



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

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
ALWAYS PRAY
October 19, 2025

XXIX Domingo Ordinario
ORA SIEMPRE
El 19 de octubre del 2025

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ADVOCATE FOR YOUR PARISH

Attend Your Parish Feedback Meetings

[St. Joseph - Chelsea](#)

Meeting 3 - Sunday, October 26 at 3 PM

[St. Patrick - Tama](#)

Meeting 3 - Sunday, November 9 (*time to be determine*)

[St. Michael - Belle Plaine](#)

Meeting 3 - Sunday, October 19 at 3 PM

[San Patricio - Tama](#)

Junta 3 - Domingo 9 de noviembre (*tiempo por determinar*)



**Journey
in Faith**

CELEBRATE HOLINESS

ALL SAINTS & SOULS // HALLOWEEN
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



All Saints & Souls Kids Procession at All Masses on Saturday, November 1 & Sunday, November 2.

ALL SAINTS & SOULS DAY // All children are invited to join a special procession at the start of Mass, dressed as a Favorite Catholic Saint (*like St. Francis, St. Joseph, etc.*), or a Loved One who has passed away - *someone your family is praying is in Heaven.*

COSTUME TIPS // Keep it simple! Robes, veils, tunics, crosses, flowers, halos, or a name tag with "St. _____" will do! Please avoid costumes that are scary, gory, or that glorify death, witchcraft, the occult, or anything unholy.

Halloween - A Catholic Feast? Yes, Really.

As Catholics, we are called to be in the world, but not of the world (*Jn 17:14-16*). Halloween, despite its commercial and often distorted portrayal today, has deeply Catholic roots. The word "Halloween" itself comes from "All Hallows' Eve" - the vigil of All Saints' Day, a Solemnity in the Church (*November 1*), set aside to honor all the saints in heaven, both known and unknown. Just as Christmas Eve prepares our hearts for the birth of Christ, All Hallows' Eve readies us to celebrate the glory of the saints in heaven who have conquered sin and now enjoy eternal life with God, also referred to as the Church Triumphant. This sacred time invites us to reflect on our eternal destiny and the communion of saints (*CCC 946-962*).

Whether one celebrates Halloween in a cultural context or Día de Los Muertos in a Mexican tradition, both point back to the Church's holy days of All Saints' Day (*Nov 1*) and All Souls' Day (*Nov 2*). These days remind us that death is not the end and that we are united in Christ with those who have gone before us. As darkness falls on October 31, the Church begins her liturgical remembrance of the holy men and women who now live forever in God's presence (*Revelation 7:9*). Halloween originally served as a *spiritual vigil* - a time of watchfulness and preparation. This is **NOT** a celebration of death or evil, but a declaration that Christ has conquered death (*1 Corinthians 15:55-57*). Don't be fooled - sin often begins innocently. Regardless of our intentions when celebrating, the Lord has clearly denounced the following as sin: witchcraft, sorcery, the occult, mediums, fortune telling, and the glorification of death, darkness, fear, and non-Christian celebrations. As Catholics, we should not surrender this holy day to a culture that has demonically rebranded it as something unholy. Instead, let us reclaim it and honor its true meaning.

Parish News & Events

Healing Hearts Group [loss of spouse] will be Thursday, October 23 at 12:30 PM at St. Patrick's cafeteria. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Any questions call Mary Cibula at [641] 751-8467.

St. Patrick Knights will be meeting Tuesday, October 28 at 7 PM in the parish cafeteria.

St. Patrick Parishioners: Please let us know of any loved ones who have died within the past year (November 2024 through October 2025). St. Patrick will remember your friends and family and pray for them on Sunday, November 2. Please contact the parish office by October 31 to get their name on the list.

St. Michael Parishioners: Our Fall Dinner is Sunday, November 2nd, [daylight savings time also ends]. If you are 15 or older and are planning to help, please sign up on the worker sheet in the back of the church. Raffle and quilt tickets can be turned into the office or placed in an envelope labeled *Fall Dinner* and put in the collection basket on Sunday.

All Saints Day & All Souls Day—The first 2 days of November give us the opportunity to pray together and honor those who have gone before us. (All Saints Day is on a Saturday this year therefore it is NOT a Holy Day of obligation). On Saturday, **November 1**, we will celebrate *All Saints Day*, at an 8 AM bilingual Mass at St. Patrick.

November 2 is *All Souls Day*. Praying for the dead is an important part of our identity as Catholics. *All Souls Day* memorial funds collected will go towards the cemeteries of our Cluster so that we may carry out the Corporal Work of Mercy of caring for the graves of our brothers and sisters (the Cluster cemetery accounts are separate from parish accounts - they are set up to provide ongoing support for perpetual care). Envelopes will be available next weekend. The names submitted on the envelopes will be remembered on *All Souls Day*. The names will be kept at the base of the altar at each parish during the month of November. Those wanting their names kept at St. Joseph or St. Michael may write that on their envelope.

