



# CIRCLE OF SAINTS CIRCULO DE SANTOS

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

## Office

900 Park St, Tama, IA 52339  
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### Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

### Friday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

## St. Michael Office

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### Wednesday & Thursday

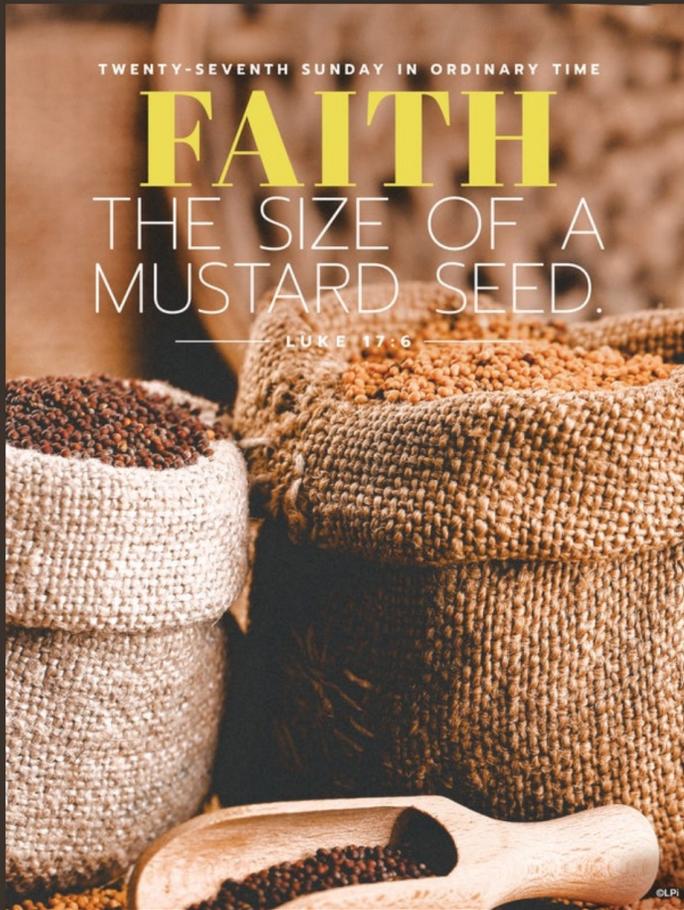
8 AM - 3 PM

## 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.*

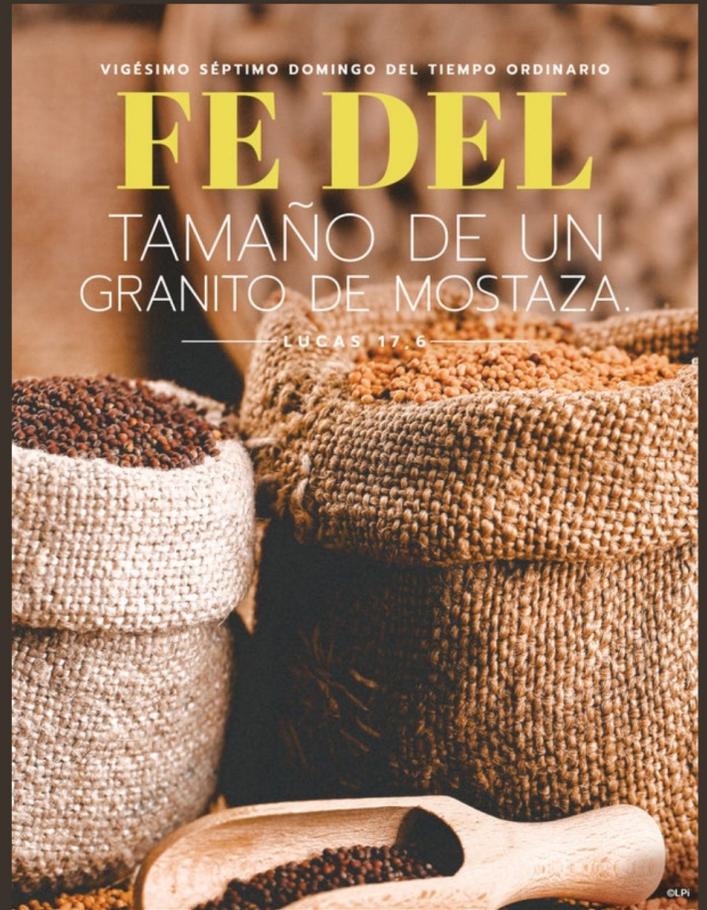


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# FAITH

THE SIZE OF A  
MUSTARD SEED.

