

Prince of Peace Cluster



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Purpose Statement:
Our cluster purpose is to welcome and inspire the community to share and nurture our Catholic Faith through prayer, sacraments, service and love of God.



Prince of Peace Mass Schedule:
January 1 - April 30, 2022
St. Paul.....Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sacred Heart.....Sunday, 8:00 am
St. Mary of Mt. CarmelSunday, 10:00 am

Reconciliation Schedule:
January 1 - April 30, 2022
St. Paul.....Tuesday, 7:55-8:10 am
Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm
Sacred Heart.....Thursday, 11:30-11:55 pm
St. Mary.....Wednesday, 7:55-8:10 am

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www.princeofpeacecluster.com

Anointing of the Sick

If you will be hospitalized during the week and would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Tony. If you wish to receive a visit, notify Fr. Tony at 319-478-2222.

Bulletin Announcements

Due to a change in our bulletin deadline bulletin announcements are due by 3:30 pm on Monday, for the following Sunday, at the Cluster office. Email items to: DBQ199SEC@dbqarch.org or call the office at 319-478-2222. Announcements may be edited.

Area Communion

Anyone who would like to have communion brought to them on Sunday should call *Rosilee Beck* - 342-3093 for Eagle Center, *Charles Cranston* - 476-2241 for Dysart area, *Peg Mangrich* - 342-2584 for La Porte City, *Pat Kubik* - 478-2439 for Traer, and *Camilla Dostal* - 479-2537 for Clutier.

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Cluster Mass Time Change

The Prince of Peace Cluster Mass schedule is on a four month rotation. Beginning January 1, the Mass schedule will shift; this will be in effect through the month of April. The schedule is as follows:

5:00 PM SATURDAYS, ST. PAUL

8:00 AM SUNDAYS, SACRED HEART

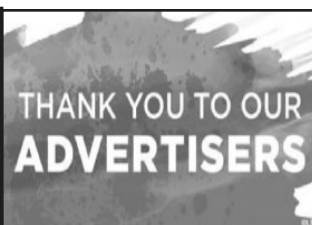
10:00 AM SUNDAYS, ST. MARY

The Epiphany of Our Lord

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world. Mainly, the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ are: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day. On this occasion, three men, among the greatest in the world, came to the Infant King and bowed before Him. catholicnewsagency.com



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Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. That deserves our attention. Pay attention to Jesus by spending time with Him at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Columbus High School. Available 24/7 to all. Specific needs are Sundays at 1 AM (once a month), Wednesdays at midnight, 2 AM (once a month), and 3 AM, Thursdays at midnight, 9 AM and 3 PM, and Fridays at midnight and noon. If interested call Maria Pranger at 319-429-4920 or email cvadoration@gmail.com.

Student Tuition Organization

The Our Faith STO and Catholic school families have reasons to celebrate! Thanks to the support of almost 1,200 donors across the Archdiocese, *the Our Faith School Tuition Organization has reached its 2021 fundraising goal of \$5,391,464.* This total is dramatically higher than what was donated during the pandemic and derecho year of 2020 and will enable us to help many more school families with tuition assistance in the 2022-23 school year! Thank you to everyone who helped make this milestone happen. If you'd like to learn more about making a donation for 2022, please visit our website at www.OurFaithSTO.org, or contact Deacon Brian Zeman at b.zeman@dbqarch.org or 563-556-2580 x296

Family Matters Newsletter

This monthly e-newsletter is intend to provide resources to help families to live their faith. The January 2022 issue of the Family Matters e-newsletter includes, winter activities for Catholics, how to celebrate Christmas all through the Christmas season, prayer for the new year, crafts for Epiphany and much more. To subscribe to the newsletter, or find past issues, visit: dbqarch.org/family-matters-newsletter.

Learn to Grow

The Catholic Parishes in Waterloo are committed to providing life-long formation, education and spiritual growth opportunities for adults and young adults. Visit: waterloocatholics.org/adult-formation-guide to find a guide to formation and enrichment programs. Let us know what opportunities you're interested in at: bit.ly/Learn-to-Grow



2022 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: *Beauty in Christ*

Mark your parish calendar for this teleconference event, Saturday, January 29, 2022, designed to gather women in your parish/cluster for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation!!! Liz Kelly has been confirmed as one of our speakers. She is a noted speaker, retreat leader and award-winning author, whose works include short stories, arts and music reviews, books on prayer and worship, and meditations on faith, spiritual struggle, and Christian womanhood....More information to come.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. The upcoming weekend is scheduled to be held in Ankeny, on World Marriage Day. World Marriage Day, is designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor, and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day." The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. Please join us, February 11-13, by registering at Iowa-wwme.org.

Our Core Values

Community: Understanding, caring and addressing the needs of individuals, couples and families.

Encouragement: Giving hope, inspiration, and support to others.

Excellence: Maintaining the highest ministry standards that bring glory to God in Faith Formation, sacred liturgy and community service.

