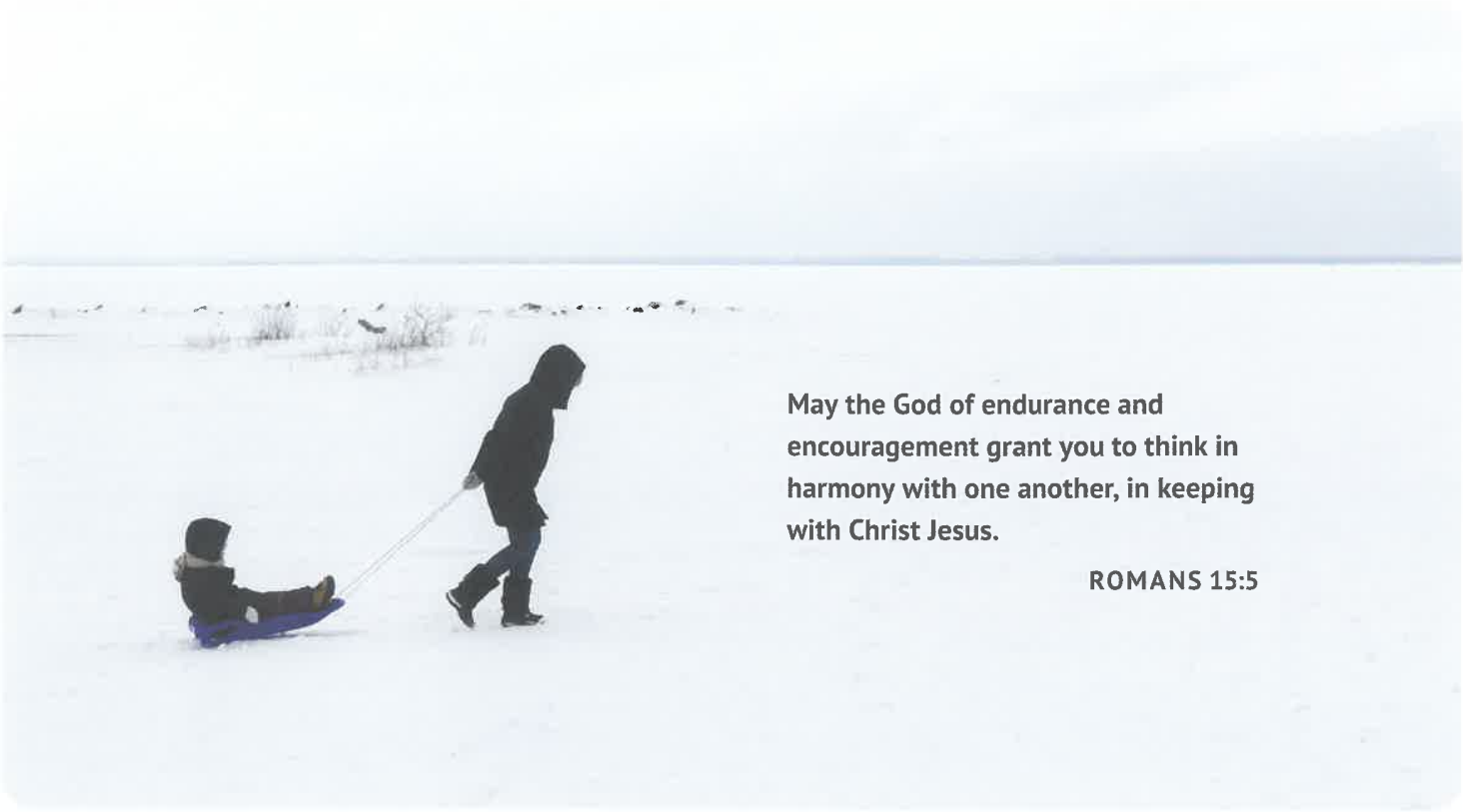
Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent (A)
Isaiah 11:1–10 / Romans 15:4–9 / Matthew 3:1–12



May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 15:5

Pretend the Dream

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we would act the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom in that advice; although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a year's baggage. We come with good memories of moments of lazy fun, sun-drenched summers, and dappled autumns, vacations, and birthday parties. But we also make our way into this red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

And so, during this last month of each year we play at being happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols and toast friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And we do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and lion will forget their history, and for at least one brief shining moment we will live in harmony with one another. ●

Reflect

This Advent, once a week, try to skip doing something that stresses you.

