

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." - 9s 7

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

FROM THE CHURCH | DECEMBER 18, 2022

Advent 2022

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGY We are looking for EM's, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, and Servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please call or email the Parish Office to volunteer. Thank you for your help to make our Masses run smoothly!

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AT HOLY TRINITY Receive the sacrament of reconciliation on Tuesday, December 20, at 5 p.m., and Wednesday, December 21, at 1 p.m.

HANGING OF THE GREENS Help decorate the church for Christmas after 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 18. This is a great time for families or students needing service hours. All are welcome!

ADVENT TAIZÉ SERVICE 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 Sunday, December 18, at 6 p.m. for 45 minutes. Take time to breathe this Advent.

PLEASE PRAYER FOR DECEASED

William "Bill" Calisesi - Husband of Anna And Father of Christina (Chad) Calisesi-Fehr



Jo Ann Kinrade - Mother of Kathie (Deacon Jim) Obradovich



There are three Masses on Christmas Eve and one Mass on Christmas Day.

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

Sunday, December 25, at 9 a.m.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT BAPTISM CLASS If you want your child to be baptized at HT, you must attend a Baptism Class first. Please sign up for our next class on Tuesday, January 10, at 6 p.m. by calling the Parish Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 128 or emailing parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org. We look forward to celebrating with your family!

PIANIST NEEDED

10£0 Schola needs a Piano Accompanist Starting January 4, 2023.

If you know someone who is interested, please contact Andy Negrete at 515.255.3162 ext. 129 and andyn@holytrinitydm.org.

FINANCIAL BL	ESSINGS ENDING	WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022	
Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$16,727)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$390,604	Tithing for the Week	\$30,883
YTD Budget	\$407,331	Number of Donations Received	272



JOB OPENING AT ST. PIUS X PARISH Seeking a part-time or full-time bookkeeper and receptionist. Duties include student tuition management, receptionist duties, and some IT related tasks. Contact Dean Roth at 515.276.2059 or email droth@saintpiuschurch.org for details.



ARE YOU LONGING FOR AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT? Do you need to step away from the noise of the world and spend time with Jesus? *Immerse* hosts two evenings each month for adoration, praise and worship, confession, and teaching.

- First Friday | January 6, at 7 p.m. | St. Pius X
- Third Thursday | January 19, at 6:30 p.m. | Holy Trinity

Immerse is an apostolate in central Iowa with the mission to empower people to experience the love of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son through an encounter with the Holy Spirit. Find *Immerse* on Facebook and Instagram @ImmerseDSM or email <u>immersedsm@gmail.com</u>.

TWO WORSHIP OPPORTUNITES EACH MONTH:

First Friday

ST. PIUS X, URBANDALE JANUARY 6 7:00 P.M.

> Adoration Praise & Worship Reconciliation Prayer Teams Witness

Third Thursday

HOLY TRINITY, DES MOINES JANUARY 19 6:30 P.M.

> Mass Adoration Praise & Worship Reconciliation Prayer Teams Reflections

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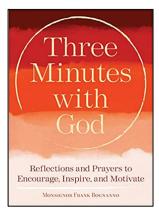
HEALING SERVICE AT ST. AMBROSE CATHEDRAL All are invited to attend the healing service at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Wednesday, December 21, at 5:30 p.m.

MAN-UP WEST Jon Wisnieski and Father Reed Flood are teaming up again, this time at Dowling Catholic! Our January guests, former student athletes at Dowling Catholic High School, have returned to the school with a higher goal: To help teens grow their faith during the tempestuous years of high school and beyond.

Jon Wisnieski, former tight end for the Maroons and the Hawkeyes, is the Ut Fidem (Keep the Faith!) Male Coordinator at DCHS. Father Reed Flood, former Dowling athlete, was ordained to the priesthood in 2021 and is the Chaplain at DCHS. They will join us to share their faith journeys and how they are working with teens to help them become disciples of Jesus. Come and see how we can join them in helping young people "Keep the Faith"!

Join us for lunch at Noon on Friday, January 13 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. If inclement weather causes St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be closed on this day, the Man Up Event will also be cancelled.

Register for this event at: <u>www.iowacatholicradio.com</u>.



SPEND THREE MINUTES WITH GOD Monsignor Frank Bognanno, a Des Moines Diocesan priest of 57 years, unveiled a book based on his longrunning WHO-TV and Star 102.5 radio series "Thought of the Day."

Franciscan Media compiled 260 of his thoughts and prayers into a new book, *Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate.*

If you are looking for a thoughtful gift, you can shop for this book at Divine Treasures in Des Moines, through Franciscan Media, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble.

Book profits go to the Purify Project, which provides clean water systems to Catholic schools in Tanzania.



Want more information? Go to <u>dmdiocese.org</u>

Fourth 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 7:10-14

She shall name him Immanuel.

