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**January 26, 2025**

The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me,  
because he has  
anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to  
the poor.  
He has sent me to  
proclaim liberty to  
captives  
and recovery of sight to  
the blind,  
to let the oppressed go  
free,  
and to proclaim a year  
acceptable to the Lord.  
Luke 4:18



## **Mass Times & Intentions**

**TUES. Jan. 28/ No Mass**

**WED. Jan. 29/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Betty & Leroy Gronback**

**THURS. Jan. 30/ No Mass**

**FRI. Jan. 31/ No Mass**

**SAT. Feb. 1/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: Roger Lindeman**

**SAT. Feb. 1/ 6:30 PM, St. John: For the People**

**SUN. Feb. 2/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: Kristin Kolda**

**SUN. Feb. 2/ 10:30 AM, St. Patrick: Loretta Costello**

**Reconciliation:** 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Patrick; 7:30 a.m. on Sunday at St. Stephen or by appointment.

For all other Sacraments, please, call or stop in either parish office.

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# From Fr. Sean Smith

Dear Friends in Christ,

Buongiorno! After 14 days in Italy, it is wonderful to be back home! The trip was fantastic, and I look forward to sharing more of it with you in the near future. We visited Rome (you can see me at St. Peter's Square with the Basilica behind me), Montecassino (the location of St. Benedict's Abbey), San Giovanni Rotondo (where St. Padre Pio lived his life), Monte Sant' Angelo (site of apparitions of St. Michael the Archangel), Lanciano (site of the first Eucharistic Miracle), Loreto (site of the Holy House), Assisi (St. Francis, St. Clare, Bl. [soon to be St.] Carlo Acutis), and Orvieto (site of a stunning church, Duomo di Orvieto, and a beautiful winery). I prayed Masses and rosaries for your intentions while I was there!



I want to thank the staff at St. Patrick and the NLCC for doing such a great job while I was away! It was a great relief to know that everything would run so smoothly! I also want to thank Fr. Martin and Fr. Vu for providing the weekend Masses. And I also want to thank all of you that responded so generously to the Unbound appeal. I think we provided 15 sponsorships. If you are still interested in a sponsorship, just let me know.

Just a quick word on the Disciple Maker Index results. We will not get any reports until March, but all four of our parishes exceeded 50% participation and were above the average across the Archdiocese! I'm thankful for, and proud of, your willingness to participate. I especially want to thank our Parish Points of Contact, Mark Rochford (SS), Brian Jerome (SJP), Don Gudenkauf (SJC), and Joe Corpstein (SP), and Amber Sievers for her work on communications.

Now some not-so-great news. My mother fell this week and broke her hip. I haven't visited my parents in over 18 months, so I'm flying to North Carolina early Monday morning to spend a few days with her as she convalesces. The only daily Mass next week will be on Wednesday at St. Patrick, celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Zinkula. No weekend Masses will be affected. I am sorry to be away again, but I ask for your prayers for my parents, especially my mother, Betty.

+Peace,  
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	February 1 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	February 1 6:30 p.m. St. John	February 2 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	February 2 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
Lector	Marcia Finn	JoAnn Woods	David Allen	Bennett Clark
Children Liturgy	N/A	N/A	N/A	Shannon Clark Julie Corpstein
Eucharistic Ministers	*Sherry Engelbart Jennifer Koopmann Suzanne Marek Jayson Wagner *clean vessels	JoAnn Woods Kris Oswald Jim Oswald	Denise McGovern Diane Brecht Lori Rochford	*Jeff Whitson Linda Bonifazi-King Elly Whitson *clean vessels
Altar Servers	Isaac Sievert Jonah Wagner	TBD	Hazel Ward Neveah Klima	McCoy Clark James Thomsen
Greeters	Rick Cook	Steve Welter Jim Oswald	Don Hogan Karla Hogan	Linda Bonifazi-King Dale King
Ushers	Thomas Swisher Gary Teymer	Steve Welter Jim Oswald	Don Hogan Karla Hogan	Keith Doyle Jeff Fliehler
Sacristan	Loretta Holzinger	<b>Gifts:</b> Steve Welter Jim Oswald	<b>Gifts:</b> Joe & Emily Ruley Family	Rosann Hurt
Rosary	Rick Delagardelle	N/A	Bob Matus	Sandy Heims

