

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

8 SUN Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9 Mon Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

10 Tue Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14  
**Our Lady of Loreto**

11 Wed Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
**Saint Damasus I, Pope**

12 Thu Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**USA: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

13 Fri Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
**Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

14 Sat Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Saint John of the Cross, Priest**

15 SUN Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**LENOX**

Collection - Tithing - \$1986.00  
November Income - \$8190.99  
November Expenses - \$3971.16

**CORNING**

Collection - \$ 1,073.00  
November Income - \$11,650.14  
Expenses - \$ 8,596.04

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**CORNING - SATURDAY, December 21**

**Rosary:** John & Karma Green  
**Lector:** Karma Green  
**Ushers:** John Green & Anne Gaard

**CORNING - SUNDAY, December 22**

**Rosary:** Jamie Hogan  
**Servers:** Ryder, Brylie & Margaret  
**Lector:** Wayne Rychnovsky  
**EM:** Jane Rychnovsky  
**Sacristan:** Chelsea Ramsey  
**Ushers:** John & Shirley Boswell  
**Gift Bearers:** Kris Richey Family  
**Musician:** Marilea Mullen  
**Cantor:** Nancy Amdor  
**Money Counters Dec. 17:** Barb. F. & Bernadine

**LENOX - SUNDAY, December 22**

**Sacristan:** Kathy  
**Lector:** Brian & Larry  
**Servers:** Branden & Ariel  
**Ushers:** Dave & Joyce  
**EM:** Joyce, Larry, Don  
**Money Counters:** Steve & Rick  
**Power Point:** Reagan

**COFFEE & ROLLS**

Dec. 22 – Ag & Ben Casey  
Dec. 29 – Jose & Melissa Villarreal and Margarita Pena  
and Caesar Dozier



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**Fr. Livinus Anweting – Administrator**

**December 14-15, 2024**

**THIRD 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. 14 5:30 p.m. Richard & Irene  
Weis  
L, Sun., Dec.15 8:30 a.m. Delbert Heim  
All Souls in Purgatory  
C, Sun., Dec. 15 10:30 a.m. Geronimo Reyna  
C, Tues., Dec. 17 12:00(Noon) Chris  
Huntsman  
L, Wed., Dec. 18 8:30 a.m. Helen Juelsgaard  
C, Thur. Dec. 19 12:00(Noon) Judy Hynnek  
L, Fri. Dec. 20 8:30 a.m. Tom Bradley  
C, Sat., Dec. 21 5:30 p.m. Helen Bryson  
L, Sun., Dec.22 8:30 a.m. Doyle & Florence  
Robinson  
C, Sun., Dec. 22 10:30 a.m. John Hogan  
L, Sun., Dec. 22 1:00 p.m. Aurora Arevalo

**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Corning**, First Thurs: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
**Lenox**, First Friday: 9.00.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 within  
mass.

**LENOX BIRTHDAYS**

Dec. 15 Karleen Stephens  
Dec. 18 Pat Robinson  
Dec. 22 Rosa Castorena

**LENOX ANNIVERSARIES**

Dec. 22 Ivan & Carolina Mendoza

**CORNING BIRTHDAYS**

Dec. 15 Pat Venteicher  
Dec. 17 Janean Maeder  
Dec. 19 Bethal Kopp  
Dec. 20 Ellie Amdor  
Dec. 22 Hadley Hogan

**CORNING ANNIVERSARIES**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Repentance leading to renewal of life

John preaches fervently, urging his listeners to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Even though John's preaching is characterized by fierce criticism, his call for reform is still described by Luke as "the Good News," because the arrival of the Messiah will initiate a new reign of forgiveness, healing and salvation.

The repentance which John preaches calls for a change in behavior and not just regret for the past. According to Scott Hahn "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). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers and tax collector, and us as well, that we must prove our faith through works of charity, honesty and social justice.

