



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

November, December 2019 and January 2020

Parish Family,

November seems to have sped us into January; what with near zero and below temperatures and measurable snow falls. These conditions are more notable at the calendar year's end more than at the close of our worship year, The Feast of The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Universal King (Sunday Nov. 24) and the opening of our new worship year, The First Sunday of Advent (Sunday Dec.1). At the close and the opening of our worship year 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 that marks the worship 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. Advent is a time of reverent expectation and hope filled longing. While the song of the angles reflected in the Gloria of the Mass is not sung until Christmas the joy of Advent is present in the Alleluia which announces the proclamation of the Gospel at Sunday Masses.

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The Coming of Christ is met with a want to fully open the door of our hearts through the Sacrament of Penance (Advent Communal Penance Services are at SMO on Saturday December 14 at 10:30 a.m. and at SMP on Sunday December 15 at 2:00 p.m.) and the deepening of our welcome of Christ in our sharing in the presence of the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist on weekdays and Sundays and with prayer at Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evenings (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) at SMP and Friday evenings (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) at SMO.

Our celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 as it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent is set aside and loses its obligation and the feast is transferred to Monday December 9 with more muted recognition. The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas on Thursday 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, The Feast of Christmas.

The Holy Day of Mary Mother of God, New Year's Day, January 1 will be noted with a Vigil Mass at SMO on Tuesday December 31 at 6:00 p.m. and a Mass on the day, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. at SMP. Perhaps the temperature and weather then will be more like a normal mid - November; let's pray that it be so!

Fr. John

Bishop Zinkula joined St. Mary Oskaloosa on November 3 for Confirmation.

Those that were initiated with the sacrament were:

L. Abrahamson
C. Blanco
A. Katko
N. Kelderman
A. Phillips
A. Scholes
N. Scott
O. Shipley
B. Smith
B. Smith
O. Smith
R. Webb
T. Willet



2019 Confirmation Class with Bishop Zinkula

All Souls Day 2019

Christopher Denney
Michael Hargrave
Diane Marie Bunnell

Diana Reddy
Ben Douglas
Jane A Rourke

Carl Pitts

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. May their soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.



Women's Retreat The Communion of Saints Faith Love and Hope

40 Women enjoyed the morning of prayer and fellowship, looking at women of faith, in light of All Saints and All Soul's Day. Presenter IlaMae Hanisch come from Newton to lead us in prayer, sharing of faith and fellowship



Social Peace and Justice Commision

Will be serving the **Growing Hope Meal** on 11/14/19

Christmas Giving Tree efforts are happening in November and December.

The Christmas Giving Tree will be put up on Nov. 24. If you are or know of an individual/family in our parish who could use a little help for a brighter Christmas this year, contact Mary Beth Hunt at 641.660.4961 or the parish office by November 18 or as soon as able.

End of the Month Meals will be served in January and February at St. Mary's Parish Center
Watch the bulletin for details in January.

Food Packing Event

Plans are underway for a Food Packing Event possibly in February during Lent.
The bulletin will provide more information as the time gets closer

Corn Maze

Over 90 youth gathered from the Grinnell Deanery at Pumpkinville in Mitchellville. The middle and high school students enjoyed the Corn Maze. Bonfires completed the fun with hotdogs and s'mores! The evening ended with everyone gathering around the fire to prayer Night Prayer.



Choir Practice

Choir practice has begun on Sundays from 9:10 - 10:15a.m. We have practices for Advent on Nov 10 and Dec 1 with four practices for Christmas on Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 15, and Dec 22. If you have some experience singing SATB music in a choir, then we hope that you will be able to join us.

Saints Got Talent: Take 2!

Our all Saints Day celebration highlighted the talents of our Faith Formation classes. Each class worked together to present a short skit on one of their favorite saints. The Kindergarten class started the show off with prayer, as they presented a Litany of the Saints. The show concludes with a Saints Got Talent edition of Jeopardy with host St. Peter.



