



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

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.

Second Sunday of Advent Segundo domingo de adviento

“John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’”

-Mt 3:1

“Juan el Bautista se presentó predicando en el desierto de Judea: ‘Conviértanse, porque esta cerca el Reino de los Cielos!’”

-Mt 3:1



December 7, 2025

El 7 de diciembre del 2025

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception | Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción

A Holy Day of Obligation | Un día sagrado de obligación

 **Monday, December 8 | Lunes 8 de diciembre**

 **7:30 AM - St. Michael - Belle Plaine | 7:30 AM en San Miguel - Belle Plaine**

 **6 PM (Bilingual Mass) St. Patrick - Tama | 6 PM (Misa Bilingüe) en San Patricio - Tama**



From the Pastor

I want to let you know that beginning this week (December 1), I will be stepping away from my daily responsibilities for a period to focus on my mental and spiritual health. I feel it necessary at this time to address personal challenges in my life. I've spoken to the Archbishop and he's agreed to allow me some time away to receive some help and healing. I don't plan on sharing additional details, but, please keep me in prayer during this time. I believe this period of care is part of a healthy, responsible approach to my personal well-being. I cannot say how long I will be away, but I anticipate it will at least be a period of a few months. What I can say is this is not a vocational crisis - I love being a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. And I am not dying either! I simply want to be well - to be a happy, holy, priest. Our parish staff, along with the Archdiocese, has a plan in place to support the ministry of the parishes while I am away - there are still some details to be worked out, but I'm confident that all will be fine. Thank you for your understanding, compassion and prayers. And please know of my prayers for you.

~Fr. Michael

16-Nov-25 Collections			
	St. Patrick	St. Michael	St. Joseph
Envelopes	3,105.00	1,910.00	623.00
Cash	786.17	109.00	102.00
Electronic	3,610.00	235.20	
Total	\$ 7,501.17	\$ 2,254.20	\$ 725.00
Budgeted	5,269.00	2,600.00	1,460.00

23-Nov-25 Collections			
	St. Patrick	St. Michael	St. Joseph
Envelopes	2,088.97	1,807.00	440.00
Cash	783.75	172.00	59.00
Electronic	340.00	41.40	
Total	\$ 3,212.72	\$ 2,020.40	\$ 499.00
Budgeted	5,269.00	2,600.00	1,460.00

Las Posadas Celebration

📅 DECEMBER 16 - 24 | 6 PM
📍 ST. PATRICK - TAMA

Join us as we commemorate the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem, seeking a safe place for Mary to give birth to Jesus. When no lodging was found, they took shelter in a humble stable, where our Savior was born.

Our celebration will include:

- A child portraying an angel leading the procession
- Scripture readings
- Christmas carols
- Candy bags for all children at the end

The event will take place inside the church and will be held in Spanish. All are welcome.



Parish News & Events

Christmas Flowers for all parishes: If you'd like to help enrich our liturgical environment for Christmas consider giving a donation for Christmas flowers this year! There will be envelopes available at the back of all the churches starting the weekend of November 29-30 that are for Christmas flower donations. You can specify which church you'd like to support and make your donation in honor/in memory of a loved one. A list of intentions/memorials will be in the bulletin after Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our churches beautiful for Christmas!

St. Patrick Annual Appeal: Dear St. Patrick parishioners, many of you have received/will receive a letter regarding our annual appeal detailing the many great ministries we offer at our parish. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we count on your support to continue the work of building the kingdom in Tama/ Toledo and the surrounding community. Thank you to those who have already made a gift. If you haven't given, please prayerfully consider supporting our St. Patrick Parish. ~Fr. Michael

Daily Mass Intentions for December 2025: If you have Mass intentions scheduled for the month of December, please know that Father Michael will still be celebrating Mass and is able to offer those intentions. You may also choose to have your intention sent to the Archdiocese to be scheduled there, or you may request a refund if you prefer not to have the intention fulfilled. Please contact the parish office at (641) 484-3039 to let us know how you would like to proceed.

St. Patrick Adopt-A-Family: The STC Adopt-A-Family Christmas tree is in the SP gathering space loaded with tags for gifts and food certificates. Please take a tag from the tree and return the food certificate or unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your continued support.

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

SP Knights will be giving cookies after 10:30 AM & 12 PM Mass on Sunday, December 14.

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

SP Knights will be meeting Tuesday, December 16 at 7 PM at St. Patrick cafeteria.

St. Patrick Church Christmas Decorating: We are inviting everyone to come help decorate our Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 21 after the 12 PM Mass.

St. Patrick Date Night Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 21 at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. Bring an hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP for daycare at (641) 484-3646.

There will be NO Faith Formation classes due to the holidays on Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 31.

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This Week

Saturday, December 6

St. Joseph - Chelsea
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass - † Bob Kriener

Sunday, December 7

St. Michael - Belle Plaine
8:30 AM Mass - † Pro Populo
St. Patrick - Tama
10:30 AM Mass [*Bilingual*] - † Tina Nekola

Monday, December 8

St. Michael - Belle Plaine
7:30 AM Mass - † Pro Populo
St. Patrick - Tama
6 PM Mass (*Bilingual*) - † Isaac Fonseca

Tuesday, December 9

St. Patrick - Tama
5:30 PM - 8 PM Adoration & Healing Prayer

Wednesday, December 10

St. Joseph - Chelsea
9 AM - 12 PM Adoration
St. Patrick - Tama
6 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (*Spanish*)
Faith Formation [Preschool - 12th Grade]
6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Michael - Belle Plaine
6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Patrick - Tama

Thursday, December 11

St. Michael - Belle Plaine
9 AM - 4 PM Adoration
2:30 PM Bible Study [*The Chosen - Season 1*]
6:30 PM Bible Study [*The Chosen - Season 1*]
St. Patrick - Tama
6 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (*Spanish*)

