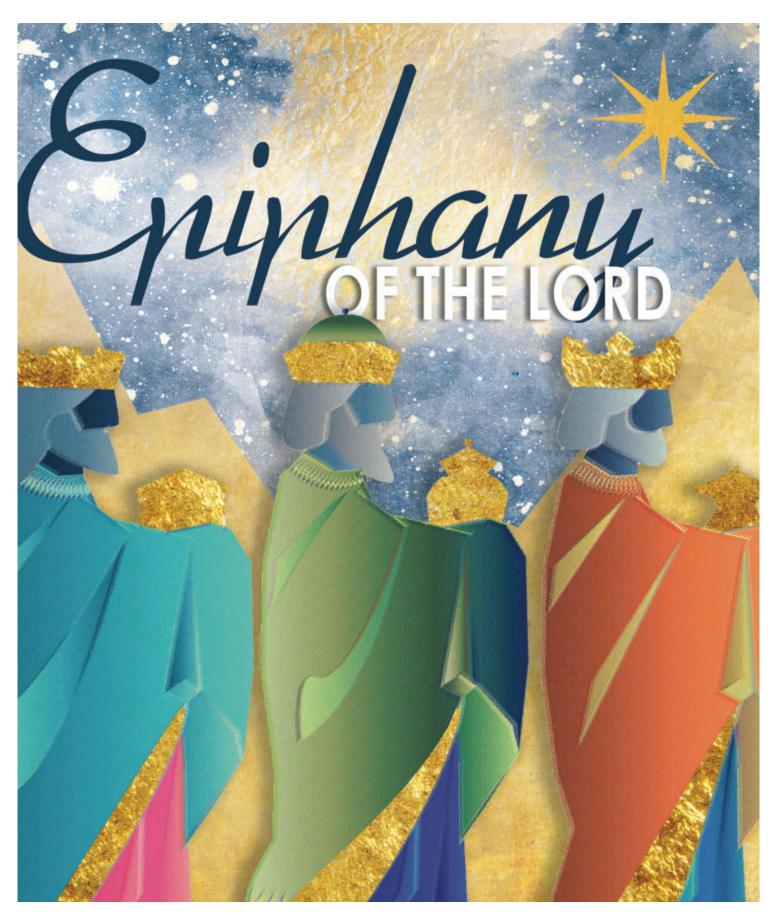
John Paul II Cluster



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 3, 2022

Nothing listed on schedule/calendar

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Nothing listed on schedule/calendar

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Mass: Oak View, 9:30 am (for R. G. & Bonny Prucha) St. John Religious Education: Grades 1-6, 3:30 pm Grades 7-10, 6:30 pm

St. Patrick Religious Education: Grades K-9, 7:00 pm

Buildings & Grounds: Cluster Office, 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Cluster Office, 10:00 am SJ Board of Education: St. John School, 6:00 pm

Friday, January 7, 2022

Confession at St. Patrick: 7:30 - 7:50 am, before Mass 2 hour Early Dismissal - Professional Development

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Nothing listed on schedule/calendar

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Confession at St. John: 9:15 - 9:45 am, before Mass

ST. JOHN PARISH, INDEPENDENCE

Saturday, 5:30 pm, January 8, 2022

Eucharistic B Fr. Beckman n/a n/a **Ministers:** B Dc. Post n/an/a

B Nancy Dodge

Diane Koch Hospitality Chuck Mazur **Ministers:** Volunteer Volunteer

Sharon Bainbridge Lector:

Altar Servers: Alyvia Corkery Isabella Jensen Music: Karen Kremer Bill Luebbers Sunday, 10:00 am, January 9, 2022

Eucharistic B Fr. Beckman n/a n/a **Ministers:** B Dc. Post n/an/a

B Debbie Michael

Hospitality Kyle Zieser Kelli Frisch Zach Boss **Ministers:** Delores Brokman Volunteer Volunteer

Terry Thiessen Lector

Altar Servers: Carter Homan Kara Hopkins n/a Music: Bonnie O'Brien Jubilee Choir

ST. PATRICK PARISH, WINTHROP

Saturday, 4:00 pm, January 8, 2022

Eucharistic Ministers: B Fr. Beckman Dc. Post Eucharistic Ministers: W n/a

Hospitality Ministers*: Volunteers

*Ushers - Please arrive at 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet

people as they walk into church

Lector: Becky Peyton

Gift Bearers: n/a Altar Servers: Volunteers St. Patrick Choir Music:

Sunday, 8:00 am, January 9, 2022

Eucharistic Ministers: B Fr. Beckman Dc. Post

Eucharistic Ministers: W n/a Hospitality Ministers*: Volunteers

*Ushers - Please arrive at 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet

people as they walk into church

Lector: Janet Hackett Gift Bearers: n/a **Altar Servers:** Volunteers St. Patrick Choir Music:

Monday, January 3, 2022

Collection Counters: Lori Goedken Susie Stafford

MASS INTENTIONS

January 3, through January 9, 2022

St. John Parish, Independence

8:00 am Joann Wulfekuhle

Wed. 9:30 am R. G. & Bonny Prucha (at Oak View)

8:30 am Ed & Marguerite Bagby Thurs. 5:30 pm Bernice Mescher Sat

10:00 am Leo Ploesl Sun.

