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December 4, 2022

...but the one who is coming after me is
mightier than I... He will baptize you with the
holy Spirit and fire.

MATTHEW 3:11

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

Tue. Dec. 6 St. Patrick, Anamosa 8:30 am
Intention: Laura Simonis

Wed. Dec. 7 St. Patrick, Anamosa 8:30 am
Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Vigil for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

St. Patrick, Anamosa 6:30 pm
Intention: For the People

St. Stephen, Central City 7:00 pm
Intention: Art & Ron Funke

Thurs. Dec. 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

St. Stephen, Central City 8:30 am
Intention: Diane Arnold

Fri. Dec. 9 St. Patrick, Anamosa 8:30 am
Intention: Sr. Susan Dunnwald

Weekend:

Sat. Dec. 10 St. Patrick, Anamosa 4:00 pm
Intention: Diane & Janet Wheeler

St. Joseph, Prairieburg 6:30 pm
Intention: Luke & Lois Lawrence

Sun. Dec. 11 St. Stephen, Central City 8:00 am
Intention: Harold Kolda

St. Patrick, Anamosa 10:30 am
Intention: For the People

From Fr. Sean Smith

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are a week into Advent and the new liturgical year. Hopefully you are allowing this season of waiting and preparation to influence your life and your prayer. And it is still not too late to take up some New Year's Resolutions. In fact, I have a couple for you that are starting soon!

Check out the bulletin insert this week! There is a front and a back on the insert, offering a "Bible in a Year" study, and a "Catechism in a Year" study!

We have so many resources available to us that provide opportunities for us to grow in our faith. Technology has brought us podcasts, or daily recordings that you can listen to at home or on your phone or in your car. Right at your fingertips, and at no cost, you have access to outstanding teaching! Some of these resources are also available on YouTube!

Entering more deeply into Scripture is so important for growing in faith. But often it can seem intimidating, especially if we are new to it. The Bible in a Year study is a great way to listen to the Scriptures, 20-25 minutes a day, and receive some instruction. The basic plan is to walk through the narrative (the "story") of Scripture, as well as filling in the gaps with the other books of Scripture. I myself am just completing the Bible in a Year study, and it is one of the best times of my day, letting God's word speak to me. You can begin any time, and you don't have to worry if you "fall behind". Just keep working your way through it.

The Catechism in a Year study is brand new. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, first published in 1992, with some revisions since then, is an amazing resource for learning the faith! This study could be a real breakthrough in helping every Catholic understand what God teaches through the Catholic Church. I am very excited to begin this study on January 1!

Maybe find a couple of other people to make a commitment with you to use one or both of these resources. Get together to discuss what you have learned. Support each other when you feel like you don't have time.

If you have questions about either of these resources, please ask me about them! If you have technology questions, let me know (I'm pretty good with technology). And know that I am on this journey with you, using these very resources, because I know I need to keep studying in order to draw closer to Jesus!

+Peace,
Fr. Sean



Liturgical Ministers

Weekend Mass	Lector Children Liturgy	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Greeters Ushers	Sacristan Rosary
Dec 10, 4:00pm St. Patrick	Jayson Wagner	Diane Osterkamp Patty Delagardelle Judy Dietiker Sherry Engelbart	Kassidy Cline Crystal King	John Ludwig LaVonne Ludwig Marcia Finn Gary Teymer	Lori Huff Vicky Muller
Dec 7, 7:00pm St. Stephen	Dianna Hackman	Diane McGovern, Teresa Uhlenkamp Monica Carpenter	Parker Pangburn Bella Hunerdosse	Bob & Kris Matus	Gifts: Joe & Emily Ruley Family
Dec 10, 6:30pm St. Joseph's	Diane McGovern	TBD	Thomas Jerome Autumn Jerome	Don & LaRae Reichenauer	Gifts: Bill & Virginia Uhlenkamp
Dec 11, 8:00am St. Stephen	Alice Smith	Merle Akers, Nanette Meeker Ruthanne Weighton	Jaxon Port Alissa Fleming	David & Mary Kay Allen	Gifts: John & Denise McGovern
Dec 11, 10:30am St. Patrick	Charlotte Niederhauser Megan Conley Veronica Groesbeck	Jeff Whitson Brian Hurt Rosann Hurt Linda Kirsch	Lyla Broghammer Bennett Clark	Malinda Engelbart Steve Engelbart Michael Finn Jeff Fliehler	Geri Conley Bill Sperfslage

St. Patrick News



LET US PRAY FOR...

Mary Allamand, Mary Barnes, Margaret Bishop, Dale Breon, Jan Bressler, Matthew Corpstein, Gallen Darrow, Jordan Darrow, Larry Driscoll, Jobi Gangestad, Don Gapinski, Terry Gogel, Ember Hanlon, Ruth Hinz, Matthew Jennings, Alvin Johnson, Bernie Kennebeck, Andrea Laverty, Casey Laverty, Hannah McDill, Deb Paustian, Jan Pearson, Ed Redmond, Eleanor Schultejan, Edith Schwes, Candy Shada, Samuel Simko, Catherine Skarbek, Robert Skarbek, John K. Tigan, Mary Jo Yotty

Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn for

Denny Teymer

The week of December 4th

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT
SHINE THROUGH THE DARKNESS**



This Advent, teach your family about the Jesse Tree!

