

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday- Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

**4:00 PM** (IC) For the People

**5:30 PM** (SJ) Marian McGee (Anniv)

**Sunday- Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** (IC) Cletus & Gennie Bloes

**10:00 AM** (IC) Bev Schmit (Anniv), Chuck Schmit and Dillon Schmit

**Monday- Advent Weekday**

**8:30 AM** (IC) Fr. Reuter's Intention

**Tuesday- Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

**8:00 AM** (SJ) Dick Hazel (Anniv) and the Fisher/Hazel families

**Wednesday- Vigil: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**6:00 PM** (IC) Deceased members of the Nick & Barbara Fischels Family

**Thursday- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *All School Mass*

**7:45 AM** (IC) Harold Schmitz (Anniv)

**6:00 PM** (SJ) For the People

**Friday- Advent Weekday**

**7:45 AM** (IC) Diane Mangrich

**Saturday- Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

**4:00 PM** (IC) Mardell (Anniv), Jacob and Laura Schmitz

**5:30 PM** (SJ) Jo Snyder

**Sunday- Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** (IC) Deceased members of the Norbert & Jean Even (Anniv) Family

**10:00 AM** (IC) For the People



**Meetings and Activities**

**Sunday, December 4**

RCIA Class, 8:45-10:00 AM.....I.C. School

Confirmation Class 11:00 AM.....St. Mary Center

Communal Penance 4:00 PM.....I.C. Church

**Sunday, December 11**

RCIA Class, 8:45-10:00 AM.....I.C. School



*He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)*

Strengthen your trust in God as you spend time in prayer at the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS, available

24/7/365. Drop-in anytime or consider becoming a committed hour. Specific needs are for adorers on Saturdays at 2 am, 5 pm, 6 pm, and 7 pm. If interested email [cvadoration@adorationmanager.com](mailto:cvadoration@adorationmanager.com) or call Mike Strei at 801-920-9130.

**Daily Readings**

- Mon Dec 5** Reading - Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm- 85:ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Gospel- Luke 5:17-26
- Tues Dec 6** Reading- Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm- 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13  
Gospel- Matthew 18:12-14
- Wed Dec 7** Reading- Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalm.- 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10  
Gospel- Matthew 11:28-30
- Thur Dec 8** Reading- Genesis 3:9-15  
Psalm- 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Gospel- Luke 1:26-38
- Fri Dec 9** Reading- Isaiah 48:17-19  
Psalm - 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6  
Gospel - Matthew 11:16-19
- Sat Dec 10** Reading- Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Psalm- 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
Gospel - Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
- Sun Dec 11** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
Psalm- 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- James 5:7-10  
Gospel- Matthew 11:2-11

**Your Sacrificial Offering**  
Previous Week  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**

Budget	\$14,076.00
Youth	\$1.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Offertory	\$538.00
E-tithing	\$6,376.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,091.17</b>
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

**St. Joseph Parish**

Budget	\$2,695.00
Youth	\$0.00
Offertory	\$128.00
E-tithing	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,063.00</b>
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

**I.C. Giving Tree** - Our Giving Trees are up and ready. **Please take a gift tag and return your gift NEXT WEEKEND December 10/11. All gifts must be wrapped and returned with the tag securely attached to Immaculate Conception Church.** We can not stress enough how very important it is that you return your gift no later than following the 10:00 Mass on Sunday December 11th. We will begin sorting the gifts on Monday December 12th, late arrivals make this job very difficult. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**St. Joseph Parishioners:** This year you will not pick up your yearly box of contribution envelopes as you have in the past. 2017 contribution envelopes will be mailed to your home address quarterly. Please remember to notify the parish office when you have a change in address or phone number which is vital to keep parish records up to date.

**Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Parishes' Communal Penance**

**TODAY, Sunday December 4th** at 4:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. Please plan to use this opportunity to prepare yourself for the Christmas Season.

A number of our parishioners have been involved in establishing the Fire Foundation of Northeast Iowa. The mission of the Fire Foundation of Northeast Iowa is to provide children with special needs the opportunity for an inclusive Catholic education in their home parish schools.

For more information visit [firefoundationneiowa.org](http://firefoundationneiowa.org)

You may also consider saving and praying the following prayer:

*Living and true God,*

*You created all that is good and holy in your image.*

*Be close to us, your servants, who gather here today.*

*Be our constant help and protection as we*

*Lovingly reach out to welcome and embrace ALL your children, regardless of*

*Their abilities, in our parishes and schools.*

*Bless our children as they grow*

*Together in faith, knowledge and friendship.*

*And bless their parents and*

*Educators who guide them through challenges, who celebrate their special*

*Gifts and who encourage them to reach their potential.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one*

*God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Retirement Fund for Religious** - Your donation works for aging religious, "I read that roughly 95 % of donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.



Our Children's Religion Program for children ages 3 to 6 will be held next Sunday, **December 11th** at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville. Children may be dropped off at the Center 15 minutes before the 10:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to Verne Seidel for paying for the new speakers and sound system recently installed in St. Joseph Church in memory of his wife Irene. Also thank you to Laurie Thome for her expertise in deciding what equipment was needed to replace the old speakers and sound system. We appreciate the upgraded system so that everyone can better hear the Word of the Lord.

