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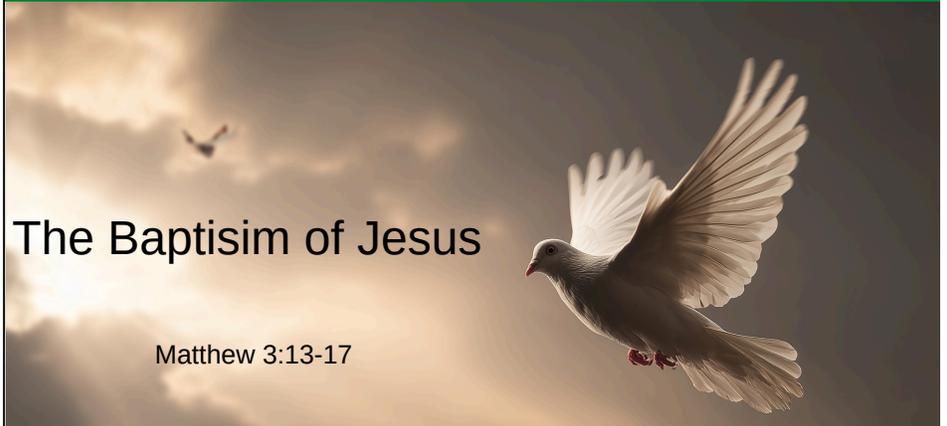
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**January 11, 2026**



The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

## **Mass Times & Intentions**

**TUES. Jan. 13/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Fred & Margaret Pilcher**

**WED. Jan. 14/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Bob & Leota Niederhauser**

**THURS. Jan. 15/ 8:30 AM, St. Stephen: Lucian Lawrence**

**FRI. Jan. 16/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Gwen Helle**

**SAT. Jan. 17/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: Alex Dirks**

**SAT. Jan. 17/ 6:30 PM, St. John: Leo and Lois Francois**

**SUN. Jan. 18/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: Keith and Jackie Freiling**

**SUN. Jan. 18/ 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,



This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. In the life and ministry of Jesus, this marks a turning point. Before this event, Jesus' life is largely hidden, because the Scriptures tell us nothing from the time of the finding of Jesus in the temple when he was 12 until Jesus' baptism by John. Following this baptism is the life of ministry and healing and preaching and suffering and death and resurrection that we all know. So too in the life of our Church this moment marks a turning point. We turn from the Christmas Season to Ordinary Time. We move with Jesus, to follow his life of ministry and healing and preaching and...

I just watched a video this week that talks about moments like these, moments of change and transition. In order for something new to begin, something else must end. And how we deal with the transition to something new really depends on how we deal with the thing that is ending, the loss that we experience from the ending.

I don't really want to say any more at this time, no solutions or advice. I just want to acknowledge the reality of the loss that is part of any change or transition. I don't think most of us experience much loss with the transition of liturgical seasons, but there are certainly other transitions where that loss is very real and significant. And that needs to be acknowledged.

Speaking of transitions, we are looking at a transition in the office at St. Patrick in Anamosa. Julia Clair, the bookkeeper and secretary for the past 7+ years is looking to retire during the first quarter of this year. With her time coming to an end, we are looking for someone to be part of a new beginning in the office. Julia has been here through multiple transitions herself, and her transitioning to retirement will be a great loss for me personally and for the parish. But that also means we are looking forward to hiring a new bookkeeper and secretary in the office.

The position is around 30 hours per week, and involves all bookkeeping activities for the parish and the linkage (the joint expenses of St. Patrick and the NLCC), financial reporting to the Archdiocese and the parish, banking interactions, non-financial reporting responsibilities with the Archdiocese, maintaining sacramental records, and other general secretarial duties. Computer skills are a must, and experience with bookkeeping and accounting software strongly preferred. Candidates will be part of a strong, collaborative team in the office, largely self-directed, and flexible. Given the nature of the work, maintaining privacy and confidentiality is critical.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please have them contact me. All my contact information is on the cover of the bulletin.

+Peace,  
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	January 17 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	January 17 6:30 p.m. St. John	January 18 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	January 18 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
<b>Lector</b>	Marcia Finn	JoAnn Woods	Kris Matus	Paul Johnson
<b>Children Liturgy</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Carol Husmann Sylvia Venenga
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	*Jayson Wagner Barb Capron Ellen Dehner Larry Huinker *clean vessels	JoAnn Woods Angie Gudenkauf Dave Francois	Carol Peterson Dave Allen Mary Allen	*Lynn Engelken Julie Corpstein Malinda Engelbart Linda Kirsch *clean vessels
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Isaac Sievert Jonah Wagner	TBD	Liam Cizmadia Del Carpenter	Cooper Sievers James Thomsen
<b>Greeters</b>	Jolene Huinker Larry Huinker	Steve Welter Jim Oswald	Patrick Wade Natalie Wade	Linda Bonifazi-King Dale King
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Althoff Rick Cook	Steve Welter Jim Oswald	Patrick Wade Natalie Wade	Steve Engelbart Thomas Swisher
<b>Sacristan</b>	Loretta Holzinger	<b>Gifts:</b> Steve Welter & Jim Oswald	<b>Gifts:</b> Dianna Hackman & Cheryl Hagerman	Geri Conley
<b>Rosary</b>	Vicky Muller	N/A	TBD	Sandy Heims

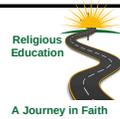
# St. Patrick News



## 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 those that are sick in our parish the week of January 11  
**Christ be our light shine through the darkness**



## St. Patrick Youth Faith Formation Classes

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  
 Wed., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> -- Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm  
 Wed., Feb. 4<sup>th</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 one week. 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, 2026**

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.