Once a week, act the way you would like to feel. Fake it if you must.

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Good Shepherd Cluster
Regional Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022
4 pm-Holy Family-Collective
6 pm-St. Boniface-Collective
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 2ND Sunday of Advent
8 am-Holy Family-Roni Geerts
10 am-Holy Family-People of the Good Shepherd Cluster
1:30 pm-Ecumenical Christmas Concert @ Harvest Church
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022
5:15 pm-Immaculate Conception-Tony, Agnes, Dale & Cheryl Lechtenberg and James & Geraldine Lenehan
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022
10 am NH Rehab-Eugene Sr. & Ruth Schultz
6:30 pm-Holy Family- Joe, Mary & Jennifer Roethler & Jerry & Kathy Deutsch
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022-Immaculate of Conception
8:30 am-Holy Family-Virginia "Ginny", Bernard & Calista Laures
6 pm-Immaculate Conception-Samuel & Gertrude Houser & Frank Hotchkiss
6:30 pm-KC Bingo, Hynes Hall
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022
No Mass @ Holy Family
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022
4 pm-Holy Family-Collective
6 pm-Immaculate Conception-Collective
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent
8 am-Holy Family-Rachel Stone
10 am-Holy Family-For the People

Adoration-Thursday 4:00 pm-midnight @ Holy Family

Bible Study-Saturday morning 9 am @ Pastoral Office

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday: 4 p.m.- Holy Family- New Hampton
6 p.m.-Dec 3 & 17, 31, Jan. 14 St. Boniface, Ionia
6 p.m. Dec. 10, 24 Immaculate Conception, NW
Sunday: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.- Holy Family, New Hampton

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation from 3-3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Reconciliation Chapel at Holy Family, New Hampton. Reconciliation may be celebrated on request at St. Boniface, Ionia & Immaculate Conception, North Washington. Sunday Reconciliation from 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Reconciliation Chapel at Holy Family, New Hampton.

Welcome to the Good Shepherd Cluster
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website: www.goodshepherdcluster.com

GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER
Mission Statement
As a Catholic faith community we strive to unite as a people of God whose life is centered in the Eucharist. We seek to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, called to be faithful stewards of God's gifts, growing in faith and attending to the spiritual and social needs of all.

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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Retired Priest: Msgr. Carl Schmitt	

Holy Family
Stewardship needs per week: $11,177.00
Adult: **$8,739.00** Envelopes: **101**
Offertory: **$676.42**

Immaculate Conception
Stewardship needs per week: $916.15
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Offertory Thanksgiving: **$171.00** Offertory: **$105.52**
Thanksgiving: **$1,215.00** Repair & Maint.: **$275.00**
Christmas Flowers: **$40.00** Capital Camp: **$30.00**

St. Boniface
Stewardship needs per week: $740.44
Adult: **$120.00** Envelopes: **3**
Repair & Maint: **$10.00** Thanksgiving: **$50.00**

CLUSTER NEWS

ADVENT LUNCHEONS: Wednesday, December 7 and 14. Join us from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for soup and devotion at the Methodist Church, New Hampton.

GIVING TREE: The gifts will be **due back to the church** by **December 4th.** Volunteers will be sorting gifts **Wednesday, December 7th at 9 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church** if you would like to help. Volunteers will also be needed to deliver gifts on Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 a.m. If you have questions, please contact the office.

WELCOME NEW HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR: They will be joining us today after the 8 a.m. Mass. We look forward to the music they will share with us.

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sunday, December 4, 1:30 p.m. at Harvest Church. All are welcome to attend.

2023 CALENDARS ARE HERE!!! Find in the entrance of each parish. The calendars are compliments of Vern Laures Auto Center and Hugeback and Johnson Funeral Homes & Crematory.

SNYNOD MEETING: You are invited to a discussion on what you want to recommend to our good Pope Francis for discussion and decision at his October 2023 Synod meeting in Rome. **The discussion will be held at St. Michael Parish Center, in Nashua, on December 15, 2022, at 6:30-7:30 pm.** The Pope hopes to receive your input regarding 3 questions:

1) What attracts you to the Catholic faith and to be active in your parish?
2) What Church teaching or practice makes you feel unwelcome, alienated, or angry?
3) What topics should the Pope discuss and decide at his October 2023 Synod meeting in Rome?

