron Nielsen
[12/11]	8:30AM	Mass	Brant McCurnin
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday [12/10]	Altar Servers	Isaac & Mary Heilman
4:30PM	Lectors	Mary Sanders, Matt Kiernan
	EMHC	Team 1
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [12/11]	Altar Servers	Logan Godinez, Abram Witt
8:30AM	Lectors	Scott Flood, Linda Willems
	EMHC	Team 2
	Children's Liturgy	Chris & Kaylyn Sachs
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [12/11]	Altar Servers	S. Bigelow, G. Kahler, A. Koester
10:30AM	Lectors	T. Altman, M. Ellen Winston
	EMHC	Team 1
	Children's Liturgy	Margaret Toomey
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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