



CIRCLE OF SAINTS

CIRCULO DE SANTOS

ST. PATRICK, TAMA • ST. JOSEPH, CHELSEA • ST. MICHAEL, BELLE PLAINE

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Hours

Mon-Thurs • 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday • 8:30am-12:30pm

St. Michael Office

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Mass Times

Saturday
4:30pm - SJ
Sunday
8:30am - SM
10:30am - SP
12pm - SP - Español

Daily Mass

Tuesday 5:30pm - SP
Wednesday 8:30am - SJ
Thursday 8:30am - SM
Friday 8am - SP

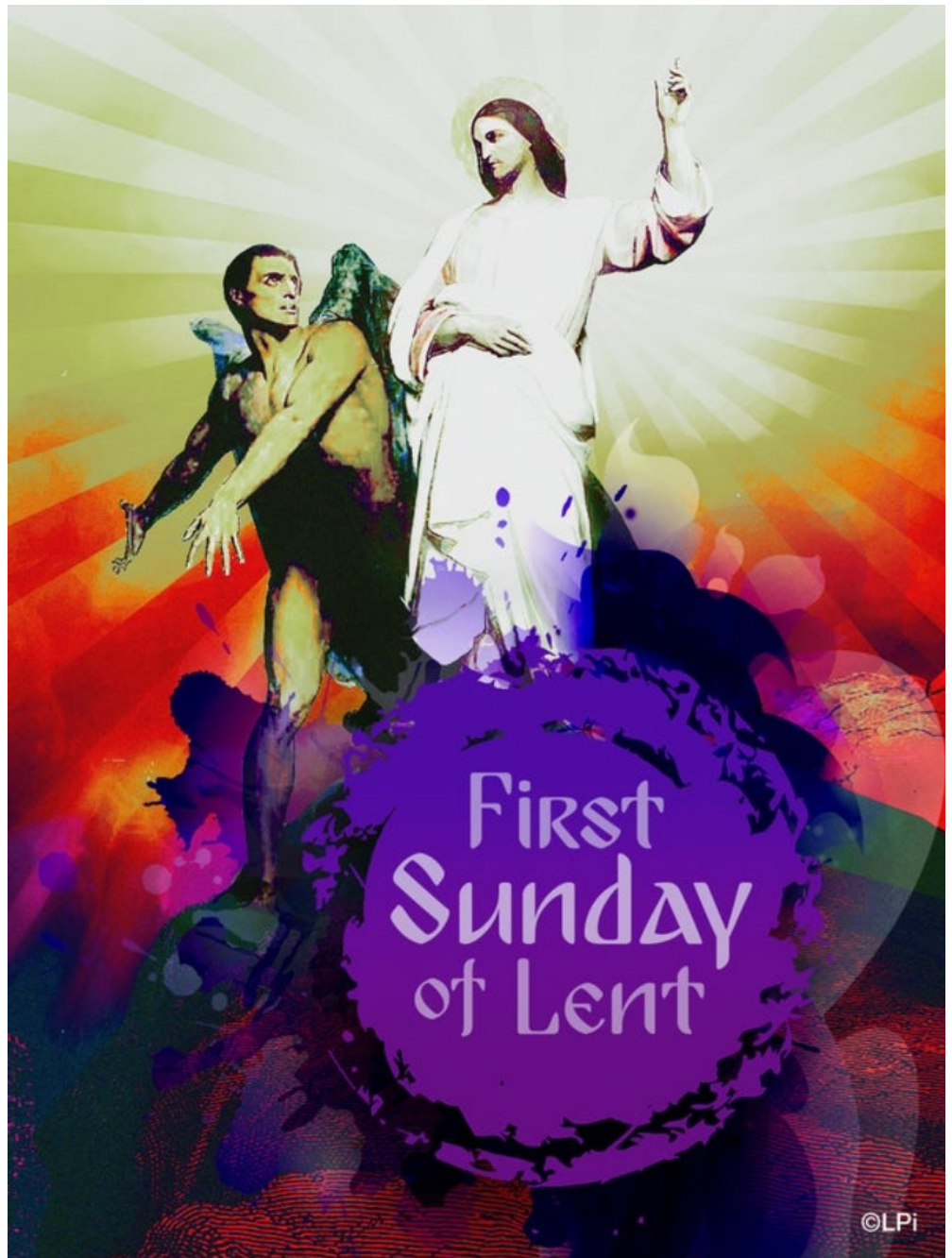
Nursing Home Mass

First Wednesday 10:15AM - PE
Second Thursday 10am - SC
Third Wednesday 10:15am - SH