Archbishop Jackels and/or Kim Hermsen (Director of Pastoral Planning and Leadership Development) will be present to lead the discussion and record your responses.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Now that snow has arrived, we will be following this plan:

If there is a **Winter Storm Warning** or **Blizzard Warning** in effect for Chickasaw County.....

- ALL Masses are cancelled for the duration of the warning.
- ALL Faith Formation events are cancelled for the duration of the warning.
- The Pastoral Office will close early or may not open (depending on timing of the warning).

If the New Hampton School District is dismissed early or cancelled due to inclement weather, there is no weekday mass on that day.

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We will continue to post notices on KWWL, Facebook, and the radio 95.1 the Bull station. You may also call the office or email if in doubt.

CLUSTER NEWS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES: We will celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation with a Vigil Mass, Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family and Thursday, December 8 will be 8:30 am at Holy Family and 6 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, North Washington.

BUDGET ENVELOPES: Have arrived and are available at your parish at the entrances of the church. Holy Family can pick theirs up in the Gathering Space after Mass this weekend. They will be available for the entire month of December. We will not be mailing your stewardship envelopes this year. Please take the time to pick them up. If you have questions, contact the Pastoral Office @ 394-2105.

LIGHTEN THE LOAD: An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS: Our office will close for the year on Friday, December 30, 2022 @ 12 noon.
All contributions to your respective parish must be received at the Pastoral Office by Friday, December 30, 2022 @ 12 noon. Contributions placed in the basket during the weekend Masses, in the drop box after 12 noon or received in the mail after December 30, 2022 will be counted toward 2023 contributions.

TOGETHER: A monthly newsletter from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The November issue is available at the entrances of church. This issue contains names and addresses of retired priests who would love to hear from you this holiday season.

Time is running out; 2022 STO tax credits are only available until December 31! Donating to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) will help qualifying Catholic school families with tuition assistance while you will receive a 75% STO tax credit. With the tax credit, the impact of your donation is multiplied. Here's how it works: When you donate $2,000, you will receive a $1,500 Iowa income tax credit, making your final net investment only $500. Your $500 donation is multiplied 4x, making STO tuition support available for Catholic school families. Visit www.ourfaithsto.org or contact the Our Faith STO at (563) 556-2580 x296

SPOTLIGHT ON: We wish to recognize and thank our Advertise of the Week **Kahn Tile Supply LLC-David Leichtman and Linn Shekleton.** Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin. That's the best way to thank them.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

COLLECTIVE MASS, DECEMBER 10 at 6 PM: Living and deceased members of the Michael and Theresa Burgart Family and Edmund & Magdalene Tenge.

ST. BONIFACE

COLLECTIVE MASS, DECEMBER 3 at 6 PM: Francis & Alice Klassen and Marie Siglin.

HOLY FAMILY

COLLECTIVE MASS, DECEMBER 3, at 4 PM: Ray & Virginia Schwicerath, Edward Tilkes, Alex & Nita Geerts, Jack Gorman, Robert "Bob" Schluetter, Christopher Schmitz, Dennis Buckendahl, Marge Quirk, Susan Tasker and Donald Caspersen.

COLLECTIVE MASS, DECEMBER 10, at 4 PM: Alvina Imoehl, Marge Quirk, Ed & Dorothy Flick Family, Micky & Tony Blazek, Jovina, Mac & James Scally, Don Caspersen, Special intention, Rene Reicks, Art and Frances Bohr

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: Holy Family Parish is in need of some volunteers to decorate the church for Christmas. This could be a new tradition for your family. Please contact the cluster office at 394-2105 if you are interested.

METAL CHAIRS FOR SALE: The holiday season is here. Are you looking for some extra folding chairs for family events? Great deal, great shape metal chairs. Only $5 a piece. Contact the Pastoral Office at 394-2105 for more information.

