



December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

St. Mary St. Patrick

Dec. 1 – “Disciple-Maker Index” Survey for ADVENT!

You may have seen in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago, a letter from me about a “**Disciple-Maker Index Survey**” that is coming out. Why? Our Archbishop — whom you may recall, just became Archbishop of Dubuque one year ago — in a spirit of synodality, wants to really “listen” to the people of his Archdiocese, and empower his pastors to do so as well. It’s to give you all a voice so, together, we make more informed decisions, not just for the immediate future, but for a strategic long-term plan.

Is this survey about closing parishes? No! Archbishop Zinkula told us priests, the “goal” of this survey is not to close parishes. Rather, it’s to ask the question how we continue to foster, support, and create vibrant and mission-focused communities, while being good stewards of our resources. His hope is for this data to formulate a “5-year plan, a 10-year plan, and a 30-year plan.” So, he said, there is no “pre-set” plan.

What about the “Synod survey” we did a few years ago?

Archbishop Zinkula has told us that this is meant to “build” upon the information from the synod survey we did a few years ago. This survey really focuses on what *you*, as a parishioner, truly value. What do *you* look for in a parish community? What are the most important priorities for you in a parish community? Then, it’s in hearing this that the Archdiocese can make more informed decisions about how to best support and foster healthy vibrant parishes.

What else is the Archdiocese doing as part of this plan? The archbishop is collecting data on three levels. In addition to this survey for you all, there is also a special survey for priests. And, in a spirit of good stewardship, the Archdiocese is also doing an analysis of how the Archdiocesan Offices might be re-organized to support parishes more effectively.

All of this is in the spirit of trying to discern better as a Church, to foster all parishioners to be intentional disciples, and all parishes to be healthy Christ-centered, mission-focused communities. So, as your pastor, I strongly urge you to please fill out this survey! It is not only for the Archdiocese to plan; but also, to help pastors at a local level to listen to you better. Therefore, we build a strategic vision for ourselves as a parish community!
We want to hear from all of you! So please fill it out! And strongly encourage others to do so as well!
We want to hear from *all* members of our parish!

This survey will officially be “open” on Dec. 5 and will run through Jan. 9. Make it AN ADVENT GOAL! (Before Christmas) to fill out a survey, whether on paper or digitally online! Let’s get EVERY parishioner to fill one out! We want to hear your voice!

Thanks
-Fr. Kevin

1 de dic. – Encuesta de “Índice de Hacedores de Discípulos” para ADVIENTO

Habrás visto en el boletín de un par de semanas atrás una carta sobre la encuesta de “**Índice de Hacedores de Discípulos**”. ¿Por qué? Nuestro arzobispo — quien, como recordarás, se convirtió en el arzobispo de Dubuque el año pasado — en un espíritu de sinodalidad, quiere realmente “escuchar” a la gente de su arquidiócesis, y capacitar a sus pastores para que hagan lo mismo. Es darle voz a cada uno para que juntos podamos tomar decisiones más informadas, no sólo para el futuro inmediato, pero para un plan estratégico a largo plazo.

¿Trata esta encuesta de cerrar parroquias? ¡No! El arzobispo Zinkula nos dijo a los sacerdotes que la “meta” de esta encuesta no es cerrar parroquias. Sino más bien, preguntarnos cómo podemos seguir fomentando, apoyando y creando comunidades vibrantes y centradas en la misión, mientras administramos nuestros recursos de mejor manera. Con esta información espera formular un plan de “5, 10 y 30 años”; por lo que, dijo, no hay ningún plan “preestablecido”.

¿Qué tal la “Encuesta del Sínodo” que realizamos un par de años atrás?

El arzobispo Zinkula nos dijo que esto trata de “construir” sobre la información de la encuesta sinodal que realizamos hace unos años. Esta encuesta se enfoca en lo que *tú* valoras como feligrés. ¿Qué *buscas* en una comunidad parroquial? ¿Cuáles son las prioridades más importantes *para ti* en una comunidad parroquial? Entonces, escuchando esto es cuando podemos ayudar a que la arquidiócesis tome decisiones más informadas para apoyar y fomentar de mejor manera a parroquias saludables y vibrantes.

¿Qué más está haciendo la Arquidiócesis como parte de este plan?

El arzobispo está recolectando información en tres niveles. Además de esta encuesta para ustedes, hay también encuestas especiales para sacerdotes. Y, en un espíritu de buena administración, la arquidiócesis también está realizando un análisis de cómo las Oficinas Arquidiocesanas podrían reorganizarse para apoyar a las parroquias de manera más efectiva.

