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2024-2025 Parish Theme:
Pilgrims of Hope (1Peter 1:3)
We Are Chosen, Faith-filled, Joyful

Mass Times St. Isidore Springville

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am

St. Isidore Mass is available on the YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHwVUP6MBFr6amWN9WFrrw/>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30pm; Second and Fourth Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30pm Or request an appointment by contacting the Office DBQ137@dbqarch.org, or 319-854-6141

Sacrament of Baptism Preparation: Venue-St John the Baptist parish. Prep class time 2:00 p.m.

2024 Class Dates: April 28, July 28, October 27

Mass Times St. John the Baptist Mt. Vernon

Sunday 8:00 a.m. -Wednesday & Friday 8:30am

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December 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent



Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6,(6)

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Stewardship: Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Vocation View: "What ought we do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus.

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Mission: We, the parish of St. Isidore the Farmer, are dedicated to growing a life-long Catholic community. Believing in the Risen Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Eucharist, to be nourished by the Word of God, and to serve the needs of the local and worldwide community.

Pastor Speaks Waiting in Joyful Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Third Sunday of Advent, which we mark this weekend, is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. The name "Gaudete" comes from the Latin word for "Rejoice." In the context of the Mass for this Sunday, it derives from the beautiful exhortation of St. Paul in Philippians 4:4, which acts as our entrance chant, "Gaudete in Domino semper," meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always."

The general character of this Third Sunday of Advent then is joy, making it slightly different from the first two Sundays that have a more penitential tone. Following the Liturgical norm, the Advent wreath candle we light this week is rose-colored. Even priests may wear rose-colored vestments instead of the usual Advent violet to express and symbolize the shift toward joy.

At the same time, the liturgical readings chosen for the Third Sunday of Advent also emphasize hope and the nearness of the Lord's coming. It serves as a reminder of the joy that awaits us in the celebration of Christ's birth and the promise of His return.

These readings from Isaiah, Paul, and Luke center on how we may cultivate a powerful spiritual life that is focused on God and our relationship with Jesus Christ. This we are called to do in joy and hope.

In the First Reading, the prophet Zephaniah speaks of this relationship, intimately stating, "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love" (Zep 3:17 a). As Christians, we know that in Jesus Christ, God has come to establish a firm, hopeful relationship with us.

John the Baptist emphasizes the human dimension of this relationship, urging those listening to him to "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed" and "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

During this Advent season, God wants you to experience healing in your relationships, changes in your wrong habits and other areas you struggle with or feel stuck. For this to happen, it is necessary to pay greater attention to your spiritual life and grow in it. If you are stuck in your spiritual life, just increase your desire for bringing your relationship with God to a new level and pray with greater joy and intimacy with Him.



Religious Education: All parishioners are invited to the Religious Education Nativity Play 6 pm on Wednesday, December 18th. This will be

followed by a potluck, please bring a dish to share. We will have a special visitor, too!! ~Theresa

Christmas Eve Prelude Music: All parishioners are invited to sing carols or play sacred Christmas songs at 3:30pm before our 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Email Theresa Sundstrom at dbq190s@dbqarch.org if you or your kids are interested!



Financial Stewardship Dec. 7, 2024-Week 23

	Week 23	YTD
Stewardship Revenue	\$ 3,703.00	33,029.35
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 2,567.79	59,059.13
Over/(Under Budget)	\$ 1,135.21	(22,029.78)
Restricted Revenue (Bldg Fund, Flowers)	\$ 805.00	-
Unrestricted Revenue	\$ 2,300.00	-
Total Other Revenue	\$ 3,105.00	44,077.88
Total Revenue	\$ 6,808.00	81,107.23
NET Result	\$ 4,240.21	22,048.06

Operating Cash Acct Balance \$37,604.43

Archdiocesan Loan Balance \$13,753.44

Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. Dec. 3
 Thur. Dec. 5 Fr. Dennis Conway
Sat. Dec. 7 Roy & Delphina Takes
 Tue. Dec. 10
 Thu. Dec. 12 Fr. Dennis Conway
Sat. Dec. 14 Elaine Shaw
 Tue. Dec. 17 Braedon Domeyer
 Thu. Dec. 19 Fr. Dennis Conway
Sat. Dec. 21 Welch & Waldron Families
Tue. Dec. 24 Linda Nachazel
 Thu. Dec. 26 Fr. Dennis Conway
Sat. Dec. 28 Rosemary Finn Gessner
 Tue. Dec. 31 Jerry Boubin

To have Mass said in memory of your deceased loved one, contact Cindy in the church office.