LUKE 17:6



VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

# FE DEL

TAMAÑO DE UN  
GRANITO DE MOSTAZA.

LUCAS 17:6

October 5, 2025

El 5 de octubre del 2025

## ADVOCATE FOR YOUR PARISH

Attend Your Parish Feedback Meetings



### St. Joseph - Chelsea

Meeting 3 - Sunday, October 26 at 3 PM

### St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Meeting 3 - Sunday, October 19 at 3 PM

### St. Patrick - Tama

Junta 2 - Domingo 12 de octubre a la 1:30 PM (*Español*)

Meeting 2 - Sunday, October 12 at 5 PM (*English*)

Meeting 3 - Sunday, November 9 at 4 PM (*English*)

Junta 3 - Domingo 9 de octubre a la 1:30 PM (*Español*)

## St. Patrick Faith Formation Kick-Off

A bilingual Mass was celebrated Sunday, September 28 at St. Patrick in Tama as we kicked off the new faith formation year. We celebrated the occasion with a homemade meal provided by our Hispanic brothers and sisters. It was delicious, thank you to all who helped.



## Parish News & Events

**There will be no daily Masses** Tuesday, October 7 through Friday, October 10, as Fr. Michael will be on pilgrimage. Adoration and Healing Prayer will continue as scheduled. Please keep Fr. Michael in your prayers and be assured of his for you.

**The office will be closed on** Tuesday, October 7. The staff will be at a pastoral leadership meeting in Cedar Falls.

**CCW (Council of Catholic Women) meeting** will be Tuesday, October 7 at 1:30 PM in St. Patrick's cafeteria. Please bring two non-perishable food items. Hostesses will be Sharon Niewahner, Betty Damisch, Mary Ellen Kriegel, JoAnn Henle.

**Archbishop Zinkula** has asked not to schedule any Masses [intentions] after July 1, 2026, because we do not yet know which churches will be used for weekend and daily Mass. New pastorates will be able to schedule Masses in late spring of 2026 after the new Mass schedule is determined. As a reminder, the new Mass schedule beginning July 1, 2026 will be created by the outgoing and incoming pastors in May-June 2026.

**The 2025 Annual National Rosary Crusade** will be held on Saturday, October 11 at noon at St. Michael, followed by a luncheon. Please join us in praying for God's blessings and mercy on our nation and world through the Rosary of our Blessed Mother.

**SJ/SM Knight of Columbus pancake breakfast** will be on Sunday, October 12 from 8 AM - 12 PM at St. Michael parish hall. Everyone is invited. Free - will donation.

**St. Michael Parishioners:** Our Fall Dinner is Sunday, November 2nd, (daylight savings time also ends). You will be receiving an informational letter with the dinner details. Read over your letter and mark your calendar for Sunday, November 2nd! If you are 15 or older and are able to help, please sign up on the worker sheet at the back of the church.

# St. Michael Fall Dinner

**Sunday, November 2, 2025**  
**11:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
**\$15 per meal**  
**St. Michael Catholic Church, 1302 9th Ave Belle Plaine**

## Dinner Menu

**Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy  
 sweet corn, Sauerkraut, Salad, Pie, & Kolache.**  
 For local delivery orders call: 319-444-3106  
 Pick ups at church garage or basement  
 Raffle tickets: \$1 each (for quilt/cash)  
**Advance Meal and Raffle tickets:**  
 East Side Body Shop, Grieder Standard Service or Chelsea Saving Bank, Belle Plaine.

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WEEK

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OCTOBER 5

RESPECT  
LIFE  
SUNDAY

## Staff

### Pastor

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### St. Patrick Pastoral Minister

Betty Hayek

## This Week

### Saturday, October 4

St. Patrick - Tama

9 AM Baptism Class [*Parish Library*]

St. Joseph - Chelsea

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass - † *Gloria Hlas*

### Sunday, October 5

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM Mass - † *Josh Breja*

St. Patrick - Tama

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

12 PM Mass [*Spanish*] - † *Pro Populo*

### Monday, October 6

Bulletin submissions are due at 12 PM

### Tuesday, October 7

St. Patrick - Tama

Office Closed

1:30 PM CCW Meeting

5:30 PM No Mass [*Bilingual*] or Confessions

5:30 PM - 8 PM Adoration & Healing Prayer

### Wednesday, October 8

St. Joseph - Chelsea

8:30 AM No Mass

9 AM - 12 PM Adoration

Faith Formation [Preschool - 12th Grade]

