



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

November, December, January, February 2021/22

Parish Family,

When we think of Thanksgiving, we immediately call to mind the annual celebration of Thanksgiving, the annual holiday that marks the safe arrival of our ancestors to the United States of America in the 17th century. We look forward, each year, to the feast of turkey and all of the trimmings shared with loved ones and opportunities to reconnect as families. As Catholics, however, “thanksgiving” takes on a much deeper and more significant meaning.

From the earliest days of Christianity, the Mass has been referred to as the celebration of the Eucharist. Eucharist comes from a Greek word which means “to give thanks.” Whenever we gather around the Eucharistic table of the Lord Jesus, we are called to give thanks to God for the supreme gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. We give thanks for God’s breaking through into our human history in the Incarnation of Christ, the birth of our Savior who desired to share in our humanity so that one day we might share in His divinity.

In a few days, we will enter the season of Advent, a time of the year that is filled with many opportunities to give thanks to God. Although we are still living in the shadow of the pandemic, there is still much to be thankful for this Advent. We can give thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to fully participate in song and response during the Liturgy. We can certainly be grateful for the return of coffee time following the Sunday Mass as time to connect and build a more tight-knit parish family. This year, we should be thankful for the chance to once again open up our homes and businesses for holiday gatherings and Christmas Open-Houses. Most importantly, this Advent, we ought to be grateful for Mary’s yes and the work of the Holy Spirit which brought the miracle of Christ’s birth into a world in need of a Savior. (continued on page 2)

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This Advent, I pray that whatever darkness you may be experiencing, the hope of Christ's coming will bring joy to your heart. As we joyfully await the celebration of Christ's birth, we have every reason to be filled with thanksgiving. On a personal note, I am particularly grateful to be part of such a vibrant, faith-filled parish family. May our hearts rejoice and be ever full of gratitude for the countless blessings of Christ's coming!

Father Troy

Eucharistic Miracles
Presentation on the Eucharist & Adoration
Family Day and Parish Event
Sunday, December 12th at 9:15 am.

Scripture and Coffee
8:00 am Wednesday
Discuss the Gospel for the next Sunday
Come as you are Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by clicking on the link
<https://zoom.us/j/91488466902?pwd=MWFheVY2ZHIvemZQYmJtZWpKdGpBZz09>

or Join from your phone: 1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 914 8846 6902
Password: 466952

Women's Group

Women's group are studying the Psalms and will end this study in February. They meet on Wednesday in the basement of the church at 6:30 pm. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jenny Feudner, jnjfeudner@gmail.com.

Parish Newsletter

We are looking for anyone interested in helping put the newsletter together. Collecting articles and pictures and formatting them to the newsletter form. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish office.

Welcome to our Parish through Baptism

July 21

Andrew

Son of

*Brandon & Amiee
Keller*

October 2

Jackson

Son of

*Todd & Frances
Collier*

Knights Helping Hands Ministry In action



A parishioner's neighbor had a tree fall in their backyard. The Knights Helping Hands Ministry helped with cleanup of the tree.



Thanks goes out to the NCYC kids for cleaning .up the cemetery



Six young adults were confirmed on November 7, 2021 by Bishop Zinkula. Please keep these young adults in your prayers, R. Abrahamson, A. Chavez, A. Knockel, G. Kool, R. McCombs and C. Snakenburg.

NCYC



NCYC was attending by some of our parish youth and adult chaperones. They traveled to Indianapolis to share the Holy Spirit with other youths.



Columbiettes Paint and Sip



Many Columbiettes and friends enjoyed a time together with a Paint and Sip. Thanksgiving decorations were made along with new friendships.



Birthdays

<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
1 Grace Manternach 5 Avery Webb 9 Elizabeth Chavez 10 Marianna Arellano Jaxson Walker 11 Aidan Scholes 12 Sean Knockel 13 Gretchen Krejci 15 Carson Abrahamson 18 Warren Feudner Mason McCombs 19 Rebecca Beuthien Sarah Phillips 21 Caitleen Potot 23 John Phillips 25 Jolie Yang 26 Cristina Rodriguez 27 Nicholas Ingamells 29 Grant Brown 30 Oliver Smith	4 Hannah Lusk 6 Bennett Bower 8 Barrett Lynch 10 Dominic Purdum 14 Gaitlin Van Renterghem 17 Veronica Maples 19 Phillip Abrahamson 22 Aaron Scholes 24 Natalia Lopez 27 Maddux Arkema 28 Rachel McCombs
<i>Janaury</i>	<i>February</i>
3 Alondra Chavez 5 Armondo Vicente Gomez 8 Mary Katherine Norberg 10 Isaiah Andersen Carter Blanco Aldo Lopez 17 Amber Knockel 21 Jeremiah Aubry 23 Flavio Velasquez 25 Ingrid Foster 31 Thomas Phillips Birthdays are of our younger members	1 Cecilia Nicolas 6 Gareth Stefanc 9 Ian Rosvold 10 Andrea Arellano 11 Dylan Purdum 13 Kaylee Wagamon 14 Jace Goodman Grady Kool 17 Shelby Bower 18 Reid Sereg 27 Xavier Lemke 28 Cole Younger Donivan Tighe

Anniversaries

<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
<p>2 Brandon & Aimee Keller - 2 8 Joe & Sue Durian 52 10 Ron & Kris Mitrisin – 43 13 Paul & Jean Knockel – 22 16 Bill & Linda Snakenberg - 53 22 Jeff & Lori Smith – 35 Philip & Mary Jo Hebert 46 23 Ed & Jane Playle – 21 27 Chuck & Joyce Webb – 47 28 Bill & Jan Durian – 62 30 Tom & Debbie Lang - 23 Robert & Diane Fuller – 58</p>	<p>2 Travis & Cindy Abrahamson 21 5 Joseph & Betsy Miller 11 11 Francisco & Gabina Ramirez 22 18 Tony & Rosa Chavez - 22 Melvin & Joann Schefers - 56 23 Bruce & Suzanne Smith – 52 28 Jeffrey & Lori Brannan – 8 Steven & Jessie Phillips - 19 Gary & Janet Rozenboom - 64 31 Rob & Stacey Scott - 17</p>
<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
<p>4 Jim & Richelle Holle – 30 7 Nicholas & Amanda Lusk – 6 9 Davie & Shawn Langkamp - 35 14 Kevin & Jeana Tacke – 12 23 Mark & Patricia Thompson - 6 25 Glenn & Susan Knox – 47 26 Lawrence & Helene Mitrisin - 63 28 Dennis & Linda Gorley – 38 30 Craig & Mary Akers - 46</p>	<p>1 Katie & Timothy Foster - 2 6 Angelo & Rose Dazzo – 51 15 Russ & Beth VanRentergham -36 17 Tom & Mary Rielly – 32</p>

Masses for Advent and Christmas

Tuesday, December 7

5:15 PM Mass in Oskaloosa

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8

12:15 PM Mass in Pella

Saturday, December 11

6 PM Mass

Bilingual

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday December 18

10:30 AM Communal Penance Oskaloosa

Sunday December 19

2:00 PM Communal Penance Pella

Friday December 24

3:30 PM Mass at SMP

6:00 PM Mass at SMO

8:30 PM Mass at SMO

11:00 PM Mass at SMP

Saturday December 25

9:00 AM Mass at SMO

**NO 4PM OR 6PM MASS ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 25
THERE WILL NOT BE A VIGIL MASS ON DECEMBER 31**

Regular schedule on Saturday January 1

4 PM Mass at SMP

6 PM Mass at SMO