

	Immaculate Conception	St. Peter	Holy Name	St. Francis
	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 5:00 pm
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Miller	Damien Matt	Anessa Jones	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joel Meyer Lorraine Piphon Deanna Joebgen	Sue Massman Joanie Goddard Georgia Klein	Jason Moellers Lori Moellers Jane Marshall	Veryl Burghardt Pat Burghardt Lori Waskow Kurt Wood
<b>Gifts</b>	Joel Meyer	John & Lorna Chapman Family	Mary Ann Hoey Arlene Miller	Chad & Angie Squires Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Miller Gary & Cathy Schmitz	Jade Daughton Kailee Prentice	Brian Dunt Mike Upton	Ray Gavin Chad Ingels Leon Lentz Mike McFadden
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike Miller	Jade Daughton Kailee Prentice	Mary Wagner Norma Wurzer	
<b>Servers</b>	Payton Leete Jacob Britt Kayla Britt	Jesse Daughton Aaron Chapman Clayton Schaeffers	Alyssa Jones Ana Jones John Moellers	Chloe Gardner Rosemary Yauk
<b>Money Counters</b>	Lorraine Piphon Deb Salisbury	Bruce & Sharon Kleve	Bernice Holthaus Jane Marshall	Mary Kauten Linda Matthesen

# December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster - The Catholic parishes of Immaculate Conception, Sumner, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette, Holy Name, West Union, and St. Peter, Clermont.

**MISSION STATEMENT: Celebrating parish identity as we work to become one family of God and strive to serve in the name of Christ.**

**Masses & Intentions**  
**12/12/16 - Monday**  
**9:00 am, HN**  
 Lorraine England  
**12/13/16 - Tuesday**  
**7:30 am, IC**  
 Word & Communion  
**9:00 am, HN**  
 Marcy Blong  
**12/14/16- Wednesday**  
**8:00 am Mass, SFA**  
 Virginia Jones  
**12/15/16 - Thursday**  
**9:00 am, SP**  
 Rita Russo  
**12/16/16 - Friday**  
**9:00 am,**  
**Hillcrest Nursing Home**  
 Florence Gaffney  
**9:00 am, HN**  
 Harold Spies  
**12/17/16 - Saturday**  
**7:30 am, IC**  
 Jim Rochford  
**5:00 pm, SFA**  
 Kraig Kime  
**12/18/16 - Sunday**  
**8:30 am, SP**  
 Mary Bollman  
**8:30 am, IC**  
 Ben Smith  
**10:00 am, HN**  
 For the People

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<p><b>Pastor: Fr. Jim Brokman</b> <a href="mailto:dbq195@dbqarch.org">dbq195@dbqarch.org</a>  <b>Rectory</b> 1-888-578-5366 or 563-578-5366  <b>Office</b> 563-578-8227</p> <p><b>Sacramental Priest: Fr. Dale Rausch,</b>                  563-422-3184 &amp; 1-800-469-3184</p> <p><b>All bulletin information directed to Cindy Jacob:</b>  <a href="mailto:dbq195sec@dbqarch.org">dbq195sec@dbqarch.org</a> by 5 pm Tuesday evening</p> <p><b>Saturday and Sunday Mass &amp; Reconciliation Times</b></p> <p><b>Mass Times on Saturday:</b></p> <p>7:30 am, Immaculate Conception, Sumner                  3:00 - 4:00 pm Confession at Holy Name, West Union                  5:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette / Confession 4:20 - 4:45 pm</p> <p><b>Mass Times on Sunday:</b></p> <p>8:30 am, Immaculate Conception, Sumner                  8:30 am, Saint Peter, Clermont                  10:00 am, Holy Name, West Union</p>	
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**Please remember in your Masses and prayers people from our cluster who are sick or ailing, we pray that all will have firm faith and improved health:**

**From Immaculate Conception:** Juliana Blaylock, Michelle Heidemann, Betty Humpal, Barb Hyman, Leo Jones, Terri Kuethe, Noreen Miller, Peggy Pagel, Don & Pauline Rader, Fr. Jude Rochford, Rhonda Rochford, Rita Schmitz, Joan Schultz, Joyce Teeling, Jane Tucker and Jonathan Wirkler.

**From St. Francis of Assisi:** Urban Berkes, Darwin Dean, Addie Hollenrake, Rita Manderfield Gordon Murray-John and Larry Riley.

**From Holy Name:** Mary Dunt Buenzow, Steve Dunt, Steven Franzen, Hayden Grimm, Dale Halverson, Bea Heffernan, Bernice Holthaus, Jill Krambeer, Gerald Kramer, Eileen Lahey, Kathy Langreck, Pat Loomer, Bonnie Maiers, Brenda McDanel, Jessica McDanel, Roger Michael, Marilyn Miller, Raelonna Patrick, Fr. Rausch, Julie Schute, Betty Scott, Leona Streif, and Carl Wagner Jr.

**From St. Peter:** Elizabeth Goddard, Erik Johnson, Ellen Kneeland, Julia Martin, Albert Matt, Lloyd Meier, Pat Monroe, Jonathan Oakland, John Pape, and Ken Wagner, Jr.

**Rest in Peace:** For those in our parishes who have died and for our families who have lost loved ones.

**Happenings Around Our Area**

Friday, November 25, thru Saturday, December 31, Light Display at the Sumner City Park, 5:00 - 9:00 pm 7 days a week. Every is invited to come & enjoy the beautiful light display!!

