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Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

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As stated in the weekly bulletin

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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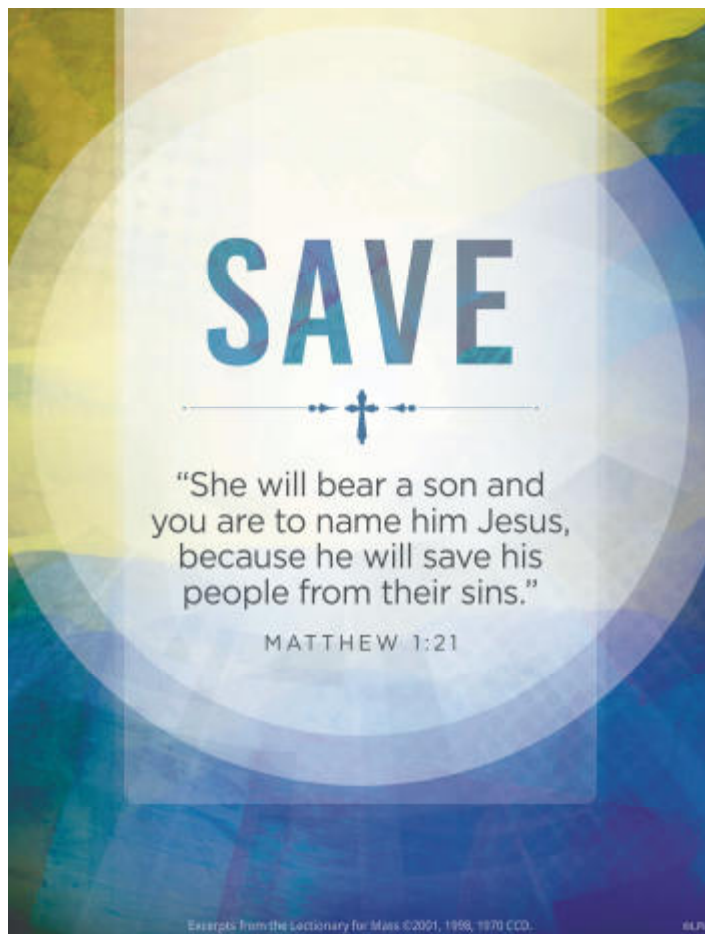
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December 22, 2019  
4th Sunday of Advent

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD  
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Afraid, Yet Never Alone**

I did not end up being the great parent I had hoped I would be. I am not saying I was bad, but I was not the cool dad who did all things right and led my children by the example of my endlessly good actions. I messed up a bunch. Sometimes I was afraid. I was afraid of decisions I had to make and the possible repercussions. At times, I was afraid that I was not strong enough to lead my family. The fear occasionally led me toward inaction or eventual mistakes. The only thing that got me through the tough times and allowed me to see it was okay was Jesus. Without Jesus, I would never have been half of the father and husband I have been through the years.

When we try to tackle life alone, we can find ourselves in a very lonely position. Just like Jesus' parents, we need God to assist us and provide us with the strength for what lies ahead. Joseph needed God to be with him as he took Mary as his wife and became a father. Every parent needs God to become more than they can be on their own.

How do you treat those who you love? Who is there to help you when a relationship faces an obstacle? We are called to love others as our Father in heaven loves us. That is really an unreachable goal. Yet with God, all things are possible. As this Advent ends, may your Christmas be about more than presents and decorations. May the most profound gifts you give and receive be that of each other, and may your lives be decorated with the fruits of that love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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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



**December 24th @ 4:00 pm** - Doris McElmeel

**December 25th @ 9:00 am** - John & Annice Lane

**December 27th @ 8:30 am** - Harry & Dolores Suchomel

**December 29th @ 8:30 am** - Darlene Allard

**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

**Liturgical Minister for Christmas Eve**

**December 24th - 4 pm**

- Sacristan: Brett Kimm
- EM: Pat Melchert Linda Noll  
 Steve Noll Carol Woods Boren  
 Andy Moeller Kathy Dix  
 Marty Fall Charlene Vig  
 Pete Bahl Tom McGuire  
 Diane Kimm 1 more needed
- Lectors: Lisa Thuerauf Denise Melchert
- Servers: Johnny Broulik Evelyn Moeller  
 Aubrey Frey Adam Vig
- Greeters: Troy & Tracey Louwagie family  
 Jeff & Tracie Clark family  
 Dean & Kathy Mallie  
 Rick Springsteen



## High School Faith Formation News

During advent, our activities in high school faith formation have been focused on the season. On December 4, along with the 4th through 8th grade students, we celebrated God's loving mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation. What a joy it was to have our own priest and his fellow priests available to serve our students and to help us practice penance at the beginning of Advent.

**On December 11,** we practiced service by baking cookies, writing cards, and assembling gifts for children. Our cookies went to Families Helping Families; an organization in Cedar Rapids that supports foster families; our cards went to our seminarians as well as retired religious; and our gifts went to area children.

On December 18, we took time to reflect on Advent and our own readiness for Christmas through a short prayer service and then we celebrated together with our own social time.

Over the holiday, both the adult and youth leadership groups will get together to plan our winter activities and to review what we've done this past semester. Thank you to all of the families who have supported our High School Faith Formation activities this year!

### Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Day Mass

#### **December 25th - 9 am**

9:00 am Sacristan: Jim Kendall  
EM: Leona Smith Foaro Sharon Dendurent  
Cindy Pospisil Deanna Wagner  
Dennis Ludwig Joe Lynott  
Ann Thuerauf Heidi Ryan  
Diane Apel 1 more needed

Lectors: Christine Tabak Tom Wieseler

Servers: Libby Dix Selah Loyd  
Lauren Ryan Need 1 More

Greeters: Teresa Pisarik  
Larry & Judy Poduska  
Ruth Horton

### Liturgical Ministers for December 29th

8:30 am: Sacristan: Dennis Ludwig  
EM: Larry Poduska Judy Poduska  
Cindy Pospisil Richard Povey  
Heidi Ryan Jacob Ryan  
Hugh Scieszinski Gwen Schimek  
Leona Smith Foaro Nikki Sporrer

Lectors: Patty Lynch Christine Tabak

Servers: Libby Dix Joseph Huebner  
Aubrey Frey Riley Boots

Greeters: Troy & Tracey Louwagie family  
Ryan & Amy Reyhons family  
Teresa Pisarik

### *Readings* *of the Week*

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

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

#### **Wednesday:**

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Midnight:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

#### **Next Sunday:**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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