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

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

### Thursday, October 9

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM No Mass

9 AM - 4 PM Adoration

2:30 PM Bible Study [*The Chosen - Season 1*]

6:30 PM Bible Study [*The Chosen - Season 1*]

### Friday, October 10

St. Patrick - Tama

8 AM No Mass

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Adoration

## October 80+ Birthdays

### October 2

Donald Martens  
Jeanette Sebetka  
Mary Svoboda

### October 3

Fran Kucera  
Joe Stanley

### October 4

E. Jean Behounek  
Don Villers

### October 5

Marilyn Silhanek

### October 7

Bernard Svoboda

### October 9

Ruth Ann Bidwell  
Dorothy Martens

### October 11

Mary Ann Gardner

### October 13

Laurence Svoboda  
Elizabeth Upah

### October 17

Dorothy Husak

### October 18

Roger DeMeulenaere

### October 21

George G. Hayek

### October 22

Deanna Dickens-McCarroll

### October 24

Jerry Vaske

### October 26

Roger Sieck

### October 31

Rosemary DeJoode

## STAY UP TO DATE

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 Circle of Saints

 Rev. Michael McAndrew

## 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, George Mohrfeld, 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, Nancy Carlson, Gary & Dora Zmolek, Mary Tomas, Roger Eberhart, Danny Chyma, Jim Duncalf, Sharon Husak, Betty Hayek, Laurie Velky, Patricia Velky, Gael Valdez, Paula Eberhart

*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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph - Chelsea

Saturday, October 11 at 4:30 PM

† Bob Kriener

**Lector:** Catherine Kratoska

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dcn. Joe Behounek, Jamie Kupka, Ron Kratoska

**Hospitality Ministers:** Tommy Kiebach, Shane Behounek

**Altar Servers:** Kade Kiebach, Kason Abe

**Money Counters:** Paul & Barb Sovboda, Ellen Waterbury

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Sunday, October 12 at 8:30 AM

† Paul Hirschberger

**Lector:** Alan Tichy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Petersen, John Grieder, Doug Johnson, Wayne Parizek

**Hospitality Ministers:** Dorma Rusbult, Rick Petersen

**Altar Servers:** Adeline Davis, Harper Mitchell, Carly McLeod

**Money Counters:** Melanie Shaull, Jessica Stamp

St. Patrick - Tama [English]

Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 AM

† Michael Henle

**Lector:** Betty Hayek

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cindy Upah, Elizabeth Ledvina, Matt Popelka, Marce Nekola, Carol Hibbs, Gery Hagerty

**Hospitality Ministers:** John Hayek, Al Upah, Laurence Husak

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

**Money Counters:** Mary Cibula, Mary Kendall, Kathy Albright, Julie Hagerty

San Patricio - Tama [Español]

Domingo 5 de octubre a las 12 PM

† Pro Populo

**Lector:** Elodia Cervantes, Rocael Garcia

**Ministros Eucarísticos:** Maria Galvez, Juana Castro, Dominga Zetino

**Ministros de Hospedaje:** Anthony Santoyo, Sindy Guadiana, Eric & Cynthia Guadiana

**Monaguillos:** Denilson Castro, Marcos Tomas Mejia

## Anuncios

No habrá misa diaria del martes 7 de octubre al viernes 10 de octubre, ya que el Padre Michael se encuentra en un peregrinaje. Aun habrá Adoración y oración de sanación. Por favor, mantenga al Padre Michael en sus oraciones y tenga la seguridad de las suyas para ustedes.

El arzobispo Zinkula ha pedido no programar ninguna misa después del 1 de julio del 2026, porque aún no sabemos qué iglesias se utilizarán para la misa de fin de semana y diaria. Los nuevos pastorados podrán programar misas a fines de la primavera del 2026 después de que se determine el nuevo horario de misas.

## October Respect Life Month

**PRAY FOR:** *A greater respect for all human life from conception to natural death and for an end to all abortion.*

### All Abortion - Catechism of the Catholic Church

**2270** Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.

**2271** Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish. "God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves." Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.

**2272** Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. "A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication latae sententiae, by the very commission of the offense, and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law." The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society.

**2273** The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation. "The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death."

**2275** "One must hold as licit procedures carried out on the human embryo which respect the life and integrity of the embryo and do not involve disproportionate risks for it, but are directed toward its healing the improvement of its condition of health, or its individual survival." It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material.