

Baptism of the Lord • January 9, 2021

# *John Paul II Cluster*



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

**MASS INTENTIONS**

January 10, through January 16, 2022

**St. John Parish, Independence**

Tues.	8:00 am	Bernice Kolker
Wed.	9:30 am	Fr. Mel Hemann (at BCHC)
Thurs.	8:30 am	Mike & Linda Hayward
Sat	5:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Dunn Family
Sun.	10:00 am	Steve Krempges

**St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop**

Mon.	4:30 pm	Vernon Gudenkauf
Fri.	8:00 am	John C. Hogan
Sat	4:00 pm	Gene Willson
Sun.	8:00 am	Parishioners of the John Paul II Cluster

**Scrip Cash Table Volunteers January 15/16**

<b>5:30 pm</b>	Katie Perry & Brenda Davis
<b>10:00 am</b>	Jessie Doyle & Monica House

<b>Altar Linen Schedule:</b>	January 9 & 16	Jane Gates
	January 23 & 30	Denise Hawker

**ST. JOHN PARISH, INDEPENDENCE****Saturday, 5:30 pm, January 15, 2022**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	B Fr. Beckman	n/a	n/a
	B Dc. Post	n/a	n/a
	B Greg Gates		
<b>Hospitality Ministers:</b>	Jane Gates	Sam O'Loughlin	
	Volunteer	Volunteer	
<b>Lector:</b>	Jodi Grover		
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Marie Gorman	Danika Johnson	n/a
<b>Music:</b>	Karen Kremer	Julie Weber	

**Sunday, 10:00 am, January 16, 2022**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	B Fr. Beckman	n/a	n/a
	B Dc. Post	n/a	n/a
	B Donna Nabholz		
<b>Hospitality Ministers:</b>	Deb Corkery	Ric Corkery	Volunteer
	Robert Butters	Jean Gillpatrick	Volunteer
<b>Lector:</b>	Brenda Corkery		
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Maya Barche	Molly McGarvey	n/a
<b>Music:</b>	Bonnie O'Brien	Jubilee Choir	

**ST. PATRICK PARISH, WINTHROP****Saturday, 4:00 pm, January 15, 2022**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers :</b>	B Fr. Beckman	Dc. Post
<b>Eucharistic Ministers :</b>	W n/a	
<b>Hospitality Ministers*:</b>	Volunteers	
	*Ushers - Please arrive at 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people as they walk into church	

<b>Lector:</b>	Dianne Fank
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	n/a
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Volunteers
<b>Music:</b>	St. Patrick Choir

**Sunday, 8:00 am, January 16, 2022**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers :</b>	B Fr. Beckman	Dc. Post
<b>Eucharistic Ministers :</b>	W n/a	
<b>Hospitality Ministers*:</b>	Volunteers	
	*Ushers - Please arrive at 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people as they walk into church	

<b>Lector:</b>	Ron Crawford
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	n/a
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Volunteers
<b>Music:</b>	St. Patrick Choir

**Monday, January 10, 2022**

<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Sharon Moroney	Susie Stafford
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**THE WEEK AHEAD**Monday, January 10, 2022**Nothing listed on schedule/calendar**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**SJ Finance:** Cluster Office, 7:00 pmWednesday, January 12, 2022**Mass:** BCHC, 9:30 am (for Fr. Mel Hemann)**St. John Liturgy Meeting:** Cluster Office, 4:30 pm**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 pmThursday, January 13, 2022**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Cluster Office, 10:00 am**Baptism Class:** Cluster Office, 6:30 pmFriday, January 14, 2022**Confession at St. Patrick:** 7:30 - 7:50 am, before Mass**2 hour Early Dismissal - Professional Development**Saturday, January 15, 2022**Nothing listed on schedule/calendar**Sunday, January 16, 2022**Confession at St. John:** 9:15 - 9:45 am, before Mass**Readings for the week of January 09, 2022**

