St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul **Catholic Churches Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022**







2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday

Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil)

- 4:15 PM St. Joseph \Diamond
- \Diamond 5:30 PM St. Donatus (November - April)
- 8:00 AM Sts. Peter & Paul \Diamond 8:00 AM St. Catherine (November - April) \diamond 10:15 AM St. Joseph
- Daily Mass/Holy Days--See inside

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Reconciliation

Saturdays at SJ, 8:10-8:45 AM; 3:00-3:30 PM; Sundays at SPP 7:00-7:30 AM

<u>Baptisms-</u>Parents must be registered members of one of the parishes and attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Expecting families please contact the parish office at 872-3234 to schedule a class for St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph and Sts. Peter & Paul.

Weddings-Arrangements should be made at least 8 months prior to the marriage by contacting the St. Joseph Parish office. One or both of the parties needs to be a registered, practicing member of one of our parishes or a parish where they reside. The latest time for a wedding at St. Joseph is 1:30 p.m. if held on Saturday. In addition to the pastor/deacon, other priests/deacons may preside at weddings with pastor's permission.

Pastoral Care

Call the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, and visits to the homebound. If no answer, call Deacon Loras Weber at 563-599-6717.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adults who wish to become Catholic should call the office.

The community of St. Catherine, St. Donatus, Ss. Peter & Paul, and St. Joseph Parishes has been called to a holy life by our loving Father in REVERENT WORSHIP. We are empowered with the Holy Spirit to experience FREEDOM IN CHRIST. We seek to live out our lives through the LOVE OF CHRIST. -Mission Statement

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Friends,

Peace be with you.

Let me begin with something kind of boring - taxes. Specifically, I need to talk about sales tax. Did you know that churches are not sales tax exempt? I believe schools, even parochial schools, are sales tax exempt but not churches. I know some of you don't believe me and are already googling it or calling "someone who knows" but, trust me, we aren't. We can request to be property tax exempt but not sales tax exempt. I bring this up because, every once in a while, someone buys something for a parish fundraiser and the person selling it to them thinks that, if the parish buys it, it is sales tax exempt. However, that's not true. We have to pay sales tax or we are in violation of civil law and could be prosecuted for that. If Denise notices that someone didn't charge us sales tax, she has to contact the person or company and ask them to redo their bill, which is not only kind of taxing (pun intended) for us and the company from whom the bill came but it may take us longer to give the final total for a fundraiser because we have to request and wait for a new bill for expenses. So please remember to ask the person selling you something to be sure to add sales tax, even if it is for the church and thank you to those who already know it and do it.

Secondly, next Monday and Tuesday, January 24-25, you will be without a priest. I don't like to do this in case there are emergencies but there are circumstances that demand it. Fr. Dave is on vacation those days and I have been invited to concelebrate the ordination of my seminary classmate (soon to be) Bishop Joseph Williams. Initially, I said I was not going to go because I didn't want to leave us without a priest, even for two days. However, I've had to miss two other ordinations, Bishops Zinkula and Joensen, because of these kinds of concerns and I really would like to be present for this one. So, if something happens where you need a priest on those two days, you can try calling Fr. Rod Allers in Key West or Fr. Austin Wilker in Maquoketa. I do plan to be back on Wednesday January 26 so, if it can wait until then, please allow it.

With this forthcoming absence in mind, I was thinking about the things that only a priest can do. We alone can anoint the sick and pray the prayers of absolution for them. We alone can celebrate the Mass and consecrate the Holy Eucharist. We alone can be the conduit through which the forgiveness of God is offered to sinners in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishops do these and more services including confirmation and ordination. Deacons share with us baptisms and marriages, though their primary ministry is bringing order to the ministry of charity. But lay people can bring communion to the sick and pray for and with them. They can lead prayer groups and teach their children to pray and say, "I love you Jesus!" when they walk past the tabernacle. They can reach out to those they've wronged and offer forgiveness. So much of the time I hear people wanting the pope to ordain married people and women and lgbtqia+ people, I can't help but think that maybe the message we're getting from God right now is that we need

Message from Fr. Miller continued

fewer leaders and more servants, fewer shepherds and more active sheep, and fewer celebrants and more people celebrating the love of God as it is right now in their lives. Where is God calling you to serve today?

