



CIRCLE OF SAINTS CIRCULO DE SANTOS

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

Office

900 Park St, Tama, IA 52339
[641] 484-3039

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Michael Office

1302 9th Ave
Belle Plaine, IA 52208
[319] 444-3106

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.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your perseverance will secure you.
-Lk 21:19

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

XXXIII DOMINGO ORDINARIO

Por su perseverancia salvaran sus vidas.
-Lc 21.19

16 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2025

Saturday, November 1 & Sunday, November weekend celebration of the Saints.



St. Michael - Belle Plaine



St. Patrick - Tama 10:30 AM Mass



St. Patrick - Tama 12 PM (Noon) Mass

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 524) says, *When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."*

Why is Advent important to the Catholic Church?

This is a period of preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas. As Christmas seems to arrive commercially ever earlier each year, the faithful should try to turn our hearts more toward the Lord. Mother Angelica, once said, *"Let's not let the season pass without a depth of spirituality in our hearts that lets us ponder. Ponder the mystery of how, and why, this Omnipotent God, before Whom angels tremble, would come down and live nine months in the most pure and holy woman that ever lived, and ever will live. He was confined in a womb with that Infinite Intelligence, Infinite Power, and the Power of the Holy Spirit."*

What do the four candles of the Advent wreath represent?

The candles indicate the different weeks of Advent. When you are in the first week of Advent, you light one purple candle, and for the second week, two purple candles. During the third week, you add the rose candle. Then for the final week, you light all four candles. These colors match the liturgical colors of the vestments for those weeks, with purple representing penance and rose representing rejoicing.

The Advent Wreath brings to mind the time before Jesus when the world was in spiritual darkness. During Advent, we remember the Old Testament days as we anxiously anticipate His Birth at Christmas.

Which candle do you light first on Advent?

First Week: A purple candle

Second Week: A second purple candle, in addition to the first week's candle

Third Week: The first two week's candles and the rose or pink candle

Fourth Week: All four candles

What special prayers and practices are associated with Advent?

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary should help you focus more on Jesus' Incarnation. Also, the Christmas Anticipation Novena is often said throughout Advent.

Parish News & Events

Saint Michael Christmas Choir will begin practice Sunday, November 23 after Mass. All are welcome!

There will be NO Faith Formation on Wednesday, November 26.

Mass Schedule Change for Thanksgiving

- **Wednesday, November 26:** 8:30 AM Mass will be at **St. Michael** - Belle Plaine
- **Thursday, November 27:** 9 AM Thanksgiving Mass will be at **St. Joseph** - Chelsea

Office Hours for Thanksgiving Week

- **St. Patrick & St. Michael Offices** will close at **noon on Wednesday, November 26.**
- The offices will be **closed Thursday, November 27** for Thanksgiving.
- **St. Patrick Office** will also be **closed on Friday, November 28.**
- There will be **no Adoration** at **St. Michael** on Thursday, November 27.
- **St. Patrick** will **NOT** have daily Mass or Adoration on Friday, November 28.

St. Patrick Knights will be meeting Tuesday, November 25 at 7 PM in the parish cafeteria.

CCW Ladies — Annual Soldier Project: Supporting men and women with local ties who are currently serving overseas. The unit we are assisting is stationed in the Middle East and will not be home for the holidays. A donation box will be located in the CCW closet and clearly marked "For the Soldiers." Suggested items include cash donations to assist with postage, chips and snack items, flavored water add-ins, crossword and word-search books, beef sticks, crochet kits, or ramen noodles. These are only a few ideas—any thoughtful items are welcome. For questions or additional information, please contact Diane Nowak at (641) 751-3960. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our service members.

CCW 2025 Christmas Party: CCW are hosting their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 2 at 1 PM. A delicious catered lunch will be served and there will be music and fun! Please bring two items for our local food pantry, as well as wrapping paper, tape, or scissors. These will be used to wrap gifts for the shut-ins of our community. Please register by calling Diane Novak at (641) 751-3960 by Tuesday, November 24.

| 2-Nov-25 | Collections | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | St. Patrick | St. Michael | St. Joseph |
| Envelopes | 7,993.00 | 1,985.00 | 1,425.00 |
| Cash | 919.61 | 245.00 | 100.00 |
| Electronic | 340.00 | 235.20 | |
| Total | \$ 9,252.61 | \$ 2,465.20 | \$ 1,525.00 |
| Budgeted | 5,269.00 | 2,600.00 | 1,460.00 |

TAMA & TOLEDO
Communities Blood Drive

Tama Civic Center

Wednesday, November 26 | 2 PM - 6 PM

Staff

Pastor

Rev. Michael McAndrew
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Deacons

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St. Patrick Pastoral Minister

Betty Hayek

This Week

Saturday, November 15

St. Joseph - Chelsea

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass - † Wilbert & Dorothy Becker

Sunday, November 16

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM Mass - † Dorothea Collum

St. Patrick - Tama

10:30 AM Mass [English] - † Butch Rutledge

12 PM Mass [Spanish] - † Pro Populo

11:30 AM & 1 PM - St. Patrick Knights Meal

5:30 PM - Date Night

Monday, November 17

Bulletin submissions are due at 12 PM

Tuesday, November 18

St. Patrick - Tama

5:30 PM Mass [Bilingual] - † Teresa Masker

6 PM - 8 PM Confessions, Adoration & Healing Prayer

Wednesday, November 19

St. Joseph - Chelsea

8:30 AM Mass - † Charlotte Upah

9 AM - 12 PM Adoration

Sunny Hill - Tama

10:15 Mass - Mark & Jerry Moyer

Faith Formation [Preschool - 12th Grade]

