

December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent



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I mentioned last Sunday, in my homily, a friend of mine, who was ordained with me as a brother priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, who, unfortunately, took his own life. Based on correspondence near the time of his death, Dennis clearly was suffering from an acute mental health crisis. Please pray the peaceful repose of his soul. Please also pray for the many, many people affected by his tragic death: The priests of the Archdiocese, the parishioners of Immaculate Conception, students and faculty of Xavier Catholic High School, and of course his many friends and family. Here is the official obituary of Fr. Dennis:

Fr. Dennis Conway, 33, beloved priest and pastor, son, brother, uncle, and godfather, died unexpectedly on November 26, 2024, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque on May 27, 2017, by Archbishop Michael Jackels, Fr. Dennis served as associate pastor at the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville, and the parishes of St. Joseph in Earlville, St. Boniface in New Vienna, SS. Peter and Paul in Petersburg, and St. Paul in Worthington from 2017-2019. In July 2019, he was assigned to serve as pastor of the parishes of St. Michael in Belle Plaine, St. Joseph in Chelsea, and St. Patrick in Tama. In March 2021, Fr. Dennis became the pastor of Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus parishes in Cedar Rapids where he served until his untimely death. He loved his family, friends, the Church, and his people. Above all, he loved his Lord. Fr. Dennis was born on January 8, 1991, in Huntsville, Alabama. He is the oldest child of Brian and Christina (Richards) Conway. After relocating with his family to Cedar Rapids in 1997, Fr. Dennis attended All Saints and Regis Middle schools, and graduated from Xavier High School in 2009. He attended Marquette University where he began discerning his call to the priesthood during his freshman year. He transferred to Loras College in 2010, and graduated in May 2012. After a pastoral year assignment at St. Henry Parish in Marshalltown, Fr. Dennis was assigned to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy for his priestly formation studies.

Fr. Dennis was a fan of the Arts, especially music and drama. During his tenure at Xavier High School, he led the sound and lights crew for the theater and was a member of the Speech team. He was a talented pianist and loved to travel. Fr. Dennis had a gift for languages, enjoyed snow skiing and scuba diving, and collected fountain pens. He had a passion for spending time with friends, good coffee, and was a foodie.

Fr. Dennis is survived by his parents, sister, Aileen (Josh) Havel, and his two nephews, Hayes and Rhodes. He is also survived by his grandparents, Kevin and Marjorie (O'Neill) Conway and Lawrence Richards Jr., and a large extended family. Fr. Dennis was preceded in death by grandmother, Gerry Richards and aunt, Kristen (Kliesner) Richards.

Peace, -Fr. Kevin



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St. Mary

611 Sherman, Ackley, 641-847-2329 stmarystpatrick@gmail.com

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!

Budget Envelopes

Budget envelopes are on the table at the back of church. Please take the time to pick yours up. If by chance you don't see yours talk to Barb Keninger.



Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$1767
Offertory \$171
Christmas Flowers \$51

November

Online \$630 | EFTs \$1800

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online -giving

Liturgical Ministers

December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Youth Mass

Lector: Sophie deNeui, Sophia Lazo

Ushers: Caleb Harms, Sergio Rogel, Sam Mausser,

Giselle Flores

Eucharistic Ministers; Jaxon Schipper, Diego Lazo Money Counters: Mary Schumacher, Jodi Uthe

Light the Advent wreath:5th grade class Altar Servers: Lucas Mausser, Alex Harms

Sacristan: Jim Wessels

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!!



Children's Christmas program

The children's Christmas program
will be held December 18
Supper will be served at 6 p.m. with the
program to follow at 6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Love, in order to be true, must hurt. God loved the world so much that he gave his Son. His Son loved the world so much that he gave his life. He asks us to love as he loved, by giving ourselves.

Thirsting for God Mother Teresa

St. Patrick

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

Liturgical Ministries

December 15th, 2024 - Diciembre 15th, 2024

Mass-December 15th, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Cindy Dirksen

Ushers: April Schoning, Trey Horton

Eucharistic Ministers; Dwight & Sherry Peterson Money Counters: Sherry Peterson, Marilyn Brocka Altar Servers: James & Joseph Conlon, Dorian Harper

Sacristan: Samantha Markwardt

Linens: Judy Nelson

Spanish Mass-Diciembre 15th 2024 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Margarita Dominguez, Anabel Alaniz Ministros de Eucarísticos: Esther & Rafael Garcia Contador es de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Gabriela Garcia Monaguillos: Sergio Dominguez, Justin Guillen, Adan

Rodriguez

Sacristan: Anabel Alanis

You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.



Communal Reconciliation -Reconciliación Comunal

Wednesday Dec. 11th 6:30 PM Miércoles 11 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024

 REGULAR
 \$ 3,944.00

 OFFERTORY
 \$ 400.00

 FOOD PANTRY
 \$ 75.00

 BUILDING & GROUNDS
 \$ 40.00

 ONLINE & EFT GIVING NOVEMBER
 \$ 3,964.00

Give On-Line at <u>www.franklinhardincatholic.org</u> online-giving, Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.

Happenings Week of December 8, 2024

Tuesday/ Martes December 10th/ Diciembre 10th

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

Wednesday/ Miercoles -December 11th / Diciembre 11th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)

6:30 - Communal Reconciliation

6:30 - Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves December 12th / Diciembre 12th

8:30 AM - Mass

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM - Crafts (Social Hall)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Adoration

Sunday/ Domingo December 15th / Diciembre 15th

10:30 AM - Mass

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. iEsperamos 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



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.

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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 11 – 6:30 p.m. – St. Patrick



SURVEY IN NOW OPEN

The survey from the Archdiocese is now open to fill out. You can fill the survey out in three different ways:

1. Go to the link 2. Scan the barcode 3. Paper copy on the table at the back of church.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY

If you have any questions, please check with the parish office and we will do our best to help you!!

See the sheet inserted in the bulletin for the instructions on how to fill the survey out!

(St. Mary do not use the barcode that was published in the newsletter – there is a new barcode for St. Mary it is on the sheet inserted in the bulletin)

> 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 thepattons 4@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 9

9:30 a.m. Arlene Thuente Grand JiVante

Tuesday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Fr. John Moser St. Patrick

Wednesday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Msgr. Ralph Simington St. Mary

Thursday, December 12

8:30 a.m. Betty & Jerry Earleywind St. Patrick

Sunday, December 15

8 a.m Sharon Ubben St. Mary 10:30 a.m. For the people St. Patrick 5:30 p.m. Anita Cordova St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass
<u>www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream</u>
YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin CatholicNOO MASS