

*Prepare for Christ this Advent*

# Communal Penance Service

St. John's Catholic Church

Sunday, December 10th  
4 PM



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## Immaculate Conception

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

Mass Times at St. John's—  
Friday December 8th  
8:30 am and 6:00 pm



St. John's Youth Group will continue its annual Christmas Caroling Tradition on December 13th @ 7:00 PM. If you know anyone in Adel who would like us to come and sing to them, please call the office. The youth group will enjoy cookies and hot cocoa following the event.

**YCDM Social Event:** Join Young Catholics of the Diocese of Des Moines (full group) for ice skating at Oakmoor Sports on Friday, Dec. 8 from 7-9pm. Mention our group and receive a group rate of \$5 for admission/skate rental. Check out our Facebook page or email [ycdmcatholicsingles@gmail.com](mailto:ycdmcatholicsingles@gmail.com) for questions/details.

**YCS Christmas Party:** Join Young Catholic Singles for a Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 15 from 7-9pm at St. Theresa's parish hall. Festive sweaters are encouraged. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We will also be wrapping presents for our service project for Innervations. Check out our Facebook page or email [ycdm-catholicsingles@gmail.com](mailto:ycdm-catholicsingles@gmail.com) for questions/details.

## Deadline

### All liturgical ministers—

Please go on-line or on your MSP app now to indicate when you are not available in January and February. The Jan-Feb. schedule will be created on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Call or email the office if you have questions.



Reminder: We follow the ADM School District for closing/canceling Mass during the week due to dangerous driving conditions. Weekend Mass is rarely, if ever, canceled.



St John's Faith Formation Presents...

## A Night in Bethlehem



Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of song and a live recreation of the story of the Holy Nativity!  
Cookies and Juice to follow the program!



**We need your help...**The Vacation Bible School Committee is looking to add a few more people to the committee. The responsibility of the committee is to help plan for and implement Vacation Bible School that is held in June.

If you have any questions or are interested, reach out to Stephanie Howard at [re@stjohnsadel.org](mailto:re@stjohnsadel.org) or 515.993.4590

Don't miss Iowa Catholic Radio's Dinner in December, featuring a keynote by Dr. David Anders, host of EWTN's Called To Communion, Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Downtown. Cocktail hour, dinner, plus an exciting announcement from Iowa Catholic Radio! **Get your tickets now at [IowaCatholicRadio.com](http://IowaCatholicRadio.com).**



**Catholic Youth Camp \$175.00 credits available through St. John's.** Each week our Children's Collection at Mass is dedicated a special fund to help our families send their children to Catholic Youth Camp at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora. CYC is an opportunity for students entering 3rd-12th grade to be immersed in the beauty of the Catholic faith and grow in faith, build friendships and create memories. IF your family is registered at our parish and would like to receive a \$175.00 credit toward your child's CYC fee, Call Angela in the office BEFORE you register. She will give you a special code to be used at the time of registration. Registration begins Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at noon. You must have the code to get the credit.

