January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord

EPIPHANY PARISH

Churches of St. Joseph and Holy Family

St. Joseph - 302 Fifth Street SE, Mason City

#### Holy Family - 722 North Adams, Mason City

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# 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



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday - 8:00AM-4:00PM Friday - 8:00AM-12:00PM

Our Mission Forming disciples to joyfully love and serve God and others.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon the Monday prior to publication. Submit to Kara Hutchison at dbq130sec@dbqarch.org

## MASS SCHEDULE

## Livestreaming Masses at www.epiphanyparish.org

Monday, January 10 - at St. Joseph 7:30AM - (Bob Jensen)

Tuesday, January 11 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed 8:00AM - (Marla Gaubatz)

<u>Wednesday, January 12 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed</u> 8:00AM at Holy Family & Livestreamed - (*Marian Lorraine*)

<u>Thursday, January 13 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed</u> 8:00AM - (Marcus & Marcella Blong)

<u>Friday, January 14—at St. Joseph</u> 7:30AM at St. Joseph - (*Ray & Babe Van Zile*)

<u>Saturday, January 15 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed</u> 4:00PM - (Harold "Junie" Hutchison)

<u>Sunday, January 16</u> 7:30AM at St. Joseph - (*Mark Boyle*) 9:00AM at St. Joseph - (*People of the Parish*) 10:30AM at Holy Family & Livestreamed - (*Don Evans*)

Face masks & hand sanitizer are highly recommended

Please note: Weekday Mass will be canceled if there is a funeral that day.

#### Parish Support for December 21 - 27

Tithing & Offertory\$29,241Christmas\$67,469Building & Maintenance\$370



#### Parish Support for December 28 - January 3

Tithing & Offertory\$20,466Christmas\$5,505Building & Maintenance\$498

## Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday:	ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
	Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
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#### From the Pastor

Many people in our community are getting COVID. The holidays with its gatherings will likely make this worse. Some people

cannot afford to get sick and miss work; others have significant health concerns. The youngest of our children are not vaccinated. Whether you are vaccinated or not, we strongly urge you to wear a mask at church. Consider it an act of love for others whenever you choose actions to protect others.

Zambia Committee Update and Meeting: A big "thank you" to members of our parish who donated to the Zambia Committee's November appeal. More than \$12,000 was raised to benefit the Home of Hope, an orphanage for boys in Lusaka. The money will be used to provide shelter, food, medicine and schooling. Anyone who would like to learn more about this global partnership is invited to attend our next meeting on

Monday, January 24th at 6pm in the Parish Center Building behind St. Joseph's Church.



We would like to acknowledge additional contributions sent into the Christmas Flower Fund.

In Loving Memory: John Golbuff Deceased members of the Nick Golbuff family



THANK YOU for the generous food donations brought to the church collection containers during Advent for the Blessing Box. They certainly will be appreciated by the needy/hungry in our community. During these winter months, donations of socks, hats, mit-

tens, scarves (clean/used are fine), as well as hand warmers, are also appreciated. Any items can be left in the collection boxes in church. Thank you! Social Justice Committee

St. Joseph Church will be open for personal prayer: Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm; Friday 8am-noon

Please enter through the north entrance

(Face masks & hand sanitizer are highly recommended)

## Bereavement Faith Sharing Groups

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one in the last year or two, please consider participating in one of



our parish's six week bereavement faith sharing groups that will begin meeting in late January. Groups will have approximately 6 to 8 members and will use a faith sharing process similar to the process used by our ARISE groups. Each group will have a facilitator to lead and help the group to feel comfortable in sharing what members wish to share. Please contact Sr. Annette Kestle (641-423-5001) by January 15, 2022 if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.



Ministry of Communion to the Homebound As we continue to celebrate our Advent Reunion, we are looking ahead with caution and also with hope. We are reviewing our plans to restart the ministry of communion to our homebound parishioners in their

homes and in care facilities. After much prayer and consideration, we will begin this ministry of outreach and of pastoral care as we begin a new year in 2022. Please prayerfully consider your love for and commitment to the Eucharist. If you were trained, mentored and supported could this ministry become part of your life? If so, please contact Tammy Stanton at the Parish office 641-423-

#### January is Poverty Awareness Month!

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in tak-



ing up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to the calendar, longer daily reflections are also available. All of these resources are also en Español. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month! Check out the link on our Epiphany Parish webpage!



**College Ministry:** Did your college youth switch rooms/schools this semester? If so, please call the parish office (641-423-5001) so we can update their information and send their

spring care package to the correct address. If you have a college youth who would like a care package sent to them and they are not currently on the list, just let the parish office know.

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A Special Opportunity for Those 70 1/2 Years Old and

**Older**: You can give any amount up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Epiphany Parish without having to pay income taxes on the money. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

To make an IRA rollover gift, simply contact your IRA custodian and request that an amount be transferred to Epiphany Parish. Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.

#### Valentines for Vets

KCMR Radio and the VA Clinic in Mason City will be distributing Valentine cards to their patients on Valentine's Day and their home nurses will be surprising their

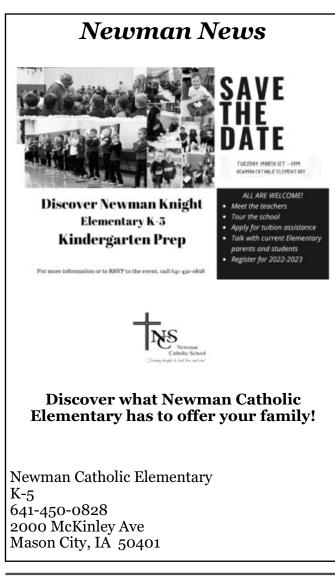


patients with Valentines that week as well. This is a great way for our community to show our appreciation with Valentine's Day cards.

KCMR Radio will collect all of the Valentine cards and get them to the VA Clinic.

We hope that you will help support the Valentines for Vets project and help us get those Valentine cards to our Veterans.

Cards can be dropped off at KCMR Radio, 316 North Federal Ave, by February 10th or mailed to the radio station so they are received by February 10th.



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#### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Baptism / Confirmation:** Contact Jennifer Clancy for more information, 423-5001

**Marriage**: Schedule an appointment with Fr. Neil Manternach, 423-5001

**Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Joseph—1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month following 7:30AM Mass until 8AM Saturday morning; Holy Family—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month following 8AM Mass until 4PM

**Reconciliation at Holy Family:** Saturdays, 8AM-9AM or by appointment

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All Epiphany parishioners are invited to celebrate our parish feast day today January 9th. We have special activities at church and on-line offerings on the parish website and Facebook page. Epiphany gift bags will be handed out (one per household) at each Mass. These bags include items that explore the meaning of the Epiphany as well as instructions for performing a traditional New Year's house blessing. Coffee and doughnuts will be served following all three of our Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am.

Online offerings will include a family guide for star gazers and a reflection on what the Epiphany means for us today. Continuing our Advent theme, parishioners will be encouraged to perform simple acts of "Hope, Healing and Hospitality" during the month of January.

## MANLY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Edward Tosel American Legion Post 110 110 E. Elmore | Manly

#### Wednesday, January 19, 2022 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Life Serve

To schedule contact JoAnn Andera @ 641-454-2451, text LIFESERVE to 999-777 or call 800-287-4903



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