# St. Patrick News



## LET US PRAY FOR...

Mary Barnes, Margaret Bishop, Dale Breon, Jan Bressler, Matthew Corpstein, Jordan Darrow, Amanda Gardner, Dan Gilmore, Patty Gilmore, Gabe Gogel, Nancy Haefner, Ruth Hinz, Bob Holland, Esther Hudson, Jennifer Jeffrey, Matthew Jennings, Alvin Johnson, Lavonne Ludwig, Tricia McElmeel, Dennis Moss, Sharon Nakielski, Ember O'Donnell, Angie Osterkamp, Deb Paustian, Barb Rumsey, Edith Schwes, Candy Shada, Cooper Sievers, Samuel Simko, Catherine Skarbek, Robert Skarbek, Caro Thompson, John K. Tigan, Mary Jo Yotty, those homebound and in care centers, those listed in our Prayer Intention Book

Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn for

**Jim Noonan**

the week of January 26

**Christ be our light  
shine through the darkness**



## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is almost here and we are all proud of our own St. Patrick Elementary School.

Join the KCs in both celebrating and supporting St. Patrick School with:

**Sandwich-to-Go on February 1 and 2.**

Featuring Giant 1/4 lb. All Beef Hot Dog, Chips, Treat, and Water



## Mass Intention

There are still 2025 availabilities to schedule a Mass Intention for daily or weekend Masses. If you are interested reach out to the office at **(319) 462-2141**

## Sanctuary Lamp Offerings

There is still availability for 2025. If you would like to have one offered, please contact the Parish Office at 319-462-2141.



## Our St. Patrick library is expanding!



Come explore our newest additions that you can borrow to enhance your spiritual journey this upcoming year. Plus, we have a ton of extra copies of books by author Matthew Kelly ready for you to take home! We're also in search of gently used Catholic books for children, teens, and adults. Feel free to drop them off at the Church Office or near the elevator. Thank you for your support!



## THAT MAN IS YOU

**Begins January 18 at 6:00 AM in Church Hall**

**That Man is You** at St. Pats has had 16 different men from 18-74 participate this year. Typically, half the men are below age 50 and half are above 50. The usual attendance is 10-12 men. There is no fee. There is no homework. There is no book to read. There is only good conversation about our Faith and issues of life impacting our families, friends, and relationships. Our next session is January 25. See you then!

Is this the Year to Grow Your Faith and Build New Friendships?

Let's Start 2025 with Our Biggest Group Ever !!!

**January 25**

**February 1**

## Sober Intoxication of the Spirit

- The Intoxication of the Spirit
- The Virtue of Humility
- The Condescension of God
- The Analogy of Water
- The Annunciation: Filled with Grace
- The Litany of Humility

## Our Father

- Elohim, Yahweh, and Father
- The Identity of God
- Contract vs Covenant
- A Bond of Love
- Fatherhood of Man as Image of the Fatherhood of God
- The Love of a Father

## Is God inviting you to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Would you be open to sharing three of the most wonderful gifts one can receive: the Eucharist (God Himself), love, and community?

In bringing communion to the homebound, the minister of communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please reach out to the office at 319-462-2141.

We are looking for volunteers to help flatten and cut grocery bags and crochet handles for mats being made for the homeless. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.



## Catholic Schools Week

We are excited to announce that Catholic Schools Week will be taking place from January 26th to January 31st. This week will be filled with a variety of fun and engaging activities for our students and community. Here's a sneak peek at what's in store:

**Inspiring Guest Speakers:** Hear from remarkable individuals who will share their insights and experiences.

**Bowling Extravaganza:** Enjoy a fun-filled trip to the bowling alley, sure to be a hit with everyone.

**Penny Wars for a Cause:** Join in our spirited fundraising competition to support a local family with a father being deployed.

**Grandparents Day:** A heartwarming day dedicated to celebrating and spending quality time with our wonderful grandparents.

**Book Fair Fun:** Discover a world of books and take the opportunity to add new favorites to your collection.

**Captivating Performances:** Be entertained by special singing and dancing.





# St. Patrick Faith Formation News

## St. Patrick Youth Faith Formation:

**Mass: Wednesday, January 29th at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Class: Wednesday, February 5th at 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Class: Wednesday, February 12th at 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm**

## **(NEW!) Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC)**

Start ICYC weekend with a gathering for **high school students**. Start talking to your teens now about a great opportunity to meet teens from all over eastern Iowa, hear a nationally-known musician (Connor Flanagan), and grow deeper in their faith.