Upcoming Archdiocesan Conferences for Women & Men 2022 <u>Virtual</u> Archdiocesan Women's Conference: *Holy Women of the Visitation*, Saturday, January 29, 2022, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

We invite all women from St. Joseph, Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Catherine & St. Donatus to attend our Satellite Event to be held at the Kruse Center in Bellevue.

Adoration and Reconciliation will be available from 8:00 -9:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, with the event to follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Kruse Center. The in person event cost includes the virtual ticket, as well as snacks and a meal.

If there are women not comfortable joining us in person, virtual tickets will be available in order to view the conference from their own homes. Once registered, a registration link will be emailed to you. Contact Julie Schmidt (dbq012s@dbqarch.org) or Marybeth Wagner (dbq181ff@dbqarch.org) with questions.

2022 Archdiocesan Men's Conference Saturday, March 19, 2022

We invite all men from St. Joseph, Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Catherine & St. Donatus to attend our Satellite Event to be held at the Kruse Center in Bellevue.

Adoration and Reconciliation will be available from 8:00 -8:55 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, with the event to follow at 8:55 a.m. in the Kruse Center. The in person event cost includes the virtual ticket, as well as snacks and a meal.

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In-Person Event in Cedar Rapids: Register at https:// archmensconference.org/register. Keynote speaker Mark Harfiel, and lunch session speaker, Devin Schadt.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Find out what you've been missing by attending one of these upcoming experiences. February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to <u>iowa-wwme.org</u> or call 563-608-3305.

> St. Joseph Catholic Church HOLY HOUR for Vocations Saturdays 8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.



A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER STEPHEN/OTHER

The Prophet's Voice

Two weeks into 2022 and, no doubt, for many of us resolutions are behind us or at least in need of renewed resolve. Maybe we can think of the new year as the "Prophet's Potential." Our hope is God alone.

Every prophet has a future orientation that expresses confidence in God's plans for His people no matter if the prophet spoke first to Israel, Judah, or the nations; lived before, during, or after the exile; or wrote in narrative, poetic, or apocalyptic style.

- Amos directs us to the restoration of the Davidic monarchy.
- Hosea looks for the full reconciliation of Yahweh • and His bride, Israel, never to be separated again.
- Isaiah envisions new heaven and earth brought • about by the suffering but triumphant Davidic king.
- Joel foresees an outpouring of the Holy Spirit • surpassing anything seen before.

• Obadiah, Nahum, and Jonah warn the nations that those who oppose God's people will finally be destroyed but offer hope that anyone can become Abraham's child by trusting in Yahweh.

Micah anticipates the people's cleansing so that they can do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Habakkuk assures the remnant that its trust in the Lord alone will be vindicated.

Jeremiah predicts a new covenant more alorious • than the old, and in Lamentations he mourns for Jerusalem while hoping that God had not finally cut off His people.

Ezekiel proclaims the return of pure worship after • the exile.

Daniel explains that after Judah's extended exile, • the Lord will finally judge the living and the dead, and reward them accordingly.

Haggai and Zechariah encourage the people to • look past their post-exilic suffering to the glory of the coming temple, calling them to repent for rejecting God.

Finally, Zephaniah and Malachi tell us of the final day of the Lord when all the aforementioned predictions will be consummated.

John the Baptist was the last prophet of the old • covenant even though his story is told in what we commonly call the New Testament. Jesus tells us that John was the greatest prophet of the old covenant, but greater still is the least one who has seen the inauguration of the kingdom (Matt: 11:11). Our Savior is the Davidic King and fulfillment of the prophets. We must trust Him to bring all the prophetic promises to pass, for He will surely do it (1Thess. 5:24). (Ligorier.org)

What is your prophetic voice in today's world?

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

St. Catherine

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes	\$582.00
Online giving	\$723.19
Offertory	\$105.00
Total	\$1410.19

St. Donatus

Adult Contributors

Envelopes	\$194.00
Initial Offering	
Offertory	\$158.00
Christmas	
Votives	\$15.00
Special Monthly Collection	\$5.00
Total	\$559.00

St. Joseph

Adult Contributors

Envelopes	\$6482.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$3304.00
Online giving	
Votive	\$57.00
Offertory	\$270.00
Fall Appeal	
Christmas	
Holy Day	\$245.00
Lent Mission	
Initial Offering	\$50.00
Total	

Sts. Peter & Paul

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes	\$2280.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$126.00
Online giving	\$1830.00
Offertory	\$231.00
Votive	\$9.00
Christmas	\$300.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$100.00
Total	

SAVE THE DATE: The Marquette Catholic PTO is having a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, January 30th, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Trinity Center at Marguette Catholic School. We will be serving all-you-can-eat sausage, pancakes, eggs, fruit, juice, and milk.



