



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from
the foundation of
the world.” - Mt 25:34

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MASS TIMES

To attend Mass, please sign up via our website or by calling the Parish Office.

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am* & 11:00am
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 Noon
Tuesday: 5:30pm
Thursday: 8:00am

**8:30 Mass Live Streamed on YouTube*

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Thursday: 8:30 - 9:00am
Friday: 11:15am - 11:45am
Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm
Or by appointment

Baptism: Pre-baptismal program required.
Call the Parish Office for more information.

Matrimony: Call the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired date for more information.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

Anointing of the Sick: Call Parish Office to set up appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office & Mailing Address: *Office closed to walk-ins*
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November 22, 2020



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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/
Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
[Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a
[Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/
Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
[4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23

Noon - Irma Donovan †

Tuesday, November 24

5:30pm - David & Rick Clemen †

Wednesday, November 25

Noon - Jim Schmid & Gretchen Pollie †

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

9:00am - Carl & Gwen Healey †

Friday, November 27

Noon - Charles Allen †

Saturday, November 28

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 29

8:30am - Al & John Kerper †

11:00am - Mary Rita Zehentner †

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This weekend we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It is only fitting that the Gospel we listen to today is Matthew's rendition of our final judgement day and what it is going to mean for all of us. We have learned that as we look into the face of our neighbor so are we looking into the face of God.

We can be assured that our God is a just God...but, we also have to realize God is an all-knowing God. When the time comes we are all going to be judged the same. Are we goats or are we sheep? Our lives will be judged on how we treated our fellow human beings. Did we see the hungry and feed them, did we see the lonely and hold them close? Did we do our best to improve the state of the lives of our brothers and sisters as best we could? This is what our lives will be judged on.

So the words: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me," will not only be the words used to push us and challenge us to action. These will be the words that we will be judged by. So as we bring a close to this liturgical year, now would be a good time to examine our lives and see how we stack up to the challenge we have been given. Next weekend, we begin the season of Advent, a time of anticipation and expectations. We are given the chance to examine and lead our lives in a way that will be most advantageous for our brothers and sisters and thus ensure ourselves of meeting favor in the eyes of our Lord.

Enjoy Thanksgiving this week, but celebrate safely. Covid is no fun nor something to mess with.

God Bless,

Dick



5 Things to Know This Week

1 Remembrance Candles

After the 11:00 Mass

Our Celebration of Remembrance concludes with the feast of Christ the King this weekend. You may take home your loved one's candle after the 11:00 Mass on November 22. The candles will remain in the sacristy until the weekend of December 19-20.



2 Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, Nov. 26

9:00am Mass

Please sign up for Mass at theworker.org or by calling the office. Note that we won't distribute bread this year due to Covid-19.

Parish Office Closed Nov. 26-27



3 Advent Series

Begins Next Weekend (Nov. 28--29)

Think of a young couple expecting the birth of their first child. They have a lot to do to prepare themselves and their home for the baby's arrival. Right now, we're looking forward to celebrating the arrival of the baby Jesus. We too have a lot to do to prepare ourselves for His coming. That's what Advent is all about. Join us this Advent for our series, "We're Expecting," as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus.



4 Treasure Talk

Tuesday, Dec. 1

10:30am in Martin Hall

Our next Treasure Talk is coming up! The topic is "Angels Everywhere." To RSVP, call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 or email Ann at a.sirianni@dbqarch.org. See the next page for more info.



5 Remember to Reserve Your Seat!

Make sure you sign up for Mass so we know how many guests we can expect. This helps us be prepared so we can offer Mass in as safe a way as possible. When you're signing up, consider volunteering to help with one of the ministries like being an usher or sanitizing the church after Mass. You can sign up online at theworker.org or by calling the Parish Office.



Thanksgiving Table Prayer



Gather your family around the table, together in one room, or virtually. Allow a moment of silence for each of you to reflect on what you are especially thankful for this year. Then continue...

ALL: Loving God, we thank you for this day and for each person gathered here. We remember those who could not be with us today _____.

WOMEN: We pray for your blessings upon our family and friends, upon this table, and upon our conversation. Fill our hearts with love, forgiveness, and understanding for one another.

MEN: On this Thanksgiving Day, we remember the poor and the needy. We pray for your mercy and love to surround them. Help us to reach out to those in need and to offer a loving hand. Help us to accept one another as Christ accepted us.

ALL: Bless + us, O' Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive through Christ our Lord ... Amen

stw Celebration OF Remembrance

- Leo Kringle – September 25, 2019
- Darlene Berzle – October 27, 2019
- JoAnn Scannell – November 10, 2019
- Norma Murray – November 15, 2019
- Patricia Collins – December 4, 2019
- Kenneth Green – December 11, 2019
- Steven Krogmeier – December 12, 2019
- Madeline Kotz – January 14, 2020
- Jeremiah Shanahan – January 15, 2020
- Cathy Hutton – March 5, 2020
- Mary Lou Jacobi – March 12, 2020
- Ralph Schmerbach – April 7, 2020
- William Thul – April 25, 2020
- Diane Weis – June 1, 2020
- John Rodham – June 8, 2020
- Dianne Witherall – July 7, 2020
- Suzanne Thul – July 14, 2020
- Ralph Rolling – July 25, 2020
- Mary Ellen O'Brien – July 30, 2020
- Chuck Spielman – July 31, 2020
- Raymond Collins – July 31, 2020
- Mary Norpel – September 2, 2020
- Dorothy LaPointe – September 16, 2020
- Richard Eddy – September 21, 2020
- Patricia Belmer – September 22, 2020
- Lester Entringer – October 18, 2020
- June Wagner – October 25, 2020
- Norma Rubenbauer – October 26, 2020
- Marion Fahey – October 28, 2020
- Infants Lost to Premature Death

IN OTHER NEWS

Celebration of Remembrance

During November, we are especially mindful of those who have died during the past year.

