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**January 4, 2026**



## **Mass Times & Intentions**

**TUES. Jan. 6/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Gary Larson**

**WED. Jan. 7/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Michael & Mary Flo Whalen**

**THURS. Jan. 8/ 8:30 AM, St. Stephen: Harold Kolda**

**FRI. Jan. 9/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Margaret Bishop**

**SAT. Jan. 10/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: Troy McNamer**

**SAT. Jan. 10/ 6:30 PM, St. Joseph: Allan Kula**

**SUN. Jan. 11/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: Norbert Kremer**

**SUN. Jan. 11/ 10:30 AM, St. Patrick: For the People**

**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 Father Sean

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year we Catholics are the last ones celebrating Christmas. The world builds up the holiday in a way that it can never meet expectations, and before the wrapping paper has made it to the recycle bin, the world has moved on to the next thing.

Can you remember when you had a newborn at home? Even after putting them down, we'd just stand there, breathing in that baby scent, hearts bursting with love, marveling at the gift of new life and imagining all the possibilities that this new life offers. It is this same feeling we're invited to experience during the whole of the Christmas season. We don't need to leave the manger just yet. Linger. Take it all in. Like Mary, ponder all these things in your hearts.

The magi haven't even arrived yet! That's this weekend (Epiphany). Then the following weekend we celebrate John the Baptist baptizing Jesus in the Jordan. Only then are we ready to move forward. Only then are we ready to take all that we have seen and heard and bring it to the world. That's exactly what Jesus did after his baptism! It was his baptism that inaugurated Jesus' saving mission in the world. And our baptism inaugurates our mission in the world as well!

On a personal note, this has been a difficult Christmas for me. Influenza A hit me hard, caused my asthma to flare up, and put me in the hospital for several days. So if anyone is ready to leave this Christmas behind, it should be me. Even though Christmas was sort of a haze, I still want to wring every ounce of joy from this holy season. I need every bit of it to get ready for the mission!

What is the mission? To proclaim Jesus Christ to the world! The one that the angels sang about. The one that the magi sought out. The one that John the Baptist prepared for. Jesus has come to bring salvation to his people! And it is exactly that good news that each of us is called to share!

In the Vatican II document, Lumen Gentium, we read, "The lay apostolate, however, is a participation in the salvific mission of the Church itself. Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to that apostolate by the Lord Himself" (33). It is Jesus that gives us this mission—not the priest or the deacon or the bishop, but Jesus! Each of us shares in this mission, by virtue of our baptism, to proclaim Jesus to the world!

That is why we linger at the crib, looking on the only begotten Son of God. He is the one that has come to save us, and to lead us on our mission!

+Peace,  
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	January 10 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	January 10 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph	January 11 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	January 11 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
<b>Lector</b>	Lori Huff	Teresa Uhlenkamp	Karla Dalton	Ruthanne Weighton
<b>Children Liturgy</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Chelsie Engelbart Molly Rogers
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	*Larry Huinker Barb Capron Charlotte Scheckel Jayson Wagner *clean vessels	Teresa Uhlenkamp Don Reichenauer LaRae Reichenauer	Don Hatch Denise McGovern Lori Rochford	*Elly Whitson Linda Bonifazi-King Nancy Edwards Jeff Whitson *clean vessels
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Isaac Sievert Jonah Wagner	Autumn Jerome Bianca Jerome	Hazel Ward Nevaeh Klima	Olivia Engelbart Tj Engelbart
<b>Greeters</b>	Jolene Huinker Larry Huinker	Don Reichenauer LaRae Reichenauer	Bob Matus Kris Matus	Linda Bonifazi-King Dale King
<b>Ushers</b>	Keith Doyle Michael Finn	Don Reichenauer LaRae Reichenauer	Bob Matus Kris Matus	Rick Cook Jeff Fliehler
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sandy Bunce	<b>Gifts:</b> Brain Jerome Family	<b>Gifts:</b> Don & Karla Hogan	Carol Husmann Greg Husmann
<b>Rosary</b>	Greg Pospisil	N/A	TBD	Bill Sperflage

# St. Patrick News



## LET US PRAY FOR...

Mary Barnes, Dale Breon, Matthew Corpstein, Jordan Darrow, Mike Fitzsimmons, Amanda Gardner, Connie Gogel, Nancy Haefner, George Helle, Bob Holland, Allen Hudson, Esther Hudson, Jennifer Jeffrey, Matthew Jennings, Alvin Johnson, Cheryl Leiferman, Lavonne Ludwig, Shannon McManus, Morgan Meyer, Dennis Moss, Sharon Nakielski, Ember O'Donnell, Angie Osterkamp, Deb Paustian, Edith Schwes, John Secrist, 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 4  
**Christ be our light**  
 shine through the darkness



