



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

November/December/January 2018

Parish Family,

Peoples and culture all mark the passing of time. In various cultures there are commemorations of a year's closing and the new year's opening. In our secular western culture, the figure of the closing year is that of an old man and the figure of a new born infant is that of the opening New Year.

As Catholic Christians our worship year closes with the Sunday Solemnity of Christ the Universal King and opens with the First Sunday of Advent. Both at the year's close and at its opening our attention is drawn to the completion of all time. Our focus at the close of the year and at its opening is that time is leading us to the ultimate fulfillment of time in the full Glory of God.

The figure then that marks the year at its close is Christ the Universal King and the figures that mark the year at its opening are John the Baptist and The Blessed Virgin Mary. John bids us to see the salvation of God and the one "mightier than I". Mary, The Blessed Virgin, is the one, blessed who believed. Advent calls us to attend to the second coming of Christ in glory and his first coming in the flesh and his coming into our hearts as Lord and Savior.

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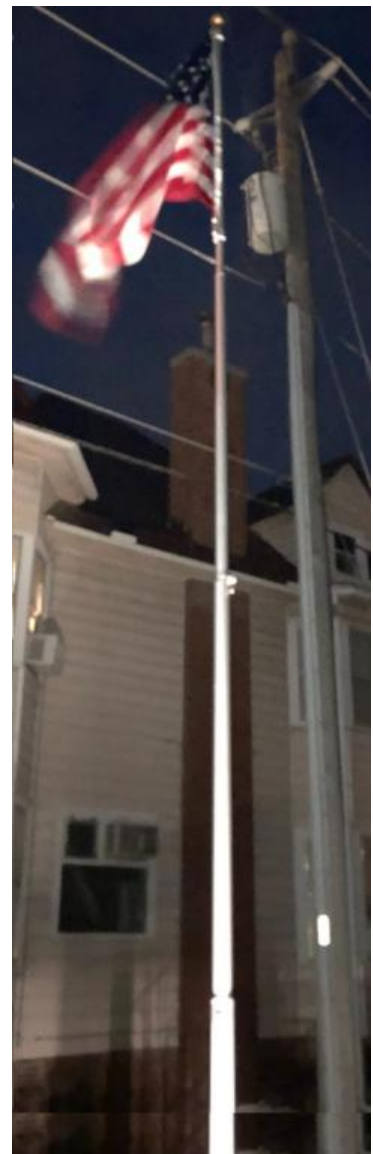
Advent is a time of reverent expectation. It is a time of joy as celebrated with the Glory at Sunday Masses. The Coming of Christ is met with a want to fully open the door of our hearts through the Sacrament of Penance and the deepening of our welcome of Christ in our sharing in the presence of the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist in weekday, Holy Day and Sunday Eucharist. Our celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 and the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 further accents the Advent figure of The Blessed Virgin Mary. May Advent lead us to be among those who make welcoming room for the Son of God at his Nativity, Christmas.

Fr. John



Eagle Scout Project

Nick Koenig was honored at a reception upon completion of his Eagle Scout Project. Nick's project is the Flagpole and bench area outside My Father's House Faith Formation and Fellowship Hall. Shown is the flag and pole as well as Nick and his parents.





A big thank you to all the children that participated in the Children's Choir Mass on November 18.

Vision 20/20

A big thank you goes out to all whom participated in the Vision 20/20 listening sessions and in the overall listening session. If you are interested in the final outcome, please contact the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Family Day

You are invited to attend the Faith Formation Family Day on December 1. The Christmas movie 'The Star' will be shown in the Parish Center at 9:15 am. After 8:00 mass.

Youth Group Christmas Caroling

St. Mary's youth group will go Christmas Caroling on **December 16 at 3:00 pm**. Please plan to join us, as we spread some Christmas Cheer.

