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January 2, 2022
The Epiphany
Of the Lord



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Weekend Liturgy
 Saturday.....4:30pm
 Sunday.....8:30 &10:30am

Weekday Liturgy
 Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am
 Tuesday.....5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday.....5:00pm
 Friday.....7:40am
 Saturday.....3:30pm
 By appointment, call the Rectory

Sacrament of Marriage-Details should begin one year before wedding. Registration/active membership at Blessed Sacrament is required.

Sacrament of Baptism-Preparation classes are required for parents before Baptism of infants or small children. Call for registration.

Parish website:
 www.blessedsacramentwaterloo.org

 **Blessed Sacrament Church**

Rectory Office Hours
Monday-Friday.....8:30am-4:30pm

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Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year! As we begin this New Year, many people will announce their new year's resolution. It could be losing weight, exercise, improve relationships, look for a fulfilling occupation, or whatever. One item on everyone's list should include the resolve to grow in our relationship with God. Our spirits need to be healthy and strong, just like our bodies. Without a spirit that is constantly being renewed by God, the daily grind will always pile up on us, which then causes us to fall. It is God who gives us the strength to not give up!

January 11, 2022 through January 11, 2023 marks the "Year of the Blessed Sacrament" at Blessed Sacrament Parish. The focus of this special year of devotion will be to open hearts and grow in our understanding of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Exposition, parish retreats, speakers, online activities, and more. The culmination of this year of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament will be the 75th anniversary of Archbishop Rohlman's officially erecting Blessed Sacrament Parish on January 11, 1948. I am hoping this year will rekindle the fire of the Blessed Sacrament in each one of us. Please pray for our youth who will be receiving their 1st Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, January 8th at 9:30 am. This is an important step in their faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers, and of course, you are more than welcome to attend.

I want to thank all of you again for the Christmas cards, prayers, and gifts. I appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thank you to all those who have helped with the planning of the Christmas Masses, to those who ushered, to those who decorated the church, to those who helped with the music, to those who Livestreamed, and to everyone in between. We need a little extra Christmas JOY this year and you have made it possible.

Have a great week and I, for one, am looking forward to an even better 2022 with all of you! Fr. Tony

How can We help You?

Find out how we can help you connect, participate and grow in the spiritual and sacramental life of the Catholic faith community at: waterloocatholics.org/help



Tornado Relief

It is not hard to put ourselves in the shoes of our neighbors in Kentucky and the other southern and midwestern states that experienced those devastating tornadoes just before Christmas. The loss of life is gut-wrenching and heartbreaking and the grieving families and communities are in our prayers as they face the long road of recovery and rebuilding ahead. Susan Montalvo-Gesser of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro, one of the hardest-hit regions, noted in an email that,

If you wish and if you can, please consider supporting the local disaster recovery efforts through Catholic Charities by mailing your support at the address below.

Thank you, stay safe, and God Bless! **Fr. Tony Kruse**

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Alexandria, VA 22314

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

**Su-Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12**
M-1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tu-1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
W-1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Th-1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
F-1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Sa-1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

The Week Ahead

Available online at our Parish website or Facebook page

Monday, January 3, 2022

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:00am Bible Study in the Gathering Space

5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Liturgy (Leon Corkery)

6:30pm Liturgy Committee mtg. in Putz Hall

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:00am Liturgy (Bob & Marcie Bullis)

5:00pm Confirmation Preparation Class in the Parish Center

Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:00am Liturgy (Helen Kane)

8:30am Bible Study in the Gathering Space

6:30pm Marian Rosary & Chaplet in Church

Friday, January 7, 2022

7:40am Reconciliation

8:00am Liturgy (Rick Thompson)

Saturday, January 8, 2022

St. Vincent de Paul Offertory

9:00am Religious Education Class & Prayers

9:30am First Reconciliation in Church

3:30pm Reconciliation

4:30pm Liturgy (Tyler Swyter)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

St. Vincent de Paul Offertory

8:30am Liturgy (People of the Parish)

10:30am Liturgy (Jay & Mary Eichorst)

10:30am Baptism of Coleson Dean McKenna

12:30pm Confirmation Preparation Class in the Parish Center

Pray for the Ill

Bob Kellner

Fred Worple

Kenny Maas

Lori Adams

Jean Draude

Cathryn Robinson

Clair Coughlin

Betty Hesseling

Bubba Pavolec

Steve Kerns

Faye Graham

To request to have a family-or-friend's name put on the above prayer list call the Rectory at 319-233-6179. **Prayer Chain:** Call Margaret Corson 319-415-8738 or Rhonda Maifeld 319-239-4860.

