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**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10
A Note from Father Gabriel

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, rose colored to remind us to rejoice! Rejoice, Isaiah prophecies, for God Himself will come to save us! St. James encourages us to have the firm patience of a farmer. In Holy Gospel today, St. John the Baptist is put to the test of living his faith in cold, dark prison.

Amidst his sufferings in chains and filth, St. John longs for not for personal comfort & pleasures, nor his own money & power. His heart rejoices in Christ Jesus. He lives with expectation to "see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God." The God of mercy comes to us! Let us not settle for anything less.

With prayer & penance, Let’s get ready for Christmas!

Advent Blessings upon your family,

Father Gabriel

Inclement Weather Information

If school has a 2 hour delay or cancelled due to inclement weather, the morning Mass is cancelled. Be sure and sign up for the cluster text club to receive notifications.

If you need help call 563-927-4710 or stop at the Cluster Office and we will assist you.

Pray for These People

Mark Hillers
Ken Jasper
Rosie Salow
Paul Schaul
Caleb Neffger
Steve Ries
Tom Oberbroeckling
Dan Pasker
Arnie Merkes
Kaleb Brokens
Julie Kroogmann
Rick Gaffney
Diane Uhlenkamp
Ron McMahon
Austin Stallman
Neal Dunkel
Matt O’Brien
Victoria Moxley
Ragina Huffman
Lynn Miranda
Lucille Harris
Brynn Boeckenstedt
Gerald Riniker
Marcia Russ
Ashly Siebels
Mert Jasper
Jeanne Cox
Margaret Lillig
Jane Salow
Dottie Helmrich
Don Salow
Mary Rave
Jerry Lindauer
Sr. Irma Ries
Mark Klein
Lee Ann Wessels
Randy Oberbroeckling
Rose Marie Kehrli
Roger Bries
Bill Brunsmann

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Pray for Those Serving
In the Military

CPT Joshua Heffernen
SPC Kaitlyn Salow
SGT Chris Ketchum
SFC Aaron Helmrich
SGT Trenton Kelchen
SSGT Aaron Gaffney
AEAN Barry Morarity
SPC Adam Manternach
TSGP Taylor Granger
PFC Kristi Mensen
CPL Elijah Deutmeyer
PFC Chris Sands
PVT Tyler Wessels

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Cluster News

Early Bulletin Deadline
Please submit items by noon on:
Wednesday, December 18 for December 29 bulletin
Thursday, December 26 for January 5 bulletin
Written items may be submitted to Cluster Office
or email: dbq123bulletin@dbqarch.org

Cluster Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Cluster Office will be closed:
Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25
Tuesday, December 31 & Wednesday, January 1

Year Ending Closing
Immaculate Conception, St. John, St. Mary and St. Patrick will
close their books for 2019 on Tuesday, December 31, 2019.
All donations must be received by that date. Any contributions
received after that will be for 2020. Thank you for your gener-
osity throughout the year.

Recent Baptism
Congratulations to Eulalia Oceana Broghammer, daughter of
Adam and Cassandra, who was baptized at St. Mary, Sunday,
December 1.

Baptism Class
Baptism Class will be held Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00PM in
the St. Mary meeting room #2. First-time parents are required
to take class before having their child baptized. At least one
godparent needs to be a confirmed practicing Catholic. It is an
 expectation that couples are attending Mass weekly when they
present a child for baptism. Classes are held quarterly. Call the
Cluster Office at 927-4710 to register.

Nurse Nancy - dbq123n@dbqarch.org
563-920-1394 - Nancy Appleton, Cluster Parish Nurse

ADVENT PRAYER
Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy
Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your
voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your
coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy
of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

I will be praying for you all during this Advent Season as we
prepare for the coming of our Lord! Will you be ready? Will our
hearts be ready?

Faith Formation - dbq123RE@dbqarch.org
Kathy Oberreuter, Director of Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes ~ December 18
- Grades 7-12: Early Dismissal Class: 1:40PM-2:40PM.
  Please enter through the Parish Center entrance.
- Grades K-6: Evening Classes 6:30-8:00PM all locations.
- Grades 7-12: Evening Classes 6:45-8:15PM at St. Mary
  Campus. Please enter through the Parish Center entrance.

