

Blessed Sacrament Church

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December 6, 2015

The Second Sunday in Advent
“Living Advent with Joy, Peace, and Mercy”



Our Mission:

We, the Blessed Sacrament Parish Family, seek to be a community of peace, justice and love, as expressed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

BLESSED SACRAMENT, SIOUX CITY

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Our Parish Life

Wednesday December 9, 2015
 6:30 pm PREP
 7:15 pm Celebration Choir Practice

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1, 2014-December 6, 2015

Total Income\$362,322.20
 Total Expenses.....\$498,454.87
 Difference-\$136,132.67
 Sunday Collection
 Auto 47 Env124.....\$12,960.50
 Loose Contributions.....\$551.81

Bills Paid the Week

Priest Health Insurance.....\$1,173.00
 Cathedralicum/Education Fund.....\$1,237.00
 City of Sioux City.....\$721.61
 Mid American Energy.....\$2,240.84
 Darrow Pipe Organ.....\$500.00
 Janitor Depot.....\$179.33
 McKinnis Roofing.....\$1,090.70
 Plains Boiler.....\$257.28

Upcoming Bills

Globe.....\$458.08
 Property & Liability Ins.....\$3,153.44

Mass Intentions

Monday December 7, 2015
 6:45 am Elizabeth Kuennen
 5:30 pm Tony Braunger
Tuesday December 8, 2015
 6:45 am Warren & Betty Bressler
 8:00 am Laurine Tritz
Wednesday December 9, 2015
 6:45 am Bob Egan & Erik Nielsen (anniv)
 John Tracy
Thursday December 10, 2015
 6:45 am Joe Ellen K. Cosgrove
 5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. James Collins & Carole Winkel, Jean Ann Reynolds (anniv)
Friday December 11, 2015
 6:45 am Dorothy Fleming (anniv.)
 8:00 am No Mass
Saturday December 12, 2015
 4:30 pm Matt Vondrak (anniv), Eunice Janssen, Deceased members of the Myerchin Family
Sunday December 13, 2015
 7:30 am Mike Moeller
 9:00 am Gordon & Dorothy Heaton, Don Williams, Deacon Bill Berger
 10:30 am Blessed Sacrament Parish

Diocesan Annual Appeal Scoreboard

Week.....10
 Total Pledges this Week..... 4
 Dollar Amount Pledged this week..... \$1,350.00
 Total Pledges this Year..... 231
 Total Dollar Amount Pledged..... \$67,198.00
 New Pledges..... 4
 Total Dollars Received YTD \$55,469.25
 Thank You for your continued support of DAA.



Church Breakfast

Sunday, December 13, 2015
 8am-noon

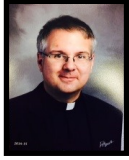
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Menu, scrambled eggs, sausage strata, sausage, hashbrowns, biscuits & gravy, coffee, juice & milk
Sale of Fair Trade Goods
During the Knights Breakfast

Altar Servers

Saturday December 12, 2015
 4:30 pm Tess Lord, Cooper Stabile, Abbie Tornell
Sunday December 13, 2015
 7:30 am Elliot McLarty, Kate O'Tool
 9:00 am Ben, Emily & Luke Payer
 10:30 am Nick, Jacob & Sam McGowen

Extra-Ordinary Ministers

Saturday December 12, 2015
 4:30 pm Frank & Mary Ann Audion, Kerry & Mary Bressler, James Duggan, Dan Fleming, Mary Walsh,
Sunday December 13, 2015
 7:30 am David Sly, Jane & Mark Stevens, JoAnn Watson
 9:00 am Mary Choquette, Beth Karpuk, Liz & Mike Rickert, Joan Rizk, Margaret Teter
 10:30 am Cris Berger, Steve & Terri Kimbell, Al Metz, Lynne Wetzel, Florence Victor, Dawn Witzke



From the desk of Father Dan Rupp.....

The Second Sunday in Advent-December 6, 2015

Year of Mercy

Seeing the great need for mercy and healing in the world, Pope Francis called for the *Year of Mercy* a special period, also known as a *Holy Year* or *Jubilee Year*, for the Catholic Church. It is a time for the Church across the world to take approximately a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way.

Pope Francis has asked us as individuals and as a Church "to be a witness of mercy" by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. This Year of Mercy will begin on December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and end on November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

The Holy Year of Mercy will focus on studying and reflecting on mercy, receiving mercy, and being merciful towards others. A Jubilee Year is when the Catholic Church across the world takes approximately a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way. Catholics are encouraged to join together in prayer, go to confession, and share the genius of Catholicism with others. The purpose of a Jubilee Year is to help people grow spiritually, strengthen their faith, and encourage works of service, and to promote unity within the Catholic Church and society in general. The last Jubilee Year was in 2000, called for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception where we celebrate Mary being born without Original Sin, just like Adam and Eve (before they fell from grace). It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are as follows: **Tuesday at 6:45 am and 8:00 am.**

Memorials

The parish and school have received memorials from **Charlotte Morin, Mike Moeller and Mary Elaine O'Hara Estates**. We thank everyone who gave, these gifts benefit the parish both now and in the future. God will not be outdone in generosity. The estate of; Mary Elaine O'Hara gave the School Endowment Fund \$90,894.94 and Church Endowment \$90,894.94.

