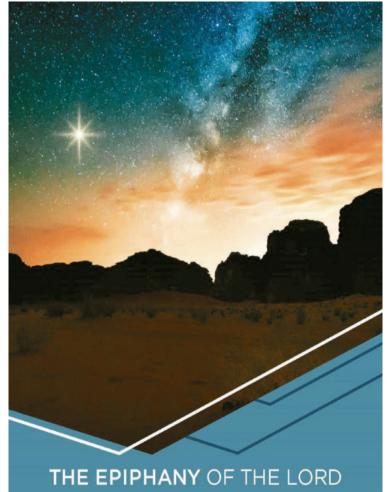


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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

A Please Welcome

Please welcome *Craig and Ann Knier* to St. John the Baptist, Peosta.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to



New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPi



Please welcome our newly baptized:

- *Knox Steven Georgen*, son of Nick and Stephanie Georgen to St. Joseph, Farley
- Asher James Schmit, son of Austin and Taylor Schmit to St. John the Evangelist, Placid

Epiphany of the Lord

FROM THE PASTOR

Continuing to move through the Christmas season, we celebrate today the Feast of the Epiphany, the magi coming from the east to honor the Christ child and bring him gifts. Matthew's point with this story is that Jesus is for everyone, hence foreigners come to honor the child. Our Church is very large and welcomes many different nationalities, cultures and languages to worship Jesus. When I have traveled it has always amazed me as to the many complexities of the Church I have encountered in various communities and countries. It is a beautiful experience.

Other items to note:

- A note of thanks to those who organized and planned our Christmas liturgies. They were beautiful.
- A special thanks to those who decorate throughout the year. I'm always struck by how nice our churches look throughout the year, but especially at Christmas and Easter. You put a lot of effort into it.
- Thank you for all the cards and greetings. It is a blessing to be pastor of these parishes.

The Knights of Columbus Council #5513 is hosting a traveling icon honoring St. Joseph from January 10-16 at St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta (in the Breitbach Room). All members of the community are welcome to visit during the week and to join in a prayer service on Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 PM to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph in protecting, defending, and raising future generations.

The Farley American Legion Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, January 4 from 1:00-6:00 PM at Farley Memorial Hall, Farley. Masks are required. For appointments, which are STRONGLY encouraged, contact Larry at 563-495-3848 or visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and search sponsor code: Farley IA. If you have questions concerning health issues, medications or any recent travels, please call 1-866-236-3276.

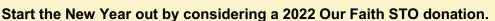
The Women of Service group collects both new and used Christmas and All Occasion cards year round. Used cards (5x7 size or smaller, no handwriting on the inside cover, no Hallmark or American Greetings) are sent to St. Jude's Recycled

Card Program. New cards will be placed into gift bags at Christmas time for Nursing Home residents. Both new and used cards can be left anytime in the entrance of St. Patrick Church, Epworth.

The next Women of Service meeting will be held January 12 at St. Patrick Church Hall, Epworth from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Pizza can be ordered from the Pizza Factory. We will be tying "No Sew Blankets" for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. The material is provided. Connie Kress and Patty Bonert will be heading this project. Call 876-3032 or 563-590-2678, if you have questions. Bring a scissors and small ruler.

We will also be donating items to Opening Doors (a women's organization). Items needed are: gift cards for gas or for grocery stores, paper towels, dishwasher detergent, liquid laundry detergent, floor and bathroom cleaner or garbage bags.





If you missed out on the opportunity to donate to the STO in 2021 and receive your 75% tax credit, now is the time to consider making a donation for the new year. Our allotted amount of Iowa income tax credits from the state of Iowa has been replenished, and in fact has grown by almost 25%!

If you'd like to learn about making a tax credit eligible donation for 2022, please visit our website at <u>www.OurFaithSTO.org</u>, or contact Deacon Brian Zeman at <u>b.zeman@dbqarch.org</u> or 563-556-2580 x296.









TIME AND TALENT

St. Clement—

Approximately 16 people spent 48 hours cleaning the Heisler house before it was auctioned off.

St. Patrick—Eight people gave 16 hours of time to a Women of Service meeting.

St. Joseph—Two people gave four hours delivering Advent gifts to residents at local retirement homes.

St. John, Peosta—Seven people worked 30 hours preparing the chickens to sell that were used for the Mary's Meals fundraiser.

St. John, Placid—Six people gave 12 hours of time taking down fall environment and decorating for Advent.

FINANCE

Stewardship Giving

for Dec. 19		
St. Clement	\$ 3,714	
St. Joseph	\$11.567	
St. Patrick	\$ 4.315	
St. John, Peosta	\$12,392	
St. John, Placid	\$ 3,947	

Growth & Improvement for Dec. 19

St. John, Peosta	\$455
St. John the Baptist	\$145

Debt to the Archdiocese as of November 30, 2021	
St. Clement	\$ 57,556.40
St. Patrick	\$101,055.35

WEEKLY ROSARY

Farley



Jan. 8 at 4:00 PM—Joan Gaul Jan. 9 at 9:00 AM–Am & Dorothy Klostermann **Peosta** Jan. 9 at 9:00 AM—Mike & Sara Brehm



There is still time to sign up for a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)! Cost is \$40 for the weekend. Meals and lodging included. The Women's weekend is January 7-9 and the Men's is January 14-16 and will be held at Seton Catholic School in Farley. Applications are available in the church entrances. If you have questions, contact Judy Gotto at 563-599-4088 or Gordon Dossey at 563-543-3328.

