



CIRCLE OF SAINTS CIRCULO DE SANTOS

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

Office

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Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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Wednesday & Thursday: 8 AM - 3 PM

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH 105TH ANNUAL
FALL FESTIVAL**
AUGUST 31, 2025

HOMEMADE CHICKEN & HAM DINNER
NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES, DRESSING, ROHLICKYS, KOLACHES
HAMBURGER STAND AND MORE!

SERVING TIMES: 11, 11:45, AND 12:30

Bingo all afternoon
3 PM Nickel Scramble for kids
4 PM Cow Chip Bingo
Silent Auction and Raffle

Dinner Tickets: \$15 children under 12: \$6
Carry-Outs Available

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 31, 2025

Mass Times

Saturday

4:30 PM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

Sunday

8:30 AM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

10:30 AM: St. Patrick - Tama

12 PM: St. Patrick - Tama [Spanish]

Daily Mass

Tuesday

5:30 PM: St. Patrick - Tama [Bilingual]

Wednesday

8:30 AM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

Thursday

8:30 AM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Friday

8 AM: St. Patrick - Tama

Adoration

Tuesday

6 PM - 8 PM: St. Patrick - Tama

[Healing Prayer offered at St. Patrick during this time]

Wednesday

9 AM - 12 PM: St. Joseph Chelsea

Thursday

9 AM - 4 PM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Friday

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM: St. Patrick - Tama

Weekly Reconciliation

Tuesday

6 PM: St. Patrick - Tama

Wednesday

9 AM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

Thursday

9 AM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Saturday

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

Nursing Home Mass

First Wednesday

10:15 AM: Premier Estates - Toledo

Second Thursday

10 AM: Specialty Care - Belle Plaine

Third Wednesday

10:15 AM: Sunny Hill - Tama

Fourth Wednesday

11 AM: Birkwood Village - Toledo

Our Mission

*We are here to form
spirit - filled missionary
disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Glory of God.*

Nuestra Misión

*Estamos aquí para formar
discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo
llenos del espíritu para
la gloria de Dios.*

**Bulletin submissions
are due by
Monday at noon.**

Journey in Faith

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is holding 34 regional informational sessions for parishioners to learn more about the Journey in Faith process. These sessions will further explain information that will be released at dbqjourneyinfaith.org in early September.



Please plan to attend a meeting to learn more about the rationale, process, and timeline for *Journey in Faith*. *Attending these meetings will give you background about the challenges we face and the opportunities we have to be honest, courageous, faithful, and hopeful. Your ideas about how we can have vibrant and sustainable parishes focused on evangelization for the next 25+ years is very important as future plans are developed.*

There are 34 September Regional Journey in Faith Information Sessions from which to choose. Each is held in a parish church and is scheduled for three hours. Parishioners should attend a meeting held in their Regional Planning Area (RPA). The overall information will be the same at each meeting, however, the proposed pastorate models that are explained will be specific to your RPA. (See RPA (v5) for your region.)

St. Patrick will be hosting their Regional Planning Area on Monday, September 15 from 6 PM - 8 PM. Registering is required to assist. Space is limited. Registrations will be closed once registration reaches capacity. To sign up, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/JIFSeptSignUp> or use the QR code:



If you are unable to attend a September regional meeting, you are urged to review all of the information on the website including videos, maps, and spreadsheets that will be released on September 2nd. This will enable you to have background prior to attending your own local parish's meetings in October and November. A summary video with key points from those meetings about prayer and synodal listening will be released at the end of September.

SJ/SM Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus presented a check to the Belle Plaine Food Bank for \$600.00. This was from the donation given at the last pancake breakfast. Presenting the check was Joel Hanzelka and Leo Hlas. Just one of the many activities that the Knight of Columbus is able to do because of your continued support.

Community News

Tama & Toledo Communities Blood Drive will be Wednesday, September 24 at 2 PM - 6 PM at the Tama Civic Center. Schedule your appointment online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or contact Tom Doyle.

Parish News & Events

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

Next Baptism preparation class is Saturday, September 6 at 9 AM at St. Patrick parish library. To register for class call the cluster office at [641] 484-3039.

St. Patrick Food Pantry collection is Sunday, September 7, please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the gathering space. Thank you!

That Man Is You: The Fight of Faith equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity. Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown of glory. Join us for food, fellowship and faith on Wednesday, September 10th at 6 PM at St. Patrick's Cafeteria. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com.

SJ/SM Knights of Columbus food pantry collection is Sunday, September 14. Non-perishable food and paper good only please. Items pay be placed in the back of St. Michael.