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Cluster Finances**

St. John For Sunday, Sunday, January 2, 2022

Budget Envelopes	\$3,141.00
Offertory	\$172.00
Children's Collection	\$0
EFT donations for the month are:	\$5,855.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses	\$11,814.00

**Last week we were short \$8,501.00 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, January 2, 2021

Budget Envelopes	\$6,375.00
Haiti	\$244.00
EFT donations for the month are:	\$880.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses	\$3,376.00



***In Loving Memory...The Flowers of Christmas  
John Paul II Cluster...St. John Church***

Cedric Greenwood

By: Betty Greenwood Wilson

Ronald & Fern Collins

By: Betty Greenwood Wilson

Susan Greenwood Stelter

By: Betty Greenwood Wilson

Sandra Collins Ritz

By: Betty Greenwood Wilson

Wayne Wilson

By: Betty Greenwood Wilson

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Marv, Earl, Elmer, Ron, & Harry Schares

By: Marcie McCardle

Wallace & Doris Schultz & Judy Schultz

By: Greg and Jane Gates

Ray & Shirley

By: Greg and Jane Gates

John & Ruth Donnelly

By:

Tim & Darlene Ciesielski

By:

Dick Donnelly

By:

Ted & Mary Jo Schmitz

By: The Schmitz Family

Judd Decker

By: The Schmitz Family

***In Loving Memory...The Flowers of Christmas  
John Paul II Cluster...St. Patrick Church***

Alfred Hotchkiss

By: Susy Hotchkiss

***VOCATION VIEWS***

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.

**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](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

**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



**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.

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #495, St. John Church, Independence and St. Patrick's, Winthrop**

will kick off the 2022 year, meeting Thursday, January 13, 6:00 P.M. at St. John Parish Hall in Independence. Dessert will be served.



**Next Sunday, January 16  
is Food Pantry Sunday.  
Please be generous.**

**St. John 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.**

**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](mailto:sjparish@indytel.com). We will mail your statement to you or you may stop in to pick it up.



**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 Fellowship 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.

# School News

## STO

The online FACTS application for STO award consideration will be open on January 1st and can be found at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application deadline is April 15, 2022. If families applied through FACTS last year, they should use their same user name and password. Families must upload a completed 2021 federal tax return and related tax documents if they are required to file a federal return. Other forms may also be required for families with business income/loss. If a family needs assistance with their application they can call the FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262 Monday - Thursday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Friday 7:00 am to 5 pm.

## 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.

## Reminder

If you'd like to sign-up for cell phone announcements from me (abrupt changes in our schedule, ie. snow days) please visit [https://www.remind.com/sign\\_in](https://www.remind.com/sign_in), and join the @jgiery parent group. If that doesn't work please email me ([gieryngj@sjs.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:gieryngj@sjs.pvt.k12.ia.us)) and I will add you.



## From the Desk of Fr. Beckman:

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like dove" (Luke 3:21). Jesus first unites us to himself in baptism. The Trinity is on full display here, as Jesus, beginning his public ministry, is baptized by the Holy Spirit through the ministry of John the Baptist. Not only do we witness Jesus participating in an act that will become the cornerstone of initiation into the Christian faith, but we see it facilitated by a human whose divinity is as precarious as our own. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. In this scene his humanity is on display. He receives the sacrament of baptism, and participates in the act that our own lives require to gain entry into heaven. As Jesus said, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit" (John 3:5). Jesus needed baptism to fulfill scripture and to show that God is fully participating in human life, unto death, and thus dignify human life and make it worthy of heaven. His baptism sanctifies our humanity. It makes human life dignified and special when we know God shared it with us and wants to share his eternal life with us. St. Paul, writes in his pastoral epistle to Titus, "He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5b-7). We should all live out our own baptism as children of God giving glory and praise to his name in all that we say and do every day of our lives. That's what it means to be a child of God.

