



Monday, December 15		
No Mass - pray for Vocations		
Tuesday, December 16		SH
8:30am † Helen Wagner		
Wednesday, December 17		VIS
8:30am † Steven Kleckner		
Thursday, December 18		SH
8:30am † Rita & Mark Gustonczik		
Friday, December 19		VIS
8:30am † Richard & Matthew Kruse		
Saturday, December 20		SH
5:15pm † Gary L. Hemann & Marlys Ferry		
Sunday, December 21		
8:30am † Dick Brown		VIS
10:30am For the People		SH

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



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
December 13 & 14, 2025**

VISITATION, STACYVILLE

Adult Budget	\$2,935.00
Offertory	\$299.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$865.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$890.00
Christmas.....	\$110.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$185.00
VIS Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Total.....	\$6,284.00

SACRED HEART, OSAGE

Adult Budget	\$8,160.00
Offertory	\$340.00
Offertory - Immac Conc	\$63.00
Candles.....	\$14.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$225.00
Christmas.....	\$130.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$240.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$105.00
SH Building Fund	\$710.00
Total.....	\$9,987.00

December 14, 2025

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.

<p>Christmas Mass Schedule</p> <p>Wednesday, December 24</p> <p>4:00pm @ Sacred Heart, Osage</p> <p>6:00pm @ Visitation, Stacyville</p> <p>Thursday, December 25</p> <p>8:30am @ Visitation, Stacyville</p> <p>10:30am @ Sacred Heart, Osage</p>	<p>New Year's Mass Schedule</p> <p>Wednesday, December 31</p> <p>5:15pm @ Sacred Heart, Osage</p> <p>Thursday, January 1</p> <p>8:30am @ Visitation, Stacyville</p> <p>10:30am @ Sacred Heart, Osage</p>
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2nd 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

Thank you — December 2nd Collection for Wings of Refuge and Magdalene's Light.

St. Isidore collected \$776 for Wings of Refuge and Magdalene's Light. Thank you for your support.

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.



St. Isidore invites you to pray with us for: Rosalee Lowe, 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.

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.

Mass Intentions & Stipends

To schedule Mass Intentions, please come to the St. Isidore Catholic Center or call 641-732-4342.

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 Rummage Sale

As you are cleaning out after Christmas, consider starting a box to donate to the SH rummage sale. We would like you to hold onto your things, but IF you are unable to, contact Carol Riley for storage options 641-330-3453.

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.

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**Readings for the Week of
December 14, 2025**

- Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11
- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
- Thursday:** Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
- Friday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

God himself will come to save us.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?

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 counseling is available via telehealth. Please call 563-588-0558

Pre-K through Kindergarten Faith Formation program

We are excited to announce that we will offer to the Pre-K through Kindergarten a faith formation program starting January 7, 2026. Classes will be held at the Sacred Heart Faith Formation 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 to explore the classroom and ask questions.

Walk Together in Hope This Advent

As the Church continues its Advent journey, all are invited to grow closer to Christ through daily prayer and reflection. The Archdiocese of Dubuque is sharing short Advent meditations each day on social media to help hearts prepare for the coming of the Lord.

This season's reflections highlight saints who show us how to live in faith and love— St. Francis Xavier's zeal for mission, Mary's trust in God, St. Nicholas's generosity and St. Juan Diego's humble peace.

Rejoice—the Lord is near! Let these reflections renew your spirit and remind you that Christ is our light.

Follow the Archdiocese of Dubuque on Facebook, Instagram, or X (@DBQArch) for daily inspiration throughout Advent.

Pray for Vocations

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

(Matthew 11:2-3)

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at dbqcvo@dbqarch.org.

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://www.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://www.youtube.com/@UsccbOrg)

Upcoming Events

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 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 14 — Youth Choir Caroling at Faith Lutheran Home

Anyone interested in getting their holiday feels and reaching out to those who may not be able to physically come to us is welcome to join the youth choir in caroling to the residents of Faith Lutheran Home on Sunday, December 14 at 4:15 pm. There will be pizza and an assortment of goodies and drinks following the event at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please email Katie Elgin (Katie.elgin@gmail.com) or Marilyn Coonradt (dbq152s1@dbqarch.org), or call the parish office to RSVP by NOON on Friday, December 12. Wear your FESTIVE gear!

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 - 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 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.

December 21 — Youth Choir Caroling at Apple Valley Place of Osage

The Sacred Heart and New Haven Youth Choirs will be singing and playing for the residents of Apple Valley on Sunday, December 21 at 4 PM. Anyone who is interested in supporting them is welcome to come and watch.