



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA, EXPLAINED!

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus "the Lamb of God." Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew's prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent.

The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen." ©LPi

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 6, 2025 4:30

Lector: Paul & Colleen Tauke

Eucharist: Jon McIlrath, Ed Anderson, Pat Jacobs

Server: Autry & Matthew Gage, Tucker & Jasper Freestone

Usher: Susan Waltz, Karen & Dennis Boger, Pat Steele

December 7, 2025 8:30

Lector: Amy Gadbar, Ana Schreck

Eucharist: Jenny & Michael Dayton, Michelle Streit

Server: Joshua Rupe, Gunner Bieker, Colin Morain, Olivia Stanton

Usher: Mark Bieker, Bob Johnson, Andy Schreck, Michael Wityk

December 7, 2025 11:00

Lector: Laura Krejchi, Grace Pettit

Eucharist: Gina Nunez, Eric & Zach Heitz

Server: Andrea & Annabelle Nunez, Emmie Garrity, Yvonne Sweers

Usher: Pat Finnegan, Ann Heitz, Tim Pettit, **Not Filled**

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

ST. JOHN'S CANCELLATION POLICY Reminder: We follow the ADM School District for closing the office and canceling all Youth Activities. ****Mass and Adoration schedules will continue. Adult groups/meetings will be responsible for communicating to their members. Please use your best judgement during adverse weather conditions.

ATTENTION USHERS

Ushers, our snow removal service will do their best to clear the sidewalks and parking lot. Please check the sidewalks when you arrive. If they are slick prior to Mass, please spread some ice melt when you arrive and record on the form. All weather aids are located in the entrance areas. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer chain requests can be emailed or called in to the office during office hours Monday - Thursday 9 am to 4 pm, Friday 9 am to Noon. Let us know if you would like to join the email prayer chain. office@stjohnsadel.org or 515.993.4482.

ROSARY HOUR AT ADEL ACRES

Our Homebound ministers invite you to come and pray the Rosary with the residents of Adel Acres. The next Rosary Hour is Saturday December 6th at 10:00 am. We hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes are available in the church entry for anyone who would like to make an offering for Christmas flowers this year. Please return your envelope during the regular weekly offertory. Thank you!

ATTENTION: ALL ALTAR SERVERS

You are invited to the Altar Server Christmas Party on Sunday December 14th from 1-3 pm. It will be a fun afternoon with PIZZA-GAMES-ICE CREAM. Please scan the QR code to complete the RSVP form and let Fr. Michael know if you are able to attend. Thank you!

RSVP
here



MEET ST. NICHOLAS AT DIVINE TREASURES

Bring the whole family for a heartwarming holiday visit with St. Nicholas! Children can meet him, learn about him, and take home a sweet little treat. Let's also "Give like St. Nicholas" by bringing a personal care item or cash donation to support the Catholic Charities Food Pantry — together, we can spread kindness and holiday cheer!

Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 11AM - 1PM

Divine Treasures, 5701 Hickman Road, Des Moines, IA.



Advent begins this Sunday and the *Little Blue Book* is a handy prayer tool for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Pick one up in the gathering space today!

Wednesday evening Adult Faith Formation session on December 3rd from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be providing a seasonal opportunity for faith, fellowship, and food! Our discussion topics are Advent and Eucharistic Adoration.

A discussion group for **Waiting Well: Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz**, will meet December 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6-7 pm in the lower level conference room. Bring your copy which features daily reflections, prayer, and opportunities for journaling.

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be offered at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

December 9th is the Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Encounter Night. Join us after Mass for an hour of adoration as we meditate on the Theme: Come let us Adore Him. A small meal will be served at 7 pm.

The Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on **Sunday December 14th** at 3:00 pm. Several priests will be available to hear confession.

DES MOINES AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES – ADVENT 2025

| Date | Time | Parish |
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| Tuesday, December 2 | 6:00 pm | St. Catherine of Siena, Des Moines |
| Tuesday, December 2 | 7:00 pm | St. Francis of Assisi, West Des Moines |
| Thursday, December 4 | 6:30 pm | Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny |
| Monday, December 8 | 6:00 pm | St. Boniface, Waukee |
| Wednesday, December 10 | 6:30 pm | St. Theresa, Des Moines |
| Wednesday, December 10 | 6:15 pm | St. Joseph, Des Moines |
| Sunday, December 14 | 2:00 pm | St. Mary of Nazareth, Des Moines |
| Sunday, December 14 | 3:00 pm | St. John, Adel |
| Thursday, December 18 | 7:00 pm | Ss. John and Paul. Altoona |
| Sunday, December 21 | 4:00 pm | St. Pius X, Urbandale |

