

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH (GSCP)

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December 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 6		
8:00am	L/D of Ed & Dorothy Vogl Family	Arcadia
8:30am	Rosary @ St. Augustine Church	Halbur
Tuesday, Dec. 7	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
8:00am	Alice Schroeder+	Arcadia
8:00am	Linda Pierce+	Breda
5:30pm	Eve of the Solemnity; Bishop Lawrence Soens+	Breda
Wednesday, Dec. 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:00am	Melvin+ & Bernice+ Steinkamp	Arcadia
8:00am	John+ and Margaret+ Meiners	Templeton
8:30am	Rosary @ Holy Angels Church	Roselle
5:30pm	Ted+ and Jeanette+ Eischeid	Halbur
Thursday, Dec. 9		
8:00am	L/D Members of the Emmett Lahr Family	Arcadia
8:00am	L/D Relatives of Eugene Weber	Breda
5:00pm	FB live-streamed Evening Prayer	Fr. Fred
6:00pm	Rosary @ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church	Mt. Carmel
Friday, Dec. 10		
8:00am	George & Catherine Bayer+	Arcadia
8:00am	Merlyn Zubrod+	Templeton
5:00pm	FB live-streamed Evening Prayer	Fr. Fred
Saturday, Dec. 11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
5:30pm	L/D of the Rose Snyder Family	Breda
Sunday, Dec. 12		
8:00am	<i>Pro Populo: For the People of GSCP</i>	Arcadia
10:00am	Bishop Lawrence Soens+	Templeton

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is
AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR
BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES or
BY APPOINTMENT**



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SACRED HEART, Templeton

ST AUGUSTINE, Halbur
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HOLY ANGELS, Roselle

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EVENINGS**
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FROM THE PASTOR: On Saturday, Dec. 4, I will again be helping with the formation of permanent deacons. In the first year of the program, I teach a course on the Old Testament, which is what I am teaching this year. Next year, I will teach this same cohort of men a course on the New Testament. For these courses, I have ten 3-hour sessions—usually every other Saturday. That is nowhere near enough time to do the Scriptures full justice, but it is a good start to orient the permanent deacon candidates into the Catholic Church's approach to the study of, prayer with and preaching on the Sacred Scriptures.

The formation program takes place at Sacred Heart Parish Center (former school) in Early, IA. In the event of inclement weather, we will hold the session "virtually". In the past, we would postpone to another date, but that could give rise to calendar conflicts. Even though "virtually" is not as good as face-to-face, we've learned how to better use this format throughout the pandemic! There are always two cohorts of men in the five-year formation process. Right now, there are five men in this first-year cohort (from Alton, Algona, Sergeant Bluff, Storm Lake, and Sioux City), and there are five men in the fourth-year cohort (Alan Loew, from John Paul II, is the only one from our area).

Please pray for these men in formation and for all of us involved in their formation. Pray, too, for their families, for they will be important support during their formation and throughout their ordained ministry of service. For more information about the diaconate and its formation program, see scdiocese.org/diaconate-formation. Let us pray for an openness to this vocation on the part of men in our area and throughout the diocese; let us also encourage men whom we believe would be good permanent deacons!

The **Breda Parish Office** will be closed on Wed., Dec. 8 for the Holy Day.

MASS INTENTIONS to be honored at St. John the Baptist Church, Arcadia, are very low. I have been and will continue to schedule some of the intentions from Breda in Arcadia. — Intentions to be honored at Sacred Heart, Templeton are getting a bit low, too.

- If you wish to submit intentions (\$10 stipend for each), you may use cash or a check (**please make the check out to Fr. Timothy Friedrichsen or St. Bernard Mass Stipend Account so that I can deposit it in that account** it will eventually be renamed).
- Drop a clearly marked envelope into the collection, or drop it at the Breda office, or send it to PO Box 39, Breda, IA 51436.
- I will do the best I can to honor any requested dates.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6 (R: “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”); Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

The prophet Baruch has traditionally been understood as the scribe for the prophet Jeremiah (see Jer. 36). He read the scroll of Jeremiah’s prophesying to the people; the King’s court was not very happy with that. Eventually, Jehudi, an officer of the king, read the scroll to King Jehoiakim. As Jehudi read a few columns, he’d cut them out of the scroll and toss them in the King’s fire. There were advisors who told the King not to burn the scroll, but he did not listen. Nevertheless, the LORD’s word through Jeremiah could not be so easily stopped, for the LORD spoke again to Jeremiah. Jeremiah was to have Baruch again write out his oracles, but also include a condemnation of King Jehoiakim.

The Book of Baruch is a Deuterocanonical book, that is, it is in the Catholic Old Testament, but is not one of the prophetic books considered canonical in the Jewish faith (because of that, it is not included in the Old Testament of most other Christian churches). It was in a Greek version of Scriptures, the Septuagint, which was widely used in the time of the early Church, so it has been retained by the Catholic Church.