Christians in the Middle East

We are currently in the process of acquiring more zipper pulls and lapel pins to support the Christians in the Middle East. We hope to have them here for the Knights of Columbus breakfast in December. The items will cost about \$3-\$4 each. The items have the Arabic letter "n" on them. This letter is used by ISIS to mark the homes of Christians. The "n" stands for Nasorean (which refers to Jesus the Nazorean). These Christians are then forced to either convert to Islam or pay a fine. If they do neither, then they will be killed. So, of course, many of them flee and become refugees. We wear this symbol as a sign of solidarity with these persecuted Christians. The proceeds of the sales will go to an organization called "*Aid to the Church in Need*," which actively helps suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Advent Penance Services

Having a good Advent season means making a good Confession. Here are the times of the upcoming Penance Services in Sioux City:

Sunday, Dec. 13th at 1:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church

Sunday, Dec. 13th at 2:30 pm at Nativity Church

Monday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church

Sunday, Dec. 20th at 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, Dec. 20th at 2:30 pm at St. Michael Church

Sunday, Dec. 20th at 4:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

Keeping the Heat in the Church

In an effort to keep the heat in the Church, try to keep the interior doors closed as much as possible. We realize that when Church is beginning and ending, the doors must be propped open. However, at other times we should try to keep them closed to save energy.



NEWS!

First Reconciliation 2016

For Blessed Sacrament Parishioners in 2nd Grade or Older. The Learning Centers will be the evening of Friday, Jan. 8th and the morning of Saturday, Jan. 9th, 2016. Centers are to be attended by the candidate and a parent or guardian. Call or E-mail Fran OTool to **Confirm your one hour time slot by January 6th.**

PREP will be held on Dec. 9th and 16th.
No PREP on Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th.

Catholic Daughters Court Ave Maria #269

will hold a Christmas Party and catered dinner beginning with a 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church on Wed., Dec. 9th. Contact one of the court officers with your reservation and a welcomed invited guest by Dec. 6th. Please bring a gift for a religious sister and a non-perishable food item or a cash donation for our adopted family.

Tree of Love gifts should be returned this weekend. The gifts will be sorted and bagged right after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 13. This will take about an hour. Anyone wishing to help is invited to meet in the church after the 10:30 am Mass next Sunday.

Fewer Lafferty Fund Tax Credits Left

As of Dec. 1 Bishop Heelan has raised nearly \$6000,000 in Lafferty Fund Tax Credit donations towards our goal of \$748,000 by Dec. 10. A limited amount of tax credits are left for donors who benefit their low tax situation and help 600 students attend Blessed Sacrament and Bishop Heelan High School. Donations also indirectly support all middle income families to help 70 percent of our students. Call 252-1350/ janet.flanagan@bishopheelan.org

HELP WANTED

The Diocese of Sioux City is seeking a Catholic in good standing to fill the Director of Planned Giving and Annual Gifts position. This position is responsible for developing and implementing initiatives to identify, cultivate and solicit prospects to ensure a strong base of ongoing financial support through planned giving, major gifts and annual gifts.

Send resume, salary req & 3 professional references to: Kristie M. Arlt; Diocese of Sioux City; P. O. Box 3379; Sioux City, IA 51102-3379; or e-mail: kristiea@scdiocese.org

Holy Cross School News

December 7, 2015

Grades 3-5 vocal and 5th grade band Christmas concert, **10:00 AM & 7:00 am** at Bishop Heelan Fine Arts Building. Students in grades 3-5 may wear dress clothes to school.

December 8, 2015

BS Center Mass, **8:00 am**
SM Center Mass, **8:30 am**
BS Center Advent activity, **9:00 am**
SM Center Life Team activity, **12:15 pm**

December 9, 2015

BS Center Reconciliation service, **9:00 am**

December 11, 2015

Life team Christmas gift shopping service project **9 am**

Preschool Open House

Kiddie Crusaders at Holy Cross-St. Michael Center will be hosting an Open House on **Thursday, January 28** from **5:00-6:30 P.M.** for anyone interested in the 2016/17 school year. Please call the office at 239-1090 with questions

Catholic Charities Collection

In 2014, Catholic Charities served over 2,000 people, 78% of which earned a family income of less than \$35,000. Most of the clients who receive counseling services would have otherwise not been able to access mental health care, resulting in unhealthy relationships, problems at school, abuse, or broken families. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners who are able to give at the annual Christmas collection each year, these services were accessible to those who have the greatest need.

The Knights of Columbus raised \$1,365.00

for "Persons With Intellectual Disabilities" during the annual Tootsie Roll Sale. **THANK YOU** to all who purchased Tootsie Rolls in support of this very worthy cause!

Save the Date

Day of Encouragement will be Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016. The keynote speaker will be Dordt College Dean of Chapel, Pastor Aaron Baart, who will address the topic of fear in our world. More information to follow.

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