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LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>St. Joseph</u> - Saturday, January 22 at 4:15 PM Lector: Patti Hager Eucharistic Minister: Judy Moran, Donna Mottet, Patty McClimon, Gail Michels Lead Rosary: Marilyn Ploessl Sacristan: Emily Roling Servers: Kindrick/ Kelsen Decker, Isabella Read Ushers: Tim Daugherty, Loras Deppe, Russ Kettmann, Jim Kilburg, Greg Schulte, Dick Zeimet

Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 AM

Lector: Jeanette Hartung Schroeder Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Sturm, Matt Tracy, Julie Schmidt, Kim Moore Lead Rosary: Janis Kilburg Sacristan: Carolyn Weber Servers: Erin/Tony/Brooke Sprank Ushers: Dalton Jackson, Shawn Jackson, Mark Jess, Mark Michels, Eric Schroeder

<u>Sts. Peter & Paul</u> - Sunday, January 23 at 8:00 AM Lector: Mike Griffin Eucharistic Minister: Tracey Hager Servers: Joseph/Justine Hager, Jacob Litterer Lead Rosary: Anita Griebel Offertory: Mark Heiar's Ushers: Randy Kilburg, Jamie Michels, Jerome Bies, Rod Jacobs

<u>St. Donatus</u> - Saturday, January 22 at 5:30 PM Server: Keegan Theisen Lector: Jessica Thole Eucharistic Minister: Ruth Roling Ushers: Mike Theisen & Larry Weber

<u>St. Catherine</u> - Sunday, January 23 at 8:00 AM Lector: Francis Weber Eucharistic Minister: Janie Berendes Ushers: Craig Cannon & Mark Cannon Sacristan: Luann Helmle

YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/YFF/FF/ MSFF/HSFF/CONFIRMATION

- Sunday, February 6 2:00 p.m. **Confirmation** at St. Joseph-Bellevue.
- Wednesday, February 16 Youth Faith Formation, Family Faith Formation, Home Study Faith Formation, Middle School Faith Formation – Family St. Valentine Gathering @ Trinity Center 6:30 p.m. (Meal served)
- Sunday, February 20 **High School Faith Formation Class** in Kruse Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 20 EPIC meet in Kruse Center - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Faith, Food, and Fun (Brink a drink-food provided)



January 22, 2022 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

St. Catherine/St. Donatus News:

The recipient of the January Monthly Special Collection for our parishes is the Dubuque Dream Center, a Community Outreach Center committed to impacting youth and strengthening families, helping to provide children with the assets they need to be successful in school and in life, which in the end will benefit the entire community. The Center is located at 1600 White Street in Dubuque. More information may be found on their website at dubuquedreamcenter.org.

Please use the envelope found at the end of each pew for your donation and put it in the regular collection basket at either parish any weekend of this month. Thank you.

Would you like to learn more about the Bible? A perfect opportunity awaits you, and it's free too! Sign up for "The Bible in a Year," sponsored by Ascension Press. It's not too late. Hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, it is America's #1 Religion Podcast. To sign up, go to the ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear website. Each episode is 20-25 minutes long. If you miss a day, episodes are always available for you to view later. People who participated in the program last year appreciated the energy and explanations provided by Fr. Schmitz and others, and felt they are able to better understand many of the Mass readings.

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Gary Griebel who passed away on January 9th. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Euchre Tournament at Sts. Peter & Paul in Springbrook

Sts. Peter & Paul, Springbrook will host a Euchre Tournament on Sunday, January 16th in Kilburg Hall. No partner is needed. Registration is at 1:00 p.m. with the tournament starting at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Ham sandwiches, chili and beverages will be available for purchase.

Tournament play: there will be 16 hands per game; partners switch between each game; 5 games to determine points winner; payout to be determined on number of contestants.

Stewardship Quote ... In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

All are welcome to join in a book club with the first book being Matthew Kelly's, Life is Messy. We will meet all four Saturdays in February at 9:00 am in the Kruse Center. Even if you can't make all four weeks, that's ok. If you do not have a copy of the book and need one or if you have questions, please contact Julie Schmidt.



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