

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

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

**4:00 PM** (IC) Jim Fischels

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

**Sunday- Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** (IC) Mel Fehl

**10:00 AM** (IC) Ben Rottinghaus (Anniv)

**Monday- Late Advent Weekday**

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

**Tuesday- Late Advent Weekday**

**8:00 AM** (SJ) Irene Seidel

**Wednesday- Late Advent Weekday**

**7:45 AM** (IC) Kenny Youngblut

**Thursday- Late Advent Weekday** *Grades K-1*

**8:00 AM** (SJ) Ron Frost and Julie Frost Wilson

**Friday- Late Advent Weekday**

**7:45 AM** (IC) Betty Brustkern (Anniv)

**Saturday- Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord**

**5:00 PM** (IC) Arnold & Rosemary Frost

**5:00 PM** (SJ) Cliff Youngblut

**9:00 PM** (IC) Leander & Augusta Thoma

**Sunday- The Nativity of the Lord**

**8:00 AM** (IC) For the People

**10:00 AM** (IC) Jim, Marge and Peggy Youngblut



**Daily Readings**

**Mon Dec 19** Reading - Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Psalm- 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
Gospel- Luke 1:5-25

**Tues Dec 20** Reading- Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm- 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Gospel- Luke 1:26-38

**Wed Dec 21** Reading- Song of Songs 2:8-14  
Psalm- 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
Gospel- Luke 1:39-45

**Thur Dec 22** Reading- 1 Samuel 1:24-28  
Psalm- 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
Gospel- Luke 1:46-56

**Fri Dec 23** Reading- Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Psalm - 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14  
Gospel - Luke 1:57-66

**Sat Dec 24** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm- 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25  
Gospel - Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Sun Dec 25** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Isaiah 9:1-6  
Psalm- 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Titus 2:11-14  
Gospel- Luke 2:1-14

**Meetings and Activities**

**Sunday, December 18**

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

**Sunday, December 25**

NO RCIA Class



*So...what's the gift you're giving Jesus for His birthday?* Remember the reason for the season by making sure you give Jesus the gift of yourself. One way to do that is to spend some quiet time in his presence at the Perpetual

Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS. Drop-in anytime or consider becoming a committed adorer. Specific needs are an adorer on Sundays at 8 am. If interested email [cvadoration@adorationmanager.com](mailto:cvadoration@adorationmanager.com) or call Mike Strei at 801-920-9130.

**Retirement Fund for Religious** - Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Preparation Class for Baptism** will be **Sunday, January 22, 2017** at 9:00 AM in the Heritage Room at IC. 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.

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

Budget	\$6,985.00
Youth	\$1.00
Christmas	\$600.00
Offertory	\$508.00
Holy Day	\$1,150.00
E-tithing	\$1,082.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,326.50</b>
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

**St. Joseph Parish**

Budget	\$1,960.00
Youth	\$0.00
Offertory	\$62.00
Christmas	\$950.00
Holy Day	\$100.00
E-tithing	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,312.00</b>
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

Next weekend is split between December and January. Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers and gift bearers please check the December schedule for the Sunday, January 1st list. Ushers, as before, December volunteers please cover the entire weekend. Due to the larger volume of donations the December money counters handle we ask that the January money counters please cover the December 31/January 1 collection.

## End of Year Contributions

As we near the end of the year please keep in mind to clearly mark your donations as to which year you would like them included. The best solution to this is to use your contribution envelopes supplied by the parish. Any donation the comes into the office on January 2 must be applied to 2017

The Parishes' office will be closed December 29 and 30. The office will be open on January 2. Please plan accordingly when making your donations to your parish.

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## Thank You Notes

Thank you to all those who purchased gifts for the St. Joseph Giving Tree. Because of your wonderful generosity we were able to help four large families in the area have a Merrier Christmas. May God bless you for your kindness!

**NE Iowa Food Bank Student Food Drive** – The IC/St. Joseph Confirmation Class of 2017 would like to THANK EVERYONE who contributed to our Student Food Drive in Oct-Nov. We were able to donate over 2,000 lbs of food to the food bank, contributing significantly to the 30,270 total pounds of food donated during this six week food drive! Thank you to all students, staff, family members and the community who helped support this cause. Thank you to Farmers State Bank for allowing us to collect canned goods at the Gilbertville branch and to the middle school students who attended the dance for this cause on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Your donation and generosity will help support the needs of many in NE Iowa and help the Food Bank during the upcoming months. Don Bosco placed second in the middle school size division.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for 2017 please stop by or call the parish office between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Due to the large number of requested Mass intentions, we will continue with our current practice of **3 Masses requested - 1 weekend Mass intention and 2 daily Mass intention. These limitations are per household.** Please keep in mind the purpose of the Mass intention is for all to pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

For those parishioners who call, it is greatly appreciated if you send your \$5 per Mass stipend to the parish office in a timely manner. Thank you

## School News

Bosco Catholic School System  
[www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

**Recycling Trailer-** Remember when recycling Christmas packaging - NO styrofoam, no pizza boxes, no plastic bags in the trailer. PLEASE NO garbage. Please break down all other boxes. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this successful fundraiser for our school.

## Area Events



**COF Youth Christmas Party** will be held at St. Mary Center from 5:30 to 6:30 PM TODAY, **Sunday, December 18**. Santa will arrive about 5:45PM. Each child will receive a bag of goodies and a chance to visit with Santa.

**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 - 7:30 pm. The girls will be helping 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.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT** -- Dec. 31-Jan. 1. American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls. "Seek and Find God's Will for the New Year" is the theme of this overnight retreat facilitated by Deacon Bill Biver. The retreat begins at 5:00pm on New Year's Eve and ends at 11:00am on New Year's Day and is open to all ages, married and dating couples and singles. Fee is \$65 per person. For information and registration contact the Retreat House at 319-266-3543 (email [dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org)).