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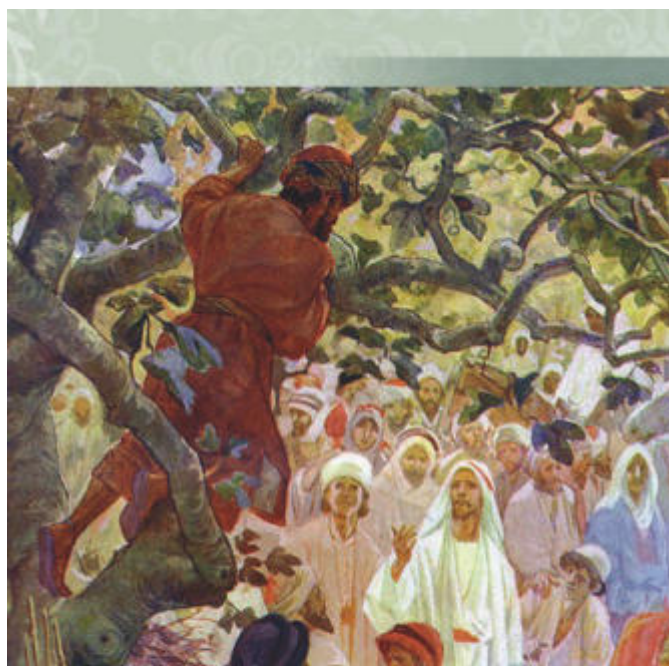
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31st Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said,
"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay
at your house." And he came down quickly and
received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

Main Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

7 am - 3:30 pm

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November 3, 2019
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings of peace and joy to you and your families.

At the start of the month of November which we acknowledge as the month of thanksgiving, I invite all parishioners to live with grateful hearts throughout the month and beyond. As members faith community who are recipients of the unceasing graces and rich blessings of the Father, let us remember that gratitude multiplies blessings and opens the door of greater opportunities to us.

Gratitude is associated with blessings. The more we demonstrate grateful hearts, the more astronomical our blessings can be. We should all have a reason to thank God, but as a parish community, here are some reasons to collectively give thanks throughout the month:

Our sister Sue, after several years of dedicated service to our sister parish communities of St. John and St. Isidore, retired from active ministry. We thank the good Lord for choosing her and working through her for his church.

Another reason to thank God for is my assignment to our sister parishes of Saints I & J. The appointment is an expression of Archbishop Jackals' willingness and commitment to keep supplying all parishes with priests. As we pray for more priests for the Archdiocese of Dubuque to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of parishioners, our gratitude should be expressed to God and to Archbishop Jackals.

The call to be grateful is also the call to attend Mass constantly on the weekend week; and as a reminder, our morning Masses are short and sweet moments to savor God's fragrance during the week. Consider morning Masses as well whenever your schedule permits you. The Mass itself is a celebration of thanksgiving and so being at Mass enables the worshippers to give thanks together. I am hoping for packed church all through the month. Invite a friend or a relative and bring them to church.

Again, thanksgiving is also a time to share our blessings with the Church. Deciding to bump up your giving during this time and hopefully going forward is encouraged highly. I humbly invite all parishioners to use this month to start considering an adjustment in their weekly contributions to keep supporting the church. However, the parish is always appreciative of the commitment of the members to support it.

Finally, I encourage all parishioners to add to their prayer intentions Pope Francis' intention for the month of November. The intention is for 'Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East'. The holy Father is asking that we pray for a true spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation to occur among the various religious groupings. These monthly intentions are so purposeful and the way to keep a universal prayer going in the church. It is therefore necessary that we unite with the pope to pray together for the world and about the issues that confront us.