Visit <https://www.faithward.org/jesse-tree/>

or stop by the entryway table to take a guide home.

HERE WE COME A-CAROLING

Join us for an evening of
Christmas Caroling
Wednesday December 21st
5:30-6:30pm

Meet at the church by 5:15pm

We will end the evening in
the parish hall with cookies
and cocoa!



RSVP by Dec. 14 to
jenniferkelly830@gmail.com

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Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

Winter weather is upon us and may change your routine travel plans. Scheduled daily and weekend Masses will not ordinarily be canceled due to weather conditions, even in the case of school being delayed or canceled. However, parking lots and sidewalks may not be cleared in time for Mass.

Please use caution, stay safe, or even stay home if the situation necessitates.

To read the full Weather Cancellation Policy, which includes instruction for Faith Formation classes, head to our website
<https://stpatchurch.us/weather-closings>

Christmas Choir Practice

Calling all who enjoy getting into the Christmas spirit through singing including males and females, young and not young, experienced or not. Lori Knuth has graciously agreed to lead all voices in a St. Pat choir. Give it a try. Have some fun. Sing with joy to our Lord!

All are welcome to join for Christmas Choir Practice Dec. 6th at 6:30pm in the church. If you are interested, call Colette at the Church offices.

St. Patrick Religious Education

Wed. Dec. 7th: Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
(6:30 for all grades)

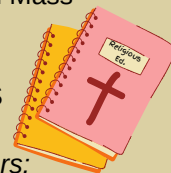
Wed. Dec 14th: Regular Class

Wed. Dec 21st & 28th: NO CLASSES

2nd Grade Families Mark Your Calendars:

Sat. Jan 28th: First Reconciliation Retreat 9:00am

Wed. Feb 8th: First Reconciliation



Chili-to-Go!

Sandwich-to-Go has evolved. On the weekend of December 10 and 11, the KCs are offering Chili-to-Go! PLUS, if you choose to go into the Church Hall, you get unlimited refills and a dessert as part of the traditional KC Christmas Chili Social. ALL are welcome whether you are a KC or not. Donations are for the Giving Tree. See you then!

Virtual Giving Tree

As of printing slots are available for St. Patrick's giving tree project. Please click [HERE](#) or use your camera on your cell phone to hover over the QR code below and you will be taken to Sign Up Genius page where you are able to select a child or family you would like to support.



Thanks to everyone who has already supported the Giving Tree project this year. Gifts should be returned this week no later than **Friday, December 9th**. Wrapped gifts can be taken to the church basement and put on the numbered table that matches your child/family's number in the top line of the sign-up slot. ****IT IS VERY IMPORTANT YOU INCLUDE THE # of CHILD and whether the gift is clothing or toy!** It does not need to label what the specific item is but helps us track to ensure that we received all gifts. The # is located in the top line of the slot.

Cash donations should be returned to the church office.

Please indicate which family number it is for.

Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!

Men's Bookclub

Due to a delay in book delivery, the Men's Saturday Morning Bookclub will be postponed until the new year.

Live Nativity and Streets of Bethlehem

The Bean Farm 7731 148th St. Scotch Grove
Saturday Dec 3rd: 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm
Sunday Dec 4th: 1:00pm and 3:00pm



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St. John, Coggon | St. Joseph, Prairieburg | St. Stephen, Central City

LET US PRAY FOR...

Anita Belser, McKenzie Brown, Pat Callahan, Eileen Cooper, Ruby Drexler, Karen Dunlap, Raymond Franklin, Barbara Heller, Arlene Holub, Diane Korte, Steve Kueter, Denise Lloyd Lawrence, Michelle Manternach, Scott Mason, Katelyn Powers, Skip Powers, Dan Reiter, Sharon Reiter Jeff Smith, Steve Walker, Sue Weller, Sam Weller, James Weighton, Leo Wickman, Kenneth Zieser

Vocation Crucifix:

St. Stephen's

12/4

David & Mary Kay Allen



Eucharistic Adoration

St. John's Coggon

Thursday December 8th

5:00 PM



Liturgical Minister Note

If you are unable to fulfil your scheduled ministry, please contact Monica at (319)-438-1979. This keeps everyone informed and ministry covered. Thank you!



Youth Faith Formation Update

12/7 Mass K-12 – Holy Day 6:45-8:00PM

12/14 – Cluster Communal Reconciliation 6:45PM at St Stephen's
First Reconciliation for 2nd grade students



Cookies & Hot Chocolate

The North Linn Knights of Columbus will be providing Cookies & Hot Chocolate and coffee after the Saturday, 10 December Mass at St. Joseph Prairieburg. Please join us in the Church Hall, and share in some fellowship, tasty cookies and hot chocolate!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Tom Walker

who passed away this past week. May God's perpetual light shine upon him and bring comfort to his family.



