

Our Lady of the River

CATHOLIC
CHURCH



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Second Sunday Of Advent

December 5-6, 2009

Parish Staff

Pastor: Father Joseph Wolf
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Parish Maintenance: Jim Puck

Mass Schedule

Vigil on Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Weekday: See daily schedule inside

Holy Day: See schedule inside

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Contact the Pastor

RECONCILIATION: Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment;

MARRIAGES: Arrangements are to be made at least nine months before the wedding.

Parish Services

SICK CALLS: Anyone who cannot attend Mass or receive the sacraments in Church because of illness or age please contact the Pastor.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our parish family!
Please register in the sacristy after Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR: Linda Heaton
332-0746

Meetings:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Classes for 3 year olds—9th grade students.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY: Meets at noon on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the parish hall. Rosary prayed at 7:15 p.m. before the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Council meets the third Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Meets 9:30 -11:00 a.m.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Meets 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Parish Information

PARISH MAILING ADDRESS:

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CHURCH HALL: 563-289-3688

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.ourladyoftheriver.com

Our Mission

Our Lady of the River Catholic Church is both a quiet oasis of serenity and an energetic center for worship. We are a community of Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, associated with the diocese and served by a pastor. Our mission is to promote the Kingdom of God through prayer (primarily our Eucharistic celebration), education and service, and to exemplify Christian life in seeking holiness and the promise of salvation through Christ Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec 7	8:00 a.m.	Florence Clough
Tue. Dec 8	8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	6:00 p.m.	Terry Kernan
Wed. Dec 9	8:00 a.m.	James Murray
Thu. Dec 10	8:00 a.m.	Joan Wales
Fri. Dec 11	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat. Dec 12	5:00 p.m.	Bill Guyan
Sun. Dec 13	8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Date	December 5-6	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Lector		Madelyn Phares	Kirk Grunder
Commentator		Barb Arland-Fye	Robert Majchrzak
Eucharistic Ministers		Joan Puck, Steve Fye, Tom Kamp, Dean Ehrecke, Linda Heaton	Wiley Plummer, Jean Moeller, MaryJo Godwin, Heidi Plummer, Rori Vandemore
Cantor		Joanne & Shane Rumpza	Lorena Murphy
Organist		Ladonna Czachowski	Cheryl Brogla-Krupke
Altar Servers		Jacque-Bill Moore	Chandler Reed, Kyle Blake
Date	December 12-13	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Lector		Barb Arland-Fye	Steve Marriot
Commentator		John Grady	Kathy Messmer
Eucharistic Ministers		Steve Fye, Phyllis Gould, David Gould, Rita McRoberts, John Jungk	Helen Chostner, MaryJo Godwin, Mary Hill-Sutherland, Pauline Moench, Chris Paris
Cantor		Jan Davis	Dan Johnson
Organist		Ladonna Czachowski	Cheryl Brogla-Krupke
Altar Servers		Jacque-Bill Moore	Madelyn Hurning, Alexis Dohmen

Weekly Collections

	November 21/22	November 28/29
Building fund	-----\$20	\$70
Envelopes	-----\$2986	\$2856
Offertory	-----\$173.41	\$143.45
Camp. Human Development	-----\$155	
ADA 2009-2010	-----\$200	\$530
Children's Envelopes	-----\$0.22	\$1

PARISH NEWS

Let us remember those on the prayer chain.

Let us remember those who are in the nursing home: Clinton Crowl, Richard Eichberger, Joan Flesher, and Antionette Griffin.

Let us remember those who are sick and/or recuperating at home: Billie Brogla, Beth Calabotta, Joyce Ekstrand, Eileen Ewers, Elnora Martin, Francis Meis, Dave Miller, Nancy Murray, Randy Plummer, Trudy Rodgers, Barbara Melaas-Swanson, Kristin Vanduyne, and Mary West.

Let us pray for those who are serving in the military: Aaron & Matthew DePorter, Jacob Messmer, and Derek Storjohann, and Stephen Wolf.