Do you have questions...about living and practicing your faith as a Catholic? Check out the Frequently Asked Questions on the Waterloo Catholics website at: www.waterloocatholics.org/faq or email dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org

Parish Update

Baptism: Coleson Dean, son of Phillip & Jaime McKenna

Our Mission Statement

Because our hearts are burning within us, we the Community of Blessed Sacrament are disciples of Christ, witnessing the love of God through worship, service and lifelong faith formation.

Learn to Grow

Here are some of the formation, enrichment and spiritual growth opportunities for adults and young adults offered by Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation:

Catholicism-Journey to the Heart of Faith is an 8-week series which explores the fundamental elements of Catholic faith and life.

Bishop Barron's 'The Sacraments' is a six-part discussion of the seven sacraments hosted by Bishop Robert Barron.

Bishop Barron's 'The Eucharist' is an 80-minute discussion which examines the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice and real presence.

Bishop Barron's 'The Mass' is a six-part series exploring the format and meaning of the Mass.

Bishop Barron's 'The Creed' A six part series which examines the meaning of faith & content of the Nicene Creed.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8-week overview of the Bible, from the book of Genesis to the Gospels.

Know Your Faith is a continuing series of monthly online discussions which examine various aspects of the Catholic faith in an informal, non-threatening environment.

Spiritual Growth Discussions an introductory opportunity for adults and young adults who want to examine and deepen their spiritual life.

• Find a guide to formation and enrichment programs at:

waterloocatholics.org/adult-formation-guide

• Indicate opportunities you're interested in at:

<https://bit.ly/Learn-to-Grow>



Looking for some Spiritual Companionship

Our Faithful Companions small groups offer individuals an opportunity to meet regularly with spiritual companions to examine how they experience God's presence and challenges in daily

life. The Faith Formation Team is forming new Faithful Companions now. More online at:

waterloocatholics.org/faithful-companions or contact Faith Formation Office, 319-233-2874.

Are You an Inactive, Alienated or LGBTQ Catholic?

Our faith formation team is eager to visit with you about your past, present or future relationship to the Catholic Church in a safe, discreet environment. Send an email to Dave Cushing at dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org



Becoming Catholic

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Our Faith Formation Team would be happy to visit with you about the opportunities available for adults and young adults who wish to join the Catholic faith community. Contact the Team at 319-233-0498 or email:

dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org

Learn more at: waterloocatholics.org/rcia-rcra

Learn More-More information about current and future Faith Formation opportunities for Catholic adults is available online at: www.waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-announcements



Stewardship The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs

We are in need of Microwaveable Macaroni & Cheese, Chili makings, vegetable juice, chili beans, diced tomato's, chili seasoning, apple juice, ramen noodles, saltine crackers, canned fruit, cleaning supplies. We need toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo 2 in 1 if possible (shampoo and conditioner), dish soap, bath soap, toilet cleaner, spray cleaner. Currently, we are able to pick up toothpaste, tooth brushes, at a very good price from the food bank. Thanks for all your donations, they are all appreciated.

Serving in Hope-The Volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent De Paul Sunday

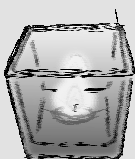


Next Sunday, January 9, 2022 is the second Sunday of the month and our Offertory Collection will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul to help support all the good works they do in our community. Please give generously, thank you.

Online Opportunities for Prayer

• **Lectio Divina** -- Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. For registration and more information email pfiffnercarolyn@gmail.com.

• **Centering Prayer** -- These 30 and 20-minute sessions are led by members of Contemplative Outreach of Northeast Iowa Monday nights at 6:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30am and Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm. For information contact Julie Rowell at julirowell@mchsi.com



Votive Candles

Prayer Cards and envelopes are available in the Votive Candle Space. If there is someone special in your life whom you are remembering in your prayers at Mass **or by lighting a candle**, let them know by sending them a prayer card. Cards are available for a free-will donation. Simply take a card and envelope from the votive candle box and place your free-will donation in the donation envelope. This is a great way to share your love and concern for those you are praying for.