Sunday, December 18, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual "Christmas Reflections" Open House at the German-American Museum of St. Lucas, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Trees, holiday décor, music. Serving "Holiday Buffet" from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm: Soups: German Sauerkraut/Sausage, Ham and Bean, Potato Leek; light sandwiches and desserts. Free-Will Offering. Sponsored by the St. Lucas Historical Society.



**Holy Name, West Union**

If you would like to designate a Poinsettia plant for a lost loved one over Christmas, please leave the money in the collection basket or the office with the name(s) of the designee(s) clearly marked. Check may be made out to Holy Name Rosary Society.

**A reminder to those** who attend Daily Mass. If NFV is delayed or cancelled, there will be no daily Mass.

**Wednesday, December 21,** Children's Christmas Program will be held at 7:00 pm followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. This includes students K thru 6th for the Program and 7th thru 12th for the reception. EVERYONE in the Parish is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and Christmas joy!!!! Questions or concerns contact Pam Rochford or Jamie Hoey.

**Project Giving Hope** December is Holiday Baking Month. Suggested items are: All sugars & flour, shortening, baking chips, etc.

Sacrificial Giving 12/4/16 Total: \$1,990.50

Adult Envelopes	1,520.00
Youth Envelopes	17.50
Offertory	88.00
Bldg. & Repairs	280.00
Rent	60.00
Religious Retire.	25.00

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER**

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm - Holy Name, West Union

Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm - I.C., Sumner

Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm - St. Peter, Clermont

Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm - St. Francis, Fayette

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Sunday, Dec. 25, 8:30 am - I.C. Sumner

Sunday, Dec. 25, 9:00 am - Holy Name, West Union

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Saturday, Dec. 31, 5:00 pm - St. Francis, Fayette

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Sunday, Jan. 1, 8:30 am - St. Peter, Clermont

Sunday, Jan 1, 8:30 am - I.C. Sumner

Sunday, Jan 1, 10:00 am - Holy Name, West Union

**St. Peter, Clermont**

**In lieu of the Giving Tree** we will sponsor several families in need. We will accept cash or gas/gift cards. Please put your donation in the church collection in an envelope marked Giving Tree. Checks should be made out to Rosary Society and we will get the donation to the families. Please have it turned in by December 18th.

**We will pack holiday food boxes** on December 17th at 9:00 am. Bring food items to the church basement to help with this project.

**St. Peter's Adult Formation Class** will be held the following dates: January 18th, and February 1st. We will view a DVD series entitled "A Retreat with Pope Francis."

Sacrificial Giving 12/4/16 Total: \$1,382.52

Adult Envelopes	1,217.00
Youth Envelopes	6.52
Offertory	39.00
Painting Project	100.00
Christmas	20.00

**Stewardship Quote**

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

**Pope's Intentions for December**

**Universal:** End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization:** Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

**Immaculate Conception, Sumner**

**Flowers in memory of loved ones** may be donated for use at our Christmas Liturgies by contacting Sue Heying at the Wild Rose in Sumner.

**Sunday, December 11,** The Christmas tree by the altar will be decorated following the 8:30 am Mass. Anyone able to help should plan to stay after Mass. It should only take about one hour. All help would be appreciated.

**Sunday, December 11,** Christmas Program & Potluck Supper, 4 pm. Pulled-pork sandwiches, hotdogs, macaroni and cheese and beverages will be provided. If attending, Please bring a large hot covered dish, salad or dessert to share. Hope you can join us! A special guest will be making a visit!!

**"His Hands Food Pantry"** Requested donations for the month of December are: Canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, canned pineapple and mandarin oranges.

Sacrificial Giving 12/4/16 Total \$2,670.50

Adult Envelopes	2,484.00
Youth Envelopes	3.00
Offertory	161.50
Knights of Col.	25.00

**Opening Prayer**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4).

**St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette**

**St. Francis Prayer Chain:** If you wish to be a recipient or prayer partner please contact Anne Seller at 563-425-4116 or Pat Burghardt at 563-578-8258 or email dsellers@iowatelecom.net

**"Sharing Gifts from God"** December is Holiday Baking Month. Suggested items are: All sugars & flour, shortening, baking chips, etc.

Sacrificial Giving 12/4/16 Total: \$2,056.49

Adult Envelopes	1,871.49
Youth Envelopes	4.00
Offertory	155.00
Immac. Concep.	1.00
Food Pantry	25.00

**Cluster Announcements Cont.**

**December 11th & 12th,** Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held at all parishes in the Cluster. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-- educating the young, comforting the sick, and seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

**Wednesday, January 4, 2017,** A Cluster Winter Teacher In-Service is being planned for 7:00 pm at Holy Name, West Union. ALL Catechists in the St. Joseph The Worker Cluster are invited to attend. This In-Service is replacing the Winter In-Service at Elkader that we attended in the past. Questions or concerns contact Pam Rochford or your Faith Formation Leader.

**I would like to take this opportunity** to thank on behalf of all our parishioners your generosity in helping those affected by the flooding in late summer 2016. There have been a significant number of folks that have been helped because of your spirit of generosity. Your generosity truly puts into flesh that great and golden rule of Jesus "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This truly is the Law and the Prophets!

As a result of your helping those who were in need, we have been able to help 19 families who were affected by the flood. The funds have helped families buy a new furnace and water heaters. They have helped families buy groceries as they make other large home repair purchases. They have helped buy beds for their children. You have done good and we that you that you followed the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

So please accept this note of gratitude and may God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. G. Robert Gross, Pastor