

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

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

**4:00 PM** (IC) Bev, Chuck and Dillon Schmit

**5:30 PM** (SJ) For the People

**Sunday- Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** (IC) Clete Schmit

**10:00 AM** (IC) Elma Mangrich (Anniv)

**Monday- Advent Weekday**

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

**Tuesday- Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**8:00 AM** (SJ) Dick Hazel

**Wednesday - Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

**7:45 AM** (IC) Ida Phillips

**Thursday- Saint John of the Cross,**

**Priest and Doctor of the Church** *Grades K & 1*

**8:00 AM** (SJ) The Leonard Sadler Family

**Friday- Advent Weekday**

**7:45 AM** (IC) Arnold & Camilla Weber

*Grades 2 - 12*

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

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

**5:30 PM** (SJ) Germain Decker

**Sunday- Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** (IC) Eugene & Margaret Klein

**10:00 AM** (IC) Mike Driscoll



**Meetings and Activities**

**Sunday, December 10**

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

**Wednesday, December 13**

SJ Parish Council/Finance Mtg. 6:30 PM.....Reuter Hall

**Sunday, December 17**

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

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



**"Jesus is with you even when you don't feel His presence." (St. Padre Pio)**

Just be there with Jesus, that's what's important. The Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS is available 24/7 to be with Jesus.

Drop-in or consider becoming a committed adorer. Specific needs at this time are Wednesdays at 1:00 am and Mondays at 12:00 pm (temporary). Email [cvadoration@gmail.com](mailto:cvadoration@gmail.com) or call William Brandle at [319-939-9000](tel:319-939-9000).

**Mass Stipends** - If you have scheduled a Mass for 2018 please remember to send in your stipend to the parish office.

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Help religious Communities.** "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provide medication, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of the elders!

**Daily Readings**

**Mon Dec 11** Reading - Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm- 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14

Gospel- Luke 5:17-26

**Tues Dec 12** Reading- Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (690A)

Resp - Judith 13:18bcde, 19

Gospel- Luke 1:39-47

**Wed Dec 13** Reading- Isaiah 40:25-31

Psalm - 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10

Gospel- Matthew 11:28-30

**Thur Dec 14** Reading- Isaiah 41:13-20

Psalm- 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

Gospel- Matthew 11:11-15

**Fri Dec 15** Reading- Isaiah 48:17-19

Psalm- 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Gospel - Matthew 11:16-19

**Sat Dec 16** Reading- Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Psalm- 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Gospel- Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Sun Dec 17** 1st Reading- Isaiah: 61:1-2a, 10-11

Resp. - Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

2nd Reading- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel- John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Budget	\$10,223.00
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$578.00
Holy Day	\$50.00
E-tithing	\$1,147.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,000.50</b>
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

**St. Joseph Parish**

Budget	\$3,750.00
Offertory	\$117.00
E-tithing	\$275.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,142.00</b>
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

**Quote of the week-** We are not victims of all this clutter, congestion, and confusion. We have chosen these things, and now it is time to choose something new. The time has come to recreate. **"You are worried and distract by so many things,"** was Jesus' observation; **"but only one thing is necessary"** (Luke 10:41-42) was His advice.

**Simplify ~ Simplify ~ Simplify**

~ Matthew Kelly *Perfectly YOURSELF*

**Our IC/SJ Parish Communal Penance date is today Sunday, December 10th**

Confessions will be heard at St. Athanasius in Jesup at 2:00 PM and at Immaculate Conception in Gilbertville at 4:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the Advent and Christmas season.

**Preparation Class for Baptism** will be Sunday, **January 14, 2018**, at 9:00 AM in the Heritage Room at IC. It is recommended that parents attend the class before the baby is born. Expectant parents or parents of newborns, please call the rectory at 296-1092 between 8:00 and 4:00 weekdays to register. Also expectant parents who have not attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years are required to attend.