Together let's give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His love is everlasting!
Fr. Andrew



Wednesday, November 6th @ 8:30 am - Leonard Noll

Friday, November 8th @ 8:30 am - Gabriel Deely

Sunday, November 10th @ 8:30 am - Leo McElmeel

Weekly contributions needed \$5,673.08

October 27th

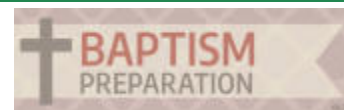
Budget, Adults	\$3,333.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$279.00
Facility- Up-keep	\$170.00
Missions.....	\$900.00
Total Collected	\$4,682.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$96,441.00
YTD collections received	\$84,845.11
YTD over/short.....	\$11,595.89

Thank you for your support



to our parish family, John and Lindsey Logan and their sons Theodore and Easton. The Logan family come to us from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hiawatha.



All parents wishing to baptize a child must register to attend baptism catechesis session in the parish prior to the baptism. To register call the main office 895-6246.

Baptism catechesis scheduled dates for:

November 12, 2019

February 11, 2020

May 12, 2020

August 11, 2020

November 10, 2020



“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory now and to the day of eternity”. [Amen]

- ◆ **Hallmark/Cherry Ridge Christmas gifts:**
Beginning this weekend, November 3, the requests for the client’s gifts will be available to choose and pick from. They will be displayed in the gathering space by the education wing on Sundays and in the lower level gathering spaces on Wednesday until gone. On behalf of Hallmark and Cherry Ridge and myself, thank you for your continued support and generosity in providing a gift that lets the clients know that they are thought of, prayed for and remembered on the day of Christ’s birth.
- ◆ **Junior High (7th and 8th Grade),** have been spending their sessions learning about different aspects of Catholic Social Justice. This month includes looking at the life and dignity of the human person, along with their rights and responsibilities. On November 13, Mark Schmidt, Director of Respect Life and Social Justice from the Archdiocese will be speaking to the group about immigration and the Church’s stand on immigration.

Liturgical Ministers for November 10th

8:30 am: Sacristan: Brett Kimm
 EM: Mary Weber Tom Wieseler
 Carol Woods Boren Pete Bahl
 Lynnaya Bunch Kathy Dix
 Marty Fall Donna Herring
 Cindy Kendall Diane Kimm

Lectors: Stephen Poduska Lisa Thuerauf

Servers: Ryan Moeller Jenna Woodward
 Joey Rhomberg Tiernan Boots

Greeters: Andy & Erin Moeller family
 Tim & Kim Fall family
 Keith & Janet Huebner family

Readings for the week of November 3, 2019

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2
 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday:

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Taking Care of Yourself this Upcoming Holiday Season

With the holiday season quickly approaching, people are looking forward to spending quality time with family or taking a few days off from work. While the holiday season can be a fun and joyous time, it can also be very stressful. The combined effort of shopping, attending social events, and entertaining guests can quickly become too much to handle. A poll by the American Psychological Association shows that 8 out of 10 people anticipate increased stress over the holidays. Setting aside time for yourself is a great way to cope with stress during the holidays. With so much happening, it’s important to make time for yourself so you can take a breather and clear your mind, which could mean a brief walk or just relaxing listening to music. If you are having difficulty coping with daily struggles or know someone who is and would like to receive professional services from a Catholic Charities' counselor, please call 1-800-772-2758.

Tuesday, November 5th

8:00 am - Mass @ St. Isidore
 6:30 pm - Haiti Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, November 6th

8:30 am - Mass @ St. John
 9:00 am - St. Anne’s Circle
 6:00 pm - FF grades 4th - 8th
 7:00 pm - FF grades 9th—12th
 8 - 10 pm - Adoration

Thursday, November 7th

8:00 am - Mass @ St. Isidore
 6:30 pm - Liturgy Commission Mtg.
 7:00 pm - Social Justice Commission Mtg.

Friday, November 8th

8:30 am - Mass

Sunday, November 10th

Pre-school FF
 9:30 am - FF grades K - 3rd
 *****After Mass Confirmation Session
 4:00 pm - NCYC Mtg.



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