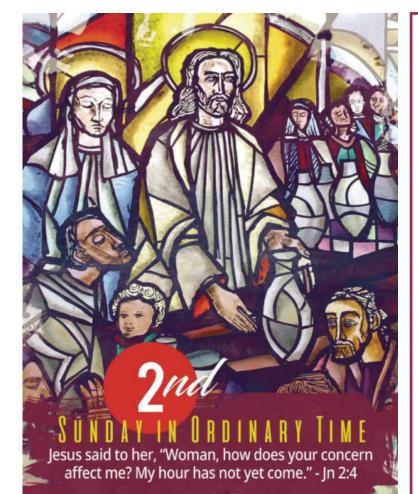


# **ST. ELIZABETH PASTORATE**

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 Catholic Communities of Bankston, Epworth, Farley, Peosta and Placid

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# Welcome

Please welcome to:

- St. Patrick, Epworth
- Adam and Lauren McDermott, Madelyn and Owen
- St. Joseph, Farley
- Juan and Catalina Pagaza, Amy, Anabel, Marcus, Finley and Giovanni

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word.

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



*Lester Weber,* father of Roger Weber and Dennis Weber of St. John the Baptist

# FROM THE PASTOR

After 'Decking the Halls' and proclaiming 'O Holy Night', we concluded the Christmas season last weekend with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. The baby Jesus grew into a man and had a message for all of us. With his baptism in the Jordan River, he set forth to bring that Good News to everyone. We now enter what we call "Ordinary Time," not ordinary in the sense of boring, plain and dull, but ordinary as in order and structure when it comes to our liturgical readings. Our reading this week is from the gospel of John and is the story of the wedding feast at Cana. Next weekend we will begin our continuous readings from the gospel of Luke.



Other items to note:

- Sr. Benjamin Duschner has decided to retire after many decades of service to the church. Sr. Benjamin, most recently, has been visiting some parishioners who are homebound, taking them communion and providing a listening ear. In the past, Sr. Benjamin spent decades in education as a teacher and principal at Seton Catholic. I will miss Sr. Benjamin and her spirit of joy that she brought to every situation.
- Deacon Jim Kean passed away and his funeral was at St. Patrick in Epworth last Saturday. Deacon Jim was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese 25 years ago and spent those years ministering at St. Patrick and the parishes of the pastorate. Deacon Jim was a humble and prayerful man who will be missed.
- I guess winter decided to arrive; we were spoiled in December. Unfortunately, our heating bills, like yours, are going through the roof. Pray for warm weather.

We're hiring! St. Elizabeth Pastorate and Seton Catholic School is looking for a full or part-time cleaning person. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, cleaning bathrooms, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, and taking out trash. Full-time position offers flexible hours and benefits. No nights or weekends! Please contact Chad Lukes for more information at 563-876-5540 or c.lukes@dbgarch.org.





Everyone is invited to attend a Holy Hour of prayer for a greater respect for life on Thursday, January 20 at St. John the

Baptist, Peosta from 7:00-8:00 PM. Please join us in praying for a greater respect for life with an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



Join us as the That Man is You! program continues on Saturday mornings starting January 22 weekly through April 16. That Man is You! is a popular Catholic Men's program that we have hosted in our pastorate for eight years running. The program is ideal for men who have a desire to constantly improve in their roles as husbands, fathers, grandfathers, and single men in the church. Men who want their marriages, family and Church to be Superabundant! To be clear that means more of the stuff that matters to God. Join us for a weekly boost in faith and a helping hand if

needed. We meet Saturday mornings from 7:00 - 8:30 beginning with a hot breakfast followed by video presentation and small group discussion. For more information, contact Ron Brosius at 563-590-7310, Mike Capek at 563-542-7740 or Mike Sullivan at 563-495-2262.

The next collection sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Social Justice Committee will be the Baby Bundle collection. This will be held on the weekends of January 22/23 and 29/30. Bins will be available at the entrances of all five churches. The products donated will be given to Clarity Clinic and Mary's Inn, both in Dubuque. Items needed include boys clothes--newborn to 18 months, boy coats size 2 and 4, formula of any kind, diapers and wipes, baby socks, girls clothes size 2, and gift cards to Walmart or Walgreens. For more information, please contact LaVonne Wilgenbusch at 563-876-3157 or Sue Webber at 563-590-9190.