### St. Patrick Youth Faith Formation Classes

**Wed., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** -- Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm  
**Wed., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** -- Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm  
**Wed., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** -- Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm

## OFF THE CUFF!!

**WHEN:** Sunday, Jan. 11, after 10:30 Mass

**WHERE:** Las Brasas Restaurant, 300 West Main Street, Anamosa

**WHO:** All who are interested

**WHY:** To relax, socialize, laugh, and enjoy each other's company  
*It will be a fun time. Come and experience the moment!*

If you know that you will be attending, please text or call Laurie Sperslage at 319-480-0852 by noon on Saturday, Jan. 10. If you forget to RSVP, you can still attend.





**Calling All Men! TMIY Is For You!!**



The second session of "That Man Is You" begins in just two weeks. If you thought you might attend this past Fall and then things just didn't work out, this is a new start with all new programs. It works the same way. On every Saturday an optional coffee and light breakfast begin at 6:00 am. At 6:30 am the video program begins. From 7:00 am to 7:30 am there is small group conversation discussing the presentation. There is no fee, no book, no homework, no problem with continuity if you miss a session. Last Fall 18 different men showed up at least once with the most common group size being 12 men. **Don't miss the next session beginning January 17 at 6:00 am in the parish hall.**

**Next TIMY is Saturday, January 17, 202**

Join us for the 2026 Women's Conference Beauty in Christ: Grace for the Journey on Saturday, January 31st from 8am-1:30pm! Gather with other faith-filled women for this wonderful event. Be inspired to know that His grace is enough! Please RSVP by emailing or calling the office at [dbq005ff@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq005ff@dbqarch.org) or 319-462-2141 **by Monday, January 19.** \$15.00 to attend. Breakfast and lunch provided.



2026 Women's conference  
**Grace for the JOURNEY**  
**Saturday JANUARY 31**  
 LIVESTREAM starts at 9:00 am

Join us for a Q & A session about an incredible summer opportunity for students in 8th grade and above. The meetings will be held on **Sunday, January 11 at 1 PM at St. Stephens, and on Sunday, January 18 at 12:30 PM at St. Patrick.** Catholic Heart Work camp welcomes your youth to engage in love, service, and connection. Our mission trips provide meaningful service opportunities, encourage spiritual growth, and cultivate lifelong friendships, empowering young people to make a positive impact and strengthen their relationship with God. Discover more about [Catholic Heart Workcamp in Waterloo, Iowa.](#)



**Catholic Heart Work Camp Service Trip July 12-18, 2026**

**Q&A MEETINGS**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**  
**At St. Stephen's**  
**January 18<sup>th</sup> 12:30PM**  
**at St. Patrick's**  
 Choose which date works best for you to attend

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## LET US PRAY FOR...

Don Beranek, Anita Besler, Pat Cameron, Ruby Drexler, Karen Dunlap, Lauren Foss, Glenda Grant, Jean Greif, Barb Heller, Diane Korte, Cheryl LloydRyan, Skip Powers, Dan Reiter, Sharon Reiter, Zora Ronan, Steve Walker, Sam Weller, James Weighton, Kenneth Zieser,

### 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 released 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 and Facebook.

### Parish Visitor Reminder:

Please call the office or Monica if you would like Monica to sit in prayer with you or bring you the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis or to schedule a special time for you. Monica: 319-438-1979.

Note: If the weather or wind-chill is in the danger zone on a given day, the Parish Visitor will not be able to do visits that day.



Looking for something to do with the family this New year?

St Stephen Vocation Crucifix Sign up today! Sign up today to take home the vocation crucifix for a week. The vocation cross comes with variety of prayers at different levels for families to pray together for the increase of those to join religious life and priesthood.



Knights of Columbus Meeting  
Momday, January 5, 2026 at St. Stephens.



### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be January 15th at St. Stephen. The meeting will start at 6:45PM



### NLCC Youth Faith Formation

- January 4- Confirmation Mass and Class
- January 7- Inservice for Faith Formation teachers.
- January 11- 1:00 pm Catholic Heart Work Camp meeting at St. Stephen's
- January 14- Class for K-9th grades

### The North Linn Catholic Cluster is sponsoring a new Adult Faith Formation study this winter: CATHOLICISM

This *Catholicism series* is a Rich and Beautiful presentation of the Faith: Rediscover the Beauty of the Catholic Faith!!