*Fr. David*

I give special thanks to all the parishioners who sent Christmas greeting cards, New Year's wishes, and for your many prayers during the Christmas season. I also want to express my gratitude for the many wonderful holiday snacks, food baskets, monetary gifts, gift cards, and a variety of other nice gifts. They are gratefully appreciated. I am truly thankful for the support you show in so many ways. May your **HEART** be filled with the joy of Christmas, your **HOME** be filled with the warmth of Christmas, and your **LIFE** be filled with the spirit of Christmas throughout this holy season and the New Year.

*Fr. David Beckman*

## THANK YOU!

### To the John Paul II Cluster –

A big Thank You to everyone who remembered us with cards, gifts, treats and Best Wishes during this Holy season of Christmas. Know that they were greatly enjoyed and appreciated, and we feel fortunate to be a part of the John Paul II family.

*Sincerely, Deacon Tim and Kathy Post*

**The Independence Area Food Pantry** is truly grateful for your donation of 10.3 lbs of food and 3.2 lbs of non food.

Thank you



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# Welcome to the Parishes of the John Paul II Cluster

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*Independence, Iowa*

&

*St. Patrick*

*Winthrop Iowa*

*Pastor:* Rev. David Beckman

*Deacon:* Tim Post

*Pastoral Associate:*

Sharon Bainbridge

*Religious Education Coordinators:*

*St. John:* Sharon Bainbridge

*St. Patrick:* Jessica Gibbs

319-929-2301

*St. John School Principal:* Jim Gieryng

*Telephones:*

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St. Patrick Center: 319-935-3871

St. John Church Hall: 334-2817

St. John School: 334-7173

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Independence, IA 50644

*Cluster Email:*

sjparish@indytel.com

*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.



**Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**Serving from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**St. John Church Hall**

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls,**

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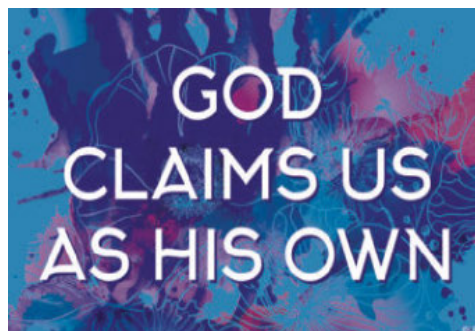
## Find Our Bulletin Anytime You Need It!

Do you leave your bulletin in the car after you drive home on Sunday? Does it get lost in the pile with the Sunday papers? Do you find yourself looking for it to get an update on a meeting time, or find the name of that plumber who advertises every week to support our parish?

Did you know you can find our cluster bulletin online, 24/7- 365 days a year? Go to <https://parishesonline.com> and enter "St. John the Evangelist" and "Independence, IA" in the search bar -- this is for both parishes!. Once that page has loaded, click on St. John the Evangelist (in blue lettering). On our page, you'll see a window called "Recent Publications" with small cover images of each week's bulletin. Click the one you want to view and it will download as a PDF. To get the bulletin conveniently and automatically delivered right to your inbox each week, click on "Subscribe" and enter your information. It's that easy to stay connected!



You may recall back at the beginning of December we encountered a woman living out of her car. She was not able to get into a low rent apartment until January and so she would be homeless until then. I made a small plea for assistance for her and many of you responded with either cash donations, which totaled about \$1,00.00, or willingness to make a meal and deliver it to her at the hotel room we put her up at. I am happy to report she is doing well, her health has improved, and she is very grateful. She sent a thank you card along with one of the last people who delivered a meal and it reads: "Thanks a Bunch" on the front of the card with a bouquet of flowers pictured. Inside the card reads: "Generous hands are blessed hands (Proverbs 22:9). "And a bunch of blessing, too!" In her words she writes: "I want to thank all of you for everything: clothes, pop, water, home-cooked meals, gift cards, and moving me into my apartment. I hope I haven't left anything or anyone out. All of you have gone above and beyond, more than I could have asked for. Thank You All!" Jess





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