Tues.

St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop

Mon. 4:30 pm No Mass offered Fri. 8:00 am Curt, Ivan & Sam

4:00 pm Parishioners of the John Paul II Cluster Sat

8:00 am Donald & Marie Baragary Sun.

Altar Linen Schedule: January 2, 9 & 16 Jane Gates

January 23, 30 Denise Hawker

Scrip Cash Table Volunteers January 8/9

5:30 pm Amy Holle & Mary Grover 10:00 am Amee & JR Freidhof

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph Sunday:

3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, Monday:

23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk

4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn

3:22-30

Next Sunday: 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

Cluster Finances

St. John For Sunday, Sunday, December 19, 2021 Budget Envelopes \$8,856.60 Offertory \$176.51 Children's Collection \$0 EFT donations for the month are: \$5,090.00 Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses \$11.814.00

Last week we were short \$2,780.89 to meet our operational expenses!

This section includes all debt that the church owes to date.

Monies borrowed from DBQ

for building projects: \$0

Monies borrowed from

Embrace Our Future/Debt Elimination: \$0

St. Patrick For Sunday, December 19, 2021 Budget Envelopes \$1,570.00

Offertory \$147.00 EFT donations for the month are: \$720.00 Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses \$3,376.00 The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world.

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Remember in prayer: Lillian Hemmen, Emmett & Bernadette Schumann, Eileen Barreca, Starla Himebaugh, Carolyn Erickson, Ken Magsamen, Darrell Stortz, Tex Pentecost, Cheryl Mills (sister of Peg



Short), Rafael Saumell (son-in-law of Bill & Pat Offerman), Patricia Ehr, Steve Isley

VOCATION VIEWS

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?

Financial Books Closing Date

The 2021 parish financial books for St. John's and St. Patrick's will close on December 31, 2021. Any donations post marked on or after January 1 will be applied to 2022.

Ask For Your Budget Statement

Your 2021 statements for the amount you donated to St. Patrick Parish and St. John Parish will be available around January 20th. If you need a copy for your taxes, call the cluster office at 319-334-7191, drop a note in the collection, or email us at sjparish@indytel.com. We will mail your statement to you or you may stop in to pick it up.



Baptism Class

Have you recently had a child? Are you expecting a child? Congratulations! We welcome children into our Christian community through the waters of Baptism.

To prepare for this celebration, we ask all parents, who would like to have their children baptized, to attend baptism class. The next class is, Thursday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the parish office. Please call the cluster office at 334-7191 to register.

SJ Rosary Society meeting

Please plan to attend the Rosary Society meeting, January 20, 2022, at 6:30pm. Discussion will be held on the Fall Festival Meal and St. John's School Bazaar. Are you interested in having the turkey and dressing meal, again? Are you interested in changing the menu of the meal; suggestions could be pork or beef, from the Pork or Beef Producers? Thoughts on combining FF Meal with St. John's School Bazaar? Are you interested in having the meal, or would you prefer to donate, without any meal?

ALL are invited to attend.



Dad's Belgium Waffles

Please join us on January 23, 2022 at St. Patrick Church Hall in Winthrop from 8:00 am - 12:00 (noon) for Dad's Belgium Waffles. Free Will Donation.



Save The Date

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

Fellow St. Patrick's Parishioners, please join us for a Valentine's Dinner, Fellowship, and Spiritual Growth on Sunday, February 13, starting with Fel-

lowship at 4:30pm with a catered Meal to follow at 5:15pm. Stay tuned for more information in January on how to reserve your seats at this fun-filled evening to be held at our Parish Hall in Winthrop.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

School News

STO

We made it! 100% of our goal; more than \$5 million in STO tuition assistance will be available for the 2022-23 school year. They will begin accepting online applications in January 2022.

Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball begins Monday, Jan 3rd after school until 5:00pm. The parent meeting is Wednesday, Jan 5th at 4:45pm

Busing

The Indee public schools do not return from Christmas break until Tuesday, Jan. 4th. SJS returns to school on Monday, Jan. 3rd. Therefore, there will be no busing for our students on Monday, 1/3/22.

Pancake Breakfast - Sponsored by St. John School Sunday, January 30, 2022. We will be serving from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in St. John Church Hall. Menu is: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls, Milk, Juice & Coffee Free Will Offering

8th grade parents!

