



BLESSED SACRAMENT

Catholic Parish

January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

Blessed Sacrament Baptisms of 2021

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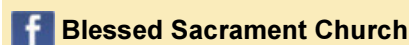


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Weekend Liturgy
Saturday.....4:30pm
Sunday.....8:30 &10:30am
Weekday Liturgy
Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am
Tuesday.....5:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday.....5:00pm
Friday.....7:40am
Saturday.....3:30pm
By appointment, call the Rectory
Sacrament 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



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Pastor's Corner

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. So, you are invited to Mass on Tuesday, January 11th to kick off our parish holy year!

On a more serious note, I did not think that I would have to be writing about COVID awareness. We all know about rising COVID numbers. Personally speaking, within the past few weeks, I have heard of more COVID cases amongst my own family, friends, and acquaintances. There has also been a significant increase of requests for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for severe COVID cases in hospital ICU's. In most of these cases, the person does succumb to COVID. As of January 2, there are currently four Archdiocesan priests who have been diagnosed with COVID. While the Omicron Variant seems to be less severe, it does spread quickly and easily. With that being said, I am not introducing any new restrictions or guidelines. I am actually encouraging everyone to take it seriously; yet don't let it stop you from living life. Life needs to be lived without fear. We do need to put our faith in God that through grace we can overcome everything; however, we all have to use our reason as well since it is a gift from God. Until positive cases decrease, it is certainly acceptable and encouraged to wear a mask, keep social distance when you can, wash/sanitize your hands, and if you're not already, please get vaccinated and boosted to minimize serious infections. Just like all of you, I have had enough of COVID. We are a people of hope. We do place our faith in God. With God all things are possible. Let us not forget our own role with our God-given gift of reason. **Hang in there and try to have a great week! Fr. Tony**

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**

Perpetual Adoration

"Believe that Jesus Christ is in this sacrament as truly as He was nine months in the womb of Mary, as real as He was nailed to the Cross." (St. John Vianney)

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Columbus High School is available 24/7 to all. Specific needs are Wednesdays at midnight, 2:00am (once a month), and 3:00am, Thursdays at midnight, 9:00am and 3:00pm, and Fridays at midnight and 2:00am. If interested call Maria Pranger at (319)429-4920 or email cvadoration@gmail.com.

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

**Su 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 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
M 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tu 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
W 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Th 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
F 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Sa 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17**

The Week Ahead

Available online at our Parish website or Facebook page

Monday, January 10, 2022

6:15pm Stewardship Committee mtg. in the Gathering Space

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

The Year of the Blessed Sacrament begins

9:00am Bible Study in the Gathering Space

11:30am Funeral Mass for Bob Kellner

5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Liturgy (Bob & Marcie Bullis)

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00am Liturgy (John & Bernice Heuer)

10:00am Parish Staff mtg. in Putz Hall

5:30pm Catholic Daughters of America in the Parish Center

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:00am Liturgy (Eldon & Lucille Geber)

8:30am Bible Study in the Gathering Space

6:30pm Marian Rosary & Chaplet in Church

6:30pm Knights of Columbus mtg. in the Parish Center

6:30pm Finance Council mtg. in Putz Hall

Friday, January 14, 2022

7:40am Reconciliation

8:00am Liturgy (Joe Urban)

Saturday, January 15, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation

4:30pm Liturgy (Sean Eherenman)

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30am Liturgy (Francis & Alma Schares)

10:30am Liturgy (People of the Parish)

Pray for the Ill

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| Lori Adams | Fred Worple | Kenny Maas |
| Clair Coughlin | Jean Draude | Cathryn Robinson |
| Steve Kerns | Richard Siech | Bubba Pavolec |

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.

Parish Update

Baptism: Coleson Dean, son of Philip & Jamie McKenna

Death: Marv Fangman

Bob Kellner

May they rest in peace

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.

Winter Mini-Retreat on Sunday, January 23, is "The Gospel of Luke--Understanding God's Word."

Dr. John Waldmeier from Loras will again facilitate this discussion, which focuses on the Gospel from which our Sunday readings are taken during Ordinary Time this year. The retreat will take place online, 1:30-4:00pm. There is no charge for this opportunity. If you register for the retreat we will send you the link a day or two before the discussion.

