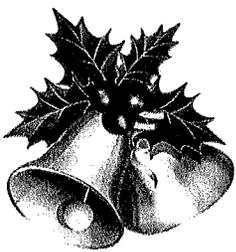




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| <b>Monday, December 8</b>     |     |
| 8:30am † Bob May              | VIS |
| 5:15pm For the People         | SH  |
| <b>Tuesday, December 9</b>    | SH  |
| 8:30am † Mary Fox             |     |
| <b>Wednesday, December 10</b> | VIS |
| 8:30am † Mary & Julius Brumm  |     |
| <b>Thursday, December 11</b>  | SH  |
| 8:30am † Maddie Kruse         |     |
| <b>Friday, December 12</b>    | VIS |
| 8:30am † Randy Pickar         |     |
| <b>Saturday, December 13</b>  | SH  |
| 5:15pm † Roman Michels family |     |
| <b>Sunday, December 14</b>    |     |
| 8:30am For the People         | VIS |
| 10:30am † Dolores Goche       | SH  |

**Eucharist Adoration**  
 2nd Thursday of each month there is 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart Church following the Mass.

Masses will be live streamed.  
 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday @ SH



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
 November 29 & 30, 2025

**SACRED HEART, OSAGE**

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| Adult Budget.....            | \$50.00         |
| Candles .....                | \$9.00          |
| Thanksgiving Offertory ..... | \$25.00         |
| Thanksgiving .....           | \$70.00         |
| SH Cemetery.....             | \$100.00        |
| <b>Total.....</b>            | <b>\$254.00</b> |

# December 7, 2025

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:**  
**Monday, December 8 — 8:30am at Visitation**  
**Monday, December 8 — 5:15pm at Sacred Heart**

**St. Isidore Catholic Center office will be CLOSED after Mass on December 23**  
**for a Day of Prayer for the St. Isidore Staff,**  
**Finance Councils, & Pastoral Councils.**

**St. Isidore Catholic Center office will be CLOSED**  
**on December 24 & 25 and January 1**  
**for the Christmas & New Years holidays.**

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| <p><b>Christmas Mass Schedule</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 24</b></p> <p>4:00pm @ Sacred Heart, Osage<br/>         6:00pm @ Visitation, Stacyville</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 25</b></p> <p>8:30am @ Visitation, Stacyville<br/>         10:30am @ Sacred Heart, Osage</p> | <p><b>New Year's Mass Schedule</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 31</b></p> <p>5:15pm @ Sacred Heart, Osage</p> <p><b>Thursday, January 1</b></p> <p>8:30am @ Visitation, Stacyville<br/>         10:30am @ Sacred Heart, Osage</p> |
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection in December // Steve Weis Medical Mission // Catholic Social Teaching**

“Our medical team is very excited about our upcoming medical mission trip on February 4-14, 2026. Our plan is to work 2 days in Haiti and then 6 days in a Haitian church in the Dominican Republic (DR). We have not been able to travel to Haiti since 2019, due to COVID and political unrest. Their need for medical care is now even more extreme, with widespread poverty, poor water and acute hunger. In the DR, Haitians face discrimination, and limited access to services such as healthcare, proper nutrition and education. The Dominican government is currently conducting deportations of Haitians without documentation.

We operate as a walk-in clinic where each day people line up for free medical care. The lines are constant and never ending. We provide medical care as well as a limited number of medications. We try to send everyone seen something to take home with them whether it be vitamins, worm tablets or over-the-counter-pain medications. Team members provide their own airfare, as well as room and board.” Steve Weis

**Sacred Heart Church has 2 hearing assistance options:**

- 1) Loop receiver device, available to be used by those with hearing loss, during church service. There are 2 in the Audio Visual Room.
- 2) Hearing aid users may tune their device to "T" setting.

**+** **St. Isidore invites you to pray with us for: Delanie Richardson, Colly Huebsch, Melinda Beland & Dave Marr**

**WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS—WEEKDAY MASS**

*\* If St. Ansgar School is delayed or cancelled,  
morning public Mass is cancelled at Visitation.*

*\* If Osage School is delayed or cancelled,  
morning public Mass is cancelled at Sacred Heart.*

**WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS — WEEKEND MASSES**

*Whenever there is a weather warning, regarding 'snow or ice,'  
that would affect Weekend Masses,  
public Masses will be cancelled.*

*Cancellations will be on KIMT and Facebook.*

**Reporting Contributions**

Contributions received through **Wednesday, December 31, 2025** will be included in the 2025 calendar year and reported on your 2025 contribution statement. Contributions received on **Thursday, January 1, 2026** and after will be recorded on your 2026 contribution statement. Any donations received in the mail must be postmarked by **December 31, 2025** to be included on your 2025 contribution statement.

**2025 Budget Envelopes**

Budget envelopes are ready to be picked up at both churches.



**Poinsettias for Christmas**

If you would like to donate money for the poinsettia fund to decorate our churches during the Christmas season, envelopes are available at both Sacred Heart and Visitation. Please check the box marking it 'SH' for Sacred Heart or 'VIS' for Visitation. If you would like to donate in the name of your loved one, write their name on the envelope. You can either place the envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the St. Isidore Catholic Center.

To have your loved one's name listed on the bulletin insert, return your envelope by Sunday, December 14.

**Advent Devotionals and Books**

There are several Advent Devotionals and various books available in both churches.

**Mass Stipends**

As of January 1, 2026, the offering for a Mass Intention is set at a minimum of \$10 per Mass. This change has come from a decree from Archbishop Zinkula.

Due to the Journey in Faith and uncertainty of the Mass times & locations, Mass Intentions will only be scheduled thru June 30, 2026.

