



# CIRCLE OF SAINTS CIRCULO DE SANTOS

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

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

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**Wednesday & Thursday**  
8 AM - 3 PM

## 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.*

# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

"Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, si no para que el mundo se salvara por él."

- Jn 3:17



"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." - Jn 3:17

14 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2025

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

## Journey in Faith

Parishioners across the Archdiocese of Dubuque are invited to take part in the next step of *Journey in Faith*. This initiative, guided by the Holy Spirit, seeks renewal, vitality, and growth in parish life. Building on the reflections of more than 22,000 Catholics, including those from our parish, in last year's Disciple Maker Index survey, we now have proposed pastorate models upon which to begin a conversation. You can view them at [dbjourneyinfaith.org](https://dbjourneyinfaith.org). These pastorate models are not final and are meant to evoke feedback for the Archbishop, the Planning Commission and the Journey in Faith Core Team.

34 Regional *Journey in Faith* Information Sessions are underway in parish churches throughout the archdiocese. Each three-hour gathering will offer prayer, information about the process, and details of pastorate models specific to your Regional Planning Area. **The closest meeting available in our Regional Planning Area will be at St. Patrick THIS Monday, September 15 from 6 PM - 9 PM.** Parishioners need to RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/JIFSeptSignUp> as registration will be closed as each session reaches capacity. Those unable to attend can still find maps, videos, and opportunities to share feedback at [dbjourneyinfaith.org](https://dbjourneyinfaith.org).

## St. Carlos Acutis



Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London, England. When he was four months old, his family moved back to Milan, Italy. Even as a child, Carlo had a great love for the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Mother, and the saints.

Carlo wanted to strengthen the faith of people around the world by promoting the miracles of Christ

through the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. Since he had extensive knowledge of computers, he created a website with all the approved Eucharistic miracles

(<https://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>). Carlo started this project when he was 11, and he finished it the year before he died. Since this time, his website has become a traveling exhibition that has been to five continents.

Carlo died from leukemia in 2006 at age 15. He was beatified in 2020, making him the first “Millennial” to be named Blessed by the Church. As a young man who played video games, watched movies, and spent time with his friends, he is proof that holiness is attainable for everyone.

“*The Eucharist is the Highway to Heaven.*” - Carlo Acutis

## St. Pier Giorgio Frassati



St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, like Sts. Kateri Tekakwitha and Thérèse of Lisieux before him, lived a short 24 years. But in that time this 20th-century Italian man made an indelible mark on those he met. Pope St. John Paul II called him the “Man of the Eight Beatitudes,” and to this day Frassati inspires people with his love for God and for others.

“*Each of you knows that the foundation of our faith is charity. Without it, our religion would crumble. We will never be truly Catholic unless we conform our entire lives to the two commandments that are the essence of the Catholic faith: to love the Lord, our God, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.*” - Pier Giorgio Frassati

## Parish News & Events

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

**There will be no Date Night** in September.

**Healing Hearts Group [ loss of spouse]** will resume back in October. Any questions call Mary Cibula at [641] 751-8467.

**Change in Spanish Sunday Mass schedule:** Please note that the Spanish Mass will be held on Saturday, September 20 at 6:30 PM. This is a change from the usual Sunday Mass on September 21, due to the Journey in Faith Regional Spanish Meeting in Marshalltown.

**St. Patrick Faith Formation [Religious Education] kick-off** will be on Sunday, September 28 and will included a 10:30 AM bilingual Mass [ *NO 12 PM Mass*] and delicious Hispanic food. Let’s come together as a parish family to mark the start of a new Faith Formation [ *Religious Education*] year!

**Thank you to the Chelsea Car Show for the donation of \$2,200.00.** Two tents were purchased to be used for the St. Joseph fall festival and the remaining \$1,322.70 was designated to St. Joseph Cemetery.

### Collections August 31, 2025

	St. Patrick	St. Michael	St. Joseph
<b>Envelopes</b>	1,799.86	1,281.00	450.00
<b>Cash</b>	643.25	132.00	281.00
<b>Electronic</b>	340.00	223.80	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,783.11</b>	<b>\$1,636.80</b>	<b>\$ 731.00</b>
Budgeted	5,269.00	2,600.00	1,460.00

## Faith Formation

Classes being *THIS Wednesday, September 17*. Classes will be held from 6:45 PM - 8 PM.

Important Reminders:

- Sacrament students must have all required paperwork completed *before* the first class.
- For liability reasons, students who are not registered before September 17 will not be allowed to stay the first night.

## 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](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) or contact Tom Doyle.

## Staff

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## This Week

### Saturday, September 13

St. Joseph, Chelsea

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass - † Bob Kriener

### Sunday, September 14

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM Mass - † Terry McGahuey

St. Patrick - Tama

10:30 AM Mass [English] - † Marlus Svoboda

12 PM Mass [Spanish] - † Pro Populo

### Monday, September 15

St. Patrick - Tama

Bulletin submissions are due at 12 PM

6 PM Journey in Faith Regional Meeting

### Tuesday, September 16

St. Patrick - Tama

5:30 PM Mass [Bilingual] - † Charles & Martha Dolezal Family

6 PM - 8 PM Confessions, Adoration & Healing Prayer

### Wednesday, September 17

St. Joseph - Chelsea

8:30 AM Mass - † Julia Benda

9 AM - 12 PM Adoration

Sunny Hill - Tama

10:15 AM - † Esther Pillard

Faith Formation [Preschool - 12th Grade]