PRAYERS for the SICK: We ask the Lord Jesus to bless all those in sickness, in weakness & in pain. Please join us in prayer for: Kehai Kuennen, Denise Gebel, John Knutson, Ali, young boy in the hospital, Ben Ryan, Eugene Kehoe, Ethel Schneberger, cancer patient, Susan Tasker, Marilee Mishak, Bud & Patty Mowatt, Tom Lynch, Special intentions, Nicolle Reyna, Brady Einck, Ila Mihm, Gary Bouska, Shari Marr, all special intentions & cancer patients.

PRAYER NETWORK: For a prayer request, please call the parish office during the business day @ 394-2105 or after hours to Jan Gorman @ 641-229-6072, or Carol Schmitz @ 394-6072.

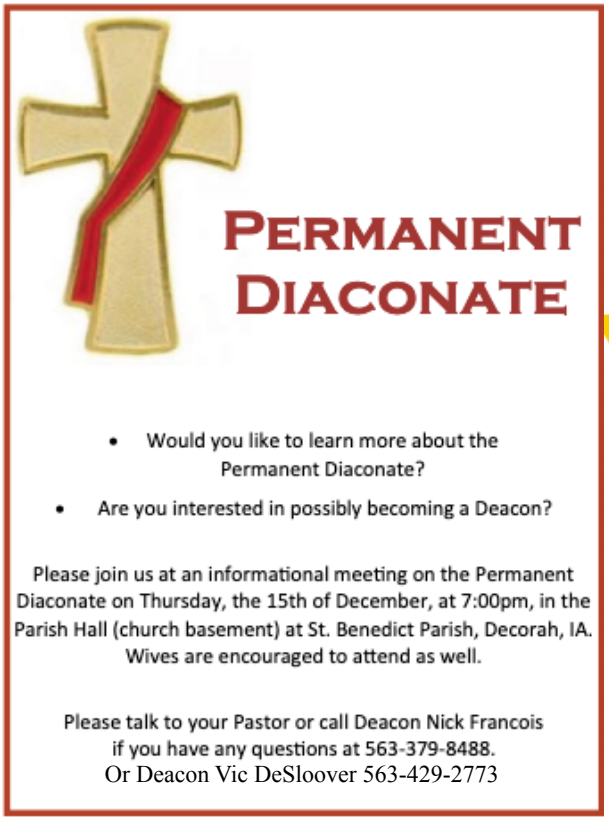
Please note**: Due to the length of our prayer list, we will list the special intentions for prayer for two weeks.** If you wish names to remain longer, please call the parish office 394-2105 & we will be glad to leave the names in for as long as needed. Thank you for your understanding.

Military active duty- Dylan Usher, Kaleb Macon, SGT. Andrew Kasuboski, SGT. Michael Messersmith, Adam Tieskotter, CPT. Tim Brincks, Michael Nosbisch,, Paul Langreck, Zachary Wilker, Nick Shatek, Staff Sgt. Nathan Schulz, Nichole Caldararo, Dustin Boeding, John Meyer, Brandon Bengston, Patrick Schultz.

REST IN PEACE: Please remember those in your prayers who recently died: Richard Helling, Ethel Steven, Gary Elliott father of Emily Lane

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

The "Christmas Reflections Open House" event will be held at the German American Museum and Family History Center on Saturday December 3rd and Sunday December 4th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. A variety of soups and ham sandwiches will be served both days along with cookies, cider and coffee. Free Will Offering. Come enjoy the museum's historic displays, decorations including the "decorated attic" and special music. Featured are local artists from the area: Jacob Bruess Photography and Rock Creation; Artists, Delores Buchheit and Marisa Krivacek. The "Twentieth" year of "Christmas Reflections" sponsored by the St. Lucas Historical Society.



Our "family" is growing.

We are hiring!

ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Opportunities:

- Morning Preschool Teacher (4 mornings a week)
- Afternoon and Wednesday childcare worker

Interested individuals are encouraged to email Mrs. Nehls at mnehls@stjoseph-nh.pvt.k12.ia.us or call the office at 641-394-2865

Good Shepherd Cluster

Middle School Catholic Youth Group

December 2022 Session

Monday, December 12th from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Gathering Space at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton.

Open to all students in grades 6-8

An evening of Prayer, Snacks, and Games!!

Please contact Brian McGee, Director of Faith Formation for more information at DBQ141FF@dbqarch.org!