Faith Formation and Youth Group

There will be no Faith Formation or Youth Group on **December 23 or December 30**

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Day and on Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day. The office will open again on Wednesday, December 26

All Souls Day 2018

Sharon Jemison
Earl Macksey
Jean Allen
Mary McSparen
Kevin Mitrishin
George Seery
Terry Myers
JoAnn Severin
Earle Allen Robinson
Kay D'Agostino
Karen Brooke
Joy Stahl
Anthony Nimtze
Rosemarie Denney

DIOCESAN PRAYER: Vision 20/20 From Pentecost to Pentecost

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

Advent Reflection Sessions

Fr. John welcomes all to share in dialogue and reflection on what John the Baptist and The Blessed Virgin Mary announce to us in this Advent Season. This session will take place at SMP on Wednesday evening December 5 at 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and a repeat session for those wanting a later session at 7:00 p.m. A like presentation will take place at SMO on Wednesday December 19 at 6:30 p.m. in The Parish Center.

Save the Date

Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner is being planned for January 19, 2019. There will be more details to come in December. Keep watch in the Bulletin for sign-up dates. If you haven't attended, please plan to join us.



Luis receiving the sacrament from Bishop Zinkula.

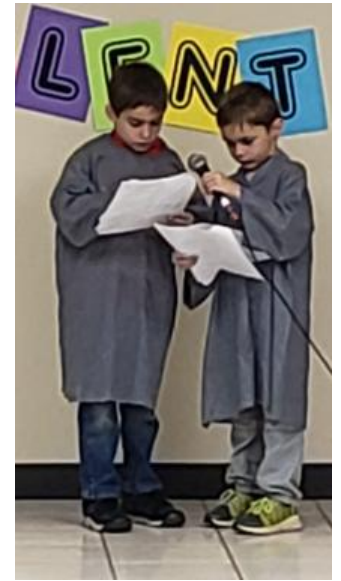
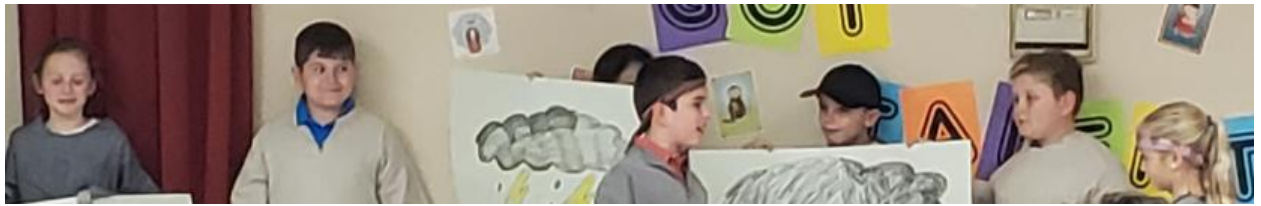


Welcome
Alicia, Chris and Maddux Arkema were welcomed into the Church in October.



On November 4, Bishop Zinkula conferred the sacrament of Confirmation to 7 young adults in our parish. Shown are Franciso Ramirez, Luis Garcia, Brett Ingamells, Garrett Loner, Faith Van Mersbergen, Jalayna Shipley, and Mason McCombs.

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Saints' Got Talent Show
 Kindergarten - St. Therese
 First - St. Francis
 Second - St. Stephen
 Third - St. Patrick
 Fourth - St. Benedict and St. Scholastica
 Fifth - St. Nicholas
 Seventh - St. Sebastian
 Eighth - St. Maximillian Kolbe

