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Build the Kingdom of God*

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AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES*

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 pm @ St. Isidore
Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John
Weekday Mass Schedule
As stated in the weekly bulletin
Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8 am - 5 pm
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7 am - 3:30 pm

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*Welcome to all visitors this weekend.
We are happy you could join us!*

Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

Did you know?

RCIA Classes are open to EVERYONE!

Class meets Thursday evenings at 6 pm.

The RCIA candidates, their sponsors and the RCIA team gather for an interactive and informative learning session.

ALL ARE WELCOME! – CURRENT PARISHIONERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT CATHOLICISM.

Our next topic will be: "Why we Desire God"

Next session is October 14 in the education wing. Come join us!

October 3rd - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey! LPI

St. John's Cemetery: It is that time of year again. You have until October 15th to take items off your loved ones burial place. After October 15th you may put it back. The City of Lisbon yearly clean-up is taking place. We thank you!

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Everyone is invited!

Come and enjoy time with Jesus in Adoration. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month has moved to an earlier time. It will be from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm. The time was changed to make Adoration more accessible to everyone in our parish. Young adults with or without children, youth of the parish, those who felt the previous time was too late for them, parents who come to pick up your children from Faith Formation can come early for adoration and/or take your children with you to adoration so they can experience this special time with God. All are welcome to come and experience this sacred prayer.



"The Catechism quotes Pope John Paul II: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380) – (Taken from usccb.org)



The 7th Annual Run for Pie is IN THE BOOKS!

Run For Pie 5K Race/Walk – September 18

We were so blessed to have 84 participants in the Run for Pie held on September 18th. Thank you to all those who ran, walked, volunteered and made homemade pies!

- \$7500 was raised !!
- That will help 4500 students in 24 villages in rural Haiti.

Thanks to everyone who participated & volunteered!

MONTH
OF THE
Rosary

Rosary will be prayed at 8 am on weekday Masses and Sundays at 8 am. Please join us!



Pray for our local pregnancy help centers: for those who answer calls from women considering abortion, those who provide ultrasounds, and those who personally help mothers prepare to parent or place for adoption.

The Cedar Rapids **LIFE CHAIN is Sunday, Oct. 3rd** from 2:00-3:30 PM along First Avenue SW. Join this public witness of prayer and repentance, united in solidarity against abortion, while boldly standing in the hope of Christ. Register today with Sue Martinek at 319-270-0054 or susjmar@aol.com

The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for **40 Days for Life** campaign. Sign up for an hour any day or night! Join us in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood Sept. 22-Oct. 31st

Web: <https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids>
 Phone: Call Pat 319-721-9730
 Email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com



Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
- Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,423.08

Contributions Received

September 26, 2021	
Budget, Adult.....	\$ 2,475.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 184.00
BackPack.....	\$ 40.00
Total Collected	\$ 2,699.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$70,500.64
YTD collections received	\$66,303.71
YTD	\$ 4,196.93



Friday, October 8th

8:30 am - Jim Schemmel

Sunday, October 10th

8:30 am - Janet Spellerberg

Liturgical Ministers October 10th

- Sacristan: Brett Kimm
- EM: Gwen Schimek-Tischler Nikki Sporrer
Leona Smith Faora Ann Thuerauf
- Lectors: Charlene Vig Tom Wieseler
- Servers: Jenna Woodward Lauren Stolte
- Hospitality: Larry & Judy Poduska
John & Amanda Rhomberg
Dave & Natalie Klostermann

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Wednesday, October 6th

- 9 am - St. Anne's Group all (women of the parish are invited)
- 6 pm - Faith Formation 4th - 8th grade
- 7 pm - Faith Formation for high school
*Adoration 7 - 9 pm (New time)

Thursday, October 7th

6:30 pm - Liturgy Planning

Saturday, October 9th

6:30 am - 8 am - Men's gathering for TMIY (That Man is You)

Sunday, October 10th

- 8:30 am - Preschool
- 9:30 am - Faith Formation grades K - 3rd

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