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"We are a pilgrim church, a community of believers, the living Body of Christ. Our mission is to make God's presence visible, to proclaim God's presence in our world. We witness that presence by living the Gospel images of Christ as shepherd, teacher, priest, and servant. The seed of faith was sown in our community many years ago. Today, like the yeast that works in bread, that faith continues to enliven us as we share our faith with our neighbors, region, archdiocese, and universal church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

Sunday	December 6	7:15-7:45 a.m.	-	Confessions
		7:30 a.m.	-	Parish Rosary
		8:00 a.m.	-	Mass at St. Theresa
				<i>Parishioners of St. Theresa & St. Aloysius</i>
Tuesday	December 8	8:30 a.m.	-	Holy Day Mass St. Aloysius
		6:30 p.m.	-	Holy Day Mass at St. Theresa
Wednesday	December 9	6:30 p.m.	-	Mass at St. Theresa
				<i>Joe Malone +</i>
Thursday	December 10	8:30 a.m.	-	Mass at St. Aloysius

To schedule a Mass for a special intention, special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one, contact the office at 785-597-5558. The usual offering is a \$10 Mass stipend that goes to the general fund but no amount is required.

NEXT WEEKEND – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday	December 13	7:15-7:45 a.m.	-	Confessions
		7:30 a.m.	-	Parish Rosary
		8:00 a.m.	-	Mass at St. Theresa
				<i>Deceased Members Knights of Columbus</i>
		10:30 a.m.	-	Mass at St. Aloysius

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

SERVERS: No Altar Servers

GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS: No Greeters

*Please pray for those who are ill: Melvin Lang, Brian Kabus, Ron Hurd, Don Ruhlman, Liam Ellis, Keith Middlemas, Keith Adams, Helen Smith, Rhonda Robbins, Gary Ellis, Janette Adams, Ellen McPherson, David Huston, Allison Weyers, Randy Lang, Randy Schnieder, Carolyn Kaberline, Jamie Hemme, Ronnie Hamel, Kent Dunn, Bob Schmidt, Joe Heston, Mallory Mitchell, Karen Parker, Maddox Schaben, Dalton VanHouton, Michael Piwarski, Allan Otter, Fred Gantz, Alan Adams, Jerry Stadler, Kage Ralstin, and Theo Ridenour. Pray also for their caregivers. *Please phone the office if you desire a homebound visit from Fr. Barnabas. Homebound ministers are Jim & Betty Grollmes and Cody Moore.*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – 11-29-20

Parishioner Envelopes	-	\$ 1316.00	Plate Collection	-	32.00
Other Collections	-	12.00	TOTALS	-	\$ 1360.00

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\*Items for the bulletin, please email Ruth at [rellis107@yahoo.com](mailto:rellis107@yahoo.com) or phone 597-5558 by noon Wednesday.  
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Continue to keep in your prayers those who serve our country at home and abroad and their family members:
MSG David Wichman, U.S. Army; PFC Joseph Matthews, Jr, U.S. Army;
SS E6 Brian Kabus, 101st Airborne, U.S. Army; Drill Sergeant Brian Buttram, Jr, U.S. Army;
Gunner Sgt Travis D. Madden, U.S.M.C.; Private Eric Amack, U.S. Army;
SSG Katie Manfred, U.S.A.F.; GM2 Adam Spurling, U.S. Coast Guard;
MK3 Shawn Spurling, U.S. Coast Guard;
Sgt. Nicholas Marstall of the 428th Transportation Company, Army Reserve.
Thank you for doing what you do so that we may live the way we do!

Church cleaners are needed for the week of December 6-12. Please sign up if you are able. If you need a key to clean, please call Ruth at 597-5663 or the Church office at 597-5558 to make arrangements.

December 6-12	Volunteers Needed
December 20-26	Volunteers Needed
January 3-9	Ruth Ellis

Please sign the schedule if you would be able to clean the Church during the first six months of the year. We sure do need a few more volunteers so that it isn't such a burden for anyone. Thank you in advance.

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Isaiah calls us to be comforted and promises that our service and our guilt are over – that we will see together the glory of the Lord. In the Second Reading, we are told of new heavens and a new earth. And in the Gospel, the fruition of these promises is defined when John the Baptist declares that soon, baptized with the Holy Spirit, we will be ushered into a new kind of being. Our hope in the fulfillment of these promises sustains us. Ask yourself how a truly hopeful person lives. \*Talk to your children, grandchildren, or a godchild about the day they were baptized, and if you remember your Baptism, or have heard stories about it, recount it for them. \*Go for a walk in nature (“go up onto a high mountain”), even if only to a city park, and thank God for the gift of the natural world; let your hope make you joyful in your interactions with others. \*Reflect on a situation in which you have cause to feel comfort. Pray the Rosary, Joyful Mysteries.  
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Today is the **Second Sunday of Advent**. We will be giving our gifts for the residents of Hickory Pointe Care Home in Oskaloosa. The home will sanitize all the gifts and then wrap them. If you forgot your gift and would like to get it to us, please let Ruth know and she will tell you when she plans to take the gifts over this week. Next week is the **Third Sunday of Advent**. We will be collecting cash donations for the Perry United Methodist Church to purchase items for the Blessing Boxes located in the front of their Church. These boxes contain food/hygiene items for those who are in need.  
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After Mass today we will begin decorating the Church for Christmas. If you could stay and help it would be appreciated. The work is all organized so should not take too long if we have enough help. See Linda Moore if you have questions or to let her know that you can help.
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Next Sunday is the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.
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**Nov 29, 2020** - Greetings Fellow Sojourners, a certain Christmas carol keeps running through my mind. I know we have just entered into Advent, but....."God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," has been at the forefront of my memory. You all know the song, but do you know the intended meaning? In the 16th century when this carol was penned, rest meant make, and merry meant mighty. May God make you mighty gentlemen, was the intention. In these days of covid confusion, let's not shrink from our position in Christ, but rather be lights in the darkness. Let us stay strong as a community of believers, encouraging one another, knowing where our strength comes from. Let us look for those who need help and help. To say it best....May God Make Us Mighty! In the Spirit of Advent, Linda Moore on behalf of Enflame and Father Barnabas  
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Opportunities for Confessions – There will be a Penance Service on December 16 at 6:30 pm. Mass will be at 6:00 pm with the Penance Service following. All are welcome to come. Fr. Barnabas will be hearing confessions from 1:30-2:30 pm on December 19 and he also hears confessions from 7:15-7:45 am on Sundays and 5:30-6:15 pm on Wednesdays.
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**Mass on Christmas Eve is at 9:00 pm and at 6:00 pm at St. Aloysius and 9:00 am at St. Aloysius on Christmas Day.**

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We will soon be ordering a brick for the patio at the Parish Center in Fr. Barnabas's name. If you are interested in ordering an engraved brick with your family name or relative or friends, please pick up an order form from the back of Church. Directions and pricing are on the form. The bricks are a \$100 donation and lettering is limited to two lines of fourteen letters each line. Double bricks may be ordered for \$200 for 4 lines of print. Bricks will be ordered before the end of the year. Call the office if you have questions 785-597-5558.
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If anyone could spare a few hours to rake up some leaves and cut some saplings from the patio area behind the rectory, please feel free to just show up and do it. Bring bags or call the office and let us know you need bags. Thank you.  
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