Birthdays

November	December	January
1 Grace Manternach 8 Carter Peiffer 10 Marianna Arellano 11 Aidan Scholes 12 Sean Knockel 13 Gretchen Krejci 15 Carson Abrahamson 18 Warren Feudner 19 Rebecca Beuthien Sarah Phillips 21 Caitleen Potot 23 John Phillips 25 Jolie Yang 26 Cristina Rodriguez 27 Nicholas Ingamells 30 Oliver Smith	1 – Trey Moore 2 – Lucy Roach 3 – Genevieve Swenby 6 – Jalayna Shipley 8 – Barrett Lynch 10 – Dominic Purdum 19 – Phillip Abrahamson 21 – Ethan Stek 22 – Aaron Scholes Jacob Schutz 24 – Natalia Lopez 26 – Grace Richardson 28 – Rachel McCombs 29 – Josiah Seibens	2 Ethan Guild 3 Alondra Chavez 4 Jakob Stek 8 Mary Katherine Norberg 9 Octavio Moreno-Martinez 10 Carter Blanco 12 Sarafina Gituma 17 Amber Knockel 20 Coy Snakenberg Cade Snakenberg 23 Flavio Velasquez 24 Skyla Phillips 25 Andrew Appleget 29 Isabel Feudner Birthdays are of the younger parishioners. If there is a mistake, please contact the parish office.

Anniversaries

November	December	January
8 Joe & Sue Durian 49 9 Russell & Karla Hammes – 22 10 Ron & Kris Mitrison – 39 13 Paul & Julie Pitts – 39 Paul & Jean Knockel – 19 16 Brett & Julia Ross – 20 19 Jay & Debbie Guild – 11 22 Jeff & Lori Smith – 32 Philip & Mary Jo Hebert 43 23 Ed & Jane Playle – 18 27 Chuck & Joyce Webb – 44 28 Bill & Jan Durian – 59 30 Tom & Deb Lang – 20 Alan & Linda Adams – 39 Robert & Diane Fuller - 55	2 - Travis & Cindy Abrahamson 18 Kathleen Siragusa - 40 10 - Kelly & Brenda Clark - 24 11 Francisco / Gabina Ramirez 19 18 - Tiburico & Rosa Chavez - 19 Melvin & Joann Schefers - 53 23 – Nancy Howard - 32 Bruce & Suzanne Smith - 49 27 – Jim & Maria Silvers 28 – Steven & Jessie Phillips - 16 Gary & Janet Rozenboom 61 31 – Rob & Stacey Scott - 14	1 David & Ruth Neubert – 40 4 Jim & Richelle Holle – 27 7 Nicholas & Amanda Lusk – 2 Kent & Tetyana Watson 9 Davie & Shawn Langkamp – 32 13 Todd Koenig & Irene Cruz – 23 14 Kevin & Jeana Tacke - 10 Andrew & Lynn Stefanik– 30 25 Robert & Lisa Nelson – 16 Glenn & Susan Knox – 44 26 Lawrence & Helene Mitrison 60 28 Dennis & Linda Gorley - 35 29 Jim & Lori Smith – 18 30 Craig & Mary Akers – 43

Communal Penance
St. Mary Oskaloosa 10:30 AM - December 1
St. Mary Pella 2:00 PM – December 2

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass Times
Friday, December 7 at 6:00 PM
Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 AM
St. Mary Pella, December 8 at 12:15 pm

Rosario novena en español 6 al 14 de diciembre 7 pm en la iglesia
Rosary Novena in Spanish December 6 - 14 at 7 PM in Church

Misa en español
Nuestra Señora De Guadalupe
Sábado 15 de diciembre a las 2:00 pm
Las posadas seguirán después de misa.

Spanish Mass Honoring
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday December 15 at 2:00 PM
Las Posadas will follow mass

Christmas Masses
December 24 - St. Mary Oskaloosa - 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM
December 25 - St. Mary Oskaloosa - 9:00 AM
December 24 - St. Mary Pella - 3:30 PM and 11:00 PM
Choir will be present at both masses on the
Second Sunday of Advent December 9
And 8:30 PM Mass on December 24.
Brass Ensemble at 9:00 AM Mass December 25.

New Year Masses
December 31 – St. Mary Oskaloosa - 6:00 PM
January 1 – St. Mary Oskaloosa - 8:00 AM

End of the Month Meals
St. Mary will be hosting the meals on --
January 28, 29 and 30
February 25, 26 and 27