ST. CLEMENT—BANKSTON NEWS



The St. Clement's Men's Breakfast will be held on January 9 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Menu includes eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, and cinnamon rolls. It will be **drive through** only.

ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS



Church Cleaning—Theresa Ostwinkle, Kim Then, Sherry Horsfield, Jenny Ernst, Sue Ostwinkle and Kelly Stecklein

St. John, Peosta has a Hearing Loop for hearing aid users.

Hearing Loops allow people with hearing aids or cochlear implants to receive the sound from the sound system directly in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device. Check with your audiologist to see if your hearing aid has a T-coil or Telecoil built in. (If you have hearing loss but do not have a hearing aid or if your hearing aid does not have a working telecoil setting to access the hearing loop, there are individual receivers available.)

Virtual Women's Conference Beauty In Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation



Do you desire the company of holy women?

Then invite your friends to the 2022 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference, *Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation,* Saturday, January 29, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Whether you join from the comfort of your own home or gather with other women from your parish, you'll experience all the great features of our annual women's conference: Archbishop Jackels, two national speakers, music, prayer, and worship! Speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly will focus on the beauty of the Visitation between Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and Elizabeth, as well as our visitation as sisters in Christ!

Invite your daughters, sisters, and friends! To read more about our speakers and to register (group discounts available): go to <u>https://www.archwomensconference.org/</u>.



The Catholic Daughters of Americas Court #1460 held their Christmas Party at St. Joseph Church hall on December 4. Twenty-one members attended and enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Jean Ann Neyen and Phyllis Nadermann. There was caroling (with the accompaniment of member Beth Simpson). A gift exchange followed. A good time was shared with all. At the November meeting, a food drive was held with donations going to the Epworth Food Pantry. The next meeting will be held in February.

Bulletin Information: Email <u>office@stelizabethpastorate.com</u> Submission deadline is Tuesday at noon.

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WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022



Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30 Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Jan. 3	The Most Holy	/ Name of Jesus	
8:00 AM	Peosta	t Leo T. Oberfoell	
	ON at Peosta 8:30-9		
ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 8:00 PM			
Tue., Jan. 4	St. Elizabeth A	Ann Seton	
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Clem &	
		Rosemary Schmitt	
8:45 AM	Seton School-	† Elaine Pistek ANN SETO	
	Peosta	JANUARY A	
Wed., Jan. 5 St. John Neumann			
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Julie Clements	
8:45 AM	Farley	† Dorothy Meyer	
	,	iss until 12:00 noon for vocations	
		N at Placid 8:30-10:00 PM	
Thu., Jan. 6	St. Andre Bes		
6:30 AM	Placid	† Tom Horsfield	
8:00 AM	Epworth		
	ON at Epworth 8:30-		
ADORATION at	Epworth following M		
		OF PENYAFOR	
Fri., Jan. 7	St. Raymond o		
8:00 AM	Bankston	† Then & Rauen Families	
8:00 AM	Farley	† Chris Hefel	
	E Bankston 7:00-8:00	AM, RECONCILIATION 7:15-7:45 AM	
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Sat., Jan. 8			
4:00 PM	Farley	† Grace Schieltz	
4:00 PM	Peosta	† Pete & Greg Buelow	
4:00 PM	Placid	† Virgil Murphy	
		(Anniversary)	
RECONCILIATI	ON at Farley 3:15 PM	M-3:45 PM	
		Beplinopero	
Sun., Jan. 9	The Baptism o		
7:30 AM	Epworth	† Members of Whitey Klein Family	
9:00 AM	Bankston	For the People of the Pastorate	
9:00 AM	Epworth	† Francis Fangman	
9:00 AM	Farley	† Larry Scherrman	
9:00 AM	Peosta	† Janann Heinze Laird	
9:00 AM	Placid	† Dorothy Elgin (Anniversary)	
	SACRA	AMENTS	

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: For pre-baptismal preparation or to schedule a baptism, contact Lynne McDermott. At least one parent must be a registered and practicing member of the pastorate.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastorate office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. At least one of the parties must be a registered member of the pastorate.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is considering joining the Catholic Church or inquiring about the Faith, please call the pastorate office.

PASTORATE PRAYER LINE

Direct prayer intentions to: Donna Gibbs at 563.744.2006 or email step.prayerline@gmail.com, Kim Koetz at 563.451.4024 or email kkoetz@yousq.net or Mary Rauen at 563.581-1828 or email rickandmaryr@aol.com.

Faith Formation

January Intergenerational Faith Formation sessions for Summer Faith Formation families to be held at Seton Catholic School in Peosta are listed below:

Sunday, January 9 at 5:00 PM Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 PM Sunday, January 30 at 5:00 PM

Plan on attending 1 of these opportunities.

Sunday Faith Formation Families classes for January are listed below - please note a date change:

Sunday, January 2—Class 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Sunday, January 16—CANCELLED due to Men's CEW

Sunday, January 23—9:00 AM Mass at Farley

Sunday, January 30—Class 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

2021 Confirmation Students: There are Confirmation STUDENT meetings scheduled for Sunday, January 9 at 10:15 AM at St. Joseph's Church and Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Church. Plan to attend 1 of the 2 meetings.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which sacraments can only be received once?

Answer: Confirmation, Baptism, and Holy Orders ©LPi



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