Weekly Reconciliation

Tuesday 6pm - SP
Wednesday 9am - SJ
Thursday 9am - SM
Saturday 3:45pm-4:15pm - SJ

St. Joseph-SJ • St. Michael-SM
St. Patrick-SP • Sunny Hill Tama-SH
Premier Estates Toledo-PE
Specialty Care Belle Plaine-SC



February 26, 2023

From the Pastor

The Spring of the Church year

Where did the church get the idea of Lent? The word "Lent" in English is derived from the Germanic word for spring. What happens during the spring? The snow melts, the dirt and grime on the roads get washed away by the rains, the grass slowly begins to come alive and glows a vibrant green. The sun is visible most of the day, trees start to bud and leaves begin to form, and the early flowers begin to bud and bloom.

Lent is meant to be the springtime of the church year. So often we've seen Lent portrayed as a desert, as a place where there is no life, where nothing grows, where we cannot be nourished. In a certain sense, the desert image is correct as we journey with Jesus into the desert - but being in the desert doesn't mean that there can't be growth.

As we enter our Lenten observance, our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant to make space in our hearts for new growth, for new spiritual life. I pray that your Lent begins well and that your practices of prayer, of fasting, and of almsgiving bring about new life for you personally, for your relationships with others, and in your relationship with God.

-Fr. Michael

St. Joseph game night



Parish News & Events

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT @ 6 PM

Every Friday @ St. Patrick, Tama

and

February 24: St. Joseph, Chelsea

March 3: St. Michael, Belle Plaine

March 24: St. Joseph, Chelsea

March 31: St. Michael, Belle Plaine



Circle of Saints Confirmation bilingual Mass with Archbishop Jackels will be Sunday, March 5 at 10:30am at St. Patrick's.

St. Joseph is having their annual Chili/Soup Supper and Auction on Saturday March 18 in honor of our patron, St. Joseph! Please bring new and used items (in good shape), crafts, and other auction-worthy items to the school for the event. Drinks and red beer will be provided!

St. Patrick Food Pantry Collection is Sunday, March 5. Please bring your non-perishable food and place them in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Patrick CCW Ladies will be meeting Tuesday, March 7 at 1:30pm at St. Patrick's cafeteria. Our guest speaker will be from SKIP. Hostesses are Marce Nekola, Kathy Hendricks, Mary Cibula and Carolyn Bohnstengel.

St. Patrick Parish will be hosting World Day of Prayer Friday, March 3. The prayer service will be at Noon followed by a social luncheon. This is an ecumenical celebration gathering people to join in prayers and prayerful action. The Theme for 2023 is "I have heard about your faith." This short prayer is written this year by the women of Taiwan.

Lenten Lunches are back! Join the Christian communities in Tama/Toledo for Wednesday lunches during Lent. These lunches consist of a short prayer service and a meal. The schedule is as follows:

March 1 - Living Faith Methodist, Tama

March 8 - First Presbyterian - Toledo

March 15 - St. Patrick, Tama

March 22 - St. Paul Lutheran, Tama

March 29 - Christ Methodist, Toledo

The services begin at **Noon each Wednesday**. All are welcome!

Men's CEW Retreat coming up! Have you experienced the Holy Spirit personally? Every year your faith community hosts a Christian Experience Weekend Retreat and the Lord repeatedly shows up in BIG ways. Please consider attending this weekend for yourself; meet the Lord one-on-one and share in the faith of those sitting in the pews around you. Attendees range from 18 to 80 years old from Marshalltown, Tama, Chelsea, Belle Plaine, Ames, Des Moines, and more. Please join us! Men's Weekend: March 3-5. More information at www.St-Francis.net/CEW.