# TIME AND TALENT

**St. Clement**—Two people gave two hours of time setting up for Advent.

**St. Patrick**—Fifteen people spent 20 hours setting up the weekly progressive Advent environment.

**St. Joseph**—Five people gave 15 hours of time setting up for Advent.

**St. John, Peosta**—Seven people gave 3.5 hours of time to a Parish Council meeting.

**St. John, Placid**—One person gave one hour of time to a Social Concerns meeting.

# FINANCE

# Stewardship Giving

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St. Clement	\$	1,007	
St. Joseph	\$	1,784	
St. Patrick	\$2	20,538	
St. John, Peosta	\$	5,945	
St. John, Placid	\$	855	

### Growth & Improvement

for Jan. 9	
St. Clement	\$ 10
St. Joseph	\$120
St. John, Peosta	\$ 10

Debt to the Archdiocese as of December 31, 2021			
St. Clement	\$57,556.40		
St. Patrick	\$99,418.20		

### WEEKLY ROSARY

#### Farley

Jan. 22 at 4:00 PM—Marv & Joan Jarding Jan. 23 at 9:00 AM—Marge Lehmann



Peosta

Jan. 23 at 9:00 AM-Mike & Ann Fagerlind



**THANK YOU** to Crescent Electric Supply Company for their Paid Volunteer Time program! The Crescent Electric Charitable Foundation program made a onetime donation of \$100 per hour volunteered (8 hours total) for Marilyn Besler's volunteer time to the 2021 St. Patrick Auction.

# ST. CLEMENT—BANKSTON NEWS

# THANK YOU

- Thank you to everyone who supported the Men's Drive thru Breakfast.

## **ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS**



A big THANK YOU to all who helped celebrate Lavone Coyle's 90th Birthday. LaVonne felt all of your love whether it was by your presence at her party, a phone call, a card, or a gift.

LaVonne and the entire Coyle family appreciated you celebrating this big milestone with her.

**Church Cleaning**—Mary Mausser, Dawn Wilwert, Peggy O'Connell, Kari Feldmann, Melissa Casey and Rhonda Deutmeyer



**Box Tops for Education:** All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Twice a year, Seton Catholic School will receive a check! Go to <u>https://www.boxtops4education.com/How-To-Earn</u> for more information.

The CASA program is in need of volunteers. A CASA is a trained community volunteer who acts as the eyes and ears of the judge in a juvenile court case when a



family is involved due to abuse and/or neglect. The CASA gathers necessary information regarding a child's strengths, needs and services and reports to the judge so that the judge is well-informed when making decisions regarding the health and safety of the child. The CASA also advocates for the child's medical, emotional and academic well-being throughout the life of the case. Go to childadvocacy.iowa.gov to learn more or to fill out a volunteer application.

### Question of the Day 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What gifts that the Spirit gives me can I use to make a transformation in my life or for those I know?



The Archdiocesan Virtual **Women's Conference Beauty In Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation** will be Saturday, January 30! You can find information at <u>https://www.archwomensconference.org</u>. Women can register as individuals and have access to the conference from the comfort of their own home. Registration information can be found at <u>https://www.archwomensconference.org/registration/</u>.

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

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#### WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022



**Mon:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2:18-22

**Tues:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 **Wed:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 **Thurs:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

# **MASS SCHEDULE**

	Peosta ON at Peosta 8:30-9: Peosta following Ma			
<b>Tue., Jan. 18</b> 6:30 AM 8:45 AM	Peosta Seton School- Peosta	† Dick & Joan Hamilton † Joanne Dardis		
		Our Beloved Priests & Religious † Joe, Verena, Allen & Ernie Kluesner ss until 12:00 noon for vocations Vat Placid 8:30-10:00 PM		
	AM Placid † Clem & Jean Mausser			
	St. Agnes Bankston Farley t Bankston 7:00-8:00 Farley following Mas	† Clarence & Stella Kluesner † CP & Helen Georgen AM, RECONCILIATION 7:15-7:45 AM s until 11:30 AM		
<b>Sat., Jan. 22</b> 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	<b>St. Vincent</b> Placid Farley	Coyle/Oberbroeckling Wedding † Clarence & Estella Deutmeyer Family		
4:00 PM 4:00 PM RECONCILIATI	Peosta Placid ON at Farley 3:15 PM	† Bob Biermann † Deceased of John Conrad Family		
Sun., Jan. 16 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	•	Ordinary Time † Lois Smith † Jean Naber † Otto & Mary Theisen † Diann Hayes (Anniversary) † Joseph & Margaret Waddick For the People of the Pastorate		
SACRAMENTS				

#### 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**

**Summer Faith Formation Families**—Intergenerational Faith meetings will be held at Seton Catholic School, Peosta on Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, January 30 at 5:00 PM. Please attend one of these meetings.

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parents: There is a 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta and Monday, January 24 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Church, Epworth. **Only parents** need to attend one of these meetings.

Seton Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten Open House for Parents and Students Open House will be held on Monday, February 7 at Seton Catholic School, 7597 Burds Road, Peosta.

> 6:00 - 7:00 PM for Pre-School 6:30 - 7:30 PM for Kindergarten

If you have questions about Seton Catholic, please feel free to contact us at 563,556,5967.



and so goes the whole world in which we live

ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer for the Legal

Protection of

**Unborn** Children

As the family goes,

so goes the nation,



**Scrip:** Calling All Volunteers, We Need Your Help! The school's Scrip program is run by volunteers, and we need more of them. Please consider volunteering to fill orders at Seton Catholic, Peosta on Thursday mornings. This may include verifying and counting inventory and filling physical amilies. If interested, please email setonscrip@gmail.com or call the office

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