John demands that we share our goods with one another, emphasizing the principle of social justice that God will never absolve persons who are content to have too much while others have too little. John also insists that we should not leave our jobs to work out our salvation. Instead, we should do our job as it should be done. He calls for fidelity in the very circumstances of our lives. Let the tax-collector be a good tax-collector and let the soldier be a good soldier. In other words, your duty is to serve God where God has set you. "Bloom where you are planted," St. Francis De Sales used to say.

Again, John's message created a restless yearning for God in the hearts of the crowd,

prompting them to ask a faith question, "What should we do?" In the light of John the Baptist's advice, we might consider what we can share with others this Christmas. John does not ask us to give everything we have but only to share -- to adopt an abandoned baby, perhaps, or to offer a meal to a hungry person, to visit a sick neighbor, to share in the funeral expenses of a poor neighbor, to practice active love and compassion.

What must we do? Remember that the Mass is the most powerful and greatest prayer. We must be a Eucharistic people, living and experiencing the presence of Jesus in our hearts. Find time to stay with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. What must we do? Do regular monthly Confession, it makes us strong and enables us to receive more grace in the Eucharist.

## COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr. Livinus will be available to hear confessions on Saturdays 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. in Corning and Sundays 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in Lenox during the Advent season.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tues., Dec. 24	Lenox – 5:30 p.m. Corning – 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 25	Lenox – 8:30 a.m. Corning – 10:30 a.m.

### NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASSES

Lenox – 5:30 p.m.  
Corning 7:30 pm.

## CORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The kids Christmas Program is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here in the church. Plan to come support our Religious Education program and our youth.

### CHRISTMAS ANGELS

We are happy to announce that all our Christmas Angel families have been adopted but money donations are still needed to fulfill our need for food items for the families. Donations can still be placed in the collection basket.

Adopted family donations need to be in by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all our parishioners who have adopted or donated to this local cause.

### FR. LIVINUS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Sunday, Dec. 22 Mass will be at the Parish Center and a reception will be held in honor of Father's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### ANNIVERSARY CARDS

Cards for Fr. Livinus can be sent to him at the church address (504 Grove Avenue) or placed in the collection basket marked with his name.

### POINSETTIAS

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Christmas Flowers fund. This really helps us make the church look beautiful for the Christmas season.

### CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Sign up sheets are on the back table to help with Christmas liturgies. Please do what you can to fill in all the blanks. Thanks in Advance.

**THANKS** to everyone who came to play Advent Trivia and congratulations to the Catholic Crushers for winning this fun event.

### CORNING PRAYER LIST

Liam Morstorf	Mary Moore	Mike Cruise
Catie Hunter	Casey McKee	Kristin Ledvina
Doug Hardisty	Ben Schweers	

## LENOX ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

We need your help. The food bank in Des Moines is running extremely low and we are getting more families. We are needing green beans, carrots, pancake mix, syrup, noodles or rice, side dishes, cookie mix, and spaghetti Sauce. No Soup please! Area grocery store gift cards are acceptable also. We will have a basket in the entry of the church for you to put your donations in. Thank you!

### FATHER LIVINUS ANNIVERSARY -

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to help celebrate Father's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest. Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. and supper will be at 6:30 p.m. Meat, dessert and drinks will be furnished by the Parish Council. We are asking people to bring a side dish of their choice to add to the meal.

**SPANISH MASS** - December 22 at 1:00 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS** - Sign up sheet in back of the church for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgy duties.

**ANGEL TREE** - Please return gifts back to the church by Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**THANKS** to those who braved the cold to come to the Night of Bethlehem last week.

### LENOX PRAYER LIST

Irene Ripperger	Kenny Heim	Alex Stephens
Ann Votava	Brian Heim	Camilla Perez
Sergio Dozier	Brandon Larimer	Elvira Meny
Stacy Callahan Brown	Leslie Cerda	Ben Schweers
Lois Thompson		