**As we near the end of this calendar year this is a friendly reminder that donations received by December 31, 2017 can be recognized as a possible 2017 tax deduction for our parishioners. Any donations received after December 31, 2017 must be recognized in 2018 unless postmarked December 31, 2017.**

## *School News*

**Bosco Catholic School System**

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

**Band Concert-** On Wednesday, **December 13th**, the Don Bosco High School Band, High School Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Middle School Band will be performing their Holiday Concert at 7:00 PM in the high school gym. Before and after the concert there will be a bake sale filled with wonderful holiday treats for everyone to purchase. Come and enjoy an evening of Holiday music and purchase some treats for your Christmas meals. There is no admission charge.

**Paper Collection Trailer** - Remember when recycling Christmas packaging - NO styrofoam, no pizza boxes, no plastic bags. Please do not leave packing styrofoam or plastic in boxes. PLEASE NO GARBAGE.

Mason City Recycling pays us for collecting paper or cardboard that they use to produce insulation products. (They want mostly paper. If you do bring cardboard, be sure it's broken down.) A semi trailer is parked in the north end of the Gilbertville campus parking lot. We ask that you walk up the stairs and take your paper as far back into the trailer as possible. The better we pack the truck, the more money we'll get! Thank you to everyone who contributes to this successful fundraiser for our school.

A big thank you to Kay Delagardelle for the countless hours she spends in the recycling trailer making sure it is full to its capacity. By doing this she increase our profit tremendously.

**HELP KIDS IN NEED** - If you can sew and have some free time your help is needed to sew a few pillowcases to be donated to the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City. Please have donations done before Jan.1, 2018. I can pick up your completed pillowcases.

For more information Contact Megan Naughton at [\(319\)-883-1490](tel:319-883-1490) or [megannaughton@boscocatholic.org](mailto:megannaughton@boscocatholic.org)

**For Rent:** 1 bedroom apartment in Gilbertville in Marion Housing units. Ground level, income based rent, W/S/G included. Stove and Fridge furnished. 62 yrs or over, handicapped or disabled regardless of age. Contact Kartay Apartment Management 319-334-7110.

## *Thank You Notes*

The Family of Lucy Mangrich would like to sincerely thank those who supported us at this difficult time. We appreciate the cards, flowers, food memorials and prayers. A special thank you to Fr. Huber, Fr. Reuter and Sue Davis and the Resurrection Choir for the beautiful Mass. Also thank you to Rose Steils and St. Elizabeth's circle for their help at the funeral dinner.

Many thanks to each of you for your goodness and giftedness to make my 90th birthday special. May the Lord bless you for your kindness as you have blessed me with your thoughtfulness. I truly appreciate my parish family and am so happy to belong to Immaculate Conception Church, "it is the best place I have ever lived!" Maggie Kurtz

We want to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards, gifts and best wishes we received for our 80th birthday. Dolores Even and Dorothy Waddell

We would like to thank the Confirmation Class for cleaning Immaculate Conception Church. Your helpfulness is so very much appreciated. We ask that our parishioners please keep these students in your daily prayers as they continue to prepare for their Confirmation next September.

## *Area Events*

**Knights of Columbus Council #8227** will be having a Omelet Breakfast Sunday, today **December 10th** at American Legion in Gilbertville from 8:00 AM to Noon with a Catholic Daughters of America bake sale.

**Advent Lessons & Carols** - today Sunday, **December 10th** at 2:00 pm. at St. Edward Church, Waterloo. Join us in a time of pondering Advent Voices!

**Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Pius X** Meeting Monday **December 11** at 7:00 PM, in St. Athanasius Parish Center. Please bring items for Care and Share

**The COF Soup & Chili Supper** will be on Wednesday, **December 13th**, at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm followed by a social, soup/chili and bingo.

**The Catholic Order of Foresters youth members** Christmas party will be held Sunday **December 17** at the St. Mary's Center from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Santa will arrive around 6:10. Each child will receive a bag of goodies and can visit with Santa.

**Catholic Daughter of America (CDA) Contest** The CDA is sponsoring the 218 National Education Contest. You may pick up your entry forms at IC School or Don Bosco High School.

The themes this year are:

The Lord has don great things for us

We are filled with joy

Finding joy in my life

Entry categories vary. This is for students 4th - 12th grade and adult CDA members. Please consider expressing your creativity through this worthwhile project!