Knights of Columbus

SP Knights will be meeting Tuesday, February 28 at 7pm.

SJ/SM Knights Food Pantry collection is Sunday, March 12.

Non-perishable food and paper goods only please. Items may be placed in the back of St. Michael.

SJ/SM Knights will be meeting Monday, March 13 at 7:30pm.

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February Decade & Special Anniversary Celebrations

Paul & Noel Duffy (65)
Michel & Diane Ward (45)
Steve & Karla Nekola (55)

February 80+ Birthday Celebrations!

February 3 - Betty Damisch
February 4 - Richard Claeys
February 4 - Ernest Kucera
February 6 - Mary Cecak
February 6 - Maxine Upah
February 12 - Betty Rutledge
February 17 - Noel Duffy
February 17 - Jack Williams
February 28 - David Svoboda

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25

4:30pm Leonard Balvin SJ

Sunday, February 26

8:30am John Brown SM

10:30am Ed Upah SP

12:00pm Pro Populo SPS

Tuesday, February 28

5:30pm Beulah Upah SP

Wednesday, March 1

8:30am Laurie Grieder SJ

10:15am Dorothy Hagerty PE

Thursday, March 2

8:30am Joe Svoboda SM

Friday, March 3

8:00am Ed Upah SP

Saturday, March 4

4:30pm Steve & Joe Balvin SJ

Sunday, March 5

8:30am Don Kozik SM

10:30am Pro Populo SP

Community News

Tama-Toledo Blood Drive will be Tuesday, March 14 from 2pm-6pm at the Tama Civic center, 305 Siegel Street. To set up your appointment you can text LIFESERVE to 999-77 or call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Dubuque

Serving the Poor...God's Work is Here: Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Your gift directly impacts families in the Northeast Iowa. Please consider partnering with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Annual Appeal today. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/annualappeal.

Minister Schedule

St. Joseph

Saturday, March 4 at 4:30pm

LE: Tom L. Upah
EU: Harry Hlas, Janice Upah, Ron Kratoska
HM: Allen Kaufman, Tommy Kiebach
AS: Paul & Jared Dvorak
MC: Ellen Waterbury, Sid Jedlicka

St. Michael

Sunday, March 5 at 8:30am

LE: Lilly Wickwire
EU: Deb Chekal, Leo Hlas, John Grieder
HM: Doug & Janet Johnson
AS: Ava Grieder, Lucia Timm, Georgia DeMeulenaere
GB: Doug & Janet Johnson
MC: Nancy Roth, Amber McLeod

St. Patrick

Sunday, March 5 at 10:30am

LE: Jair Martinez, Allison Argo
EU: Kent Campbell, Kris Collins, Matt & Syd Popelka, Julie Hagerty
HM: Carol Hibbs, Robert Husak, Joanne Wacha
AS: Jessica Crawford
MC: Deanna Dickens-McCarroll, Ron Timm, Julie Hagerty

*LE-Lector • EU-Eucharistic Minister
HM-Hospitality Minister • AS-Altar Server
MC-Money Counters • GB-Gift Bearers*



Bulletin submissions are due by Monday at Noon.

Remember in your prayers

Carol Dvorak, Scott Posusta, Marlus Svoboda, Dennis Walton, Troy Dunsmoor, Gary Dolezal, Florence Balvin, Sandy Hayek, Dorothy Hayek, Adam Wilkens, Nick Valesquez, John Gessner, Myla Dvorak, Onnah Dvorak, Savannah Chumbley, Haley Holbrook, Ellie Slaney, Milo Hala, Margaret Lyon, Myra Crawford, Karen Wegand, Betty Hayek, Marilyn Hlas, Donald Martens, George Morhfeld, John Ellenbecker, Marilyn Silhanek, Mayla Kiebach, Tim Murphy, Mildred Dolezal

And anyone else suffering from any illness or injury including Veterans and the currently deployed military and their families.

Please call the office to add to or remove a name from this list.