Maria's Ministry, the Parish Women's Group, will be making Christmas Plates Dec. 15th at 12 noon for those that could use a little extra cheer this year. If you know of someone that would like a plate of goodies, please contact the Parish Office with their name to Cindy. If you would like to donate cookies or other goodies, please bring them labeled 'Maria's Ministry' and place them in the kitchen by December 15th. Help us spread glad tidings and cheer!

Social Justice: There are a few Angel tree envelopes remaining to help the Springville School Backpack Program. We are asking that you take an envelope and purchase a \$25 gift card to Hy-Vee. Bring the card in the sealed envelope back to the church no later than 8 AM Mass on Tuesday December 17th, and place in the box below the tree. We will then send these home in the weekly backpack program bags that get sent home with kids right before Christmas break. This will be something to help them through the Holiday season where they won't be getting this help.



Congratulations to: Gracin Helmrich, Evelyn Klees, Henry Kramer, Willow Ries and Lennon Merrill who made their First Sacrament of Reconciliation December 11, 2024! These beautiful children of God are a witness of God's graces upon them. May they continue to experience His love and forgiveness through this Sacrament.

Communal Penance Service
Sunday, December 15 @ 2 PM at
St. Isidore, Springville



Communal Penance
Services in the
surrounding area:

Saturday, Dec 14 at 10:30 am at All Saints
Tuesday, Dec 17 at 6 pm at St. Matthew
Saturday, Dec 21 at 10:30 am at St. Pius X

December Birthdays

12/2...Ripley Rowell
12/4...Ann Lorenz
12/8...Todd Fah, Teri Koppes, Luke Jones
12/11...Al Meyer
12/12...Eric Cizmada
12/13...John Kellerman
12/15...Mya Gourley, Ryan Grekoff, Zadie Helmrich
12/16...Curt Koppes
12/18...Everett Mysak, Tim Lansing
12/20...Jeff Ward
12/25...Jacob Loehr
12/30...Kian Sundstrom

December Anniversaries

12/2...Todd and Shauna Fah
12/5...Joe and Mary Jo Wagner, Father Andrew
12/27...Dan and Barb Pederson



Our parish, along with all others in the archdiocese, is participating in a parish **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The first step in helping us to assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today!** Share your perspective now to help us grow in missionary discipleship and craft our common vision for the future. For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey **link, please visit:**

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bt8agb>
or scan the QR code below. The survey will be open Dec.5-Jan. 9, 2025. Paper copies of the survey are available for those without internet service. Please contact Cindy Kellerman in the Parish Office with any questions.



Epiphany Concert: Celebrate the end of the Christmas season by attending the St. Pius X annual Epiphany Concert featuring choirs, instrumentalists, and soloists from our Cedar Rapids Catholic churches. This event will take place on Sunday, January 5th at 3pm. In the spirit of the three Magi, everyone is invited to "come bearing gifts" of money or non-perishable food items for Metro Catholic Outreach. After the concert, please stay to enjoy refreshments in Pius Hall. Admission is free! For more information visit the Pius website at: <https://crpiusx.org/events/epiphany-concert-1>



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Liturgical Ministry: Saturday, December 21, 2024

Sacristan:	Al & Julie Meyer
Greeters:	Matt McArthur, John Roberts
Servers:	Jayson Gourley, Connor Sweet
Lectors:	Marilyn Andersen, Donna Drake
Gifts:	Laddie Nachazel & Dean Gerdemann
Eucharistic Minister:	Host: Josh Sundstrom Cups: Al Meyer, Mary Buelow
Musician Schedule:	Theresa Sundstrom
Treas Assist:	Craig Vaske, Joan Roberts
Children's Liturgy:	Resumes January 4, 2025

This Week at St. Isidore:

Sun. Dec. 15	9 am Social Justice meal prep 12 noon Maria's Ministry 2 pm Communal Penance St. Isidore
Tue. Dec. 17	7:40 am Rosary, 8am Mass (No Finance meeting)
Wed. Dec. 18	6:00-7:15 pm K-8 RE 6:15-7:30 pm HS RE 6:00 pm RE Nativity Play (No Faith Formation meeting)
Thu. Dec. 19	7:40 am Rosary, 8 am Mass Coffee & Community (No Pastoral Council meeting)
Sat. Dec. 21	5 pm Mass, OCIA Rite of Welcome