Thank you to Ron & Jim Thome for donating the grading and hauling of materials to St. Joseph Cemetery in Raymond. Also thank you to Keith Schmitz and Bill Johannes for upgrading older tombstones and for all the maintenance they do at St. Joseph Cemetery. We appreciate all efforts to improve the cemetery.

St. Joseph Parish would like to express our sympathy to the family of Alban Dittmer. We thank them for remembering St. Joseph with their generous donation to our parish. May God bless you.

SCRIP - We now have Hy-Vee SCRIP available in \$25 and \$100 cards. you may use the SCRIP cards at any Waterloo, Cedar Falls or Waverly Hy-Vee store. Hy-Vee donates 3% to the schools.

## Area Events

**Jesup Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast** will be Sunday, **December 11** at American Legion in Gilbertville, from 8:00 am - Noon. All you can eat Omelet, hash browns, whole hog sausage, toast, fruit cup and beverage! Free Will Donation/Carry outs available. Proceeds donated to Jesup & Don Bosco scholarship funds and other projects.

**CDA Court St. Pius X Jesup** meeting **December 12th** at 7:00 PM in the St. A's Parish Center. Please bring items for Care and Share

**COF Christmas Social** in St. Mary Center at 6:00 PM **Wednesday December 14th**, followed by Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup at 6:30 pm. Regular monthly meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and will include the installation of officers for 2017. Following the meeting will be ten games of Bingo. Cost is \$2 for the meal and \$1 for Bingo. Christmas gifts may be brought to the meeting and will be donated to the Country View Home. Gifts need not be wrapped, but if you do, please mark if the gift is for a man, woman or child.

**Pizza Ranch Fundraiser**- Please join the IA Elite 14U Volleyball team for a fundraiser at the Independence Pizza Ranch on **Monday, Dec 19** from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm. The girls will be helping out at the Pizza Ranch that night and a portion of the sales along with the tips will be donated to the team. Please come out and support our team. Thank you from team members: Erica Becker, Briona Charipar, Jersey Even, Alaney Kuecker, Faith Ohrt, Hailey Ortner, and Calli Thome.

## School News

**Bosco Catholic School System**

[www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

**Pee Wee Wrestling** - Bears Fan? No problem, it's pee wee wrestling season. Fill your Sunday void and get the little one a little exercise. Sunday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the DB wrestling room beginning **December 4th**. Ages 3-8 or very mature 1-2 year olds, or very immature 14-15 year olds.

T-shirts and shorts or sweatpants, please no zippers, knives, beards or mustaches optional if well groomed. Any Questions? Call Ray Fox at 319-404-5153

**Post Prom Fundraisers: Now through December 7 -**

YETI 20 oz Tumblers(\$38), Colsters (\$38) & 10 oz LowBalls (\$27) with a decal of your choice. Delivery/Pick-up to coincide with DB Booster Club merchandise orders on 12/16 from 5-6 pm at St Mary Center. **Now through February 7** YETI Tundra 45 cooler Raffle, retailing at \$349.99. Tickets available to purchase at 1/\$5 or 3/\$10. Items will be available for purchase at all home sporting events through the sale date. In addition, Farmers State Bank(Gilbertville) will be a purchase location for your convenience. A special thank you to B&B Farm Store for their generosity in these fundraising events. Any questions, please contact Wendi Welter at 319-231-9844, Nikki Brown at 319-404-6033, Sheri Purdy at [319-939-4905](tel:319-939-4905), Shelby Douglas at [319-269-5149](tel:319-269-5149), or Jill Even at [319-429-0571](tel:319-429-0571).

**Discover Don Bosco Catholic High School Night, Friday,**

**December 16** - All current 8th grade students, with their parent/guardian, attending parochial or public school or home schooled students are welcome to attend. Students currently in high school who are interested in transferring are welcome as well. 5:30 p.m. - Meet and Eat - Dinner provided free of charge

6:00 p.m. - Presentation, tour and question/answer

6:30 p.m. - Girl's Basketball game. No admission fee students/parents attending Discover Night

8:00 p.m. - Boy's Basketball game. Dance team will be performing at half-time. No admission fee students/parents attending Discover Night.

**Jon Leonetti** is a nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through Jon's keynote presentations and parish missions, thousand of Catholics each year discover the freedom Christ offers by way of his life and love. Mr. Leonetti will be speaking at Don Bosco Catholic High School, Thursday **December 15, 2016** at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The public is invited. There is no admission fee. This program is the courtesy of the Don Bosco Catholic High School Campus Ministry Program.

The Don Bosco Student Council is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser for the Gilbertville Fire and Police Departments. This is the beginning of several efforts by the Student Council to raise money for the departments and is the kickoff to the Community Rescue Center fundraising.

The Gilbertville Fire and Police Departments are hoping to raise enough money to be able to start the center in the near future. Please purchase a t-shirt to show your support for all the men and women who risk their lives everyday for our safety!

The order forms are due back to the Don Bosco school office by **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks out to Don Bosco. Thank you for your support!

The order forms are available in the school offices and on the Bosco System website [www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

**Treat yourself** and plan to attend the Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference, "Beauty In Christ," **Saturday, February 4th** at St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids. Invite your mother, daughters, sisters, and friends to this exciting day with Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto! Our speakers will touch the hearts of all ages, from teens to more mature women. For more information, to view videos of our presenters, and to register, visit: [www.ArchWomensConference.org](http://www.ArchWomensConference.org)