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Please contact Becky at 641-394-2105 for application and more information.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS: Please submit your Christmas memorials to the Pastoral Office by Friday, December 16 in order to be posted in the Christmas bulletin.

Christmas Memorials

Parish Name (please circle): Holy Family Immaculate Conception St Boniface

Memorial Name(s) _____ Amt ____

Person(s) giving Memorial _____ Env # ____

St. Joseph Community School's Annual Fund

Please send your contributions to

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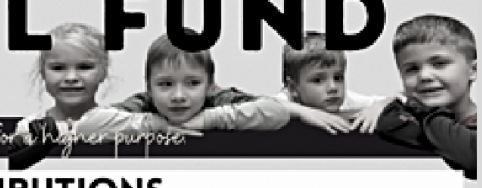
ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FUND BREAKDOWN



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The Annual Fund Drive helps St. Joseph Community School staff continue encouraging students to strive for excellence in building a solid foundation academically, spiritually, and safely. A pebble thrown into a river causes tiny waves to stir the waters. Your contribution can make a difference for our children. You may throw as many pebbles as you wish! Your gift is our HOPE! No donation is too small.

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TEACHER RECRUITMENT & RETAINMENT

There is a nationwide teacher shortage causing a competitive market for quality teachers, which has led to school closures due to lack of staff. Potential teacher candidates are looking for an attractive benefit / wage packages and we need to stay competitive so we can attract and maintain quality teachers to keep the legacy of St. Joseph School in the future.

Teachers at St. Joseph Community School are committed to their work here because they truly believe in our school. They believe in our mission of creating a faith filled educational environment.

The Purple Cord Service Project was created to encourage and recognize students their 8th grade year for service to our church, community, and school throughout their time at St. Joseph School. Those students that accomplish the service hours will be awarded purple recognition cords at 8th grade graduation as well as a monetary scholarship upon high school graduation.

THE Purple Cord

SERVICE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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ST. JOSEPH GRADUATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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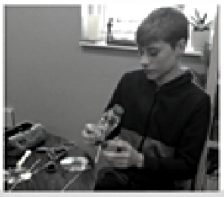

CURRICULUM

As a credited school, it is important to update math, reading, and social studies materials to help students grow in content areas. We provide authentic learning opportunities in preforming arts with Missoula, travel on field trips and invite speakers and authors to visit with students to bring learning to life.

TECHNOLOGY & STEAM

We strive to provide materials that enhance innovative thinking in science, engineering, and mathematics. To prepare students for 21st century skills, it is essential they have access to tools for the future including 1:1 devices, science lab materials, and equipment for design and coding.

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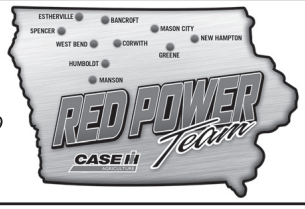

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Dear Padre,

Many LGBTQ+ youth are homeless, suicidal, or even murdered because of who they are. How can we support them?

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Your desire to be compassionate is very much in keeping with the Church's teaching. In 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now emeritus Pope Benedict XVI), issued a strongly worded call for civility and respect for homosexual persons. On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons emphasized, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses that homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (*CCC* 2358).

"The Church actively asserts and promotes the intrinsic dignity of every person. As human persons, persons with a homosexual inclination have the same basic rights as all people, including the right to be treated with dignity," wrote the US Bishops in "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination" (2006). In terms of offering support, this document reads, "As baptized members of the Catholic community, persons with a homosexual inclination continue to look to the Church for a place where they may live in authentic human integrity and holiness of life. Being welcomed into and participating in their local faith community is the foundation of spiritual support that the Church offers to them. Full and active participation is encouraged. Participation in a worshiping Catholic community is a support for living a life of chastity and integrity and an encouragement to an ongoing personal conversion." ●

— The Redemptorists

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Many people today are constantly using social media, but are not themselves very social: they are caught up in themselves, prisoners of the cell phone in their hand. What appears on the screen is not the reality of other persons: their eyes, their breath and their hands.

ADDRESS IN A MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/BOB ROLLER

MONDAY
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

TUESDAY
December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

WEDNESDAY
December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

THURSDAY
December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

FRIDAY
December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

SATURDAY
December 10
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

SUNDAY
December 11
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1–6a, 10
Jas 5:7–10
Mt 11:2–11

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