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ST. JOHN'S

January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Sacraments

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet/Benediction: 3 pm

Reconciliation

Friday: 9-10 am/1:30-2:30 pm

Saturday: 3:30 - 4 pm

Regular Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wed., Thursday, & Friday: 8:30 am

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Rosary

30 minutes before Weekend Mass

Liturgy of the Hours

Monday: 7:00 am

Baptism

Please call the office for class information and scheduling.

Marriage

Please call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements.

Devotions, *Explained!* Epiphany Blessing

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." ©LPi

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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



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Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan 4: **Sue Seeman**

8:30 Sun., Jan 5: **Parishioners of St. John's**

11:00 Sun., Jan. 5: **Special Intention for Mae Graeve**

Monday January 6th-Friday January 10th. The church will be painted this week—No Adoration, Mass or Prayer Services.

Tues., Jan. 7: **No 5:30 Mass today**

Wed., Jan. 8: **No 8:30 Mass today**

Thurs. Jan. 9: **No 8:30 Mass today**

Fri., Jan. 10: **No 8:30 Mass or Adoration today**

Sat., Jan. 11: **Parishioners of St. John's**

8:30 Sun., Jan. 12: **Walter Chandlee**

11:00 Sun., Jan. 12: **Frieda Reiner**

Monday January 13th-Thursday January 16th. Fr. Michael will be out of town. No Mass or prayer services while he is away.



Are you new to our community? Or, have you been attending Mass here for awhile? We welcome you to St. John's! Registration packets are in the front entry or on-line at www.stjohnsadel.org. Please register with our parish so we can get to know you better.



No Adoration 1/10/25

Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Friday Adoration 9 am– 3 pm

8:30 am Mass, Exposition, Devotion

9:00-10:00 am Confession

1:30-2:30 pm: Confession

3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Reposition

Ministry Schedule

Jan. 11, 2025 4:30

Lector: Maria Steele, Martha Scanlan

Eucharist: Anita & Dan Vasto, **NOT FILLED**

Server: Joshua Rupe, Nick Scanlan

Usher: Jim Hanes, Chris Scanlan, Pat Steele, Susan Watzl

Jan. 12, 2025 8:30

Lector: Amy Gadbow, Jean West

Eucharist: Patty Origer, Jeanne O'Connor, Michelle Streit

Server: Gunner Bieker, **NOT FILLED**

Usher: Mark Bieker, Merry Johnson, Michael Wityk, Michael Yanacheak

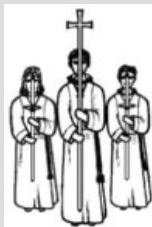
Jan. 12, 2025 11:00

Lector: Angela Oberreuter

Eucharist: Josie Jensen, Meredith Tapken, **NOT FILLED**

Server: **NOT FILLED**, **NOT FILLED**

Usher: Pat Finnegan, Tate Jensen



Do you have Prayer Requests for the Prayer Chain? They can be emailed or called in to the office during office hours Monday - Thursday 9 am to 4 pm, Friday 9 am to Noon. Let us know if you would like to join the email prayer chain. office@stjohnsadel.org or 515-993-4482.

We're hiring at St. John's! We are currently looking for a *full-time Director of Faith Formation* and a *part-time Music Coordinator*. Both of these opportunities directly effect the spiritual formation and faith life of our parish. If you are discerning a position in parish ministry, contact the office to learn more. 515-993-4482 We would love to discuss this opportunity with you! Resume, cover letter and references may be directed to Rev. Michael Hutchison, office@stjohnsadel.org



We are praying and hoping that all our teens from St. Johns can be part of NCYC 2025 and Steubenville. Come on the journey and experience prayer, community, and the transformative power of God's presence. Join us for an unforgettable encounter with Christ that will shape your spiritual journey. This year's Steubenville, MO conference dates are July 18-20, 2025. The 2025 NCYC: **I Am | Yo Soy!** Will be held November 20-22, 2025, in Indianapolis. Each is an opportunity for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones to come together in prayer, community, and empowerment. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and encounter Christ alongside peers from across the nation. For more information, please contact Gabriela Finnegan/St. John's Youth Minister. youthministry@stjohnsadel.org

Calendar of Events:

Sun. Jan. 5: The Epiphany of the Lord, Stay for coffee and donuts after Mass

Tues. Jan. 7: No 5:30 Mass

Wed. Jan. 8: No 8:30 Mass, Faith Formation-K-5th 5:30-6:30 & 6th-8th 6:45-7:45, YM 7:15-8:30

Thurs. Jan. 9: No 8:30 Mass, Bunco at 1:00 pm in the parish hall, OCIA 6:00 pm

Fri. Jan. 10: No 8:30 Mass or Adoration

Sun. Jan. 12: The Baptism of the Lord, Prayer Service for the Unborn following the 8:30 am Mass

Tues. Jan. 14: No 5:30 Mass

Wed. Jan. 15: No 8:30 Mass, Faith Formation-K-5th 5:30-6:30 & 6th-8th 6:45-7:45, YM and Confirmation Class 7:15-8:30

Thurs., Jan. 16: No 8:30 Mass, OCIA 6:00 pm

Fri. Jan. 17: 8:30 am Mass, Adoration 9:00 am–3:00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm

Fr. Michael will be out of town through January 16th. We will not have daily Mass, prayer services, or adoration during his absence. Thank you!