Indee H.S will hold their 2022-2023 "To Be" 9th grade registration night on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This is a very important meeting for all current 8th graders and their parents/guardians to attend. They will go over freshmen schedules, four year plans, and how to register for next year's classes online. They will also create an account with Hawkeye Community College that evening. The purpose of creating an account with Hawkeye is because throughout the course of a student's high school career they will likely take at least one course which is worth college credit (most of our shop classes, several FCS classes are worth college credit!) and they must have an account created to do so. They ask students to bring their chromebook, a writing utensil, and their social security number (must have) in order to complete registration that evening. They look forward to seeing you on February 1st.

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Cluster Office Staff

We would like to thank all of you who remembered us with cards and gifts! Your thoughtfulness and generosity are heartwarming and very much appreciated.

Sharon B, Sharon Z., Polly

~~AREA EVENTS~~

Monti Community Center Breakfast

Breakfast, Sunday January 9th, 2022 from 8:30 am - 11:00 am at the Monti Community Center, serving Ham, & Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Donuts, Rolls, Juice Coffee and Milk Free Will Donation.

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 iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Aurora Legion & Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast

Carry-outs available!

All you can eat pancakes, biscuits/gravy, ham, scrambled eggs, milk, juice or coffee.

Adults \$10 5-8 years \$5 Pre-school Free 1st & 3rd Sundays from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm January 2 & 16 February 6 & 20

New Year's Blessings:

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.



We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days. Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year. Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year

and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome to the Parishes of the John Paul II Cluster

St. John the Evangelist
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&
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Winthrop Iowa

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Deacon: Tim Post
Pastoral Associate:

Sharon Bainbridge

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Cluster Website:

https://stjohnstpat.org/

WEEKDAY MASSES:

See Mass Schedule Page 1

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. John the Evangelist - 97.1 FM

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

St . Patrick - 97.3 FM

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:

St. John the Evangelist

Sunday 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

St. Patrick

Friday 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

BAPTISM:

Arranged after Pre-Baptism Classes.
Contact the cluster office.

MARRIAGE:

Please contact Fr. Beckman to arrange marriage preparations twelve to nine months in advance of the wedding date.



New to the Area--Welcome to the John Paul II Cluster!

We are delighted that you've joined us for worship during this great season, and we hope that you'll return to pray with us often. As a church community, St. John's and St. Patrick's, we offer lots of services to

our members in addition to our weekly worship. If you have moved into the area or are now an adult with your own household, we invite you to become a member. Feel free to call the cluster office at 319-344-7191 if you would like to join, or have questions about our parishes.

From the Desk of Fr. Beckman:

"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem (Matthew 2:1). This week we have an opportunity to reflect on the universality of the Church and celebrate the multicultural society and Church that are witnesses to the inclusiveness that

Christ asks of us in the work of his redemption. In the Gentile magi, the divisions of culture, religion, and nationality are reconciled as we proclaim in Psalm 72: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." This is the first instance of God expanding the Abrahamic Covenant beyond the Israelites. For nearly 2000 years, Abraham is usually listed as 1850 B.C., the Hebrews/Jews/Israelites have been God's chosen people. Now, with the arrival of Jesus, the promise of God's kingdom expands to include all of humanity – Jew and Gentile alike. This is modeled for us when the emissaries from a completely different country arrive to honor him and claim Jesus as their Lord too.

This week's readings are all about people from different cultures and tribes coming together to celebrate the Lord. In the first reading, Isaiah describes a caravan of nations gathering in the light of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul makes the case for salvation outside of the Jewish faith when he informs the Ephesians that "Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (Ephesians 3:5-6). The special covenant between God and Abraham now extends to all nations, including those outside the Hebrew faith. This isn't something Paul proposes for the first time in his letter to the Ephesians. It begins the week Jesus is born, when the leaders of nations with no ethnic relation to Israel come and pay a tiny Hebrew boy homage.

The Bible does not number or name the magi, but it is an eighth century saint and first English historian Bede the Venerable who named them Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar, thus numbering three. In the gifts the magi offer to the Christ Child, there is again the hint of the paschal mystery: the myrrh of embalming anticipating the great sacrifice of his life for the forgiveness of sins, the frankincense that fragranced the temple sacrifices and burned before the holy of holies, and the gold of precious value fit for a king. The magi return home by another route because they have been changed and now live another life with the Christ Child to guide them. The new light that has come into the world.

The most important gift we can offer Christ – the gift that is worth more than gold, frankincense, and myrrh – is the wealth of our love for him. The oblation/offering/sacrifice of our love in service of him each time we come to Mass and receive his precious body and blood. In this way, we say to him I want to be united to you, now, and for all eternity. I want to make the sacrifice to serve others in your name out of love for God and my neighbor worldwide. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Fr. David









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