Beauty In Christ
Looking for inspiration? Stumped for the
right Christmas gift for your loved ones?
Buy the women in your life an unforgettable day at the 2020
Archdiocesan Women’s Conference, Beauty in Christ: Fearless!
Faithful! On Fire! Dynamic speakers Hallie Lord and Katie Pre-
jean will inspire you to live fearlessly!!! Join us on Saturday,
January 25, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Cedar
Rapids, IA, 8:30AM-3:30PM (doors open at 7:00 AM). Discount
rates apply until Monday, January 6, 2020.
To register go to: https://archwomensconference.org/
registration/. (Financial assistance is available.)

Youth Ministry - Marcia Nachtman, Lead Teacher
St. Paul School of Religion - dbqrt3s2@dbqarch.org

Confirmation Candidates
The Blessed Trinity Cluster is preparing forty five youth for the
Sacrament of Confirmation. Our hope, as we prepare them for
this most Blessed Sacrament, is that we may inspire them to
be filled with God's grace in all circumstances of their daily
lives. We are asking for your prayers, support and examples of
discipleship, so that our confirmation candidates, will be ready
to live more deeply in the life of the Holy Spirit which they en-
tered into at Baptism. Please take a prayer card from the con-
firmation boards to pray for all of our candidates.

Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00PM - St. Mary
4:00PM - St. Patrick
6:00PM - St. John
7:00PM - Immaculate
  Conception
10:00PM - St. Mary

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day
9:00AM - St. John
9:00AM - St. Mary

Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31
New Year’s Eve
4:00PM - St. John

Wednesday, January 1
New Year’s Day
9:00AM - St. Mary

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November 30, 2019 Income
Budget $957, Social Concerns & Cares $100, Student $1.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
There are several old metal folding chairs, old plastic chairs and round wooden tables with a cart that are no longer needed. These items are currently being stored in the garage of the St. Patrick rectory. Please contact the Cluster Office at 927-4710 if you are interested. You are responsible for hauling. Items must be claimed by December 31, 2019 as we will be disposing of them after that time. Thank you!

Food Pantry Boxes
Food Pantry boxes have been placed in each entry of the church. The need for donations is always great, but with the upcoming holiday and winter season, the need is even greater. Monetary donations are welcome also.

Giving Tree
Cares and Concerns will once again have the “Giving Tree” in the East entry of the church, beginning November 17. Items such as hats, mittens, socks, pajamas, sweat pants and even coats and snow pants are suggested. Your generous donations are always appreciated!

Flowers & Altar Decorations
With Christmas two weeks away, we are very excited about our preparations for making our church beautiful for our celebrations. As we have previously announced, this year we are inviting you to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one. Your donation will then be used not only for Christmas flowers but also for other holiday flowers throughout the year. Please make your checks payable to St. Patrick’s Holiday Flowers and either place your donation in the collection basket or contact Gina Schulte. Thank you in advance for your part in making our holidays more festive!

St. Patrick Gala Envelopes
Gala envelopes are ready in the back of church. Please save us the cost of mailing by picking yours up.

COF Matching Funds Silent Auction
Catholic Order of Foresters Court 856 will be sponsoring a matching funds silent auction with the St. Patrick’s Gala February 8. We will have the opportunity for $1,500 in matching funds. Matching funds will be used for Calvary Cemetery improvements. Please contact Donna Prier 563-932-2610 for donations and/or questions.

Gala Gift Certificates
Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your family and friends?
Gift Certificates for the 2020 St. Patrick’s Gala are available! Tickets are $35.
Gala is February 8, 2020.
Purchase by contacting Jane Quint at 563-920-2084.
Welcome to the Blessed Trinity Cluster

Amanda Olberding, Whitney Rave, Co-Chairs. Stephanie Fangman, Megan Lahr, Bev Malausky, & Eunice Sill. Co-Chairs. Please contact any of us to learn more about serving on this committee.

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**St. Mary December Calendar**

- 15 - R.C.I.A. - 8:30AM-10:00AM
- 16 - Advent Bible Study - 6:30PM
- 17 - Finance Council - 6:00PM
- 17 - Pastoral Council - 7:00PM
- 18 - Rosary - 12:05PM
- 20 - Adoration after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM

**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to deliver Christmas food baskets for the local food pantry on December 21. If interested please contact Julene Smith at 563-927-5620.

**Christmas Decorating**

We invite anyone who would like to help with decorating the church for Christmas to stay after 10:00AM Mass Sunday, December 22. All are welcome!