Learn more at: waterloocatholics.org

To register to participate in the discussion here:

<https://bit.ly/winter-mini-retreat>

If you are interested in going deeper into the Gospels, you might be interested in this six-week online series:

www.pastoral.center/reading-the-gospels-jan-2022



Know Your Faith Discussion

Monday, January 17, from 7:00-8:00pm. Live Video Discussion. Our monthly Know Your Faith discussions are designed for adults and young adults who want to learn or review basic components of the Catholic faith. This month's topic is "The Incarnation." The discussions are

open to the public.

Learn more here: waterloocatholics.org/know-your-faith

• Use this link to join the conversation:

<https://bit.ly/know-your-faith>

Reading the Gospels

Tuesdays or Wednesdays in January and February, starting on January 18 and 19. Live Video Discussion. Scripture instructor Ann Naffziger guides participants through reading all four Gospels in this six-week series. Learn more and register here: <https://bit.ly/reading-the-gospels>

Learn More

- Find information about faith formation and enrichment opportunities for adults at: waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-board
- Find information about current and continuing opportunities for virtual learning at: waterloocatholics.org/virtual-learning

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

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

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



Stewardship

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Estate of Grace Sale Services

Are you downsizing and have things to get rid of? Are you clearing household goods from an estate? Blessed Sacrament parishioners are offering Estate of Grace Sale Services for those willing to donate the proceeds back to Blessed Sacrament parish. At your location, we will set up for a sale, advertise the sale, staff the sale, and dispose of what remains after the sale. If you are interested in discussing or scheduling a sale with us, please call Margaret Klein at 319-429-1907.



Jail & Prison Reentry Ministry "Information Meeting"

Anyone interested in jail or prison ministry, or in aftercare programs, is invited to attend an "Information Meeting" on Thursday, January 13 at the Catholic Charities Office, (St. Edward Parish, 1423 Kimball Ave., Waterloo) at 6:30pm. This free meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn about Jail and Prison Reentry Ministry and discover ways to help those in need. Men and women are encouraged to attend.

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

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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. Susan Montalvo-Gesser of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Owensboro, one of the hardest-hit regions, noted if you wish please consider supporting the disaster recovery efforts through Catholic Charities by mailing your support at the address below.

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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>

Spiritual Growth Discussion Saturday, January 15, 2022

from 9:30-10:30am via Live Video Discussion. This discussion is for adults and young adults who want to examine their spiritual life and learn more about how to develop or strengthen their spiritual life.

Learn more at: **waterloocatholics.org/spiritual-growth**

• Use this link to join the discussion:

meet.google.com/iff-izut-grv

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 15, 2022 **4:30pm**

Lector: Mike Williams

Musicians: Faye, Jack, Sherri

Eucharist Ministers: Marsha Dutkowski, Pam Ironside, Betty Gauger, Pat Colwell

Sunday, January 16, 2022 **8:30am**

Lector: Pat Minard

Musicians: Gabby, Gary

Eucharist Ministers: Sherry Candee, Donna Burton, Russ Bertch, Paul Jungen

Sunday, January 16, 2022 **10:30am**

Lectors: Dave Roche

Musicians: Josie, Jim

Eucharist Ministers: Judyann Macdonald, Maggie England, Kathy Grete, Volunteer

Thank you for serving Blessed Sacrament Parish



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



Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Movement

The Catholic Worker House invites you to a prayer service and discussion on Dorothy Day, co-founder of Catholic Worker Movement.

This will be Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00pm at Catholic Worker House, 321 E. 8th St. in

Waterloo. All are welcome. For more information please call: 319-232-3177.



Baptism Preparation

Monday, January 10. 6:30-8:30pm. Live Video Discussion. This preparation program is for first-time parents in the Waterloo parishes who are planning to baptize an infant or young child in the near future. Register online

at waterloocatholics.org/baptism-registration

• Learn more about baptizing infants and children at: bit.do/infant-baptism

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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

St. John Theology Webinar

Friday, January 14. 9:00-Noon. Live Video Presentation "The Garden of Eden and the Human Condition" is the topic of this program presented by St. John School of Theology in Colledgeville. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration required. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/theology-day-5>



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.

Questions about Living as a Catholic? Check our list of Frequently Asked Questions about being Catholic at:

waterloocatholics.org/faq




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