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,

### This Month's Third Sunday Loose Change Collection will be going to the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

The monies donated will help support retired priests by providing stipends and healthcare. Our Retired priests remain active, assisting with Masses, retreats, and community events- at times helping cover Masses for our working priests when they are sick. Please be generous in your donations to our retired priests.



### 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.

We had a Christmas Poinsettia donation that was missing from printing in the Christmas bulletin: Donation of Poinsettia by Pat Holub in Memory of Stan Holub.



### 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 11- 1:00 pm Catholic Heart Work Camp meeting at St. Stephen's
- January 14- Class for K-9th grades
- January 18th – Confirmation Mass and Class
- January 18- 12:30 pm Catholic Heart Work Camp meeting @ ST. PATRICK'S

### The North Linn Catholic Cluster Faith Formation folks are offering a great way to start 2026!

Experience the "Most Vivid Catechism Ever Created". This Catholicism series is a Rich and Beautiful presentation of the Faith: Journey with Bishop Barron as he illuminates every aspect of the Church and connects it to the person of Jesus Christ. Be prepared to be inspired as we explore the richness, deep beauty, truth, history, and goodness of the Catholic Faith. 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). Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of our faith.

Topics include:

- Amazed and Afraid – Happy are We
  - The Ineffable Mystery of God
- The Indispensable Men – A Vast Company of Witnesses
  - A Body both suffering and Glorious
  - Word made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven
  - The Fire of His Love – World Without End

Beginning on Sunday January 11, 2026, the ten-session study will be offered in-person to anyone that wants to attend:

In-Person: After Sunday Mass at St. Stephen in the Church Hall: Jan 11, Jan 18, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22, and Apr 12. We will meet as a group to watch videos and discuss workbook questions and insights.

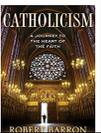
Alternative: With this approach you will be able to check out the DVDs from the Adult Faith Formation Library and watch them at home and follow along in your student workbook. The study leader will be available via phone and email to answer any questions and assist as needed.

Cost for participants is \$20.00 for a student workbook. The 10 videos, other course materials, and workbook shipping costs are being paid for by the Cluster. If you are unable to afford a student workbook, the Cluster will be providing financial assistance.

If you want to participate, we want you! Do not let the cost stop you.

Registration deadline is January 11th .

**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

## Weekly Offerings—1/5

St. Patrick—\$10,798.30  
 St. Joseph—\$115.00  
 St. John—\$287.00  
 St. Stephen—\$12,150.00  
 Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$100.00  
 St. Joseph Cemetery \$50.00

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.

## Scripture For The Week: Jan. 12- Jan. 18

<b>Mon. 1/12</b>	1 Samuel 1:1-8	Mark 1:14-20
<b>Tues. 1/13</b>	1 Samuel 1:9-20	Mark 1:21-28
<b>Wed. 1/14</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20	Mark 1:29-39
<b>Thurs. 1/15</b>	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Mark 1:40-45
<b>Fri. 1/16</b>	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a	Mark 2:1-12
<b>Sat. 1/17</b>	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Mark 2:13-17

## Sunday, January 18 Readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6                      1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
 John 1:29-34

## A Time for Prayer and Discernment

The Journey in Faith process continues to move forward across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Guided by the feedback and data gathered from parishes, the Archdiocese is now in a period of discernment and review.

In the months ahead, the Core Team will develop recommendations for Archbishop Zinkula to consider, with the final pastorate plan and clergy assignments to be announced this spring.

In July 2026, new pastorates will begin an interim six-month Mass schedule as parishes work together to strengthen relationships and grow as united, mission-driven communities of faith.

Resources are also being developed to assist parishes with implementation and evangelization as they prepare for this next phase.

Archbishop Zinkula expresses deep gratitude for the faith and patience shown by so many during this journey. He invites everyone to continue praying for one another and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this time of transition.

For answers to common questions, visit [dbqjourneyinfaith.org/faq](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org/faq). May this new year be filled with blessings and renewed hope.

## 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.

## The Week Ahead

Tue. 1/13	8:30 a.m.	Rosary: SP
	1:00 p.m.	Pray Group: SP
Wed. 1/14	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Club: G & G
Thurs. 1/15	6:45 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting: SS

## 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**

## Eucharistic Adoration St. Joseph Catholic Church Prairieburg

Thursday, January 15th at 5:00-6:00 PM



## Eucharistic Miracle of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of Paray-le-Monial, France 17<sup>th</sup> Century

Reprinted from Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition  
<http://www.miracolieuucaristici.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 11:** Persons who spread this devotion will have their names written forever in My Heart.

## 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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