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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

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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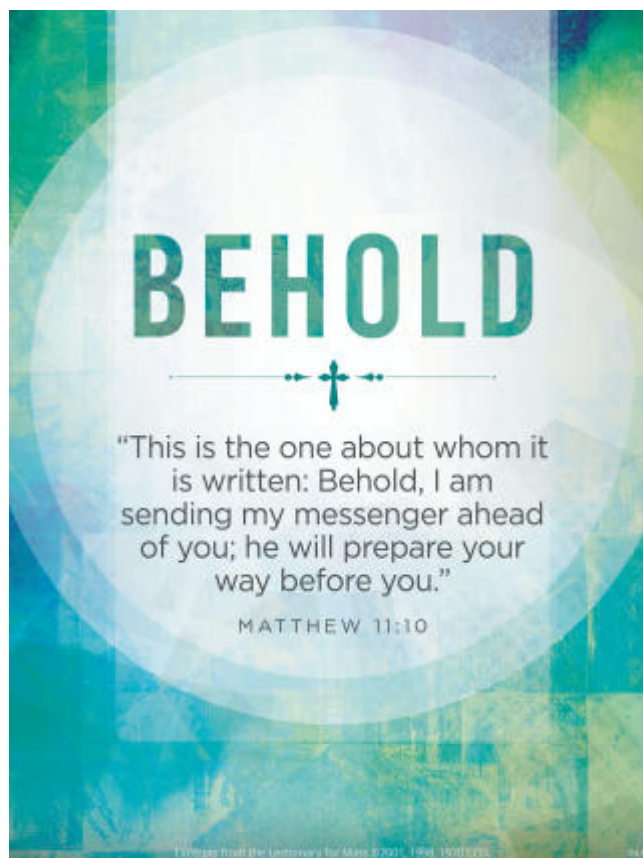
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December 15, 2019  
3rd Sunday of Advent

**Faith Formation:** December has been a whirlwind of activities filled with many blessings and gratefulness for the many gifts that have been shared and given. This month is reminding me of Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "Plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

**December 1st,** the Sacramental Parent/Candidate activities took on a new format, moving from traditional activities to forming small groups. The small group formation allows for deeper conversations to take place within a small community, built on established trust as they come to know each other better.

**December 4th,** fourth thru twelfth graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Andrew, along with Fr. Jack and Fr. Richard were able to provide the sacrament to all the students in the time-framed allowed.

**December 4th,** St. Anne's discussed and competed chapters 5 & 6 of "The Real Story" by Edward Sri. The Grampa's were on hand for child-care.

**December 8th,** Communal Reconciliation was provided for both the St. Isidore and St. John community at St. John's. Six priests from the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and one priest from the Davenport Diocese, helped the flow go smoothly.

**December 8th,** was the day for the Hallmark, Cherry Ridge Christmas party and as in the past, the parishioners here at St. John outdid themselves in providing gifts for each of the residents. The staff at Hallmark and Cherry Ridge were, once again, grateful for the generosity and loving care your gifts represented.

**December 11th,** One-Hundred French Apple and Cherry pies were put together by the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, their catechists and parishioners who volunteered to come help. The Knights of Columbus opened their freezer so that the pies can be delivered to Southeast Linn frozen, along with some parishioners who had freezer space. Following the pie-making activities, hot chocolate and cookies were provided.

**December 12th,** RCIA will meet and discussed the Incarnation. On December 19th, the topic will be "Mary."

**December 15th,** those families who home school faith formation will meet at St. John's following Mass and put together another forty-five pies for Southeast Linn. Following their pie-making activities, hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. Thank you to all the families of St. John who provided the supplies for 145 pies.

**December 15th,** St. Anne's group will hold a cookie exchange and provide cookies to be shared with the parents and students at the 2nd grade's annual Christmas parent day during their faith formation session on December 22.

**December 25th: Merry Christmas.** Wishing each and everyone a Christmas filled with many Blessings as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Linda Hansmeier, Director of Faith Formation



**December 18th @ 8:30 am** - Elsie Pisarik

**December 20th @ 8:30 am** - Robert Ulrich

**December 22nd @ 8:30 am** - Janet Spellerberg

<b>Weekly contributions needed .....</b>	<b>\$5,673.08</b>
<b><u>December 8th</u></b>	
Budget, Adults.....	\$12,880.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 174.53
Share in the Care Retired Religious .....	\$ 445.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 505.00
Total Collected .....	\$14,004.53
YTD collection needed.....	\$130,479.00
YTD collections received .....	\$121,757.23
YTD over/ <b>short</b> .....	<b>\$ 8,721.77</b>

**Thank you for your weekly support!**

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

- December 24th @ St. John the Baptist - 4 pm
- December 24th @ 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
- January 1st @ St. John the Baptist - 9 am



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:**

- February 11, 2020
- May 12, 2020
- August 11, 2020
- November 10, 2020



### Christmas Eve Prelude Musicians

All parishioners of all ages are invited to play or sing a Prelude Christmas song for our 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Contact Theresa Sundstrom at 563-451-2054 or my email..... [t.sundstrom@dbqarch.org](mailto:t.sundstrom@dbqarch.org)

**GIVING TREE:** The gifts for the Giving Tree are due today. If you have not returned the gift, please call Thelma Rife 319-895-6857.

**Mass Servers:** We are in need of 3 more Servers for the Christmas Day Mass at 9 am

**Greeters:** We are in need of at least 3 more greeters for Christmas Day Mass at 9 am

If you can help please call the main office at 319-895-6246 and let Loraine know that you are available or you may text her at 319-350-8874. Thank you!

### **Leading the Way**

There are many examples of false prophets in history. Some of these gifted charlatans have led people away from family and friends. They have led people to do evil things, like stealing, torture, or even murder. It is amazing how those gifted with charisma can lead others down such a destructive path. In today's modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily.

John the Baptist didn't have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not the One. Instead, all he did was to prepare people for Jesus' coming.

You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away from him. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. Unfortunately, if we are not changed and instead act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done in our homes and with our families to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### Liturgical Ministers for December 22nd

8:30 am: Sacristan: Irene Leonard	
EM: Linda Hansmeier	Tom McGuire
Pat Melchert	Andy Moeller
Marylynn Murray	Chuck Murray
Allison Nissen	Steve Noll
Linda Noll	Bev O'Connor

Lectors: Erin Moeller Blake Covington

Servers: William Huebner Penelope Vig  
Rachel Axtell Laura Swart

Greeters: Keith & Janet Huebner family  
Jeremy & Abbie Stolte family

### *Readings* *Week*

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9  
[4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/  
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf.  
7]/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and  
10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20  
-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

### **Next Sunday:**

Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom  
1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

### Tuesday, December 17th

6:30 pm - Faith Formation Commission Mtg.

### Wednesday, December 18th

6:30 am - Finance Council Mtg.  
6:00 pm - FF grades 4th - 8th  
7:00 pm - FF grades 9th - 12th  
8 - 10 pm - Adoration

*This Week*

### Thursday, December 19th

6:30 pm - RCIA Session  
7:00 pm - Communal Penance at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### Saturday, December 21st

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

### Sunday, December 22nd

Preschool FF  
9:30 am - FF grades K - 3rd  
4 - 6 pm - Adoration followed by Evening Prayer and  
Benediction

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