6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Michael - Belle Plaine

6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Patrick - Tama

### Thursday, September 18

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM Mass - † Harold Ealy

9 AM Confessions

9 AM - 4 PM Adoration

### Friday, September 19

St. Patrick - Tama

8 AM Mass - † Joseph & Julia Benda

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Adoration

## September Special Anniversaries

Charles & Kathy VanThournout [55]

Rick & Carol Petersen [55]

## September 80+ Birthdays

### September 3

Verlene Horbach  
Anne Ramsdell

### September 5

Mary Ellen Kriegel

### September 6

Garnet Upah

### September 10

Gaynelle VanGambleare

### September 11

Gary Benda

### September 12

Marvin Hlas  
Bev Stanley  
Elaine Upah

### September 17

Roger Silhanek

### September 19

Pat Sauer

### September 22

Karla Wessels

### September 23

Richard Hosek

### September 24

Leonard Husak

Ruth Squiers

### September 25

Eva Kasal

### September 25

John Kupka

### September 30

Michael Silhanek

## STAY UP TO DATE

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## TEXT FOR UPDATES

 Text COFSAINTS to 84576

 Texto SANTOS al [202] 765-3441

## 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, Roger Eberhart, Danny Chyma, Jim Duncalf, Sharon Husak

*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.**

## Minister Schedule

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph - Chelsea

Saturday, September 20 at 4:30 PM

**Lector:** Bob Howe

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom L. & Janice Upah, Dale Howe, Sandy Supianoski

**Hospitality Ministers:** Pat Supianoski, Allen Kaufman

**Altar Servers:** Bennett & Wes Behounek

**Money Counters:** Jamie Kupka, Jill Shull

San Patricio - Tama [Español]

Sábado 20 de septiembre a las 6:30 PM

**Lector:** Eric & Cynthia Guadiana

**Ministros Eucarísticos:** Maria Lux, Jenny Santoyo, Les Parks

**Ministros de hospedaje:** Anthony Santoyo,

Sindy Guadiana, Leslie Martinez, Juan Martinez

**Monaguillos:** Rafael Vazquez, Marcos Tomas Mejia

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Sunday, September 21 at 8:30 AM

**Lector:** Rick Petersen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Doug Dvorak, Carol Petersen, Alan Tichy, Carolyn Silhanek

**Hospitality Ministers:** Wayne Parizek, Todd Shaull

**Altar Servers:** Logan Timm, Devin Timm, Jack Koch

**Money Counters:** Karen Rassler, Deb Walton

St. Patrick - Tama [English]

Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 AM

**Lector:** Pat Roan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim & Kris Collins, John Kalinay, Joanne Wacha, Al & Cindy Upah

**Hospitality Ministers:** Patty Henle, John Hayek, Chuck Jindrich

**Altar Servers:** Wyatt Feisel, Arianna Slagle

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

## Viaje en la fe

### Journey in Faith

Los feligreses de la Arquidiócesis de Dubuque están invitados a participar en el siguiente paso de *Viaje en la Fe*.

*Esta iniciativa, guiada por el Espíritu Santo, busca la renovación, la vitalidad y el crecimiento en la vida parroquial. Sobre la base de las reflexiones de más de 22,000 católicos, incluidos los de nuestra parroquia, en la encuesta del Índice de Hacedores de Discipulos del año pasado, ahora hemos propuesto modelos de pastorado sobre los cuales comenzar una conversación. Puedes verlos en [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org). Estos modelos de pastorado no son definitivos y están destinados a evocar comentarios para el Arzobispo, la Comisión de Planificación y el Equipo Central de Viaje en la Fe.*

*Se están llevando a cabo 34 sesiones informativas regionales de Viaje en la Fe en las iglesias parroquiales de toda la arquidiócesis. Cada reunión de tres horas ofrecerá oración, información sobre el proceso y detalles de los modelos de pastorado específicos para su Área de Planificación Regional. **La reunión más cercana disponible en nuestra Área de Planificación Regional en español será en St. Henry en Marshalltown el domingo 21 de septiembre de 1 PM a 3 PM.** Los feligreses deben confirmar su asistencia a <https://tinyurl.com/JIFSeptSignUp> ya que la inscripción se cerrará a medida que cada sesión alcance su capacidad. Aquellos que no puedan asistir aún pueden encontrar mapas, videos y oportunidades para compartir comentarios en [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org).*

## Anuncios

### Cambio en el horario de la misa dominical en español:

Tenga en cuenta que la misa en español se llevará a cabo el sábado 20 de septiembre a las 6:30 PM. Este es un cambio de la misa dominical habitual del 21 de septiembre, debido a la reunión regional en español de Viaje en la Fe en Marshalltown.

### El lanzamiento de las clases de *Formación en la Fe de San Patricio* [Educación Religiosa] será el domingo 28 de

septiembre e incluirá una Misa bilingüe a las 10:30 AM [NO habrá Misa a las 12 PM]. Después de Misa habrá una comida hispana. Para las personas que gusten ayudar con un platillo o ya sea dinero por favor de comunicarse con Cynthia Guadiana. ¡Unámonos como familia parroquial para bendecir el comienzo de un nuevo año de Formación en la Fe [Educación Religiosa]!

## Formación en la fe

Las clases son ESTE miércoles 17 de septiembre. Las clases se llevarán a cabo de 6:45 PM a 8 PM.

Recordatorios importantes:

- Los alumnos de la Santa Cena deben haber completado toda la documentación requerida *antes* de la primera clase.

- Por razones de responsabilidad, los estudiantes que no estén registrados antes del 17 de septiembre no podrán quedarse la primera noche.

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