+ The Book of Remembrance is available near the baptismal font for all parishioners to inscribe the names of loved ones who have died since last November.

+ Candles representing our deceased parishioners of the past year and the Book of Remembrance will remain in church through Sunday, November 22, to remind us of our new relationship with those who have been born again into the Communion of Saints.



Treasure Talk

Our next Treasure Talk will be Tuesday, December 1. Sr. Georgeann Quinlan, BVM, will speak on the topic of Angels Everywhere. She will share personal stories of her encounters of angels and raise our awareness of the many forms and ways in which angels are present to us and touch our lives. She'll tell us about angels who are "messengers of the abiding presence and power of God in the world." This will be a great talk; to join us please RSVP by calling the parish office at 563-588-1433 or emailing Ann Sirianni at a.sirianni@dbqarch.org.

TREASURE LUNCHEON TALK

Afternoon of Reflection

Save the Date: An Advent Afternoon of Reflection will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 1:45-4:45pm in Martin Hall. The theme is "We're Expecting, We Trust, and We Receive." Ann Sirianni will lead the event. This time of reflection is open to all adults in the parish. To keep within social distancing guidelines, we will limit this event to 30 people. We'll have more info for you next week!



Formed

If you find yourself getting a little spiritually sluggish during this pandemic, perhaps you need to be Formed. Formed is a website that offers different movies, talks and classes to help you to continue to grow in your faith. There are things to watch for kids, teens, and adults. You can sign up for a free trial week, a month for \$9.99, or a year for \$100. For more information, visit formed.org



Stay Local at Loras College

Learn why "going away" to college is a valuable decision. Join Loras College, virtually, as current students, parents and alum share why they chose to STAY LOCAL.

When: Wednesday, December 9, from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Where: Virtual Zoom Webinar

Register at: www.loras.edu/visit-us/

Questions? Call 563-588-7236



Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need

Due to the pandemic, the Ginters are canceling their Thanksgiving dinner this year. We can't hope to match the energy, enthusiasm, and care that the Ginters have poured into this event over many decades, but we want to make these unfortunate, strange times as good as we can for those in need.

To be clear: we are NOT replacing the Ginters Thanksgiving meals. They are planning to restart their traditional offerings in 2021. This is a meager effort to fill the needs in the community, but we are not presenting this as any sort of replacement. If you are interested in helping to fill the gaps, you can contact Rick Merfeld, Executive Director, St. Vincent De Paul, ExecDir@svdpdubuqueiowa.org, 563.582.3733.



Good Neighbor Scholarship

Divine Word College in Epworth is offering a two-year scholarship for area high school graduates interested in pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in Theology and Religious Studies, Intercultural Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies. The scholarship is open to all ages and covers the entire cost of tuition, books and college fees (minus any Pell Grant for which the student qualifies). Scholarship recipients may begin as early as January 2021 or in any subsequent semester. An AA degree from DWC can be used to transfer to other four-year colleges or universities after graduation. For more details, go to www.dwci.edu.



Mary's Inn

Mary's Inn needs volunteers and drivers. Visit marysinmaternityhome.org/how-to-help to learn more. You can also call Coleen Pasnic at 563-552-6288. While not a huge time commitment, your help would make a huge difference in the lives of young women seeking help raising their children rather than having to resort to abortion.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Due to early publication, contributions will be published next week.

THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER

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Thank You!



OUR NEW NORMAL

Our goal is to give everyone a chance to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist as safely as we can while protecting the most vulnerable.

Things will be a little different for a while, so please keep the following in mind:

- **Signing Up for Masses:** you will need to sign up to attend Mass using the online sign-up on the parish website. If you don't have Internet access, call the parish office at 563-588-1433 and Donna will sign you up. There are slots for 70 households. If there are more than six people in your household, please use a second slot.
- **Face Masks:** When you arrive at Mass, you will put on your mask *while still in your car*. We are asking that everyone wears a mask.
- **Entering the Church:** You'll get out of your car and come to the main entrance leaving a 6-foot space between you and anyone who's not part of your household. You'll sanitize your hands and come through the doors where a hospitality minister will show you to your seat down one-direction aisles. **We need volunteers for seating people.**
- **Seating:** There will only be seating for approx. 90 individuals. There may be more as households may sit together. You probably won't be sitting in your usual spot.
- **During Mass:** We will not do any singing. There will be no collection, but you can leave your offering in a basket at the Information Station. There will be no procession of gifts, holding hands at the Our Father, and no "physical" Sign of Peace. We're using Communion patterns that facilitate social distancing. We ask that everyone receives the Eucharist in the hand. Communion from the cup remains suspended.
- **Leaving the Church:** You will be dismissed after Mass by the hospitality ministers who brought you in. **We need volunteers to spray pews with disinfectant after each Mass to prepare for the next.**

Remember that attending Mass does carry with it a greater risk of exposure to COVID-19. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. For your own health and safety, if you're 60 or older, have an underlying condition or do not feel safe attending Mass, we ask that you strongly consider not attending.

We know how difficult this is. It isn't the way that any of us want, but it is the way it will need to be to ensure your well-being. Thank you all for your cooperation and patience.