Todo esto para tratar de discernir mejor como Iglesia, de fomentar que todos los feligreses sean discípulos intencionales y que todas las parroquias sean comunidades saludables centradas en Cristo y enfocadas en la misión.

Por lo tanto, como tu párroco, ¡te pido encarecidamente que completes esta encuesta! No es sólo para el plan de la arquidiócesis, sino además para ayudar a que tu párroco te escuche mejor; y como conjunto, ¡podamos crear una visión estratégica como comunidad parroquial! ¡Queremos escuchar de todos ustedes! Entonces, ¡por favor, complétala! ¡Y anima a otros a que hagan lo mismo! ¡Queremos saber de *todos* los miembros de nuestra parroquia!

Esta encuesta se “abre” oficialmente el 5 de dic. y estará disponible hasta el 9 de enero. ¡Haz de esto una META DE ADVIENTO! (Antes de Navidad). Completa la encuesta ya sea en papel o de manera digital en línea. ¡Que cada feligrés la responda! ¡Queremos escuchar de ti!

Gracias
— Padre Kevin

St. Mary

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Book Club

December 9- 6:30pm
The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

High School Youth
FOOD DRIVE

Sugar-Oil-Flour

Leave in the basket at the back of church!

Coffee and Rolls

December 1 following Mass

Parish Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Changed back to the original date!!

*Cookie Dough
Poinsettia Orders*

Please turn your orders in by
December 3



Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1292
Offertory	\$119
Social Concerns	\$347

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Liturgical Ministers

December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lector: Jodi Uthe, Doug Lindaman

Ushers: Richard Bloom, Duane Sudtelgte, Mike Bonewitz, Jim Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Wessels, Molly Forgy

Money Counters: Jim Wessels, Scott O'Brien

Altar Servers: Sergio Rojel

Lighting of Advent Wreath: Linda and Duane Sudtelgte

Sacristan: Jodi Uthe

If you are unable to fulfill your duties please find your own replacement.

Eucharistic Adoration and Prayers in Spanish on
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Cookie Walk

December 14 – 9-11:30 a.m.

Parish Hall

Box of cookies/candy will be \$14

Come and get your Christmas treats!!



Wow!

Thank you to everyone who attended the breakfast last Sunday, your support was overwhelming! The 5th grade class along with the high school youth did a fantastic job. Thanks to Robert Harms and Jessica Schipper for helping in the kitchen. Also thank you to the kids that stepped up and helped out! They will use the proceeds to fulfill a Works of Mercy "Clothe the Naked" the high school youth will make tie blankets and the 5th grade is going to purchase sweatshirts for Operation Santa Claus!

Give your heart to God, deliberately,
knowingly, willingly. It belongs to him.

*Thirsting for God
Mother Teresa*

St. Patrick

1405 N. Federal, Hampton 641-456-4857
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9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
dbq097sec@dbqarch.org

Liturgical Ministries

December 8th, 2024 – Diciembre 8th, 2024

Mass—December 8th, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mary Ann Patton
Ushers: Madonna Weiland, Fil Flores
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Patton, Ruth Ann Kelch
Money Counters: April Schoning, Ryan & Monica Winters
Altar Servers: Ryne & Teegan Magner, Rymer Velica
Sacristan: Samantha Markwardt
Linens: Judy Nelson

Spanish Mass—Diciembre 8th 2024 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Esther Garcia, Emma Calles
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Lina Vallejos, Jesus Andrade
Contador es de Dinero: Margarita Dominguez, Amber Lopez
Monaguillos: Thalia Coloriano, Ayleen Rodriguez, Maria Barradas
Sacristan: Anabel Alanis
You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

Happenings Week of December 1, 2024

Tuesday/ Martes December 3rd/ Diciembre 3rd

8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles –December 4th / Diciembre 4th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)
6:30 – Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves December 5th / Diciembre 5th

8:30 AM - Mass
6:00 – 8:00 PM Adoration

Sunday/ Domingo December 8th / Diciembre 8th

10:30 AM – Mass – Roll Breakfast
5:30 PM – Mass - Social



SCRIP for Christmas / SCRIP para Navidad

NEED CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS:

WE have food, fuel cards along with, Amazon, Target, Walmart, Menards, Fleet Farm along with restaurants and many more These make great STOCKING STUFFERS AND GIFTS for anyone you are buying for this Holiday Season!
Stop and pick up your Holiday gifts and help out St Patrick!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR / CORO DE OCHEBUENA

The St. Patrick Church Choir will be singing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be held from 9:30 a.m.- 10:10 a.m. on Sundays December 8, 15, & 22. All interested high school and adult singers are invited to attend. Contact Leon Kuehner if you have any questions. Hope you can join us!