SJ/SM Knights will be meeting Monday, September 15 at 7:30 PM at St. Michael parish hall.

BIBLE STUDY - THE CHOSEN *Season 1*

St. Michael Social Hall - Belle Plaine
Thursday, Sep 18 - Thursday, Nov 6
at 2:30 PM with Carol Wonrau
or at 6:30 PM with Deb Chekal



Know Your Faith



Why do we believe Mary remained a virgin?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (499-501): The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary's real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. In fact, Christ's birth "did not diminish his mother's virginal integrity but sanctified it." And so, the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aciparthenos*, the "Ever-virgin".

Against this doctrine the objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus. The Church has always understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact, James and Joseph, "brothers of Jesus," are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew significantly calls "the other Mary." They are close relations of Jesus, according to an Old Testament expression.

Mary "remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin" (St. Augustine, *Serm.* 186, 1: PL 38, 999): with her whole being she is "the handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38) (CCC 499-501).

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September Special Anniversaries

Charles & Kathy VanThournout [55]

Rick & Carol Petersen [55]

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 Cofsaints.org

 Circle of Saints

 Rev. Michael McAndrew

Text for Updates

 Text COFSAINTS to 84576

 Texto SANTOS al [202] 765-3441

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 30

4:30 PM - SJ: Pro Populo

Sunday, August 31

8:30 AM - SM: Fran Kozik
10:30 AM - SP: Fr. Dennis Conway
12 PM - SPS: Isaiah Manuel Ordaz

Tuesday, September 2

5:30 PM - SP: Lester & Robert Posusta

Wednesday, September 3

8:30 AM - SJ: Dan Behaunek

Thursday, September 4

8:30 AM - SM: Paul Hinschberger

Friday, September 5

8 AM - SP: Randy Sevcik

Saturday, September 6

4:30 PM - SJ: Pro Populo

Sunday, September 7

8:30 AM - SM: Jason DeMeyer
10:30 AM - SP: Frankie Nekola
12 PM - SPS: Maria de Jesus Valles H.

September 80+ Birthdays

Sep 3 - Verlene Horbach

Sep 3 - Anne Ramsdell

Sep 5 - Mary Ellen Kriegel

Sep 6 - Garnet Upah

Sep 10 - Gaynelle VanGambleare

Sep 11 - Gary Benda

Sep 12 - Marvin Hlas

Sep 12 - Bev Stanley

Sep 12 - Elaine Upah

Sep 17 - Roger Silhanek

Sep 19 - Pat Sauer

Sep 22 - Karla Wessels

Sep 23 - Richard Hosek

Sep 24 - Leonard Husak

Sep 25 - Eva Kasal

Sep 25 - John Kupka

Sep 30 - Michael Silhanek

Minister Schedule

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph - Chelsea

Saturday, September 6 at 4:30 PM

Lector: Bob Howe

Eucharistic Ministers: Dale Howe, Sid Jedlicka, Ron Kratoska, Janice Upah

Hospitality Ministers: Andrew Veit, Tom L. Upah

Altar Servers: Vanessa & Vin Lee Veit

Money Counters: Harry Hlas, Julie Kasal

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Sunday, September 7 at 8:30 AM

Lector: Connie Drahos

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Chekal, John Grieder, Wayne Parizek, Carol Petersen

Hospitality Ministers: Mike Fredericks, Rick Petersen

Altar Servers: Sawyer Neuhaus, Garrett Crawford, Adeline Davis

Money Counters: Julie Breja, Sherri Swearengin

St. Patrick - Tama [English]

Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 AM

Lector: Marvin Bohnstengel

Eucharistic Ministers: Nick Kubik, John Kalinay, Kent Campbell, Christa Slagle, Barb Slagle, Carol Hibbs

Hospitality Ministers: Joe Stanley, Ron Timm, Laurence Husak

Altar Servers: Wyatt & Harper Feisel

Money Counters: Mary Kendall, Marce Nekola, Kathy Albright, Micki Ferris

San Patricio - Tama [Español]

Domingo 7 de septiembre al mediodía

Lector: Coro de Niños

Ministros Eucarísticos: Lisandra Ordaz, Jenny Santoyo, Lucia Flores

Ministros de hospedaje: Luis M. Ordaz, Anthony Santoyo, Heidy Herrera, Norma Herrera

Monaguillos: Denilson Castro, Fernando Cervantes

Pray for..