Journey with Bishop Barron and prepare to be inspired as he explores the richness, deep beauty, truth, history, and goodness of the Catholic Faith.

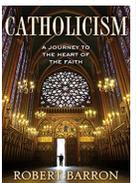
What is this Word on Fire Series? It is a breath-taking, high-definition exploration of Catholicism, filmed across 50 locations in 15 countries. It illuminates every aspect of the Church and connects it to the person of Jesus Christ.

This acclaimed series will be presented in 10 sessions. George Weigel (Catholic author, theologian, best known for his acclaimed biography of Pope John Paul II) said that this series was "*The most important media project in the history of the Catholic Church in America*".

It's the perfect New Year's resolution! This study will deepen your knowledge and move your heart as Bishop Barron lets us experience our faith through powerful words (Scripture and Saints) and transcendent beauty (art, architecture, holy sites).

Starting on January 11th – All are welcome!

**More detailed information will be coming in future Church bulletins. Contact David Allen (319-329-5750 or email: [dallen@aol.com](mailto:dallen@aol.com)) with questions.**



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# All Parish News

## Christmas Offering

St. Patrick—\$12,760.00  
 St. Stephen--\$3,791.00  
 St. John—\$3,560.00  
 St. Joseph—\$1,050.00

## Weekly Offerings—12/29

St. Patrick—\$12,186.33  
 St. Joseph—\$1,917.00  
 St. John—\$552.00  
 St. Stephen—\$2,291.00  
 Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$550.00  
 St. Joseph Cemetery \$600.00

## Weekly Offerings—12/21

St. Joseph—\$405.00  
 St. John—\$2,628.00  
 St. Stephen—\$3,554.00  
 Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$500.00  
 St. Joseph Cemetery \$

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

Mon. 1/5 7:10 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting: SS  
 Tue. 1/6 8:30 a.m. Rosary: SP  
 1:00 p.m. Pray Group: SP  
 Wed. 1/7 9:00 a.m. Coffee Club: G & G

## Mary, Mother of God

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Use this day to recall the best things about last year. Share these memories in a quiet moment with your beloved.

## Scripture For The Week: Jan. 5 - Jan. 11

<b>Mon. 1/5</b>	1 John 3:22-4:6	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tues. 1/6</b>	1 John 4:7-10	Mark 6:34-44
<b>Wed. 1/7</b>	1 John 4:11-18	Mark 6:45-52
<b>Thurs. 1/8</b>	1 John 4:19-5:4	Luke 4:14-22
<b>Fri. 1/9</b>	1 John 5:5-13	Luke 5:12-16
<b>Sat. 1/10</b>	1 John 5:14-21	John 3:22-30

## Sunday, January 11 Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7                      Acts 10:34-38  
 Matthew 3:13-17

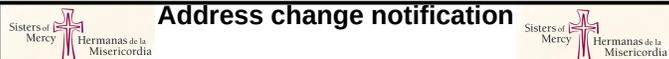
## Mass Intention

Mass intentions for 2026 are now being accepted through June 30. At this time, intentions are available only up to that date. The offering for each Mass intention is \$10. If you are interested reach out to **the office at (319) 462-2141**

## MARRIED COUPLES - WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! For more information contact Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or visit wwme.org. Upcoming Dates: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth, IA.

## Address change notification



The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas have moved their offices from the former Sacred Heart Convent on the Mount Mercy University campus effective on December 22, 2025. Their new location is on the main level of 1540 Midland Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. You may contact them at 319.364.5196 or by the individual employee's email address.

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
**Coggon**  
**Thursday, January 8th at 5:00-6:00 PM**



**Eucharistic Miracle of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of Paray-le-Monial, France**  
**17th Century**  
**Reprinted from Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition**  
<http://www.miracolieucaistici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

The message received by the nun, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque of Paray-le-Monial, contains the "Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart," in which Jesus reveals the graces linked to this devotion. Love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus is directly tied to that of love for the Eucharist.

**Promise 10:** To all those who labor for the salvation of souls, I will give the grace to be able to convert the hardest hearts.

## Sanctuary Lamp Offerings

There is still availability for 2026. If you would like to have one offered, please contact the Parish Office at 319-462-2141.





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