Adoption Law Updates: Attention Birth Parents

If you or someone you know placed a child in an adoptive home and you desire to remain anonymous, please read the following information carefully. Per the Iowa Department of Public Health: Bureau of Health Statistics, adoptees may now receive a noncertified copy of the certificate of birth prior to adoption.

If you want to remain anonymous, this requires your immediate attention.

For more information from call the IDPH at 515-281-7689. Or you can email www.idph.iowa.gov/Adult-Adoptees-Can-Now-Apply-for-Non-certified-Copy-of-Original-Certificate-of-Birth

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2022 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

Saturday, March 19, 2022 – Xavier High School

Cedar Rapids (with live-stream available)

Mark your calendar for the 26th Annual Men's Conference! This conference will be held on the Feast of St. Joseph and will highlight the example of St. Joseph as a model for all men. The keynote speaker will be Mark Hartfiel, vice-president of Paradisus Dei, a ministry that produces the "That Man is You!" men's program. The lunch session will be presented by Devin Schadt, the founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph men's ministry. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Jackels. For more information and registration, please visit www.archmensconference.org.



If you go to the hospital or are in the hospital... We hope you don't need

hospitalization, but if you end up in the hospital, call Blessed Sacrament rectory (319-233-6179) or have your family, the chaplain, or nurse call and ask the office

secretary to notify Fr. Tony and Deb Lundberg.

Please give the **name of the hospital** and **room number**.

Upon admission answer the following 3 questions:

1. Do you have a religious preference?

2. Do you have a church? These 2 questions will place your name on a list for receiving **Communion** if you wish.

3. Would you like your name to appear on a list for your pastor/church to know that you are in the hospital?

Question 3 is required for your privacy and important for you to answer so your name will appear on the clergy list. Fr. Tony and Deb Lundberg will be able to receive your name and come to visit you at the hospital.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 8, 2022 **4:30pm**

Lector: Maggie England

Musicians: Faye, Moore's

Eucharist Ministers: Sandi Brennan, Marsha Dutkowski, Nancy Leskun, Pam Ironside

Sunday, January 9, 2022 **8:30am**

Lector: Ken Frost

Musicians: Denise

Eucharist Ministers: Ed Schmadeke, Traci Neymeyer, Gen Wandro, Mary Strattan

Sunday, January 9, 2022 **10:30am**

Lectors: Susan Armstrong

Musicians: Josie, Kathy

Eucharist Ministers: Dan Daly, Betty Hackett, Jeff Mastin, Mary Loy

Thank you for serving Blessed Sacrament Parish. If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute.



Please save Hy-Vee grocery receipts and drop in the collection basket.



Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

I will continue to celebrate the scheduled daily Mass (except in cases of a funeral), even if school is cancelled. However, with that being said, parking lots and sidewalks may not be cleared in time for daily Mass. Please use caution, stay safe, or even stay home. Mass will still be live streamed. If out of necessity the daily Mass needs to be cancelled due to weather, we will try to publish a notice of cancellation through KWWL and KCRG TV stations. **Fr. Tony**

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Beauty in Christ Women's Conference

Consider hosting the **2022 Beauty of Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation** virtual conference, Saturday, January 29, 2022, right in your own parish. Imagine filling your parish center with women of all ages, eager to gather, excited to hear national speakers, and elated to pray together! Contact us and we'll be happy to walk you through the process for a successful conference!

For more information about the conference: **www.archwomensconference.org** Or to see the hosting packet, go to: **www.archwomensconference.org/parish-event/**

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides funds to assist low income households with water and wastewater bills. This program is available to those with a disconnect notice or who are currently disconnected. To learn who qualifies for this new federal assistance and to apply, please contact your local community action agency. (Operation Threshold)



Altar Flowers If you would like to honor a loved one on an anniversary or celebrate a special occasion in your life – birthday, graduation, anniversary or just because you like to see fresh flowers on the altar, contact Donna at **319-240-8703** to make arrangements. We would also welcome flowers from your garden any time during the summer and fall.




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