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Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore
Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John
Weekday Mass Schedule
As stated in the weekly bulletin
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8 am - 5 pm
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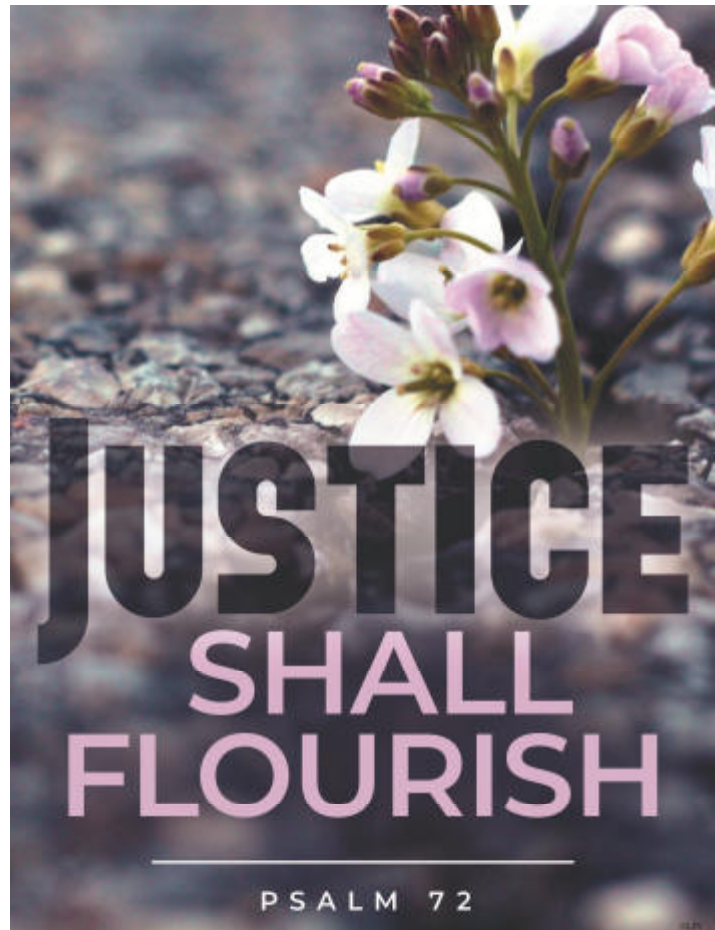
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December 8, 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent



Dear parish family,
Blessings of peace and joy to you.

Welcome to the second week of advent. A man appeared before a judge for failing to keep the child support responsibility for his two-year-old boy. And when the judge asked him why he had failed to support the child, he answered, "The boy doesn't look like me." Then the judge responded, "If so, take care of him till he looks like you."

- The message of Jon the Baptist for the weekend can be likened to the one above. When he started his ministry, John was heard in the desert shouting, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." The central idea underlying John's preaching is repentance and conversion. John calls people to make changes in their lives in anticipation of the advent of the Messiah. Like the judge in the story above, John is asking us to do what makes us look like God.
- During this advent, John's voice comes to us again to challenge us to be and look like God. Here are some simple actionable activities we can engage to mirror our Father in heaven:
- Pray more. Try to remind yourself to make brief prayers a few times over the course of the day. We are all busy, especially if we are not retired; and that is alright! With the busy schedule, we mostly don't get the time and the place to kneel and pray. So, it may help a great deal to remind yourself to say brief prayers frequently during the day when driving, sitting in the office, waiting to pick your child from school, picking stuff at the store, etc. If our students can remember to do the same when in the car to and from school, during sports and other activities. If we remind ourselves to pray and do so frequently, we keep our image of God with us.
- Find a favorite short prayer that you can repeat several times during the day. Any simple prayer like one of these: " God is good all the time" "Jesus I trust in You", "My Lord and my God", "Lord help me", " Lord come to my assistance", "Lord make haste to help ", "My soul glorifies the Lord", "Blessed be the Lord", can constitute a remarkable prayer, if we consciously repeat them often.
- Show favor to others. The people, we must love, appreciate, and care about, present us with the opportunity for our generosity. So, let's put others before ourselves. People reflect what we are or can be. Love others, appreciate and care for them, and behold, you're loving, appreciating, and caring about yourself. But, if we dislike and condemn them, make no mistake, we dislike and condemn ourselves.
- Look for the opportunity to confess your sins. Confession results in reconciliation with God, with others, and with ourselves. A good confession cleanses the tainted heart and soul to become godly. If we don't look like God now, then let's follow these simple steps and we will soon look like our father in heaven.