**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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Betty Hayek

This Week

Saturday, October 18

St. Joseph - Chelsea
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass - † *Martha Michael*

Sunday, October 19

St. Michael - Belle Plaine
8:30 AM Mass - † *Joey & Darlene Breja*
3PM - JIF Meeting 3
St. Patrick - Tama
10:30 AM Mass [*English*] - † *Phyllis & Pete Zmolek*
12 PM Mass [*Spanish*] - † *Pro Populo*
5:30 PM - Date Night

Monday, October 20

Bulletin submissions are due at 12 PM

Tuesday, October 21

St. Patrick - Tama
5:30 PM Mass [*Bilingual*] - † *Martha Dolezal*
6 PM - 8 PM Confessions, Adoration & Healing Prayer

Wednesday, October 22

St. Joseph - Chelsea
8:30 AM Mass - † *Don Polka*
9 AM - 12 PM Adoration
Birkwood Village - Tama/Toledo
11 AM Mass - † *Roy Silhanek*
Faith Formation [Preschool - 12th Grade]
6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Michael - Belle Plaine
6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Patrick - Tama

Thursday, October 23

St. Michael - Belle Plaine
8:30 AM Mass - † *Gerald Stewart*
9AM Confessions
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 24

St. Patrick - Tama
8 AM Mass - † *Joseph & Julia Benda*
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Adoration

October 80+ Birthdays

October 2

Donald Martens
Jeanette Sebetka
Mary Svoboda

October 3

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, Patricia Velky, Gael Valdez, Paula Eberhart, Dana Martin Kurovski, Rich Hookway, Shirley Delfs

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph - Chelsea

Saturday, October 25 at 4:30 PM

† Ed & Blanche Buresh

Lector: Janet Balvin

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe Behounek, Harry Hlas, Janice Upah, Jamie Kupka, Janet Balvin

Hospitality Ministers: Andrew Veit, Shane Behounek

Altar Servers: Vanessa & Vin Lee Veit

Money Counters: Sally Slaven, Randy Dvorak

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Sunday, October 26 at 8:30 AM

† Virgil Kozik

Lector: Connie Drahos

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Fredericks, Connie Stadelmann, Alan Tichy, Carol Wonrau

Hospitality Ministers: Doug & Janet Johnson

Altar Servers: Brock Stamp, Garrett Crawford

Money Counters: Todd Shaull, Pat McLeod

St. Patrick - Tama [English]

Sunday, October 26 at 10:30 AM

† Lyle & Gerry Campbell

Lector: Jim Roan

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Roan, Laurie Velky, Marce Nekola, John Kalinay, Diane Novak

Hospitality Ministers: Stuart Lyon, Chuck Jindrich, Joe Stanley

Altar Servers: Arianna Slagle, Wyatt Feisel

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

San Patricio - Tama [Español]

Domingo 26 de octubre a las 12 PM

† Pro Populo

Lector: Maria Galvez, Luis M. Ordaz

Ministros Eucarísticos: Dominga Zetino, Marcelino Lux, Maria Lux

Ministros de Hospedaje: Juan Martinez, Rafael Buenristro, Maria Galvez, Leslie Martinez

Monaguillos: Mayra Castro, Alina Carrillo

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CELEBRAR LA SANTIDAD

TODOS LOS SANTOS Y ALMAS // HALLOWEEN

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



Halloween - ¿Una fiesta católica? Sí, de verdad.

Como católicos, estamos llamados a estar en el mundo, pero no somos del mundo (*Jn 17:14-16*). Halloween, a pesar de su representación comercial y a menudo distorsionada en la actualidad, tiene profundas raíces católicas. La palabra "Halloween" en sí proviene de "All Hallows' Eve", la vigilia del Día de Todos los Santos, una solemnidad en la Iglesia (1 de *noviembre*), reservada para honrar a todos los santos en el cielo, tanto conocidos como desconocidos. Así como la víspera de Navidad prepara nuestros corazones para el nacimiento de Cristo, la víspera de Todos los Santos nos prepara para celebrar la gloria de los santos en el cielo que han conquistado el pecado y ahora disfrutan de la vida eterna con Dios, también conocida como la Iglesia Triunfante. Este tiempo sagrado nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestro destino eterno y la comunión de los santos (*CIC 946-962*).

Ya sea que uno celebre Halloween en un contexto cultural o el Día de los Muertos en una tradición mexicana, ambos apuntan a los días santos de la Iglesia del Día de Todos los Santos (1 de *noviembre*) y el Día de los Fieles Difuntos (2 de *noviembre*). Estos días nos recuerdan que la muerte no es el final y que estamos unidos en Cristo con aquellos que nos han precedido. Al caer la oscuridad el 31 de octubre, la Iglesia comienza su recuerdo litúrgico de los hombres y mujeres santos que ahora viven para siempre en la presencia de Dios (*Apocalipsis 7:9*). **Halloween** originalmente sirvió como una *vigilia espiritual*, un tiempo de vigilancia y preparación. Esta **NO** es una celebración de la muerte o el mal, sino una declaración de que Cristo ha vencido a la muerte (*1 Corintios 15:55-57*). No se deje engañar: el pecado a menudo comienza inocentemente. Independientemente de nuestras intenciones al celebrar, el Señor ha denunciado claramente lo siguiente como pecado: brujería, hechicería, ocultismo, médiums, adivinación y glorificación de la muerte, oscuridad, miedo y celebraciones no cristianas. Como católicos, no debemos entregar este día santo a una cultura que lo ha rebautizado demoníacamente como algo impío. En cambio, recuperémoslo y honremos su verdadero significado.

OCTOBER 23

ST. JOHN
of CAPISTRANO