- The high school event will be from **6:00 - 9:00 PM on Saturday, March 29**.
- Cost will be \$25 per person and will include a pizza party!

## **Mark your calendars!**

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

## **Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC)** for those in **grades 6-8** and

their parents. The event, which is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of

Dubuque and the Diocese of

Davenport, will take place at St. Ludmila Parish in Cedar Rapids, and

will feature the energetic Catholic artist and witness of faith, Connor

Flanagan

(<https://www.connorflanaganmusic.com/>)

## **2025 Archdiocesan Women's Conference:**

Beauty in Christ - gather together for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation. \$10 to attend.

Breakfast and lunch provided. Please call the office to register at 319-462-2141 or sign up at the back of the Church.

**Join us on Saturday, January 25, 2025**

**8 AM- 1:30 PM at St. Patrick Catholic Church!**

## **That Man Is You!**

Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things new."

**Saturday mornings, beginning January 18 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.**

During the session, each meeting consists of three essential elements: fellowship with refreshments, video presentation and discussion within small groups. All men are welcome. Learn more at [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org).

## **She Shall be Called Woman- Ten Virtues of Mary, Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. -10 a.m.**

### **Session 4: Ardent Charity**

The word "ardent" means "enthusiastic or passionate." Charity is, of course, a synonym for the word love. This session will inspire us to lean into this virtue, allowing us to love with an intensity that is from the Lord. This virtue encourages us to "level up" our natural inclination to love and rejoice in the blessings both in our own lives and those around us.





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

## LET US PRAY FOR...

Don Beranek, Anita Besler, McKenzie Brown, Pat Cameron, Lois Clark, Eileen Cooper, Ruby Drexler, Karen Dunlap, Shyanne Feming, Glenda Grant, Jean Greif, Barbara Heller, Dana Kinley, Diane Korte, Steve Kueter, Cheryl Lloyd-Ryan, Michelle Manternach, Skip Powers, Dan Reiter, Sharon Reiter, Jeff Smith, Steve Walker, Sam Weller, James Weighton, Leo Wickman, Kenneth Zieser

### St. Stephen's Prayer Chain

If you wish to participate in the chain or have a prayer request, call or message 319-438-1170. Names and details are not required, a request will be sent to volunteers and prayer will be offered for that intention.



### NLCC Youth Faith Formation

Classes January 29th 6:45pm

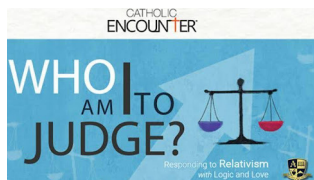
Please familiarize yourself with our inclement weather policy—tis the season!

### WHO AM I TO JUDGE? Adult Study

The eight session video study begins on Sunday January 19, 2025, after Mass. It's not too late.

Come on down and join the group.

In this study you will learn how moral truths are all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and why, "I disagree" doesn't mean "I hate you." By engaging our head and our heart, we will gain confidence in sharing the love that is found in God.



### Inclement Weather Policy

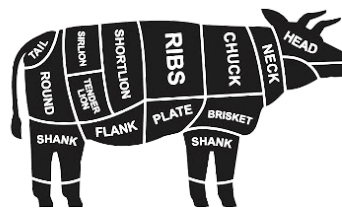
If public school classes are cancelled or delayed on mornings when daily Mass is scheduled, Mass / prayer service will be cancelled at St. Stephen's

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.



St. John is having a card social/potluck following Mass on **February 1st**.



CUTS OF BEEF

The NE Linn Food Pantry is looking for donations of meat- deer, part or all of cow, or hog meat.

They will pay for processing.

If you are able to help  
Please call: Susan Clarke 319-329-3271



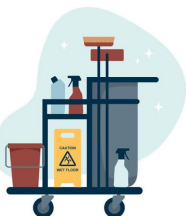
Baskets for donations to the food bank are in the gathering space. Check out the sign near the basket for the food banks wish list.



"To sing is to pray twice!"- St. Augustine

We are in need of music in our churches. If you sing, play the piano, guitar, spoons, whatever we'd love to hear it at mass!

