

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

24 SUN 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
25 Mon Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
26 Tue Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
27 Wed 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
28 Thu 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29 Fri 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop& Martyr
30 Sat 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
31 SUN Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

LENOX BIRTHDAYS
Dec. 24 Cathy Wood
Dec. 27 Marilyn Rychnovsky
Dec. 29 Oliver Sitzman
Dec. 30 Zach Schmitz

LENOX ANNIVERSARIES
Dec. 23 Bob & Susan Ryan

CORNING BIRTHDAYS
Dec. 24 Deb Moore
Dec. 25 Elizabeth Fuller
Dec. 26 Esther Hogan

CORNING ANNIVERSARIES
Dec. 28 Wayne & Jane Rychnovsky

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
LENOX
Ignite - Goal \$65,000.00 - Pledged \$69,186.06
Appeal - Goal \$12,992.00 - Pledged \$12,992.00
Sunday, Dec 17 - Collection - \$ 1,288.00
November Income - \$ 10,117.00
November Expenses - \$ 7,928.24

CORNING
Appeal - Goal \$18,771.00 - Pledged \$15,945.00
Ignite – Goal \$90,000.00 – Pledged \$61,087.00
Sunday, Dec. 16-17 - Collection - \$ 1,757.00
November Income - \$ 3,977.00
November Expenses - \$ 8,568.74
*\$10,000.00 taken out of savings 11/1/23
to pay November bills

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS
CORNING – CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY
Volunteers: Sign up sheet in back of church

CORNING - SATURDAY, DEC. 30
Lector: Lisa Allison
Ushers: Doug Allison & Marg Reynolds

CORNING - SUNDAY, DEC. 31
Servers: Amdors
Lector: Linda Schafroth
EM: Lynn Schafroth
Sacristan: Will Foley
Ushers: Barb F. & Dawn B.
Gift Bearers: Tamara Haley family
Musician: Carol Hardisty
Cantor: Tina Hogan
Money Counters Jan. 2: Bernadine B. & Barb F.

LENOX - SUNDAY, DEC. 24
LENOX – CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY
Volunteers for all liturgical duties

LENOX – SUNDAY, DEC. 31
Volunteers for all liturgical duties



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Fr. Livinus Anweting – Administrator
December 23-24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Visitation of the Sick - Please call parish office in
Corning - 641-322-3363 or Lenox - 641-333-2565
to arrange for Communion in your home.

Confessions:
Lenox - Sunday, 8:00 -8:30 a.m.
Corning - Saturday, 5:00p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Available anytime upon request

ROSARY
Corning, Rosary Recitation every Tuesday at 11:00
a.m., before, NOON Mass
Lenox, Rosary recitation every Wednesday and
Friday after mass at 9:00 a.m

Mass Schedule		
C, Sat., Dec. 23	5:30 p.m.	Phil Gearheart
L, Sun., Dec. 24	8:30 a.m.	Doyle & Florence Robinson
C, Sun., Dec. 24	10:30 a.m.	John Hogan
L, Sun., Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.	Gerry & Catherine Rainforth
C, Sun., Dec. 24	8:00 p.m.	Alan Luther
L, Mon., Dec. 25	8:00 a.m.	People of our Parish
C, Mon., Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	People of our Parish
C, Tues., Dec. 26	12:00(Noon)	No Mass
L, Wed., Dec. 27	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
C, Thur., Dec. 28	12:00(Noon)	No Mass
L, Fri., Dec. 29	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
C, Sat., Dec. 30	5:30 p.m.	Helen Chute
L, Sun., Dec. 31	8:30 a.m.	
C, Sun., Dec. 31	10:30 a.m.	Judy Hynnek
L, Mon., Jan. 1	8:30 a.m.	
C, Mon., Jan. 1	10:30 a.m.	Theresa Hogan

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
Corning, First Thurs: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Lenox, First Friday: 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Marriage - Arrangements should be made ASAP
and at least six months before the wedding.
Baptism - Baptisms are held on the 3rd Sunday within

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
4th Sunday of Advent

God is presented initially as accepting the plan of David to build Him a house, as we heard in the first reading. However, Nathan the prophet eventually returned to inform the king that God was more concerned with turning David's family into "His house" than with residing in a house Himself.

In short, David was not to build a house for God; rather God would build a house for David by establishing the family of David securely on the throne of Israel forever. God kept His promise for four centuries allowing the descendants of David to serve as kings of Israel in unbroken succession. But in the 6th century BC, the Babylonians conquered Judah and ended the succession of Davidic kings, prompting Israel to look for a different kind of fulfillment of God's promise to David. In other words, Israel began to look for the Messiah, a descendant of David who would come at the end of time to eradicate evil from the world. We find the beginning of the fulfillment of this hope in today's Gospel where the angel tells Mary that the son she is about to conceive will sit on "the throne of his father David, and reign over the house of Jacob forever" (Lk. 1: 32-33). The text reminds us that we are not on earth to do things for God, but to reflect and build on what God is doing for us.

Luke says that Mary is perplexed by Gabriel's words, "Rejoice, blessed one!"(Greek), translated as "Hail, full of grace." Mary is described as "full of grace," filled with God's favor and graciousness. Mary is told by the angel Gabriel, the messenger of God that

the Lord is with her. She is the new Ark, a tent and temple. God is literally and physically in her, and thus she is the greater house of God promised to David.

Brothers and sisters, as we begin the celebration of Christmas with 4pm mass this afternoon (today) we are called to carry Jesus – the ark of God in our heart and be immersed in his joy, peace, and happiness he brings. Therefore, return home today and be Christ-like. Share that same peace, joy, happiness and love with families, friends, and neighbors. Gather your families together – break the bread and share the wine by being gracefully joyful at Jesus' birth.

COMBINED ANNOUNCMENTS

OFFICES CLOSED.

Both Lenox and Corning offices will be closed From December 25-January 2, 2024 so that our employees may spend time with their families.

NO DAILY MASSES December 26-January 1.
Daily mass will resume Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve	6:00 p.m. Lenox 8:00 p.m. Corning
Christmas morning	8:00 a.m. Lenox 10:00 a.m. Corning
January 1, 2024	8:30 a.m. Lenox 10:30 a.m. Corning



CORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

The ABC's of Christmas and the Christmas story were a lot of fun for all our young people. Thanks to everyone who came to see them perform.

ANGELS AMONG US

Thank you to everyone who helped with Christmas Angels this year. We helped 40 families including 78 children in Adams County. Monetary donations will be taken until after the first of the year. Money is still needed for food items for these families in need.

THANK YOU

Many thanks go out to Tina & Patrick Hogan and their kids for bringing all the Christmas decorations up from the basement and putting up the trees on the Altar. Thank you to Beth W. and Jane who decorated the rest of the Church.

LECTORS

The 2024 Workbook for Lectors is finally here for those who wish to take home a copy to prepare before mass. You may get your copy on the table in the Church Office.

CORNING PRAYER LIST

Liam Morstorf	Mary Moore	Mike Cruise
Catie Hunter	Wayne Moore	Casey McKee
Kristin Ledvina	Doug Hardisty	Denise McGrew

LENOX ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped decorate our church for Christmas. All hands big and small were appreciated.

THANK YOU

To everyone who purchased presents for the Angel Tree. This year we had 29 names. One family said "No Thank You". The CYO kids bought for 10 children. There were 5 names left on the tree so Brooklyn Ecklin and Kathy went shopping for them. Thank you to everyone who gave monetary donations, we could not have bought for 15 children without you. A special thank you to Jose Lopez who calls the Hispanic families and visits with them in Spanish.

LENOX PRAYER LIST

Irene Ripperger	Kenny Heim	Jaxson Youngerman
Ann Votava	Brian Heim	Camilla Perez
Steve Sawyer	Sergio Dozier	Miriam Meadows
Tom Bradley		

