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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 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

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

7 am - 3:30 pm

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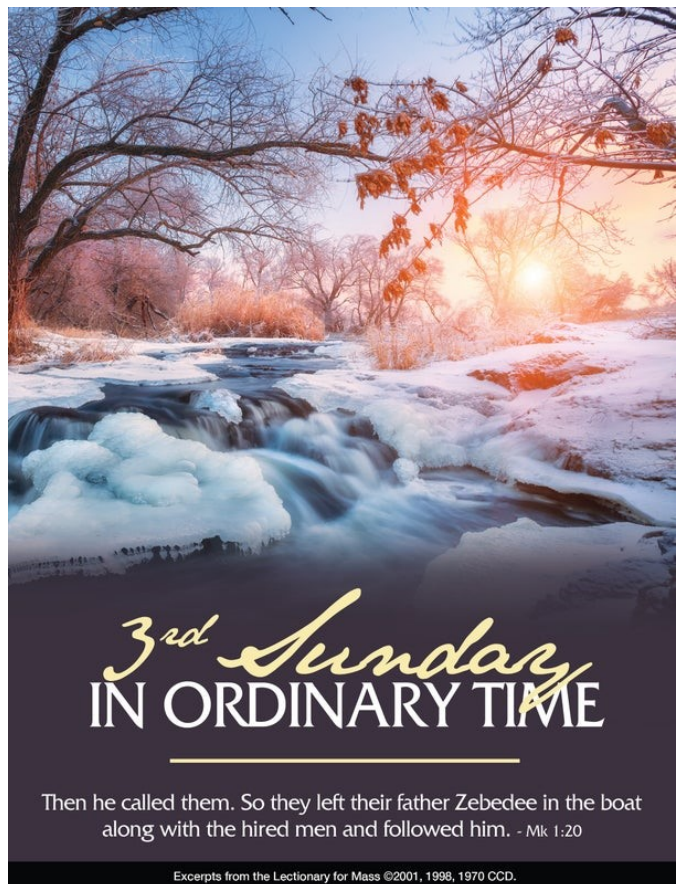
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212 7TH ST. SE

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AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*



Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Our young church is discussing the importance of prayer and how we need prayer to deepen our relationship with God. We need to make sure to make time every day for God! “Developing a dynamic prayer life requires perseverance more than anything else. Just keep showing up. Some days you will feel like praying and many days you will not. But if you keep showing up you will develop a phenomenal friendship with God” – Matthew Kelly.

Quotes from saints on prayer:

Prayer is being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know loves us. – St. Teresa of Avila

Love to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself. – Mother Teresa

You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat. St. Josemaria Escriva

Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God. St. Padre Pio

You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him. St. Teresa of Avila

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." St. Augustine

Remember to bring your old psalm to church and put them in the designated area in the Gathering Area. These psalm will be burnt and used as ashes for the Ash Wednesday Masses at St. John’s March 17th at 8:30 am & 7:00 pm.

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” Hebrews 13: 1-2

Faith Formation sessions have resumed for the second semester at St. John after a break for Christmas and welcoming the New Year in. Some families have enrolled their children back into on-site faith formation sessions while many others are still home-schooling. Seeing familiar faces (plus the face masks), that I have not seen since last February, I was filled with a sense of gratitude for their presence and yet fully aware that we are not out of the woods yet. I reminded myself that we need to continue to be fully conscious of all those who continue to be socially isolated, an isolation that can easily lead to extreme loneliness and depression.

First, change the term “social distancing” to “physical distancing.” We are still connected, even though we are apart. There are apps that make face-to-face conversations easy. St. John’s offers a virtual Mass every week as well as other social media events that help us feel connected. Send emails, texts. Pick up the phone and say hi. Conversations help us feel less alone and more supported. Take a break from the news, be selective in what you need to know and what is happening in the community. Avoid thinking too much about the future and the worse scenarios, in other words, change your mindset. Most importantly, pray for those who remain “physically” isolated and each other that we do not forget one another, while practicing gratitude.

Divine Mercy

Theresa Sundstrom

Last year when we were unable to attend Mass and not going anywhere due to Covid, the kids and I began saying the rosary in the mornings. It was never a quiet prayer time, by any means, with then, six children. I even had to put some Nerf guns up that were brought into the living room by the youngest boys, but it was somehow peaceful. I know the Holy Family was looking down and smiling.

Now with a fairly needy newborn, we have fallen out of this routine. Isn’t this how all our prayer lives go? We have our ups and our downs and it’s important to give ourselves some grace. Recently, though, I woke up and was reminded of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I always thought of it as a “short-cut” rosary as a child, but when you read about the history of St. Faustina, it becomes such a rich devotional. It also seems fitting with Lent approaching because it is often prayed during the “Hour of Great Mercy” – three o’clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ’s death on the cross). Check out Catholic singer Steve Angrisano on Facebook, or YouTube where he sings and prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet!

Poverty Awareness Month

Poverty is not a catch phrase-it is a serious reality that many are living. Our faith reminds us to respond to the needs of those who are most vulnerable. How can you better respond to the needs in our community?

The Social Justice Committee thanks you for all you do to support Southeast Linn Community Center programs or Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity or many other people or programs in our area.

TOGETHER

Together is a monthly parish bulletin insert. Monthly volumes will feature messages from Archbishop Jackels as well as initiatives and happenings from around the archdiocese.

Please let the main office know if you like
TOGETHER

2021 Archdiocesan of Dubuque Men's Conference

The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 13, 2021** and will feature keynote speaker Patrick Madrid, along with breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, and more. Due to COVID-19, participants can register to join either virtually (via a live-stream) or in-person at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids (where guidelines will be followed to prevent the spread of the virus). Groups of 5 or more virtual participants may register at a discounted group rate. For more details and registration, visit: www.ArchMensConference.org.

Liturgical Ministers January 31st.

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Hugh Scieszinski Gwen Schimek-Tischler
Leona Smith Faoro Fr. Andrew

Lectors: Dave Klostermann Patty Lynch

Servers: Jenna Woodward Joey Rhomberg

Hospitality: Andy & Erin Moeller family
Tim & Kim Fall

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,326.92

January 17, 2021

Budget, Adult..... \$3,290.00
Loose Coin/Currency..... \$ 79.00
Snow Removal..... \$ 155.00
Total Collected \$ 3,524.00

YTD collection needed..... \$154,480.68
YTD collections received \$159,246.78
YTD over/**short**..... \$ 4,766.10



Wednesday, January 27th

8:30 am - Ray Schmedding

Friday, January 29th

8:30 am - Steve Horton

Sunday, January 31st

8:30 am - Marvin Wieseler

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wed.: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021**