**Social Justice Collection**

The December collection will be for the Trailer Project for our Sister Parish. These funds are used for food baskets for families of seasonal unemployed migrant workers. Please be generous and place your contribution in the green envelope and return by December 15. Thank you!

**St. Mary’s School News** - Kelley Harbach, Principal
563-927-3689 - www.st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us

**December Calendar**

16 - Home & School Stars Meeting - 7:00PM
18 - Early Dismissal - 1:15PM
19 - Preschool Polar Express Day
20 - 8:30AM Mass prepared by Mrs. Klostermann & Grade 1
20 - Can Food Drive
20 - JK Polar Express Day

**Can Food Drive**

On December 20, Mrs. Klostermann’s first grade class will be hosting the weekly liturgy. The first graders will be sponsoring a food drive at the beginning of the liturgy. Feel free to bring any items for the Delaware County Food Pantry to mass that day. Place your items in the boxes on the altar. The students will be delivering to the food pantry following mass that day. Thank you for your support!

**Third Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting**

4:00PM: Ellen Clar Family
7:30AM: Chad & Robyn Wulfekuhle Family
10:00AM: Kevin & Kristin McCusker Family

Thank you for your participation in the Mass

**Lost & Found & More!**

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Immaculate Conception, Masonville News

December 1, 2019
Budget $1,320, Social Justice $112.

Christmas Child Shoebox
Thanks to all who filled a shoebox for the Christmas Child Shoebox project! Your help will make many smiles on children's faces this Christmas. All of them from under developed, needy areas of the world. IC had a total of 54 boxes. 34 from our parishioners at IC and 20 from Wilma and Steve Billhorn, and Wilma’s sister. Thanks to all!

Caroling! Caroling! Join the Fun!!
The I.C. Religious Education Students will be going caroling throughout Masonville on Wednesday night, December 18. We would like you to join in the fun! Please dress warm and bring your singing voices! All are welcome. We will begin at 6:30PM and celebrate with refreshments following!

Christmas Is Coming!
A tree has been found. Thanks to Ace Hardware in Dyersville for giving us a church discount. We will continue to take your donations for our decorating fund. Please be generous. Our awesome decorating crew will use your funds wisely, throughout the year. With your donations, Great or Small, I.C. will continue to be a beautiful place to Praise God!

IC Fundraiser
Immaculate Conception is selling Pura Vida blue/purple bracelets for $10 each or 3/$25. All money raised will go towards parish finances. Pura Vida are bracelets handcrafted string bracelets by artisans in Costa Rica. The company started as a friendship bracelet movement to enjoy the simple things in life. Contact Dawn Kress at 319-961-9287 to support IC and purchase yours today!

Social Justice Giving Tree
The Immaculate Conception Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring three special families for the upcoming holidays. Please be generous with your hearts for this worthy cause and may all of us experience the true meaning of Christmas. We will be accepting gifts through today, December 15.

St. John, Delhi News

December 1, 2019
Generosity $950, Offertory $107.

Faith Formation Class - Wednesday, December 18
- 6:00PM-7:00PM - Grades 1-6
- 7:30PM-8:30PM - Grades 7-11

Christmas Poinsettia’s
Anyone wishing to donate towards the Christmas poinsettias for a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope marked “Poinsettia”.

Christmas Decorating Help
Please make plans to help decorate our church on Saturday, December 21 at 10:00AM. Any suggestions are much appreciated. The Confirmation Class will be helping and all are invited.

Christmas Jar For Penn Center
Parish gift to the residents - our neighbors

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NCYC 2019 - Blessed ~ Broken ~ Given

Youths Comments:
- I enjoyed meeting people with the same beliefs as me.
- I loved the diversity of the different groups that were there.
- I enjoyed expressing my faith through all of the incredible music.
- I feel ecstatic because I learned new tips to make my faith stronger.
- I enjoyed getting to know God on a more personal level and meeting new people.
- I had such a good time listening to the amazing speakers and their stories.
- I enjoyed going to mass with all those people.
- I loved how many opportunities were available to us.
- NCYC was a great experience and it helped me grow in my faith.
- Seeing all the teens/people that came to worship God. I enjoyed this trip a lot.
- Going to Adoration and mass as a large group was the most beautiful experience in my life.
- Without all of our fundraising efforts and help from our parish this trip wouldn't have been possible. Thank you so much for the wonderful, eye opening experience!

More pictures to come!!