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

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

Thursday, November 20

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM Mass - † Dorothea Collum

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, November 21

St. Patrick - Tama

8 AM Mass - † Randy Sevcik

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Adoration

November Special Anniversaries

Harry & Paulette Hala (55)

Bob & Kathy Hendricks (50)

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 Circle of Saints

 Rev. Michael McAndrew

TEXT FOR UPDATES

 Text COFSAINTS to 84576

 Texto SANTOS al [202] 765-3441

November 80+ Birthdays

November 1 - Barbara Rychnovsky

November 3 - Danne Grieder

November 5 - Maxine Boles

November 5 - Nona Paulsen

November 11 - Marian Janss

November 16 - Joel Hanzelka

November 17 - George Oetker

November 20 - Marion Cornelis

November 21 - Marilyn Coover

November 30 - Catherine Wilkinson

Sundays' Bulletin

Deadline to add to the bulletin

11/30/2025

11/19/ 2025 - By 12 PM

12/07/2025

11/25/ 2025 - By 12 PM

12/14/2025

12/04/ 2025 - By 12 PM

12/21/2025

12/10/ 2025 - By 12 PM

12/28/2025

12/18/ 2025 - By 12 PM

1/04/2025

12/22/ 2025 - By 12 PM

Pray for..

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, Jack Cooper, Jerry Dvorak, Jeff Dvorak, Scott Posusta, Onnaha Dvorak, Anthony Dvorak, John Gessner, Shelbi Breja, Oliver Dvorak, Carol Walton, Matt Walton, Ted Sharer, Kathy Bacino, Sharon Hosek, Nork White, Brett Houghton

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Joseph - Chelsea

Saturday, November 22 at 4:30 PM

† Ernie & Rosalie Upah

Lector: Ellen Upah

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom L. & Janice Upah, Harry Hlas, Sandy Supianoski

Hospitality Ministers: Randy Balvin, Tommy Kiebach

Altar Servers: Wes Behounek, Kade Kiebach

Money Counters: Sally Slaven, Randy Dvorak

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Sunday, November 23 at 8:30 AM

† Mason Vokoun & Ken Davenport

Lector: Rick Petersen

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug & Andrea Dvorak, Deb Chekal, John Grieder

Hospitality Ministers: Doug & Janet Johnson

Altar Servers: Violet Crawford, Quinlee Gallagher, Claire Neuhaus

Money Counters: Julie Breja, Sherri Swearengin

St. Patrick - Tama [English]

Sunday, November 23 at 10:30 AM

† Gilbert Frimml

Lector: Carol Hibbs

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb Slagle, Christa Slagle, Marce Nekola, Elizabeth Ledvina, Kent Campbell, Nick Kubik

Hospitality Ministers: Joe Stanley, Chuck Jindrich, Joanne Wacha

Altar Servers: Harper Feisel, Arianna Slagle

Money Counters: Leonard Albright, Tom Doyle, Micki Ferris

San Patricio - Tama [Español]

Domingo de noviembre 23 a las 12 PM

† Pro Populo

Lector: Veronica Castanon, Elodia Cervantes

Ministros Eucarísticos: Les Parks, Marcelino Lux, Dominga Zetino

Ministros de Hospedaje: Mariana Soto, Cynthia Guadiana, Erica I. Guadiana, Sindy Guadiana

Monaguillos: Regina Soto, Mayra Castro

¿Por qué celebramos el Adviento?

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (párrafo 524) dice: *Cuando la Iglesia celebra la liturgia de Adviento cada año, hace presente esta antigua espera del Mesías, porque al participar en la larga preparación para la primera venida del Salvador, los fieles renuevan su ardiente deseo de su segunda venida. Al celebrar el nacimiento y el martirio del precursor, la Iglesia se une a su deseo: "Es necesario que él crezca, pero yo disminuya".*

¿Por qué es importante el Adviento para la Iglesia Católica?

Este es un período de preparación para la celebración de la Encarnación en Navidad. Como la Navidad parece llegar comercialmente cada vez más temprano cada año, los fieles deben tratar de dirigir nuestros corazones más hacia el Señor. La Madre Angélica dijo una vez: *"No dejemos pasar la temporada sin una profundidad de espiritualidad en nuestros corazones que nos permita reflexionar. Reflexiona sobre el misterio de cómo y por qué este Dios Omnipotente, ante Quien tiemblan los ángeles, descendería y viviría nueve meses en la mujer más pura y santa que jamás haya vivido, y que jamás vivirá. Estaba confinado en un vientre con esa Inteligencia Infinita, Poder Infinito y el Poder del Espíritu Santo".*

¿Qué representan las cuatro velas de la corona de Adviento?

Las velas indican las diferentes semanas de Adviento. Cuando estás en la primera semana de Adviento, enciendes una vela púrpura y durante la segunda semana, dos velas moradas. Durante la tercera semana, agrega la vela rosa. Luego, durante la última semana, enciendes las cuatro velas. Estos colores coinciden con los colores litúrgicos de las vestimentas para esas semanas, con el púrpura representando la penitencia y la rosa representando el regocijo.

La Corona de Adviento trae a la mente el tiempo antes de Jesús cuando el mundo estaba en oscuridad espiritual. Durante el Adviento, recordamos los días del Antiguo Testamento mientras esperamos ansiosamente Su nacimiento en Navidad.

¿Qué vela enciendes primero en Adviento?

Primera semana: Una vela morada

Segunda semana: Una segunda vela morada, además de la vela de la primera semana

Tercera semana: Las dos primeras velas de la semana y la vela rosa o rosa

Cuarta semana: Las cuatro velas