Our reading from Baruch is the last verses of an address to the city of Jerusalem, in which he hopes to console the people, because their captivity by the Babylonians is about to come to an end. They will be able to again live their lives as God’s people. John the Baptist, too, has a message of deliverance from captivity, namely, captivity by sin. He calls people to “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” In so doing, the Gospel writers see John the Baptist as fulfilling anew the prophecy of Isaiah (40:3-5). In Isaiah’s time these words applied to the return of Israelite exiles from Babylon back to their land and to the holy city of Jerusalem. So, Baruch and Isaiah are speaking to the same event; John the Baptist’s ministry is compared to the return of the Israelites from captivity and the resumption of their Jewish lives and practices.

For us, of course, the most important deliverance has been won by the one for whom John the Baptist prepared the way, Jesus Christ. Paul reminds the Philippians of this good news (gospel) in the opening of his letter. His words to the Philippians are encouraging to us, too: “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” While this expression is used in the ordination rite, it applies to all believers, to each and every one of us! As Paul prayed for the Philippians, he no doubts still intercedes the same on our behalf: “And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” We can sing with the Psalmist: “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”

May these rich Scriptures help us to see how God, Father, Son

and Holy Spirit, is freeing us to live our lives in greater faithfulness. God’s Word—Scriptures and the incarnate Son—are more powerful than any earthly power. The story of Baruch and the scroll of Jeremiah’s prophesying shows that. The evangelist Luke also shows the magnitude of God’s power by how he tells the story of John the Baptist. Luke first lists major government officials and rulers as well as the major religious leaders of the time, but then points away from them to where God is at work, namely, in the ministry to John the Baptist (see, too, Lk 1:5; 2:1-2). Soon the story will turn to the baptism of Jesus by John, and the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus while at prayer and the heavenly voice calling him “my beloved Son” (Lk 3:21-23). Not even arrest, torture and execution are more powerful than the divine power at work in and through Jesus Christ—the resurrection shows that!

The power of the Holy Spirit, given by the Risen Lord to the Church, wants us to rely more and more on his divine power so that “the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Then our lives will truly bear the fruits of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal. 5:22-23a). The power of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is always for what is good, right, loving, etc.; earthly powers are not always used for these, but God’s power is greater!

LOOKING AHEAD: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Christmas, The Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (Holy Day):

- Christmas Eve, **Dec. 24, 4:00pm @ Sacred Heart** (Fr. Merlin Schrad presiding!) & **6:00pm @ St. John the Baptist;**
- Christmas Midnight Mass, **Dec. 25, Midnight, @ St. Bernard;**
- Christmas Day, **Dec. 25, 9:00AM, @ St. Bernard.**

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Sat., Dec. 25–Sun., Dec. 26): Regular weekend times and places. **Please note:**

- The obligation for the weekend is not met by going to a Christmas Mass;
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- To fulfill both obligations, all the faithful are to attend one of the Masses for Christmas and one of the Weekend Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Here is a summary of the Mass counts for November:

CHURCH	Breda	Arcadia	Templeton	GSCP TOTAL
11/06–07	142	100	101	343
11/13-14	122	96	90	308
11/19–20	158	119	79	356
11/26-27	205	94	119	418
Total	627	409	389	1425
Average	157	102	97	356

Kuemper Job Openings:

- Immediate openings for 1st grade, 6th grade Science, and High School Spanish teachers. Apply for all teaching positions at <https://iowa.schoolspring.com/>.
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Kuemper News:

- Mon, Dec 6 - **No School** – Teachers Prof. Development
- Wed, Dec 8 - Holy Day of Obligation so all centers have Mass (K-3/7-12 @ Holy Spirit and 4-6 @ St. Lawrence - Both at 8:20am)

- Thurs, Dec 9 - Catholic Identity Committee Meeting – 4:30 pm; 7-12 Vocal and 6-12 Band Christmas Concert – KHS gym, 7pm

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ARCADIA

Thank you to Mary Jo Berning and family for the new "**Directory Building**" sign that was installed in our cemetery in memory of Pete Berning. Pete spent many years mowing and keeping our cemetery looking great. Many thanks for all his hard work and for his family's generosity!! Also, thanks, Mary Jo, for the beautiful decorating you do in our Church. You are so gifted and giving of your time, talent & treasure and we are so very thankful for you! May God continue to shower you with His bountiful blessings!

Mass Servers are needed. You must be in 4th grade to serve. Please contact Fr. Friedrichsen or the parish office if interested.

MINISTERS-December 12

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Volunteers

Reader: Pat Vogl

Servers: Kaylie & Kenadie Wolterman

Ushers/Greeters: Margaret Gruba, Cindy Neil

EMHC: Jean Eischeid

Stewardship for November 28

Adult \$305.00; Youth \$2.00; Loose \$42.00; Bazaar Fund II \$350.00; Flower Fund \$5.00

ST. BERNARD, BREDA

Choir Practice, Saturday, Dec. 11, 5pm in the school. Anyone is welcome.