Parish Diary	
<i>Commencing the Week of December 6th</i>	
Sunday, December 6th	
8:30 a.m.	Mass- Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m.	RCIA
9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Class
10-11:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday, December 7th	
Tuesday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	KC Social for Parish in parish hall
Wednesday, December 9th	
12:00 p.m.	Altar & Rosary Meeting
Thursday, December 10th	
Friday, December 11th	
Saturday, December 12th	
11:30 a.m.	A & R Society Christmas Luncheon
5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, December 13th	
8:30 a.m.	Mass- Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m.	RCIA
9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Class
10-11:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Upcoming Holy Days and Mass Times

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception-**December 8**
8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

December 24: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

December 25: 8:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31: 5:00 p.m. (no Mass on January 1st)

"The Journey To Christmas"

Our annual Christmas Pageant is scheduled for 10 a.m. on December 20th. The religious education students will be filling the roles of Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Elizabeth, Wise Men, First Innkeeper, Second Innkeeper, Third Innkeeper, a Chorus of Angels, shepherds, and many sheep. All religious education classes will be participating or helping with the pageant. Please join us for the pageant. Christmas carols with fellowship following in the parish hall.

Altar & Rosary Christmas Luncheon will be held Saturday December 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Black Watch restaurant at Pebble Creek. Call Arlene Shindelar at 289-3408 or Mary Ann Carstensen at 289-5584 for reservations.

Please help us make Christmas merrier for residents at Riverview Manor!

The religious education students are collecting personal care items for the 50 residents at Riverview Manor. We hope to deliver a small package to each resident for Christmas along with Christmas cards from the students. There is a basket in the vestibule to collect donations. Please help us make Christmas merrier at Riverview Manor!

Calling all CEW alumni! You are encouraged to attend an evening of musical worship Thursday, December 17th in Le Claire. Plan now on meeting at Our Lady of the River at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17th. CEW Renewal 7 p.m. Our Lady of the River 28200 226th Street Place, Le Claire, Iowa. For more information contact Bev Heintz at 285-4947 or Father Wolf at 289-5736.

Blessing the "Bambi"

There is a beloved Roman tradition of blessing the *Bambinelli* – the likenesses of the Christ Child brought by the city's children every Gaudete Sunday in advance of their arrival in the family crèche come Christmas. Please consider bringing the baby Jesus from your nativity scene at home to Church next weekend (Dec. 12/13) where they will be blessed during Mass.

Music Notes:

Youth Choir: We will not be having a youth choir rehearsal in December. Our youth will be rehearsing on January 10th to prepare the music for the January 17th 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Adult Choir: We will meet this Sunday, December 6th following the 8:30 Mass. Please bring with you the Taize music.

Musical Thoughts:

We hope that you will consider attending the Taize evening at Our Lady of the River at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17th. If you have never been a part of a Taize service, included here is a short history of Taize. These prayer services emerged from an ecumenical community of monks in Taizé, France. Brother Roger, Taize's founder, arrived in the village of Taizé, France in 1940. In the midst of World War II, he dreamed of creating a community where reconciliation was a daily reality. He began by giving shelter to refugees of the war, especially Jews. Brother Roger recognized that the search for reconciliation was within each individual as well as within the community. Initially, the Taizé founder lived alone, until brothers from various Protestant and Roman Catholic backgrounds followed. Today, as an ecumenical monastic community, Taizé is a sign of reconciliation. People from around the world, especially young people, come to Taizé looking for meaning in their lives as they prepare for responsibilities in their own communities. During this stressful time of the holidays, this may be the best present that you could give to yourself.

Bulletin Deadlines

For those submitting information for the bulletin, your submission needs to be in the office or e-mailed by noon for the following dates.

Information for the December 20th bulletin is due December 9th.

Information for the December 27th bulletin is due December 16th.

Information for the January 3rd bulletin is due December 26th.

Christmas Poinsettias

Parishioners may remember a loved one by donating towards our Christmas poinsettias. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

KC Social

On December 8th at 6:30 p.m. all Parishioners are invited to join the KC's for a social in the parish hall. Bring an appetizer to share.

A & R Christmas Angel Gifts

The Angel tree is set up in the vestibule. Please return the gifts to church by December 12th & 13th. We are asking that you please limit the gift to no more than \$25. Please remember to place the Angel tag on the **outside** of the wrapped packages. Angel Gifts will be picked up by the families on December 19th.

Christmas Baskets

There are still grocery bags near the church entrance. Food items are due to church on December 12th & 13th. Christmas Baskets will be picked up by families on December 19th.

Birthright

Birthright is an emergency service which offers loving alternatives to abortion. We are able to help the mothers throughout pregnancy according to her needs. When her baby is born, we offer her a small bundle of baby clothes to welcome the new baby. Our supplies are very limited, so we are asking for your help, new or gently used newborn to 6 months sizes would be appreciated. Our wish list includes pajamas, diapers, onesies, sweaters, blankets, socks, and blanket sleepers. You can bring to church, we will take it to Birthright.