Thank you for supporting St. John's!

Thank you for your ongoing contribution the IGNITE Campaign, Annual Diocesan Appeal and weekly contribution to the Sunday collection or Online Giving. Your support helps us build the kingdom of God. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa in the office.

Giving for the week of November 24:

Plate- \$461.00

Tithes- \$9,833.00

Children's Collection- \$72.00

Maintenance- \$398.00

Building Fund- \$245.00



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ADULT FAITH AT ST. JOHNS

LIVING JOY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sundays 9:30 am-10:30 am, Jan. 5-Feb. 23.
All are welcome. Come when you can! God created you for JOY! Please join us this winter in reading the book that was handed out at Christmas, *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick.



We will meet in the conference room. For more information see the flier at church or the parish website. Please read the Introduction & Got Joy sections for Jan. 5th. If you don't have a book—we have one for you!

BIBLE STUDY: Fridays after Mass from 9-10am in the lower level parent lounge. ANY and ALL adults are welcome to join us in reading scripture. We will start reading the Gospel of Luke on January 10th. Come when you can! Please bring your Bible.

BOOK CLUB: Thurs., Jan. 23rd 6:30-7:00pm Social, 7-8:30pm Book Discussion. All are welcome to join us in reading *Sons of Encouragement, Book/Story Three, The Prince: Jonathan*, by Francine Rivers. Please email the office if interested. This book is a biblical historical fiction book with five stories of faithful men who changed eternity.



Living Christmas-

Christmas is not just a day, it is a Season. Dec. 24-Jan. 12. Celebrate Christ's birth through baptism this Christmas season with family-friendly ideas available at dmdio-cese.org/living-christmas.

Women's Evening of Recollection



Monday, January 13, 2025
6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Augustin Church, Des Moines. Spend a

brief time away from the world to be with Our Lord. The Evening is designed to help you spend time alone with God, to look at your life from His perspective, and find practical ways to serve God amid your ordinary work and family life. There will be time for personal prayer, reflection, and confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction. Women of all ages are invited, including high school and college students. The Women's Evenings of Recollection will take place on the 2nd Monday of each month. No Women's Evening of Recollection in December.

Questions: Terry McFarland (630-885-0246)
terryanmcfarland@gmail.com

Respect Life Committee

Our next community prayer service for children lost too soon is next Sunday, following 8:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to join us for this short prayer service!

If you, a loved one, or a friend have lost a child too soon, you are invited to submit the child's name to be included on the page where we remember and honor them: www.stjohnsadel.org/in-remembrance-of-children-lost-too-soon. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com! "Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "*The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary*" (www.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary) More reflections, prayers, and activities of our committee may be found at www.stjohnsadel.org/respect-life-committee

Nativity Display: Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church's Respect Life Ministry is hosting a Nativity Display on Epiphany weekend, Jan. 4-5. Beautiful nativities will be displayed in the multipurpose room with lights and Christmas decor and music. A hand-carved wooden nativity by parishioner Phil Kohler is being raffled. Raffle tickets are for sale in the office and at the event. Baked goods will be available for purchase, handmade rosaries and other items for sale as well. Times to attend are Sat., 6 -8 pm, Sunday 8:30 am-1 pm. Proceeds from the event will be donated to pregnancy resource centers. For information contact the church at 515-964-3038.

Please join us for the youth choir (7th-12th grade) in January and February at 11 am Mass. Practice will begin at 10:30. Let Tracey Amano know if you'd like to be the lead cantor for the psalm response! The schedule for the next quarter has been sent out. Please put these upcoming dates on your calendar!

1/12 at 11 am 2/9 at 11 am

I look forward to seeing everyone again and as always-bring a friend! -Tracey

FORGE: No matter where a man is in his faith, this event will be a fantastic way to grow & build community with like-minded men who strive to be better. The evening starts with drinks and conversation leading into an enlightening talk to help fuel our passions to be stronger and more faithful men in the name of Christ. **Why be Catholic?** What difference does it make? In a culture which seems to tell people that all religions are the same, does it matter which Church you attend on Sunday? Come hear Keith Nester speak on his journey to the Catholic Church. Keith is a former pastor, serving in various roles in the United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free Churches. In 2017, after a 20-year-long discernment process, Keith resigned from his full-time ministry position and joined the Catholic Church. Come and hear Keith talk about his decision to join the Church and why he finds Catholicism especially fulfilling to the masculine heart. With his unique background, Keith has a lot of unique insight to offer all men. So, whether you've been going to mass for decades or just dipping your toes in the water, this talk is for you! **Details: Keith Nester: Why Be Catholic? Date/Time: Wednesday, January 8, 2025; Doors open at 7:00 PM; Talk begins at 8:00 PM Location: The Foundry: 111 S 11th Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265 Website - FORGE: <https://myforge.org/event/why-be-catholic/>**

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