- Isaiah's message to Ahaz is to watch for signs of God's work.
- The sign Isaiah describes, that a virgin shall be with child is used in the Gospel of Matthew to show Mary's virginal conception of Jesus as a fulfillment of this text.
- The name of the child, Emmanuel means "God with us."

Reading II : Romans 1:1-7

In him we have been given the gift of being apostles.

- In the introduction to the Letter to the Romans, Paul reflects on the identity of Jesus.
- Jesus is a son of David "according to the flesh"—thus he is the Christ, the Messiah.
- Jesus is also the Son of God. Through his Resurrection, he has acquired the title Lord.

Gospel : Matthew 1:18-24

God is with us.

- Matthew gives a genealogy for Jesus that assures us that Jesus is a son of David, because his legal father, Joseph, is of the house of David.
- In today's Gospel, Joseph is also instructed to trust.
- The name Jesus is related to the Hebrew word "savior."



Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14 | Psalm 24:1-6 | Reading II Romans 1:1-7 | Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Question For The Children When you pray, how do you hear God's voice in response?

Question For The Youth God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

Question For The Adults What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?

Activity Of The Week Take time to read together the Christmas story from Scripture or a children's Bible. After the story, set out the family nativity, or draw a picture of the nativity scene. Discuss each character as you draw them or place them in the scene.



Saint Of The Week Lucy

Lucy lived in Sicily in the early fourth century. Her parents were quite wealthy, but she chose to remain a virgin and wanted to give her inheritance to the poor. She was denounced as a Christian by a boyfriend whom she did not love, and she was killed as a martyr by being stabbed through the throat. Her name, "Lucy" means light and her feast day is during the dark period of winter in the northern hemisphere, December 13.

Each of us, no matter what are talents may be, can bring light to others through the way we live our lives. How can you bring some light into the lives of your friends or family?

Lucy's message today:

Each of us, no matter what our talents may be, can bring light to others through the way we live our lives. As Christians, we have a directive from Jesus, who said: "You are the light of the world. No one after lighting lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand and it gives light to all in the house" (Mt 5:14-15).

Think of a few ways that you can bring some light into the lives of those around you.



	PAR	ISH CALI	ENDAR	DECEM	BER 18,	2022	
	Sunday [12/18]	Monday [12/19]	Tuesday [12/20]	Wednesday [12/21]	Thursday [12/22]	Friday [12/23]	Saturday [12/24]
School				School Mass hosted by 6th Grade 8:30AM	No School Christmas Break	No School Christmas Break	
Faith Formation				No Faith Formation & No Edge Class			
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM Taizé Prayer Service (CH) 6PM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM Reconciliation 5PM RCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM Reconciliation 1PM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4PM, 6PM, & 10PM
More	Hanging of the Greens after 10:30AM Mass					Parish Office Closed until 12/28	Reminder: Christmas Mass at 9AM on 12/25
		 106: Classrooms D(C: Day Chapel K: Ki	tchen MC: Media	Center PO: Parish		

U	coming Mass So	hedule, Liturgy	Schedule, and Intentions	Upco	ming Liturgical Minister	rs and Altar Servers
[12/18]	8:30AM	Mass	Jim Harken	Saturday [12/24]	Altar Servers	R. Vasquez, A. Witt, S. Bigelow
	10:30AM	Mass	Connie Hellman	4PM	Lectors	Karen Quiner, Volun
[12/20]	8:30AM	Mass	Delpha McCormick		ЕМНС	Need Volunteers
	5PM	Reconciliatio	วท		Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
[12/21]	8:30AM 1PM	Mass Reconciliatio	Tim Schultz	Saturday [12/24]	Altar Servers	P. & M. Wolfe, A. Ko G. Kahler
[12/22]	8AM	Mass	James Lynch	6PM	Lectors	Steve Stimmel, C. Co
	2PM-9PM	Adoration			EMHC	Need Volunteers
	4:05PM	Rosary			Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik
[12/23]	8:30AM	Mass	Sharon Kurns	Saturday [12/24]	Altar Servers	T. Leo, Jack Ernst
[12/24]	4PM	Mass	Jo Ann Kinrade	10PM	Lectors	Teresa Baustian, Volu
	6PM	Mass	Marcie Coleman		EMHC	Need Volunteers
	10PM	Mass	For the Parish		Music Coordinator	Kerr Family
[12/25]	9AM	Mass	The Neal Family, Living	Sunday [12/25]	Altar Servers	McAndrews Family
	Densinden N- M		and Deceased	9AM	Lectors	Vonnie Salem, Peggy
	Keminder: No M	orning wass on	12/26, 12/27, or 12/28		EMHC	Need Volunteers
Taki	ng the	lourne	TOGETHER		Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner



