

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

7 SUN Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 Mon [Holyday of Obligation] Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9 Tue Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
10 Wed Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Our Lady of Loreto

11 Thu Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Saint Damasus I, Pope
12 Fri Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
Our Lady of Guadalupe

13 Sat Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
14 SUN Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LENOX BIRTHDAYS

December 9 Judy Wurster
December 11 Rick Schmitz
December 11 Brenda Rainforth
December 11 Rachael Reed
December 11 Astrid Martinez
December 14 Jeanine Lynam
December 14 Linos Padilla

LENOX ANNIVERSARIES

CORNING BIRTHDAYS

December 7 Bernadine Behlers
December 8 Vincente Butcher
December 10 Bill Morrison
December 11 Ryder Ramsey
December 12 Megan Ramsey

CORNING ANNIVERSARIES

December 6 Doug & Lisa Allison

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

LENOX
Collection - \$ 0.00
October income - \$6,911.64
October expenses - \$8,427.92

CORNING
Collection – \$ 1,325.00 (includes EFT)
October Income - \$ 12,094.56
October Expenses - \$ 13,497.37
Roof Campaign - \$ 87,390.00
Donations from parishioners - \$40,900.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

CORNING - SATURDAY, December 13
Rosary: John & Karma Green
Lector: Lisa Allison
EM: Doug & Lisa
Ushers: Nicky C. & Kathy W,
CORNING - SUNDAY, December 14
Rosary: Shirley Boswell
Servers: Ryder, Brylie, Sean
Lector: Chelsea R.
Em: Chelsea & Mark R.
Sacristan: Chelsea R.
Ushers: John & Shirley
Gift Bearers: Colella Family
Musician: Marilea
Cantor: Nancy
Money Counters Dec. 9: Berndine & Nancy

LENOX - SUNDAY, December 14
Sacristan: Kathy
Lector: Carolina & Kathy
Servers: Ariel & Mathue
Ushers: Sonntag Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy, Joyce, Sarah
Money Counters: Brad & Rick
Power Point: Katherine
Coffee & Rolls:
Dec. 14: Linda R., Jose & Susana G.
Dec. 21: Doc & Donna H, Duane H, Roger & Barb H



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December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Visitation of the Sick - Please call the 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, 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Available anytime upon request

ROSARY
Corning, Rosary Recitation every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., before, NOON Mass

Mass Schedule
C, Sat., Dec. 6 5:30 p.m. Helen Robinson
L, Sun., Dec. 7 8:30 a.m. Dan Sweeney
C, Sun., Dec. 7 10:30 a.m. Ed Larson
C, Tues., Dec. 9 12:00 (Noon) Dane West
L, Wed., Dec. 10 8:30 a.m. Tom Lynam
C, Thurs., Dec. 11 12:00 (Noon) Robin Mulligan
L, Fri., Dec. 12 8:30 a.m. Sam Moore
C, Sat., Dec. 13 5:30 p.m. Theresa Durkin
L, Sun., Dec. 14 8:30 a.m. Alex Stephens
C, Sun., Dec. 14 10:30 a.m. Geronimo Reyna
L, Sun, Dec. 14 1:00 p.m. People of our Parish

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
Corning, First Thurs: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Lenox, First Friday: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS
Marriage - Arrangements should be made ASAP and at least six months before the wedding.
Baptism - Baptisms are held on the 3rd Sunday
Lenox, Rosary recitation every Wednesday and Friday after mass at 9:00 a.m.

REFLECTION

After Peter’s preaching and testimony about Jesus on Pentecost day, his message provoked the congregation to ask: “*Brothers what then shall we do?*” Peter responded: “*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins*” (Acts 2, 14-38). There is no other time better than this season of Advent when we, must ask this same question: “What shall we do to be worthy of the Lord’s coming? In response to this question the Church says to us on this second Sunday of Advent: “*Repent for the kingdom of God is Close at hand”, purge and purify yourselves for the Lord’s coming!*

“Repentance” translates a Greek word, *metanoia* (literally, “change of mind”). It means a radical life-change involving a two-fold “turning” - away from sin (see Ezekiel 3:19; 18:30) and toward God for His mercy and acceptance (see Sirach 17:20-21; Hosea 6:1). It requires “good fruits as evidence of our repentance” (see Luke 3:8). Repentance, and reconciliation are necessary because, they are very important aspects of our preparation for encountering Christ. This is considering the word of the scriptures which says: “*Make effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord*” (Heb 12, 14).

One of the simplest ways that leads to this holiness is REPENTANCE from past sins and of course a firm resolve to remain pure as Christ taught us in the beatitudes: “*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God*” (Mtt 5, 8). In other words, one condition for seeing the Lord at the end of Advent is by purging and purifying ourselves of all that will be stumbling block for our encounter with him.

In the first reading of today, Isaiah prophesied of the Lord’s coming. Remarkable about this prophesy is the way He will come: “*Integrity is the loin round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his waist...His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentence brings death to the wicked*” Therefore, those who possess integrity shall be acquitted.

In today’s Gospel John warns us against the sin of presumption. He put it thus: “*Do not presume and tell yourselves that we have Abraham for our father.*” In other words, we must avoid the temptation that all is well,

and that we are already prepared. Those may not count in any way for us. The only thing that will count is our state of holiness and purity of heart when Jesus comes.

The cores message of this second Sunday of Advent is that we must rid ourselves of everything that will present a stumbling block to being with Christ when he comes. Hence, we are encouraged to retrace our steps and make amends for the wrongs we have done. This season is a time to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the purification of our souls. It is a time of making and suing for peace with all people. It is a time of repenting of the wrongs we have done them. It is a season of knocking down all the unnecessary mountains, hills and mounds; filling all the valleys, gullies and potholes in our lives that would present themselves as obstacle to us from encountering Jesus this season.

COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. LIVINUS PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY

December 18th is Fr. Livinus anniversary of being ordained a priest. Say a prayer for him. Join him at noon mass that day.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

Dec. 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception	
	Lenox 8:30 a.m.
	Corning 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve:	Corning 7:30 p.m.
	Lenox 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Day	Corning 10:30 a.m.
	Lenox 8:30 a.m.
New Year’s Day	Corning 10:30 a.m.
	Lenox 8:30 a.m.

MASS STIPENDS FOR 2026

A Diocesan change has been made for Mass Stipends. As of Jan. 1, 2026, the cost will be \$10.00 per mass instead of the previous amount of \$5.00

END OF YEAR GIVING

Remember our St. Patrick parish in your year end Giving. We need more funds to run our church.

CORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Thanks to everyone who took a tag off our tree for Christmas Angels. Gifts should be returned by December 15th and placed in the boxes provided at the back o0of the church. If you would like to make a cash donation, feel free to send a check to: AC Christmas Angels, c/o Union State Bank, 701 Benton Avenue, Corning, IA 50841.

YOUTH MASS MEAL

Tator Tot Casserole is what’s for dinner today after mass. Come on down and join us for lunch.

DECORATING & HOMEBOUND

We will be decorating the Rectory on Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 10:00 a.m. and then go to the Parish Center to make Christmas Cups for the homebound..

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 14th at 2 p.m.

ADVENT TRIVIA

Wednesday, December 17 at 6-7:30 p.m.

CHURCH CLEANING 2026

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for 2026 Church cleaning schedule along with the 2025 sheet for reference.

SIGN-UP SHEETS

The sign-up sheets are in the back of church for Christmas and New Years Masses. Please put your name down for Liturgical Duties throughout this holiday season.

LET IT SNOW!!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped us scoop snow this past week. We will continue to need help with this throughout the winter months.

CORNING PRAYER LIST

Liam Morstorf	Mary Moore	Mike Cruise
Catie Hunter	Casey McKee	Doug Hardisty
Ben Schweers	Hank Sorensen	Dash Burr
John Hawks	Kathy Konecne	

LENOX ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MASS – TODAY

CHURCH WORK DAY – TODAY

EVENING IN BETHLEHEM

Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. Come join us in Bethlehem for a meal and faith filled activities.

DECEMBER MASS AND ADORATION

Advent Reconciliation will be offered Dec. 10th at 6:00 p.m. The blessed sacrament will be exposed during reconciliation.

SPANISH MASS - Father Nick will be gone on vacation and will return for Mass on December 14th and 28th.

ANGEL TREE - The Angel Tree is up and in the back of the church. We have 23 children to buy for this year. Please have your gifts back by Wednesday, December 17th. Thank you for your spirit of giving.

LENOX PRAYER LIST

Irene Ripperger	Kenny Heim	Nathan Harms
John Heim	Camilla Perez	Elvira Meny
Rachael Reed	Paul Maynes	Ben Schweers
Sergio Dozier	Leslie Cerda	Brandon Larimer
Stacy Callahan Brown	Jack Wackernagle	
David Hale	Ben French	Mary O'Riley
Michael Gray	Bill Riley	Troy Bauer
Andrea Rayhons		