

St. Joseph Church & St. Patrick Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010

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Sacramental Schedule & Policies: *Reconciliation*: 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment.
Baptism: By appointment after preparation, *Marriage*: 6 months notice & after completion of marriage program.

St. Joseph's Mass Intentions: Nov. 29 th –Dec. 5 th					Reservations or Concerns
Mon	Nov	29	No Mass		<u>Parish Hall Reservations:</u> Church Office: 462-1083 <u>Maintenance:</u> Harvey Eivins: 462-2642 <u>St. Joseph Prayer Line:</u> Patricia Corkrean: 462-4251 Rosemary Stuchel: 462-4152
Tue	Nov	30	6:00 pm	Cecelia Bridenstine	
Wed	Dec	01	8:00 am	Dorothy Hochstetler	
Thurs	Dec	02	8:00 am	Dick Tracy	
Fri	Dec	03	8:00 am	Shirley Bush	
Sat	Dec	04	5:00 pm	Tim Kordick	
Sun	Dec	05	10:00 am	For the Parish	
St. Patrick's Irish Settlement Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m.					

Coffee and Rolls December 5th St. Nicholas Brunch

St. Joseph's	Saturday, Dec. 4 th 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 5 th 10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Hank & Rosemary Stuchel	Pat Corkrean, Jose Lopez, Jeanette Neel, Jim Pottebaum, Vickie Williams, Savannah Farrell
Lector	Kathryn Russell	Dave Sullivan, Shirley Bittinger
Altar Servers	Rachel Armstrong, Jacob Swenson	Jamie Nelson, Sophie Stover
Ushers	Mike Teno, Jeff Dolton, Randy Ripperger	Gary Kiernan, Jeff Nolan, Heather & Jeff Honkomp
St. Patrick's	Sunday, Dec. 5 th 8:00 a.m.	
Euch. Min	C. Banks, B. Mulvihill, R. Anderson	Lector: Rose Anderson
Ushers	R. Darr, A. Conner	Server: Bob Mulvihill
Offertory	Larry & Jody Watts	Dec. 7th 7:00 pm Lector: L. Watts

CRAFT FAIR NEWS: A HUGE THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who put together our best Craft Fair so far. To date we have raised \$3,565.72 and growing as items are still being sold - this is several hundred dollars more than last year. This money will be used to purchase items for the kitchen and hall and go towards the building fund. The Catholic Relief Services table took in \$222.00, which was great. Several sweatshirts were sold and that money will go towards CRISP. Congratulations to Mary Kordick and Maxine Brunsmann who were the winners of our raffle.

Did You Know? The first church in our diocese was established by Belgian Jesuit Father Peter De Smet in the Council Bluffs area more than 70 years before the Diocese of Des Moines was officially created. When Father De Smet, who ministered to Native Americans, established the first church, the diocese was a part of the Diocese of Dubuque, created just one year earlier in 1837.

St. Nicholas Brunch is Dec. 5th and the Light Youth Group will be serving after 10:00 Mass. Please help serve if you can and bring a tasty brunch item to share.

Clavinova Player Needed: St. Pats is looking for an individual or individuals to help with playing the Clavinova on Sunday mornings for Mass. They can contact Mary Ellen Krantz.

Reminder from St. Pats: Mass for December 8th, Immaculate Conception, will be on December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder for weekly/monthly monetary donations: To better assist our new money counters, please use your offering envelopes and write your donation on the front of the envelope. For your convenience St. Joseph's offers E-tithing, which is an electronic way to donate to the church. If you do not receive envelopes or if you have questions about E-tithing, please call the church office at 462-1083.

Giving Tree: We are once again participating in the Adopt-A-Family program for Christmas. Our Giving Tree will be at the back of the church adorned with ornaments with specific wishes from each child. Please return your purchased gifts with matching wish ornament attached to your gift no later than Sunday, December 19, 2010. You may place your gifts any where around the tree. Thank you for your generosity.

Mitten Tree: We are inviting you to help decorate our Christmas Tree in the Saint Joseph's Parish Hall with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks. We hope the warm items we gather on our tree will help to keep hands, feet, and hearts warm, cozy, and comfortable during the holiday season, All sizes child-adult are welcome. We will collect from Dec. 5-Epiphany. Thank you for your generosity.

No Room at the Inn: is hosted annually by Catholic Charities as a way to increase awareness of the plight of homeless families in our community. St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter will have more than 300 nativity scenes on display from all over the world. Please mark your calendars for Dec. 3-5.

Bishop's Annual Discernment Retreat: Bishop Richard Pates invites young men, age 18 to 40, who wish to discern God's call in their life, to a retreat weekend beginning on Friday evening, Dec. 17 to noon on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, at the Creighton University Retreat Center, 16493 Conrail Avenue, Griswold. The weekend will consist of communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and presentations by Bishop Pates to help participants discern their future vocation. For more information contact the Office of Vocations at (515) 237-5050, e-mail dmuenchrath@dmdiocese.org or check out www.vocationsonline.com.

Reflection Questions: (Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24: 37-44) Sometimes it is hard for us to believe that what we do today matters for tomorrow and, really, for all eternity. Can you think of some examples of the way your actions today will matter for tomorrow and forever? How does what you do today help prepare you and the world for the coming of Christ?