The Winterset Ministerial Association's Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 20th, 7 pm at Winterset First United Methodist Church. Rev. Jim Howland will be speaking. All are welcome.

Altar & Rosary will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Top discussion will be the upcoming Holiday Shoppes Bizarre. Please join us.

Holiday Shoppes Bizarre - Saturday, Nov 19th We will be in the Parish Hall on Thur, Nov. 17th and Fri, Nov. 18th setting up for the Bizarre. Anyone who is making items for the Bizarre please bring them to the Parish Hall either Thursday or Friday. For those with baked goods you may bring them on Friday or Saturday morning by 7:30 am. Thank you

Reflection Questions: (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thessalonians 5, 1-6, Matthew 25: 14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21) Have you ever been afraid to do something good? What makes you afraid? In the first reading, the woman was praised for “fear of the Lord.” In this gospel, fear got the servant into trouble. What is the difference between “fear” and “fear of the Lord?”

Estate Planning: Are you doing estate planning? Have you remembered your parish in your will? Remembering the parish in your will would be a living and lasting legacy for our parish community.

October Count: Do you know that we take an attendance count at our Masses every October? This year the average weekend Mass attendance at St. Joseph Church was 316 (both masses combined) and at St. Patrick it was 50.

WANTED!! More parishoners to participate in St. Joseph’s Promissory Note Program. We have varying time limits of 1 year, 2 years, & 3 year notes with interest rates of 2%, 2 ¼%, and 2 ½%. With your participation we can save a substantial amount of the interest cost on our church loan. If interested please contact Jim Pottebaum (515-462-1574), Pat Corkean (515-462-2549) or Glenn Kordick (515-462-4920).

St. Joseph is now on Facebook. “Like” us at https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephwinterset. Meetings, events, schedules, pictures, etc. can be posted so please send your announcements to Mandy Couture at m.couture@aol.com. Thanks for your support!

Lector Workbooks: We ask that all lectors all make sure they have a new lector workbook for the coming liturgical year. They are available in the gathering space /vestibule at St. Joseph and St. Patrick churches.

Did you know...A bell tower at St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale holds the bells of old St. Mary’s Church, which once stood in downtown Des Moines and served German Catholics of Des Moines. Blue book, p. 44

The regular meeting for the Knights of Columbus will be on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 7:30 p.m in the Parish Hall.

Gift of Grain Did you know that farmers can donate gifts of grain to their parish, school, or the Diocese and receive significant tax benefits? The grain can be delivered to a local elevator by the producer, transferred directly to the parish/diocese, and then be sold immediately by the nonprofit. This type of donation potentially has significant donor benefits since the farmer saves money by not having to pay additional taxes on the grain donated and can deduct expenses for the cost of producing the grain. For more information, consult your tax advisor or contact the Diocesan Development Office at 515-237-5079 for general information.

Natural Family Planning Classes: The next three-part series of classes on the sympto-thermal method of natural family planning is scheduled to begin Sunday, December 11th, from 6:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, Urbandale. Cost is a one-time fee of $135 for all course materials, classes, one year of
consultation with certified instructors, plus a one-year subscription to Family Foundations magazine. On-line registration is required at www.ccli.org.