**Sacred Heart Guild Lunch/Supper Gift Certificates**

Sacred Heart Guild gift certificates are available for purchase and can be used for either Guild Lunch or Guild Supper. The cost is \$10.00 per meal. Valid for either carry out or dine in. Please call Joan Kleckner at 559-434-4424 to purchase.

**Knights of Columbus Can Drive**

The Can Drive Trailer is located on Pleasant Street, south side of Sacred Heart Church. Please drop off your empty cans (**IOWA \$.05 DEPOSIT ONLY**). The proceeds will be used for Scholarships and other charitable causes. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Readings for the Week of  
December 7, 2025**

- Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/  
Mt 3:1-12
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/  
Mt 11:2-11

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

*He shall judge the poor with justice.*

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**

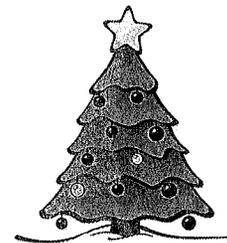
*Christ saves everyone.*

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*

**Stewardship Quote**

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."



**Friday Morning Bible Sharing**  
9:00am Sacred Heart Meeting Room.

**Televised Mass on Sunday Mornings**  
A Weekend Mass from Winona, MN is televised on CBS on Sunday mornings at 7:30am.

**Catholic Charities Counseling**  
Catholic Charities counselling is available via telehealth. Please call 563-588-0558

### **Pre-K through Kindergarten FF program**

We are excited to announce that we will offer the Pre-K through Kindergarten a faith formation program starting January 7, 2026. Classes will be held at the Sacred Heart FF Center on Wednesday evenings, from 6:15 to 7:30. We will be using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Please join us for an open house Sunday, December 14 after 10:30am Mass or Wednesday December 17, 5:45 – 6:45pm to explore the classroom and ask questions.

### **Advent: A Season of Hope and Preparation**

Advent is here—a holy season of waiting, prayer, and hope. Parishioners are invited to begin simply, with prayer—taking a moment each day to connect with the Lord and prepare their hearts for Christ’s coming.

Follow the Archdiocese of Dubuque’s *Advent Journey* on social media for daily reflections inspired by the saints:

Saint Francis Xavier calls us to make disciples, Mary teaches us trust, Saint Nicholas shows generous love, and Saint Juan Diego carries the Gospel with peace.

Let Scripture direct our steps and remind us that Christ is our light, even in darkness. Join the Archdiocesan Advent reflections online and be renewed in hope.

Follow along on Facebook, Instagram, or X (@DBQArch).

### **Pray for Vocations**

*"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!"* (Matthew 3:2)

John’s call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God’s kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children.

### **The U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration**

For the first time in 12 years, during its November Plenary Assembly, the USCCB issued a Special Message expressing concern about the evolving situation affecting immigrants in the United States. In an overwhelming show of support, 216 bishops voted in favor of issuing the Special Message, while only eight either voted no or abstained. In this statement, the bishops shared that “human dignity and national security are not in conflict” and that our nation should recognize the dignity of all persons, including immigrants. To read the entire statement, visit: [usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-issue-special-message-immigration-plenary-assembly-baltimore](https://usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-issue-special-message-immigration-plenary-assembly-baltimore), or to watch the Bishop’s visit message, go to [youtube.com/@UsccbOrg](https://youtube.com/@UsccbOrg)

# Upcoming Events

## **December 9 — Sacred Heart Guild Lunch**

Sacred Heart Guild will be hosting a Guild Lunch on Tuesday, December 9, in Conroy Hall. Menu is Hot turkey sundae, salad & dessert. Serving from 11:00am - 12:30pm, and the cost is \$10. Dine-in, carry out & delivery. For delivery call 641-732-4342 by Monday, December 8. Public is welcome.

## **December 10 - Advent Program at Sacred Heart**

Loved ones, parish family, and community members are invited to enjoy an evening with the children of Sacred Heart as they share the blessed story of the journey to Bethlehem. Their Advent Program will be on Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. A soup supper will follow the program in the hall.

## **December 12 — Blood Pressure Screening at Visitation**

Home Health will be having blood pressure testing on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:00am in the Visitation Hall.

## **December 13 - Blood Pressure Screening at Sacred Heart**

We will have blood pressure screening in the Sacred Heart Church meeting room after Saturday Mass on December 13.

## **December 13 — Sacred Heart KC & Guild Christmas Party**

There will be a Christmas Party for all members of Sacred Heart. It will be on Saturday, December 13, after 5:15pm Mass in the Sacred Heart Hall. A free will donation meal will be served. There will be door prizes, raffle, bingo & more.

## **December 17 — Bingo at Sacred Heart**

Come play Bingo at Sacred Heart Church from 10:30—11:30am on Wednesday, December 17, in the Sacred Heart Hall. \$.25 per card - 50% payout. Following Bingo will be a light lunch at a cost of \$5. Public is welcome! Come for coffee, Bingo, lunch & fun.

## **December 17 — Visitation Advent Program “Stations of the Crib”.**

The Visitation Faith Formation students will present their Advent Program, Stations of the Crib - A journey to Bethlehem, on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00pm in the Visitation Church. A chili and chicken noodle soup supper will be served in the Visitation Church Hall following the program. All families, parishioners and community are invited to join in this presentation, as we wait in hope, during the remaining days of Advent, for the coming of the Christ Child.

## **December 17 – “Blue Christmas” service at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church**

Our Savior’s Lutheran will hold a “Blue Christmas” service on Wednesday, December 17, at 5:30pm. The community is invited. If anyone would like to assist in this service, please contact Rev. Laurie Ludin-Nelson at 641-732-5522.