Needing singers for liturgies at St. Bernard. Please share your time and talent with your parish family. Please contact Mary Lou Grabner with questions (712-210-7303) or just come to the choir loft and help us sing.

Please support St. Bernard or your Kuemper student through **SCRIP**. Order SCRIP after Mass on the **first Saturday of each month**. Pick up your orders after Mass the following Saturday.

Breda American Legion Auxiliary **December** meeting will be held on **Tues., Dec. 21, not Dec. 14** as stated in unit booklet. This will be a brief meeting with a Christmas social at 6:30 at the post hall. Members are asked to bring an appetizer/snack to share. Auxiliary will furnish drinks.

MINISTERS-December 11

Greeters: Arlene Mueggenberg

Rosary Leader: Karla Stork

Reader: Scott Masching

Servers: Owen Masching, Volunteer

Ushers: Randy/Lori Snyder

Gift Bearers: Chuck/Mary Thatcher

EMHC: Jolene Eischeid

Dec \$\$ Counters: Joan Schettler, Muriel McDermott

Stewardship for November 28

Adults \$1,600.00; Loose \$161.00; MNC Rent \$75.00

SACRED HEART, TEMPLETON

Congratulations to Ben and Jessica (Vaux) Klocke on the baptism of their daughter, **Greta Marie**, at Sacred Heart Church on Nov. 28 (by Fr. Schrad). Greta Marie, welcome to the Catholic Church and Good Shepherd Parish!

Congratulations to Clint and Kate (Klocke) Holtz on the baptism of their son, **Mason Timothy**, at Sacred Heart Church on Nov. 28 (by Fr. Schrad). Mason Timothy, welcome to the Catholic Church and Good Shepherd Parish!

Congratulations to Bradley and Abby (Ferneding) Cowan on the baptism of their son, **Corbyn Jo**, at Sacred Heart Church on Nov. 28. Corbyn Jo, welcome to the Catholic Church and to your home parish, the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth, Nebraska!

Join us for **Templeton Holiday Spirit**, Sunday, Dec. 12. Santa will visit with kids from 2:30-4pm. Beginning at 4:30, **Holiday Caroling** will be provided by the Templeton's Men's Choir. Soup & sandwiches will be available following the concert (free will donations are appreciated). Sponsored in part by the TCBA.

Templeton's Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Complete an entry form and return it to Templeton City Hall. Contest runs from Nov. 27 thru Dec. 25. Prizes will awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places! Sponsored by TCBA.

MINISTERS-December 12

Reader: Holly Warner

Server: Jake Wieland

Usher/Gift Bearer: Volunteers

EMHC: Sylvia Sporrer

Church Cleaners: Kyle/Deb Hansen, Larry/Anne Heithoff

Stewardship for November 28

Adults \$4,855.00; Youth \$4.00; Loose \$98.90; Catholic School Support \$20.00; Candle Money \$130.00

ST. AUGUSTINE, HALBUR

St. Augustine was **dedicated on Dec. 9, 1973**. To celebrate the anniversary, please come to the **5:30pm Mass on Dec. 8**, which will also fulfill the obligation for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. — We will also draw winners for the raffle that evening.

The Halbur Development Corporation is once again sponsoring **Christmas Memorial Ornaments** for \$5. If you would like to order an ornament for your loved one, please call or text Julie Hausman (712-210-0702). Please indicate name of your loved one & who is it from.

The Halbur Development Corporation will have a **Christmas Social on Sun., Dec. 12, 2-3pm** in the St. Augustine Gym. Santa will make an appearance. A Christmas movie will follow with refreshments, games and activities for the kids.

Stewardship for November 28

Adults \$75.00; School Rental \$225.00; Rectory Rental \$800.00

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, MOUNT CARMEL

During Advent, the **rosary** will be prayed at the Church every **Thursday at 6pm**. All are welcome.

Mark your calendars for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's **Christmas Party** to be held on **Sunday, Dec. 12, 5:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Chicken and potatoes will be served. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Coffee and punch will be provided. A time to socialize and play cards.

Stewardship for November 28

Adults \$85.00

HOLY ANGELS, ROSELLE

PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact Fr. Friedrichsen at any time of the year to begin the process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC).

BAPTISM CLASS is offered to couples who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the churches of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish. —New parents, CONGRATS! PLEASE email Fr. Friedrichsen so a day and time for the class can be scheduled with you (there might be more than one couple attending, which is a good thing!).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: It is advisable to begin this at least 9 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom was previously married and has not yet done the annulment process, that will be necessary before marriage preparation can begin. Please contact Fr. Friedrichsen so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, the wedding is just a day, while marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting the website (<http://gscpcarrollco.org/parish-registration>), choosing the “ABOUT” drop-down menu, clicking on Parish Registration, and completing the form. WELCOME!

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In these Advent days, we call to mind that the Blessed Mother was once a simple girl who chose to listen to God's messenger, a girl who took the time to ponder. Help us, O God, to slow down long enough to hear your voice, and quietly enough to ponder your words.

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