



# CIRCLE OF SAINTS

SAINT PATRICK  
TAMA

SAINT JOSEPH  
CHELSEA

SAINT MICHAEL  
BELE PLAINE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | READINGS EX 17:3-7 / ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 / JN 4:5-42

MARCH 8, 2026



## The Journey Toward Joy From Ashes to Alleluia

A LENTEN MISSION WITH  
FR. PETER JIA

SUNDAY, MARCH 8  
AT 1:30 PM

ST. PATRICK, TAMA

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: *"One sows and another reaps"* (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.



# ST. PATRICK TAMA

## WEEKEND MINISTERS

March 15 at 10:30 AM

**Lector:** Betty Hayek, Lucia Flores  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Micki Ferris, Fernando Castro, Eric Guadiana, Maria Lux, Marce Nekola, Matt Popelka  
**Hospitality:** John Hayek, Patty Henle, Ron Timm  
**Altar Server:** Harper Feisel, Regina Soto  
**Money Counter:** Micki Ferris, Ron Timm, Kathy Albright

**CCW:** Dues will be collected on March 8 and 15, and you may also sign up for the Soup/Salad Luncheon. Please check the job poster to see how you can help or bring food—thank you for your support!

**Easter Flowers:** Please consider making a donation for Easter flowers. Envelopes will be available at the back of church starting March 8, where you can indicate which church to support and make your gift in honor or memory of a loved one.

**Lenten Ecumenical Service & Luncheon** will be Wednesday, March 11 at 12 PM in Tama.

**Confirmation Retreat** will be Sunday, March 15 from 9 AM - 3 PM at St. Patrick Church. Confirmation will be Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick.

**No Faith Formation Classes** on Wednesday, March 18 due to Confirmation.

**Save the Date:** St. Patrick Feast Day Parish Celebration, Sunday, March 22.

### Offertory Collections 22-Feb-26

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes    | 1,905.00           |
| Cash         | 321.00             |
| Electronic   | 330.00             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 2,556.00</b> |
| Budgeted     | 5,269.00           |

# ST. JOSEPH CHELSEA

## WEEKEND MINISTERS

March 14 at 4:30 PM

**Lector:** Catherine Kratoska  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Sid Jedlicka, Dcn. Joe Behounek, Tom L. Upham, Janice Upham  
**Hospitality:** Jay Dvorak, Tommy Kiebach  
**Altar Server:** Bennett Behounek, Kade Kiebach  
**Gift Bearer:** Dale & Julie Kasal  
**Money Counter:** Harry Hlas, Julie Kasal

**Easter Flowers:** Please consider making a donation for Easter flowers. Envelopes will be available at the back of church starting March 7, where you can indicate which church to support and make your gift in honor or memory of a loved one.



## CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 21  
After 4:30 PM Mass

Soup Supper & Auction  
St. Joseph School, Chelsea

### Offertory Collections 21-Feb-26

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Envelopes    | 585.00           |
| Cash         | 157.00           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 742.00</b> |
| Budgeted     | 1,460.00         |

# ST. MICHAEL BELE PLAIN

## WEEKEND MINISTERS

March 15 at 8:30 AM

**Lector:** Connie Drahos  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Carol Wonrau, Wayne Parizek, Doug & Andrea Dvorak  
**Hospitality:** Vince Barloon, Alan Tichy  
**Altar Server:** Maria Argo, Carly McLeod, Avery Schrader  
**Money Counter:** Julie Breja, Sherri Swearengin

### SJ/SM Knights Food Pantry

**Collection:** Sunday, March 8  
Please donate non-perishable food and paper goods only. Items can be placed in the back of St. Michael. Thank you for your generosity and support!

**SJ/SM Knights** will be meeting Monday, March 9 at 7:30 PM in basement.

### SJ/SM Knights Pancake Breakfast

will be on Sunday, March 8 from 8 AM to 12 PM at St. Michael social hall. Everyone is invited. Free-will donation.

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### Offertory Collections 22-Feb-26

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes    | 1,213.00           |
| Cash         | 170.20             |
| Electronic   | 111.40             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 1,494.60</b> |
| Budgeted     | 2,600.00           |

**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:**  
*For disarmament and peace.*  
*Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH**

- 7 Mary Vavroch
- 8 Pro Populo  
Joseph & Julia Benda
- 9 Joey & Darlene Breja
- 10 Paul & Beulah Upah
- 11 Nathan Slagle
- 12 Phyllis Cornelins
- 13 Margaret Frimml
- 14 Pro Populo
- 15 Don Kozik  
Margaret Lyon

*Offer a Mass for your loved one - the Church's most powerful prayer - uniting them to Christ's sacrifice and entrusting them to God's eternal peace. Suggested offering: \$10/intention.*

**MARCH CELEBRATIONS**

- 80+ Birthday Celebration**
- 01 Dorothy Zmolek
  - 02 Janice Dvorak
  - 03 Marilyn Yusak
  - 05 Rosaline Hartkemeyer
  - 06 Roger Thiessen
  - 07 Ronald Kratoska
  - 11 Diane Thiessen
  - 13 Virginia Safley
  - 17 Jack Wilkinson
  - 18 Mary Ann Chyma
  - 21 Ruth Moyer
  - 23 Sandy DeMeyer
  - 24 Wesley G. Sebetka, Jr.
  - 24 Larry Sevcik
  - 30 Rod Meier
  - 31 Char DeMeulenaere
  - 31 Rita Sevcik

**PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING**

Jeff Dvorak, Scott Posusta, Onnah Dvorak, Anthony Dvorak, John Gessner, Shelbi Braja, Oliver Dvorak, Sally Mason, Ryan Selken, Max Branecki, Dorothy Zmolek, Craig Wolf, Donna Beery, Sandy Hayek, Dorothy Hayek, Nona Paulsen, Carol O'Connor, Maxine Upah, Dana Martin Kurovski, Patricia Parizek, Matt Walton, Carol Walton, Jim Duncalf, **Brett Houghton**

And all who are suffering from illness or injury, including our Veterans, those currently deployed, and their families.  
*Names are listed for three months. To add or renew a name, please contact the Office at (641) 484-3039.*

**Tama & Toledo Communities Blood Drive**

**Tama Civic Center** - 305 Siegel St, Tama IA 52339  
**Wednesday, March 18 at 2:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Stations of the Cross For Lent**

- St. Patrick, Tama [Bilingual]**  
Every Friday at 6 PM except Good Friday
- St. Joseph, Chelsea**  
Rotating Tuesdays at 6 PM (Mar-10, Mar-24)
- St. Michael, Belle Plaine**  
Rotating Tuesdays at 6 PM (Mar-17)



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**WED** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**THU** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**ST. PATRICK**  
(641) 484-3039  
900 Park St  
Tama, IA 52339



**MON-THU** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
**FRI** 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**MASS TIMES**

- MON** 8:30 AM Belle Plaine
- TUE** 5:30 PM Tama
- WED** 8:30 AM Chelsea
- THU** 8:30 AM Belle Plaine
- FRI** 8:00 AM Tama

- SAT** 4:30 PM Chelsea
- SUN** 8:30 AM Belle Plaine  
10:30 AM Tama  
12:00 PM Tama  
*(Monthly Spanish Mass, Next Mass April 12th)*

**ADORATION**

- MON** None
- TUE** 6-8 PM Tama  
*With Healing Prayer*
- WED** 9-10 AM Chelsea
- THU** 9 AM-3 PM Belle Pl.
- FRI** 8:30-11:30 AM Tama

**RECONCILIATION**

- MON** None
- TUE** 6-8 PM Tama
- WED** 9 AM Chelsea  
*After Daily Mass until finished*
- THU** 9 AM Belle Plaine  
*After Daily Mass until finished*
- FRI** None

**GET UPDATES**

- cofsaints.org
- facebook.com/cofsaints
- Text **COFSAINTS** to 84576
- Manda un mensaje de texto a **SANTOS** al (202) 765-3441



**Flores para la Pascua:** Por favor, considera hacer una donación para las flores de Pascua. Los sobres estarán disponibles en la entrada de la iglesia a partir del 8 de marzo, donde podrá indicar a qué iglesia apoyar y hacer su donativo en honor o memoria de un ser querido.

**El retiro de Confirmación** será el domingo 15 de marzo de las 9 AM a las 3 PM en la iglesia de San Patricio. La confirmación será el miércoles 18 de marzo a las 6:30 PM en San Patricio.

**No habrá clases de formación** de fe el miércoles 18 de marzo debido a la misa de confirmación.

**La próxima Misa en español** será para el sábado 12 de abril.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús ofrece agua viva a una mujer samaritana que su vida había estado llena de búsqueda y decepción. Al final de su encuentro, se convierte en una evangelista valiente y alegre. Entonces Jesús se vuelve hacia sus discípulos y dice algo que fácilmente pasa por alto: "Uno siembra y otro cosecha" (Juan 4:37). Les está ayudando —y a nosotros— a entender cómo funciona la evangelización. A menudo, quien siembra las semillas de la fe no es quien ve el fruto.

Esta Cuaresma, pregúntate: ¿Estás en una fase de siembra o en una de cosecha? Si estás sembrando — criando hijos, rezando por alguien, mentorizando — ten paciencia. Tu trabajo importa. Si estás cosechando — viendo a alguien cobrar vida en fe — sé agradecido. Estás de pie en tierra sagrada, labrada y regada por otros.

Reto cuaresmal: Agradece a alguien que una vez sembró fe en tu vida. Y sigue sembrando, incluso cuando la cosecha no se vea.

## COMMUNITY

**FCSLA Branch W-130** will host a Brunch for the families of 2025 deceased members on March 29, 2026, at the Clutier Legion Hall. Serving will be from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. All W-130 members and friends are invited to attend. Please bring your own table service.

# Support Your Parish Through Electronic Giving

We invite you to consider electronic offertory giving (ACH/EFT) — a secure and reliable way to ensure your donation is designated directly to your parish and faithfully supports your facility and ministries.

Electronic giving:

- Provides steady, predictable support for regular operating expenses
- Helps us plan responsibly for parish ministries and facilities
- Reduces administrative costs
- Allows you to give consistently, even when you are away

You choose the amount and frequency (weekly or monthly), and your offering is transferred securely from your bank account. You may change or stop your gift at any time.

If you would like to enroll, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your faithful generosity to your parish family.

God Bless,  
Elizabeth Monat, Business Manager

## AUTOMATIC GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM

Parish (*Please Circle*) ST. PATRICK ST. JOSEPH ST. MICHAEL

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Inst. \_\_\_\_\_

Routing # (9 Digits). \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency (*Please Circle*) MONTHLY WEEKLY

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT:

**CIRCLE OF SAINTS PARISH OFFICE**  
ATTENTION: ELIZABETH  
900 PARK STREET  
TAMA, IA 52339

*Thank you!*

YOU CAN CANCEL  
ANYTIME THROUGH  
THE PARISH OFFICE.