All Parish News

Retirement Fund for Religious



Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

Visit retiredreligious.org/2022photos to meet the religious pictured.
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Cantors for the Choir

St. John's is looking for musicians and/or cantors for the choir. We have a guitar amp, an organ and a small keyboard.

If you have some musical talents you would like to share please contact Cyndi Hageman at (319)721-7787

Inclement Weather Policy



During the week:

Cancellation: If public school classes are cancelled on mornings when daily Mass is scheduled, Mass and prayer service will be cancelled at the respective site.

Delays: If public school classes are delayed on mornings when daily Mass is scheduled, Mass and prayer service will be held unless delay is changed to a cancellation at the public school.

Early Dismissal: If public school classes are either cancelled or dismissed early because of bad weather, youth faith formation classes and all parish meetings will be cancelled on that day.

Announcements concerning cancellations will be sent to KCRG (channel 9), KWWL (channel 7) and KGAN (channel 2). Announcements referring to North Linn Catholic Cluster will apply to the site(s) where the Mass or activity was to take place. Information will also be posted on the web-site, Facebook and via email.

All Parish News

Christmas Poinsettias

Please see back page for flower donation details.

Parish	Weekly Offerings thru 11/29
St. Patrick	\$3,335.00
St. Joseph	\$804.00
St. John	\$25.00
St. Stephen	\$2,023.00

The Week Ahead

Mon 12/5 7:10pm NL KC Meeting: SJC
 Tue 12/6 1:00pm Prayer Group: SP
 Wed 12/7 8:00am Rosary for Life: SP
 9:00am Catholic Coffee Club: G&G
 6:30pm FF 1st-12th- Mass: SP
 7:00pm North Linn Cluster FF- Mass: SS
 Thur 12/8 5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration: SJC

Scripture For The Week: December 5-11

Mon 12/5 Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
 Tue 12/6 Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
 Wed 12/7 Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30
 Thur 12/8 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Lk 1:26-38
 Fri 12/9 Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
 Sat 12/10 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday December 11th Readings

Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10
 Mt 11:2-11

Marriage Enrichment

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matt 3:2). John the Baptist calls for a change of heart, a turning of one's life from rebellion to obedience towards God. How might you, your spouse, or your children be called to a "change of heart" today?

School Annual Fund

Thank you for participating in the Day of Giving for the School Annual Fund! It is through the generosity of parishioners like you that we are able to offer the excellent gift of education at St. Patrick School to all who desire it.

If you have not yet had a chance to return your commitment card, you may do so by dropping it in the mail, at the school office, or by visiting our school website at <https://stpatschool.us/ways-to-give> to complete an electronic commitment card.



New Years Resolutions

Happy Liturgical new year! Have you thought about your new year's resolutions? Remember, it takes time to develop a habit so be patient with yourself as you incorporate your resolution into your daily life.

I Want to Serve My Church

- Resolve to join a church ministry. Use your gifts to serve your church through visible or behind-the-scenes ministries. Unsure where to begin? Talk to Father or call/visit the office! - Share your talent.
- Resolve to increase your tithing by even a few dollars each month. -Share your treasure.
- Resolve to pray for your neighbors, community and those in need. Come for the Rosary, make a quiet space in your home for prayer, or request a Mass intention. - Share your time.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Col 3:23-24

Lord, help me do your will!



Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future
 School Tuition Organization

Time is running out; 2022 STO tax credits are only available until December 31! Donating to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) will help qualifying Catholic school families with tuition assistance while you will receive a 75% STO tax credit. With the tax credit, the impact of your donation is multiplied. Here's how it works: When you donate \$2,000, you will receive a \$1,500 Iowa income tax credit, making your final net investment only \$500. Your \$500 donation is multiplied 4x, making STO tuition support available for Catholic school families.

Visit www.ourfaithsto.org or contact the Our Faith STO at (563) 556-2580 x296

Second Sunday of Advent

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Join Father Ivan Nienhaus, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Cedar Falls on a **pilgrimage to Poland** and several major cities throughout Eastern Europe. The trip is scheduled for July 3 – 19, 2023. Cost out of Cedar Rapids is \$6,124.00 which includes all meals, transportation, & many other sites. 206 Tours. On this journey, we will walk in the footsteps of three great Polish saints - St. John Paul, St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy – along with embracing the culture of the Polish people. The trip to Poland will also include a stop at the famous Auschwitz Concentration Camp. This trip will include many other stops that will invigorate your Catholic Faith in ways that will last you a lifetime. For a flyer or more information contact Mary Johnston at 319-560-5138 or email at blessu45@gmail.com.



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We are inviting you to donate poinsettias for Christmas decorations at all of our parishes. Please indicate your name, parish, the amount of your donation and if you would like to give it in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

Place this completed form and your donation in an envelope. **Drop it in either the collection basket or at the parish office on or before December 15th.**

Name: _____

Parish: _____ Donation Amount: _____

In memory / honor of (please circle which): _____