Friday, December 12

St. Patrick - Tama
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Adoration
6 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (*Spanish*)

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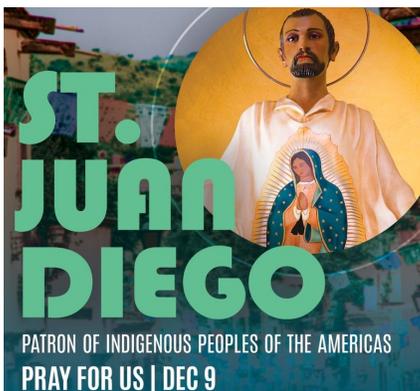
 Circle of Saints

 Rev. Michael McAndrew

TEXT FOR UPDATES

 Text COFSAINTS to 84576

 Texto SANTOS al [202] 765-3441



December 80+ Birthdays

December 3 - Rita Oetker

December 13 - Jan Konicek

December 15 - Martha O'Connor

December 15 - Lois Vorwald

December 18 - Arlene Husak

December 21 - Doris Meier

December 22 - Martha Breja

December 24 - Robert Howe

December 24 - Donna Moulton

God is
making
a way

Sundays' Bulletin

Deadline to add to the bulletin

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, Sally Mason, Jim Arens

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph - Chelsea

Saturday, December 13 at 4:30 PM

† *Charles & Dolores Milbach*

Lector: Catherine Kratoska

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe Behounek, Sid Jedlicka, Jamie Kupka, Ron Kratoska

Hospitality Ministers: Jay Dvorak, Tommy Kiebach

Altar Servers: Annie Balvin, Paul Dvorak

Gift Bearer: Rob & Kacie Fattig

Money Counters: Jamie Kupka, Jill Shull

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Sunday, December 14 at 8:30 AM

† *Jason DeMeyer*

Lector: Connie Drahos

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug & Andrea Dvorak, Deb Chekal, Doug Johnson

Hospitality Ministers: Vince Barloon, Doug DeMeulenaere

Altar Servers: Maria Argo, Emily Argo, Reghan DeRycke

Money Counters: Kathy Loft, Deb Walton

St. Patrick - Tama [English]

Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 AM

† *Doug Currier*

Lector: Betty Hayek

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim & Kris Collins, Mickie Ferris, Bev Stanley, Tom Doyle, Diane Novak

Hospitality Ministers: Tom Clancy, Patty Henle, Chuck Jindrich

Altar Servers: Nora Slagle, Wyatt Feisel

Money Counters: Leonard Albright, Tom Doyle, Julie Hagerty

San Patricio - Tama [Español]

Domingo de diciembre 14 a las 12 PM

† *Pro Populo*

Lector: Pat Roan, Rocael Garcia

Ministros Eucarísticos: Fernando & Juana Castro, Luis M. Ordaz

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

Monaguillos: Mayra Castro, Alina Carrillo



De parte de nuestro Pastor

Quiero informarles que, a partir de esta semana, me alejaré de mis responsabilidades diarias por un tiempo para centrarme en mi salud mental y espiritual. Siento que es necesario abordar algunos desafíos personales en mi vida. He hablado con el Arzobispo y ha accedido a permitirme un tiempo libre para recibir ayuda y sanación. No voy a compartir más detalles, pero les pido que me tengan presentes en sus oraciones durante este tiempo. Creo que este período de cuidado es parte de un enfoque saludable y responsable hacia mi bienestar personal. No puedo decir cuánto tiempo estaré ausente, pero preveo que al menos serán unos meses. Lo que sí puedo decir es que no se trata de una crisis vocacional; me encanta ser sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Dubuque. ¡Y tampoco me estoy muriendo! Simplemente quiero estar bien, ser un sacerdote feliz y santo. Nuestro personal parroquial, junto con la Arquidiócesis, tiene un plan para apoyar el ministerio de las parroquias durante mi ausencia. Aún quedan algunos detalles por resolver, pero confío en que todo saldrá bien. Gracias por su comprensión, compasión y oraciones. Y sepan que rezo por ustedes. ~*P. Michael*

Anuncios

Flores de Navidad para todas las parroquias: Si quieres ayudar a enriquecer nuestro entorno litúrgico para la Navidad, ¡Considera hacer una donación para flores navideñas este año! Habrá sobres disponibles en la parte trasera de todas las iglesias a partir del fin de semana del 29 al 30 de noviembre para donaciones de flores navideñas. Puedes especificar qué iglesia te gustaría apoyar y hacer tu donación en honor o en memoria de un ser querido. Una lista de intenciones/memorials estará en el boletín después de Navidad. ¡Gracias por vuestra generosidad y por ayudar a que nuestras iglesias sean hermosas para Navidad!

Carta de la campaña anual de San Patricio:

Queridos feligreses de San Patricio, muchos de nosotros emos recibido o recibiremos una carta sobre nuestra campana anual detallando los muchos grandes ministerios que ofrecemos en nuestra parroquia. Esta es nuestra mayor recaudación de fondos del año y contamos con tu apoyo para continuar el trabajo de construcción del reino en Tama/ Toledo y la comunidad circundante. Gracias a quienes ya han hecho un regalo. Si no has donado, por favor considera apoyar en oración a nuestra parroquia de San Patricio.

~*P. Michael*

El árbol de navidad de adoptar a una familia: El árbol de Navidad de Adoptar A Una Familia esta en la entrada de la Iglesia con etiquetas para regalos y certificados de comida. Por favor, tomar una etiqueta del árbol y devolver el certificado de comida o el regalo sin envolver antes del domingo 14 de diciembre.