

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Gilbert, Iowa

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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2011

~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Vigil: Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm ~

Stewardship Reflection

We are servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

A Preview of Next Week Sunday, December 4, 2011

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/
Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14/Mk 1:1-8



Ministry List:

Sacristan: Tonya Meyer
Greeter: Mike Oliver
Ushers: Paul Wirth, Michael Schnurr
Reader: Peter Schmitt
Acolytes: Jerald Fritz, Max Halstead, Nick Theil
Gift Bearer: Derral and Anna Tressler
Communion Ministers: Gary Bailey, Melissa Howe,
Kathi Steenhagen

This may not reflect replacements. Contact Cindy Phelan at cindykphelan@gmail.com or 515-291-2272 to be added or removed from the Ministry List.

Question of the week

Adults: Am I as concerned about my encounter with Christ as I am about my retirement benefits and mortgage payments?

Children: How can I help other children in need during this time of Advent?

Your Prayers

Please keep **Nolan Jonas**, **Father Ev Hemann**, **Mark Jennings**, brother of Michele Mullen, **Bonita Schmitz**, mother of Joan Eslick, **Ledger Dalton**, grand-nephew of Deb Joel, and **Fran East**, mother of Donna Weigel, in your thoughts and prayers.



Faith Formation News

Nov 30th Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)
Dec 7th Mass at 7:00 pm
Dec 14th First Reconciliation for the 3rd Grade Faith Formation class and Communal Penance at 7:00 pm
Jan 11th Classes resume (6:45 to 8:00 pm)



Christmas Holiday Brunch!

Join us on Sunday, December 4th, following 8:30 am Mass for our parish Christmas Holiday Brunch!

Menu: Hickory smoked ham, scrambled eggs, breads/pastries, beverages, and Pat Hashman's FAMOUS cinnamon rolls baked fresh that morning – YUM! No need to cook...everything is provided by the committee. Come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship!

Looking Ahead

Add these SS. Peter and Paul Mass times to your calendar!

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve:

Saturday, December 24th, at 5:15 pm

Solemnity of Mary:

Sunday, January 1st, at 8:30 am

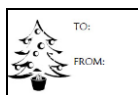
Giving Tree

Continuing the long tradition of sharing the spirit and hope of the holiday season, the people of SS. Peter and Paul parish will celebrate Advent with a giving tree. Please remove a tag ornament from the display in the back of the church and use as a gift label. Return the wrapped gift with contents marked to the social hall.

This year there are tags for residents of Bethany Manor and for the Angel Tree program which benefits children in the Roland and Story City communities. Tags for the Angel Tree specify the requested gift. Gift ideas for Bethany Manor residents include: body wash, lotion, aftershave, perfume/cologne, all occasion cards, stamps, slippers (with grip bottom), sweatshirt, stuffed animal, candy, and lap robe.

All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 4th. If you have questions, contact Molly Halstead at 229-4859, Brenda Gessner at 460-5273, or Eileen Wuebker at 291-9420.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Good Company:

A Woman's Choral Ensemble

You are invited to enjoy beautiful and varied music of the season at our winter concert at 7:00 pm on the evening of Sunday, December 4th, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Avenue, Ames. The program includes selections from the 12th century to the modern day, from a capella to harp and small orchestra accompaniment, and from sacred to jazz. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Please join us!

Divorce Group to Discuss Five Stages of Grief

The St. Thomas Aquinas divorced and separated support group will meet Thursday, December 8th, with a potluck at 6:00 pm in the Lower Lounge of the church at 2210 Lincoln Way in Ames. The meeting will follow from 7:00-8:30 pm. Sister Lorraine Schmaltz, director of parish family life at St. Thomas Aquinas, will speak about the Five Stages of Grief. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. Free childcare is available with prior request. To RSVP for dinner or request childcare by noon on Wednesday, December 7th, contact Cosette Bergman at (515) 298-1508 or cb6234@gmail.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 6th, from 2:00-6:00 pm in the Lower Lounge of St. Thomas Aquinas. Schedule a time at redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Advent Celebration

The St. Petri Lutheran Church Women invite you to be our guests at our Advent Celebration Saturday, December 3rd, at 9:30 am at 804 Grand Avenue in Story City. Our program will be given by musicians Karla Reiland (formerly of Webster City) and Freda Myhrwold from the Minneapolis area. We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship with you!

Empty Bowl Project at ISU

The Student Union Board (SUB) will host a soup dinner, Empty Bowl Project: Fighting Hunger Locally and Globally, on Friday, December 2nd, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Cardinal Room at the Memorial Union. Attendees will be able to choose (and keep!) a handcrafted ceramic bowl and fill it with either chili or vegetable soup.

The cost is \$8 for ISU students, \$10 for community members, and \$6 for kids 10 and under. Bring a non-perishable food donation and get \$1 off admission.

Food donations will be given to MICA and proceeds will benefit Oxfam America. Donations of hand-made ceramic bowls are being accepted for the event. To donate, contact Letitia Kenemer at letitia@iastate.edu.



Ames Alternative Gift Market

The 21st Annual Ames Alternative Gift Market will be held at Wheatsfield Cooperative Grocery, 413 Northwestern Avenue, Ames, on Saturday, December 10th, from 10:00-5:00 pm. Nine Ames faith communities are sponsoring the community market. Give, in honor of a friend or relative, an alternative gift of food, medicine, livestock, trees, or education. These gifts will be sent to areas with great needs around the world and here at home. Shoppers can provide for those in need in the Ames community with support for the Bethesda Community Food Pantry, ACCESS, Beyond Welfare, Emergency Residence Project, Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Habitat for Humanity for Central Iowa, Food at First, Story County Community Dental Clinic, and Life to Life Global Building Group (Global Builders, Ames High Uganda Project). There are 44 international, national, and local agencies. When you purchase an alternative gift, you will receive a unique greeting card with an informational insert describing your gift. These cards can then be mailed to persons on your gift list, or given personally as a traditional gift, creating a shared blessing for both the donor and the recipient. Your gifts can change the world.