Sandra Hayek, Dorothy Hayek, Scott Posusta, Jerry Dvorak, Jeff Dvorak, Ted Sharer, Carol Walton, Ryan Selken, Jayden Santoyo, George Mohrfeld, Eileen Hora, Ruth Squiers, Nona Paulsen, Maxine Boles, Maria Reyes, Erick Reyes, Maria del Carmen Orozco, Onnah Dvorak, Anthony Dvorak, John Gessener, Ashley Slinkard, Darcy Smith, Kenny Bacon, John Novak, Rich Novak, Kate Novak, Nancy Carlson, Avriel Koester, Gary & Dora Zmolek, Mary Tomas

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

Names will remain listed for three months. To add or renew a name, please contact the Parish Office at [641] 484-3039.





¿Por qué creemos que María permaneció virgen?

Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (499-501): La profundización de la fe en la maternidad virginal llevó a la Iglesia a confesar la virginidad real y perpetua de María incluso en el acto de dar a luz al Hijo de Dios hecho hombre. De hecho, el nacimiento de Cristo “no disminuyó la integridad virginal de su madre, sino que la santificó.” Por ello, la liturgia de la Iglesia celebra a María como Aeiparthenos, la “Siempre Virgen”.

A esta doctrina se le objeta a veces que la Biblia menciona a los hermanos y hermanas de Jesús. La Iglesia siempre ha entendido que estos pasajes no se refieren a otros hijos de la Virgen María. De hecho, Santiago y José, “hermanos de Jesús”, son hijos de otra María, discípula de Cristo, a quien San Mateo llama significativamente “la otra María”. Son parientes cercanos de Jesús, según una expresión del Antiguo Testamento.

María “permaneció virgen al concebir a su Hijo, virgen al darlo a luz, virgen al llevarlo en su seno, virgen al amamantarlo, siempre virgen” (San Agustín, Serm. 186, 1: PL 38, 999): con todo su ser ella es “la esclava del Señor” (Lc 1, 38) (CEC 499-501).

Viaje en la Fe

La Arquidiócesis de Dubuque está llevando a cabo 34 sesiones informativas regionales para que los feligreses aprendan más sobre el proceso de Viaje en la fe. Estas sesiones explicarán con más detalle la información que se publicará en dbqjourneyinfaith.org a principios de septiembre.



Planee asistir a una reunión para obtener más información sobre la justificación, el proceso y el cronograma de *Viaje en la Fe*. *Asistir a estas reuniones le dará antecedentes sobre los desafíos que enfrentamos y las oportunidades que tenemos para ser honestos, valientes, fieles y esperanzados. Sus ideas sobre cómo podemos tener parroquias vibrantes y sostenibles enfocadas en la evangelización durante los próximos 25+ años son muy importantes a medida que se desarrollan planes futuros.*

Hay 34 sesiones informativas regionales de Viaje en la Fe de septiembre entre las que elegir. Cada uno se lleva a cabo en una iglesia parroquial y está programado para tres horas. Los feligreses deben asistir a una reunión celebrada en su Área de Planificación Regional (RPA). La información general será la misma en cada reunión, sin embargo, los modelos de pastorado propuestos que se explican serán específicos para su RPA. (Ver RPA (v5) para su región).

Para las personas que hablan español se les recomienda que asistan a la de Marshalltown el domingo 21 de septiembre de 1 PM a 3 PM.

Para registrarse, visite <https://tinyurl.com/JIFSeptSignUp> o use el código QR:



Si no puede asistir a una reunión regional de septiembre, se le insta a revisar toda la información en el sitio web, incluidos videos, mapas y hojas de cálculo que se publicarán el 2 de septiembre. Esto le permitirá tener antecedentes antes de asistir a las reuniones de su propia parroquia local en octubre y noviembre. A finales de septiembre se publicará un video resumen con los puntos clave de esos encuentros sobre la oración y la escucha sinodal.

Volverse Católico

¿Está usted o alguien que conoce interesado en saber más sobre cómo unirse a la Iglesia Católica?

**LAS CLASES COMIENZAN EL
8 DE SEPTIEMBRE**

**LOS LUNES DE 6 A 8 PM EN
ST. PATRICIO EN TAMA**

Instructor: Pd. Michael McAndrew
Para más información o para inscribirse,
llame a la oficina al 641-484-3039

Becoming Catholic

Are you or someone you know interested in knowing more about joining the Catholic Church?

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8

**MONDAYS 6-8PM AT
ST. PATRICK IN TAMA**

Instructor: Fr. Michael McAndrew
Call the office for more information
or to register: 641-484-3039