Prayer: Communicating with God in words, in song and in the silence of one's heart.



Saturday, January 1

- 9:15 am Jim Schmitz SM
- 5:00 pm Betty Rund SP

Sunday, January 2

- 8:00 am John & Sally Schmit Family SH
- 10:00 am For the People SM

Tuesday, January 4

- 8:15 am Bonnie Kopriva SP

Wednesday, January 5

- 8:15 am Adolph A. Babinat SM

Thursday, January 6

- 12:00 pm Jay, Liz, Connor & Austin Whannel SH

Friday, January 7

- 8:15 am Donald Nie SH

Saturday, January 8

- 5:00 pm Dr. Rudy Kubik SP

Sunday, January 9

- 8:00 am For the People SH
- 10:00 am Ray Bovy SM



♦ *The sick:* Michael Harmsen, Tom Beck, Ted Steimel, Blanche Halupnick, Florence Seda, Roger Paulhus, Jr., Dorothy Pecenka, Theresa Minard, Vi Barge; Sue Schaefer, Anthony Jackson, Lois Schmitt, Richard Schaefer, Edward Wellner, and parishioners for cancer, surgery and continued healing.

♦ *The newly deceased:* Lawrence "Larry" Miller, Darryl McFarland, Vernon Kopecky, Margaret Wauters.

♦ *Special Intention:* Those struggling with drug abuse: That the new born King will come to rule their heart, mind, body, and soul, setting them free from the imprisonment of addiction.

...We pray to the Lord

SACRED HEART

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 9, 8:00 am

Lector: Sheri Steffen

Extra. Minister: Todd Carlson

Ushers: Jim Steffen, Matt Werner

Greeters: Dave & Teresa Anton

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Joe Tecklenburg, Diane Caldwell

Thank you for your service to Sacred Heart!

If unable to serve at Mass, please find a replacement. Thank you!

Collections

December 18, 2021.....\$2,224.00

Food Pantry

The La Porte City food pantry is in need of canned soups and meals like spaghetti O's or ravioli beef stew. They're also requesting hats and gloves for kids and teens. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of church. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Send funds to the Prince of Peace Cluster Office; checks must be made out to Heartland Community Church with "Food Pantry", on the memo line.

First Friday Mass & Devotions

First Friday Mass & Devotions will be offered at 8:15 am, Friday, January 7, at Sacred Heart. Confessions will be heard before Mass.

ST. MARY OF MT. CARMEL

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 9, 10:00 am

Lector: Scott Beenken

Extra. Minister: Jen McKenna

Ushers: Nathan Easley, Jim Frost

Greeters: Dennis & Janice Grouchow

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Wayne & Becky McGarvey

Thank you for your service to St. Mary!

If unable to serve at Mass, please find a replacement. Thank you!

Collections

December 19, 2021.....\$3,919.61

Sunday Prayer Group

Come join us at St. Mary's on Sunday evenings from 6:00-6:30 pm to pray for our Cluster. We start with the Angelus, continue with the Rosary and other prayers. We conclude with 5 minutes of silent prayer. Everyone is welcome. We meet the first 3 Sundays of the month, allowing for participants to attend the "Stay With Us, Lord" adoration at St. Paul's on the 4th Sunday.

ST. PAUL

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 8, 5:00 pm

Lector: Teresa Lowe

Extra. Minister: John Svoboda

Ushers: Scott Weber, Nathan Upah

Greeters: Marvin & Nancy Boldt

Song Leader: Jenny Hulme

Money Counters: Jim & Jeanne Beenken

Thank you for your service to St. Paul!

If unable to serve at Mass, please find a replacement. Thank you!

Collections

December 19, 2021.....\$2,112.25

Lunch & Cards

The next Tuesday Lunch & Cards will be at 12:00 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 4, St. Paul Parish Hall. Please come and join in the fun. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.

Sing, Sing to the Lord

Choir and cantors are now being scheduled at St. Paul. Please let Jenny Hulme know if you are interested in singing. All are welcome!

Nativity Scene

This Christmas, St. Paul has a beautiful, new, out door, Nativity Scene! A creche will be built for next year. If you would like to make a contribution toward the cost of the nativity scene, please send donations to the cluster office.

Cookie Sale

The Women's Society would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of cookies, candies and cash for the annual Cookie Sale. After expenses, we will have made approximately \$800 to use for needs and projects of the church.

Happy New Year!

Faith Formation News

Jan. 5 — Catechist Inservice
6:30-7:45pm.....SH

Jan. 12 — Faith Formation Class
6:30-7:45pm.....SP, SH

Confirmation Class
6:30-8:00pm.....SM

Jan. 15/16 — Faith Formation Sunday.....SP, SH



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

WORD OF GOD

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)

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Weekly Readings

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Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church;* Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus;* 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious;* 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: *St. John Neumann, Bishop;* 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: *St. André Bessette, Religious;* 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest;* 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

Sunday: *The Baptism of the Lord;* 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

Stewardship Reflection

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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