

## ***From The Desk of Father Seth...***

### **VIRTUES vs. VICES .....**

Ward off Seven Deadly sins with Virtues. All other sins stem from or are manifestations of the seven Deadly sins. Each sin demonstrates the lack of a virtue which can be combated by strengthening oneself in that opposing virtue.

**PRIDE...** Loving and esteeming oneself above others and above God. This is the root of all other sin.

**HUMILITY....** Selflessness - recognizing that skills, talents, and all other good qualities are gifts from God.

**LUST...** Considering others as mere objects of sexual desire.

**CHASTITY...** Properly ordering physical appetites according to one's vocation.

**ENVY...** Resenting others for their possessions or gifts.

**KINDNESS...** Wishing the best for others, brotherly love.

**GLUTTONY...** Consuming to an unhealthy excess.

**TEMPERANCE...** Taking all things in moderation and to the point of goodness.

**GREED...** Desiring material things to excess by placing too much importance on possessions.

**GENEROSITY...** Giving of time, talents and gifts freely and realizing that no material thing is more important than God.

**ANGER...** Acting in hostility or desiring revenge.

**MEEKNESS...** Acting with patience, mercy and charity when resolving conflicts.

**SLOTH...** Denying God's will for the sake of comfort and avoiding either spiritual or physical work.

**DILIGENCE...** Following God's will, even if it means sacrificing comfort.

**SWAP OUT YOUR SIN!!!! and CULTIVATE VIRTUE**

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## **December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent Today's Scripture**

Sat. 12/8 -5:30 St. Mary; Sun: 12/9 - 10:30 a.m. St. Mary, Avoca, 8:00 a.m. St. Patrick, Walnut

**Baruch 5:1-9:** Jerusalem, God will show all the world your splendor of glory.

**Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11:** We must be sinless and without blame in the days of Christ.

**Luke 3:1-6:** John the Baptist proclaims that everyone will see the salvation of God.

**Sunday, December 16:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

## **Mass Schedule for December 10 - December 17, 2018**

<i>Tues.</i>	12/11	8:30 a.m.	Peace Haven, Walnut	†Richard Russmann
		11:00 a.m.	Oakland Manor	†Those in the Nursing Home
<i>Wed.</i>	12/12	10:00 a.m.	No Mass	†
<i>Thurs.</i>	12/13	5:45 p.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Mike Sweeney
<i>Fri.</i>	12/14	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Robert O'Neill
<i>Sat.</i>	12/15	5:30 p.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Janet Freeman
<i>Sun.</i>	12/16	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Peggy Benson
		10:30 a.m.	St. Patrick's, Walnut	All Parishioners

### **Normal Weekend Mass Schedule:**

*Saturday:* 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's

*Sunday:* 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's(1-3-5)

St. Patrick's (2-4)

*Sunday:* 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's (2-4)

St. Patrick's (1-3-5)

### **Reconciliation (Confessions):**

Saturday & Sunday before Mass

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE December 9 - December 16

### Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

- \* **Please Join Us for Coffee and Rolls** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's.
- \* **Grades K-7th Religious Education Class #9** is 9:15-10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's.
- \* **5th & 6th Grade Children's Mass** is at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.
- \* **St. Mary's Christmas Choir** will have practice at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

### Wednesday, December 12

- \* **8-12 High School Religious Education #10** is from 7-8 p.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.

### Sunday, December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

- \* **Please Join Us for Coffee and Rolls** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.
- \* **Grades K-7th Religious Education Class #10** is 9:15-10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's.
- \* **Communal Penance Service** begins at 1:00 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul in Atlantic.
- \* **St. Mary's Christmas Choir** practice is at 6 p.m. All are welcome to join.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- √ **8-12 High School Religious Education** Class #11 is Wednesday, December 19th from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. at St. Mary's.
- √ **Knight of Columbus** meeting is Thursday, December 20th beginning with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Avoca Legion Hall.

**LITURGY VOLUNTEERS** are still needed at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's for Christmas Masses. Please email [smpavoca@walnutel.net](mailto:smpavoca@walnutel.net) if you would like to volunteer.

**2019 TITHE BOXES AND CALENDARS** are in the entry-way of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. Please be sure to pick yours up soon!

**AVOCA FOOD PANTRY** bags are in the church entry-way. Please pick one up and return by December 15th. Non-perishable food items are needed along with, soap, toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, etc. Please be sure to check expiration dates. Cash donation are always welcome.

**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK - 1531: A Story That Is Not Finished Yet** *Our Lady of Guadalupe Came to Change the World* - 1531 shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet.

**GO TO: FORMED.org**, the Parish Code is **R2Z2VN**, then create your account.

**WALNUT COMMUNITY CENTER** is hosting "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 9th. Pancake breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with activity tables, goodie bags and photo with Santa. This is a free will donation.

**"ST. MARY'S - BOOK EXCHANGE"** Feel free to share and/or borrow any Good Catholic Reading materials in back of church.

**REMINDER - ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS FLOWER** sign-up forms are in the back of church. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one please sign up by today, December 9th. The cost is \$10.

**REMINDER - ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** forms are on the table in the back of church. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one please complete the form and return by **December 16th**. Poinsettias are \$15 each.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** "Keeping Christ in Christmas" Cards are for sale in the parish hall.

**ADDRESS FOR** Fr. Dooley c/o S. Joseph Church, 1026 North 8th Ave., Winterset, IA 50273

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS & MASSES:** Donnie Bauerkemper, Helen Juelsgaard, Helen Dea, Eileen Denning, Paul Koster, Marie Manuel, Patricia Koster, Kenneth Suhr, Doris (Jeannie) Mertz, LaVern Mertz, Carol Porter, Doyle Gilland, Mike D'Angelo, Sharon Sorrells, Marie Suhr, John O'Keefe, Janet Doyle Antony, Lori Reinig, Judy Willoughby, Tim Tuel, Robert Stuart, Roland McLaughlin, Monica McLaughlin Merryman, James Hoffmann, Mary VanCamp, Cole Geraghty, Eleanor Brown, Marcus Upton, Shelly Mattox, Ted Aikman, Dan Noonan, Angela Brisbois, Darla Snyder, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Leona Bladt, Lillie Sue Mace, Nathan Hall, Nancy Blum, Sherman Snyder, Carol Gubbels.

**St. Patrick's Breakfast: Jan. 13** Laura & Lou Totilas, Judd Gross.

**TITHES St. Mary:** 12/2 Tithes- \$719; Plate - \$23. **St. Patrick:** 11/25 Tithes -\$80; Plate -\$67.

#### Ministry 12/15 SM 5:30 p.m.

**Lector** Nancy Holtz

**Comm** Lon Nelsen  
Theota Nelsen  
Mary Pearson

**Servers** Claire Denning  
Nick Denning  
Grace Lune

**U/G** Terry Bertacini  
Tom Bruck

**Gifts** Mary Berticini  
Rose Bruck

#### 12/16 SM 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Tom Pattee

**Comm** Melody Cordes\*  
Dennis Piittmann\*  
Carolyn Piittmann

**Servers** Elizabeth Cordes  
Kaeden Schmitz  
Evan Pattee

**U/G** Paul Wise  
Bill Dea

**Gifts** Priscilla Olsen  
Mary Kay Sievers

#### 12/16 SP 10:30 a.m.

**Lector** Nick Hoffmann

**Comm** Julie Gross  
Cindy Gross  
George Gross

**Servers** Wyatt Long  
Lane Muell

**U/G** Chris Freund  
Grant Stuart

**Gifts** Grant Stuart Family