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Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore
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As stated in the weekly bulletin
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
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7 am - 3:30 pm

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*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*



Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

Youth Ministry by Deanna Wagner

Happy Thanksgiving to all the youth, young adults and all the others who support our young church. May your Thanksgiving be a blessing.



Thanksgiving prayer: Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=492>

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything.” Thomas Merton

Next Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving, an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada modeled after a 1621 harvest feast and other blessings shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag Native Americans. The Thanksgiving holiday season occurs a few days prior to the beginning of Advent season in which Christians anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ.

During this time of year, many of us reflect on those things we are most thankful for, i.e. family, friends, food, health, and strength. As a *‘people of God,’* we individually and collectively look for ways we can help the elderly, the sick, the shut-in, and the poor enjoy a Thanksgiving Day meal by donating and delivering food baskets and cooked meals to those less fortunate ones who are without, i.e. Southeast Linn.

The thoughts of wanting to help others is an actualization of God’s love for humanity and an expression of whole-hearted thanks to God for all that God has done for us. I think it goes without saying that God has done plenty for all of us, in spite of us—that is what the birth of Jesus Christ is all about. Giving thanks to God for the tangibles of life is one thing but giving thanks to God for his Grace is quite another. The truth is, thanking God doesn’t stop with Thanksgiving Day, we should be thanking God every second we breathe for His unmerited favor toward us every second, of every minute, of every hour, of every day, of every year of our lives.

Offering both onsite and homeschooling this year, along with meeting in person or through zoom meetings, created more than a few bumps in the road, not just for staff, but for students, adults and parents as well. I feel blessed and filled with gratitude to work together with staff, catechists, volunteers, and parents this Thanksgiving. Covid-19 has redesigned how we do things but using our Catholic imagination and common sense provided by the Archdiocese and the CDC, faith formation continues as we build new memories while celebrating traditions and practices we will remember our entire lives.

Wishing each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed 2020 Advent!



(1st) Kindergarten: Catechists Melinda Pfab, Anna Vavricek, (2nd) Third Grade: Catechists Jill Vavricek, Conni Swart, (3rd) Second Grade: Catechist Annalyn Elloren

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Wednesday, November 25th

8:30 am - Faye Pitlik

Thursday, November 26th

*9:00 am - Dolores Suchomel

Friday, November 27th

8:30 am - Steve Horton

Sunday, November 29th

8:30 am - Doris McElmeel



Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9 am

Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Liturgical Ministers for November 29, 2020

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Nikki Sporrer Ann Thuerauf
Lisa Thuerauf Fr. Andrew

Lectors: Sharon Grice Cindy Kendall

Servers: Laura Swart Landon Stolte

Hospitality: Larry & Judy Poduska
John & Amanda Rhomberg
Dave & Natalie Klostermann
Dean & Kathy Mallie

**Christ the King
November 22, 2020**