El Coro de la Iglesia de San Patricio cantará en la Misa de Nochebuena de las 4:00 p.m. Los ensayos se llevarán a cabo de 9:30 a.m. a 10:10 a.m. los domingos 8, 15 y 22 de diciembre. Todos los cantantes y adultos de secundaria interesados están invitados a asistir. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Leon Kuehner si tiene alguna pregunta. ¡Esperamos que puedas unirte a nosotros!



FIRST BANK HAMPTON CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 13th 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Stop by First Bank Hampton and sign-up for St. Patrick to receive \$2.00 per person as a Christmas donation



FALL DINNER THANK YOU! CENA DE OTOÑO ¡GRACIAS!

Thank you to St. Patrick's members for their great help with our Fall Dinner. Over 150 people helped make the dinner a success. Whether you donated, provided food, or worked the day of the dinner we couldn't have done it without you.

Gracias a los miembros de San Patricio por su gran ayuda con nuestra Cena de Otoño. Más de 150 personas ayudaron a que la cena fuera un éxito. Ya sea que haya donado, proporcionado comida o trabajado el día de la cena, no podríamos haberlo hecho sin usted.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2024

REGULAR	\$	834.00
OFFERTORY	\$	344.25
FOOD PANTRY	\$	100.00

Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.

Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.

St. Patrick's Christmas Flower Remembrance:

Remembering Loved Ones Living or Deceased



If you would like to donate toward the Christmas altar flowers, please make a check out to St. Patrick, write *flowers* in the memo line and include the following information. (A minimum of \$10.00 is suggested) Place in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers and place in the collection basket, drop in the mail to St. Patrick, 1405 N. Federal Hampton or the parish office.

Donor Name: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Donated in Memory of: _____

Donated in Honor of: _____

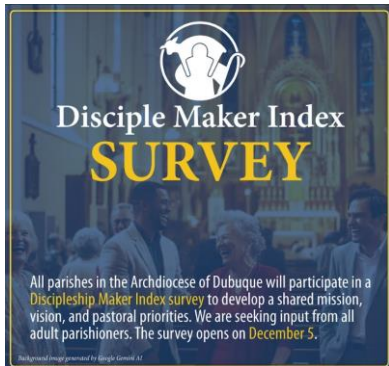
Would you like to join the Catholic Church?

Father Kevin will begin classes for anyone who is interested in joining the catholic church. It will be a six-week course meeting twice a month starting in January. The classes will be held at St. Mary. If you have any questions or would like to attend contact Father Kevin.

Communal Reconciliation

December 4 – 7 p.m. – St. Mary

December 11 – 6:30 p.m. – St. Patrick



St. Mary and St. Patrick, along with all parishes in the archdiocese, is participating in a **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. Many of us participated in the archdiocesan survey for the global synod during January and February of 2022. The DMI survey is the next step in an archdiocesan process that will lead to new mission and vision statements, and pastoral priorities. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. We are seeking as much input as possible regarding our shared mission, vision, and pastoral priority planning efforts. **The survey opens on December 5.** We will publish the link in our parish communications.

Pray for...

Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,
Jacob Sudtelgte



Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:
Jolene Harms at stmarystpatrick@gmail.com
St. Patrick, Hampton:
Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com



Blessings

First Communion:

Alicia Saldivar Rodriguez Conseco
German Alberto Fuentes Cardona

Confirmation:

Alicia Saldivar Rodriguez Conseco
German Alberto Fuentes Cardona
Marlene Montes
Dolores Amaya Carabantes
Sergio Rivera
Ann Schriever – St. Mary

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve December 24

4 p.m. – St. Patrick

6:30 p.m. – St. Mary

Midnight Mass – St. Mary

Christmas Day – December 25

5:30 p.m. - St. Patrick – Spanish

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Arlene Thuente St. Mary

Tuesday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Jenny Holmes Elbert St. Patrick

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Wilma and Francis Uthe St. Mary

Thursday, December 5

8:30 a.m. Msgr. Karl Glovick St. Patrick

Sunday, December 8

8 a.m. Ann Meyer St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Duane Kelch St. Patrick
5:30 p.m. For the people St. Patrick
Spanish

Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin CatholicNOO MASS