Happy advent!

Fr. Andrew



December 11th @ 8:30 am - Jim Schemmel

December 13th @ 8:30 am - Irvin & Louise Clark

December 15th @ 8:30 am - Jerry & Agnes Litz

Weekly contributions needed \$5,673.08

November 24th

Budget, Adults	\$2,718.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 235.75
Facility Up-Keep	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving Donations.....	\$ 245.00
Total Collected	\$3,218.75
YTD collection needed	\$119,133.00
YTD collections received	\$106,291.87
YTD over/ short	\$ 12,841.13

Weekly contributions needed \$5,673.08

December 1st

Budget, Adults	\$3,237.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 192.59
Our Call to Share	\$ 80.00
Thanksgiving Donations.....	\$ 400.00
Total Collected.....	\$3,909.59
YTD collection needed	\$124,806.00
YTD collections received	\$109,831.46
YTD over/ short	\$ 14,974.54

Christmas Mass Schedule:

- December 24th @ St. John the Baptist - 4 pm
- December 24 @ St. Isidore the Farmer - 6 pm
- December 25th @ St. John the Baptist - 9 am

Holy Day Mass:

- December 31st @ St. Isidore the Farmer - 5 pm Vigil
- January 1st @ St. John the Baptist - 9 am

Today at St. John's - 3 pm
Communal Reconciliation

The Social Justice Commission would once again like to thank everyone who donated to the **Backpack Program Drive** that was held earlier this year in late Spring/early Summer. As we give thanks this holiday season we want to take a minute to give you an update of what your generosity is doing for our community. The Mount Vernon and Lisbon Schools have over 60 children participating in their backpack and snack pack programs. The Social Justice Commission is buying fresh fruit each week with your generous monetary donations and sending those children home with fresh fruit. The feedback from the elementary school nurses is **"The kids LOVE, LOVE, LOVE the fruit!"**

Thank you, for you are what makes that gift possible each week. God Bless!

News from High School Faith Formation

Before Thanksgiving, 11 teens from St. John's went to NCYC. They were: Rachel Axtell, Paige Beck, Shannon Beck, Aubrey Frey, Mark Liberko, Molly Louwagie, Sydney Parks, Sara Rhomberg, Lauren Ryan, Issaac Stevenson, and Adam Vig. They had an amazing experience, which I am sure they will share. Please ask them about the trip. You might ask what their favorite prayer experience was, what song has stuck with them, or how many bishops they met; you should definitely ask them what hat they brought home! Our hope in traveling with teens to NCYC is that they return to our parish more eager or more curious to engage in our community and in their faith. We hope their excitement is catching! We hope that these 11 will ignite the faith of the other fifty-plus high school students who participate in high school faith formation. You can view images and links from the conference at the High School Ministry Page of our website. Please pray that the NCYC spirit infects our parish as we celebrate the season of Advent.

Faith Formation

"...and that from infancy you have known [the] sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ." 2 Timothy 3:15

December 11 and December 15, middle school students will be putting together 145 pies for delivery to Southeast Linn for area Christmas Meals.

St. Anne's will be baking Christmas Cookies on December 18 to take to Hallmark and Cherry Ridge.

The Archdiocese believes that grandparents have an essential role in evangelizing their own grandchildren through word, actions and witness of faith. Grandparenting Ministry helps grandparents share their love of Jesus through their grandchildren through resources, parish offerings and gathered events. More to come about Grandparenting Ministry for St. John's.

Liturgical Ministers for December 15th

8:30 am: Sacristan: Brett Kimm
 EM: Cindy Kendall Diane Kimm
 Dave Klostermann Pam Kraus
 Mark Kraus Joe Lynott
 Merri Lueth Shawn Lueth
 Lisa Thuerauf Alex Lueth

Lectors: Irene Leonard Craig Lynner

Servers: Lauren Stolte Michael Covington
 Collin Swantz Claire Gaffney

Greeters: Randy & Sandy Jaeger
 Patty Lynch
 Dave & Lesley Panos family

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

This Week

Tuesday, December 10th

6:30 pm - Social Justice Mtg.

Wednesday, December 11th

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, December 12th

6:30 pm - RCIA Session

Saturday, December 14th

10:30 am - Communal Penance @ All Saints, CR

Sunday, December 15th

Preschool FF
 9:30 am - FF grades K - 3rd
 After Mass - Confirmation Session

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