Call the office to get more information  
319- 438-6625



St. Joseph Church is looking for someone who would be interested in cleaning the Church. Please reach out to the Cluster Office if you are interested. 319-438-6625

# All Parish News

## Weekly Offerings--1/20

St. Patrick--\$6,392.00  
St. Joseph--\$260.00  
St. John--\$889.00  
St. Stephen--\$2,520.00

Weekly offerings can be made through automatic ACH withdrawals. Forms can be found on the parish websites. Completed forms can be mailed, dropped off or put in the collection basket at Mass.

## The Week Ahead

Wed. 1/29	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Club: G & G
Thurs. 1/30	6:45 p.m.	NLCC Pastoral Council Meeting: SS
Sat. 2/1	6:00 a.m.	TMIY: SP
Sun. 2/2	8:30 a.m.	SHE: SP

## **Eucharistic Adoration St. Stephen Catholic Church Central City**

**Thursday, January 30 at 5:00-6:00 p.m.**



## **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"If one part [of the body] is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor. 12:26). It is difficult to be Christ's body in a divided world. In a marriage, when one spouse suffers, the other shares their pain. And if one spouse is honored the other shares their joy. How might you honor your spouse today?

## **Scripture For The Week: Jan. 27- Feb. 2**

<b>Mon. 1/27</b>	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28	Mark 3:22-30
<b>Tues. 1/28</b>	Hebrews 10:1-10	Mark 3:31-35
<b>Wed. 1/29</b>	Hebrews 10:11-18	Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thurs. 1/30</b>	Hebrews 10:19-25	Mark 4:21-25
<b>Fri. 1/31</b>	Hebrews 10:32-39	Mark 4:26-34
<b>Sat. 2/1</b>	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19	Mark 4:35-41

## **Sunday, February 2 Readings**

Malachi 3:1-4                      Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

## **Job opening:**

The John Paul II Medical Research Institute, located in Coralville, Iowa is looking for an Executive Director to oversee the administration and development of the Institute. The John Paul II Medical Research Institute currently disperses grants to further ethical medical research and pro-life medical clinics. Hours and pay negotiable and some remote work possible. Non-profit and administrative experience preferred.  
Contact Search Team at [office@jp2sri.org](mailto:office@jp2sri.org)



Attached / Inserted into this weekend's bulletin is a copy of **Together** from the Archdiocese for the month of January. Monthly Volumes feature initiatives and happenings from around the archdiocese. If you have not read any of them and would like to catch up on older issues, please visit the Archdiocese website at: <https://dbqarch.org/together>

## **MARRIED COUPLES LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR'S**

**RESOLUTION?** Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage - like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The upcoming weekend dates are April 25-27 in Epworth, IA & September 12-14 in Dubuque, IA. For more info call Denise and Greg at (563)608-3305 or register at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

***He is the best marriage counselor, greatest teacher, powerful healer, and wisest friend. Find the peace that only comes from God. Jesus is calling you home to His mercy, healing love, and Sacred Heart. Come adore Christ in the Holy Eucharist.***

Eucharistic Adoration provides a special opportunity to spend face-to-face time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Here are some things you can do during your time with Jesus:

**Sit in silence.** Be open to hearing God's voice in the silence of your heart. Silence is a very powerful means of communication between you and God.

**Pray or just talk to Jesus.** Pray in thanksgiving, in petition, or in asking for forgiveness. Or simply talk to Jesus. Bring everything to Him.

**Read the Bible** or other spiritual books. Immerse yourself in God's Word or powerful Catholic writings.

**Pray the Rosary.**

**Write down your thoughts** as you listen to God in prayer.

No matter what you choose to do, sit before Him and just allow Him to love you. If you long to be loved and filled with God's endless mercy; if you seek healing and hope, come to Him in Eucharistic Adoration.

He will accomplish wonderful things in your heart!

## **The Eucharistic Miracle of St. Peter Damian 1050**

Reprinted from Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition  
<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

A sorceress asked a woman to bring her a consecrated Host. The woman went to Mass and during Communion she managed to hide a Host in her handkerchief. The priest noticed what happened and ran after the woman and ordered her to show him what she was hiding. The woman opened the handkerchief, and to their surprise they saw that half of the stolen Particle had been transformed into Flesh and the other half looked like the Host.





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