

We are the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Church, a multi-cultural Catholic Christian parish in Ottumwa, Iowa. We are growing in commitment to Christ, proclaiming the Good News and offering charity to all.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (English) 4:30 PM

Sunday (English) 9:00 AM

Sunday (Spanish) 12:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00 to 4:00 PM Saturday, or by appointment.

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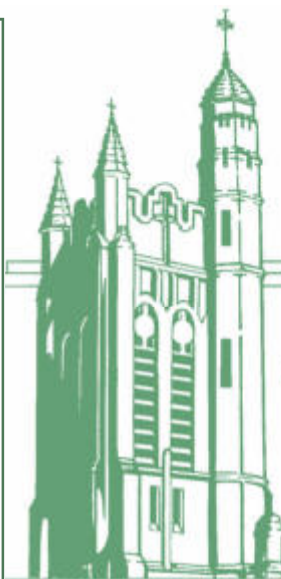
Class Locations:

K-3rd -St. Patrick RE Center 6:30-7:45 pm

4th-8th -St. Mary RE Center 6:45-8:00 pm

August 1, 2021

18th Sunday in ordinary time



**Saint Mary
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Ottumwa, Iowa**

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18th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:33

MASS INTENTIONS AND CALENDAR

Ministers of the Altar for June & July

Sunday August 1, 2021 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 am SMV English Mass– David Mcfadden
- 9:00am Sp Mass– Paul Riedel
- 12:00pm (SMV) Spanish Mass– for the parish
- 5:30pm SMM Mass– For the People

Monday August 2, 2021

- 8:00am SP– Donna Proctor
- 5:15pm SMV No Mass
- 7:00pm Diocesan Campaign Meeting at SP Church

Tuesday August 3, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– Cindy Kunzendorf
- 4:00pm M of C Meeting
- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass– Vincent Zerngast

Wednesday August 4, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– Special Intention– K.A.
- 9:00am Quilters in Hall
- 5:15pm (SMV) -Tony Yencsik

Thursday August 5, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– George & Sharon Bradley
- 2:00pm Good Samaritan PH
- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass– Harland/Carryl Farrel
- 6:00pm Eng Classes

Friday August 6, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– Catherine Bryant
- 10:00am Timber Ridge PH
- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass– Andrea Gomez

Saturday August 7, 2021

- 11:00am Spanish Baptism Irene
- 4:30pm (SMV) Mass– Ted McNulty
- 5:00pm SP Mass–Rosemary Bryant

Sunday August 8, 2021 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 am SMV English Mass– Michael Hennen
- 9:00am SP Mass– Father Jose Luiz Hdez- LA (living)
- 12:00pm (SMV) Spanish Mass– for the parish
- 5:30pm SMM Mass– For the People

4:30pm Saturday July 31, 2021

Lector: Joyce Kramer
Euch. Min: Jim Vondehaar
Ushers: Roger Frimml, John & Sylvia Hunolt, NV*

9:00am Sunday August 1, 2021

Lector: Deacon Jim
Euch. Min: Deacon Jim
Ushers: Rose Ferguson, Rhonda, Erin and Kelly Conrad

4:30pm Saturday August 7, 2021

Lector: Carol Hauptert
Euch. Min: Deacon Jim
Ushers: Roger Frimml, John & Sylvia Hunolt, NV*

9:00am Sunday August 8, 2021

Lector: Edwin Nkengafac
Euch. Min: Margaret M Gates
Ushers: Rose Ferguson, Rhonda, Erin and Kelly Conrad

FINANCES FOR JULY 17-23, 2021

Total Deposit	\$4,421.00
Envelopes	\$3,232.00
Offertory	\$717.00
Multicultural	0
Vanco online donations (E-Giviing)	\$472.00
Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$7,900.00

Go to <https://www.stmaryottumwa.org/giving> To make Donations



Oct 20'-Sept. '21 Goal	Paid to Date	Amount Under
\$54,470.00	\$47,315.72	\$7,154.28

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Tootsie Drive August 27-29 at Mass

August 1, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

Seton Catholic School will be hosting a blood drive August 28, from 2:30pm-6:30pm.

They will also be having there 5th Sunday Breakfast at the knights of Columbus hall on August 29th, from 8:00am—11:30pm Please come and show support to our school! We hope to see everyone.

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11 ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



Diocesan study includes listening sessions, online survey

Bishop Thomas Zinkula is working to address challenges facing our diocese, and he is asking every parishioner to complete a planning study survey to gather feedback on proposed diocesan goals. (This is separate from the “Rediscovering Sunday” survey that you may have recently completed.) You are invited to visit davenportdiocese.org to learn more about the proposed diocesan goals. You may also complete the survey online at that website: Go to “Diocese of Davenport Fundraising Feasibility Study” on the home page, click on “Take the survey” and enter the password: DAVDIOCESE.

You’re also invited to learn more by attending one of these listening sessions and then providing your feedback:

Mon., Aug. 2, 7 p.m.: St. Patrick Parish, 222 N. Ward St., Ottumwa

Pastors Pen

We will soon be singing at the weekend English Masses. Without a cantor, Dennis and I have decided that we will sing the opening and closing hymns while the offertory and communion hymns will be instrumental. Later, we will sing the Mass parts, Gloria, Holy, Lamb of God, etc.
Fr. Jim

Practicing Faith

Question:

I’d like to make some new resolutions about practicing the faith in our family during the new year. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer:

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family’s weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they’d like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

Religious Education News...8-1--2021

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTICE! children who are in their 2nd year of First Communion preparation, will celebrate that sacrament at St. Mary of the Visitation Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

St. Patrick FHC is Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:00 am Mass and St. Mary Magdalen on September 12 at 5:30 pm Mass.

Communion Dress: If any girl wants a white communion dress we have 2 beautiful communion dresses in size 5. They are free -call Gail Bates at the St. Patrick site at 641-682-0320.

Religious Education Registration Time is NOW! Please don’t wait to turn in your Religious Education Registration forms for 2021-2022. NOTE-Last day for R. E. Registration is August 29th. Get a pink registration form from either RE Office if you don't already have one; Fill it out and return it ASAP. Children need to be registered before they can attend a Religious Education class NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FIRST DATE OF CLASS.

Baptism Certificates: If your child is going into the Second year of First Holy Communion or Second year of Confirmation we need their Baptismal Certificates now, please. We have to have a copy of ALL Religious Education Students Baptism Certificates.

Upcoming Religious Formation Dates -2021

August 14-15 RE Sign Up after ALL Masses SMV!

Sunday - August 22 Reconciliation Makeup 1:00 pm SMV- bring your candle

Sunday August 22 Last date R.E. Registration

Saturday, September 11 FHC -1:00 pm SMV bring banner

Sunday, September 12 FHC at SP – 9:00 am Mass

Sunday, September 12 FHC at SMM – 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, October 10 Confirmation, 2:00 pm SMV

November 18-21 NCYC – Indianapolis Indiana



Did you know...

Christ is the groom, and the Church is his bride. Mass is more than a sacrificial meal of Thanksgiving. It is a wedding feast. The Mass, as a marriage, is all about the reception of God's grace. Notice that we don't “take” communion as much as we “receive” it. Through the sacraments, we (the church) achieve the greatest possible intimacy with Christ in the new covenant with the promise of his internal and undying love.

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