- K - Litany of the Saints
- 1 - St. Bridgett
- 2 - St. Nicholas
- 3 - St. Christopher
- 4 - St. Anthony
- 5 - Catherine of Alexandria
- 6 - Saints Got Talent Jeopardy



Birthdays

November	December
<p>1 Grace Manternach 5 Avery Webb 7 Urijah Curry 8 Carter Peiffer 10 Marianna Arellano 11 Aidan Scholes 12 Sean Knockel 13 Gretchen Krejci 15 Taylor Wickham Carson Abrahamson 18 Warren Feudner 19 Rebecca Beuthien Sarah Phillips 21 Caitleen Potot 23 Shelby Crouse John Phillips 25 Jolie Yang 26 Cristina Rodriguez 27 Nicholas Ingamells 30 Oliver Smith</p>	<p>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</p>
January	February
<p>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</p>	<p>1 - Cecilia Nicolas 2 - Ashlee Smith 3 - Cole Henry 4 - Garrett Loner 6 - Gareth Stefanc 9 - Ian Rosvold 10 - Andrea Arellano 11 - Dylan Purdum 14 - Jace Goodman Grady Kool 21 - Isaac Knockel 23 - Cameron Hirl Tyler Hirl 27 - Xavier Lemke 28 - Cole Younger Donivan Tighe</p>

Anniversaries

November	December
<p>8 Joe & Sue Durian 51 10 Ron & Kris Mitrisin – 41 13 Paul & Jean Knockel – 21 16 Bill & Linda Snakenberg - 52 19 Jay & Debbie Guild – 12 22 Jeff & Lori Smith – 34 Philip & Mary Jo Hebert 45 23 Ed & Jane Playle – 20 27 Chuck & Joyce Webb – 46 28 Bill & Jan Durian – 61 30 Alan & Linda Adams – 40 Robert & Diane Fuller – 56</p>	<p>2 Travis & Cindy Abrahamson 19 11 Francisco / Gabina Ramirez 20 18 Tiburico & Rosa Chavez - 20 Melvin & Joann Schefers - 54 23 Bruce & Suzanne Smith - 50 28 Steven & Jessie Phillips - 17 Gary & Janet Rozenboom - 62 31 Rob & Stacey Scott - 15</p>
January	February
<p>4 Jim & Richelle Holle - 28 7 Nicholas & Amanda Lusk - 3 Kent & Tetyana Watson 9 Davie & Shawn Langkamp - 33 13 Todd Koenig & Irene Cruz - 24 14 Kevin & Jeana Tacke – 11 18 David & Patricia Fencil - 56 25 Glenn & Susan Knox - 45 26 Lawrence & Helene Mitrisin - 61 28 Dennis & Linda Gorley - 36 29 Jim & Lori Smith - 19 30 Craig & Mary Akers - 44</p>	<p>6 Angelo & Rose Dazzo - 48 15 Russ & Beth VanRentergham -33 17 Tom & Mary Rielly – 29 22 Tom & Theresa Sizemore - 31</p>

Congratulations on Marriage

Ryan Bolkema
 &
 Erin Flaherty
 10-5-19

Advent By Candlelight

December 10

This is a time to gather socially with other women of the church and the community
We will have a fellowship time starting at 6:00 with dinner to be served at 6:30 pm.

A short program will follow the meal.

Please contact Debbie Blunt at (641) 660-1937 or by email at Debbie.Blunt@musco.com
to reserve a table or sign up to attend.

Advent Communal Penance Services

St. Mary Oskaloosa on Saturday December 14 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary Pella on Sunday December 15 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Anthony in Knoxville is Dec. 8 at 4 p.m.

Sacred Heart in Melcher is Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday evenings 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Pella

Friday evenings 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Oskaloosa

**Immaculate Conception is on Monday, December 9
It is not a Holy Day of Obligation so there will NOT be Mass.**

Spanish Masses

Saturday, December 14 at 2 PM

Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 5 PM for Family day

Saturday May 23 and Sunday May 24 for Annual Retreat

Saturday, June 20 with Mass at 5 PM

Christmas Masses

St. Mary Oskaloosa 6 pm and 8:30 pm on December 24

9 am on the December 25

St. Mary Pella 3:30pm and 11:00pm on December 24 on the 24th

There will be no Mass in Pella on the December 25

The Holy Day of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Day, January 1

Vigil Mass at St. Mary Oskaloosa on Tuesday December 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Mass on the day, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Pella