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ST. PAUL
Newhall

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

January 1—June 30, 2022

Sunday

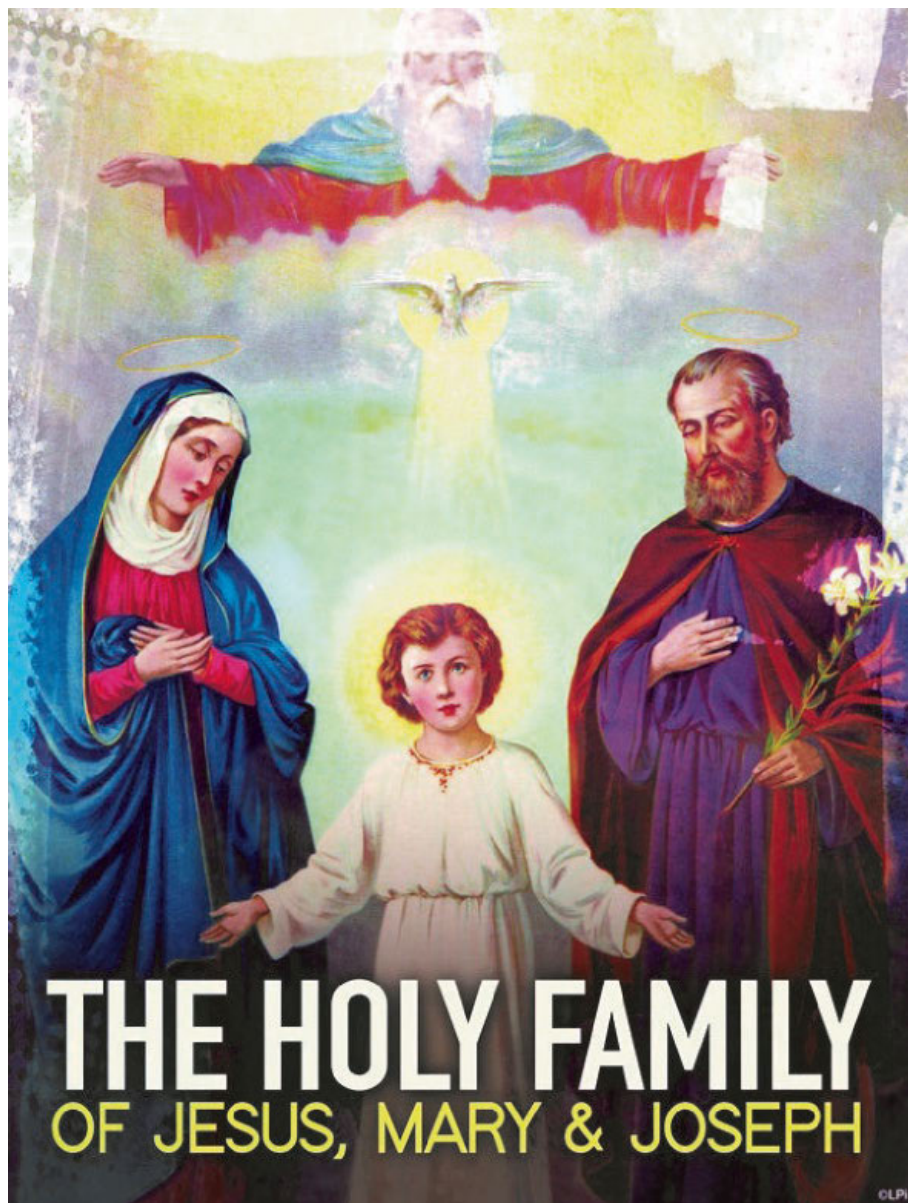
8:00 AM St. John, Blairstown/
St. Patrick, Watkins

10:00 AM Immaculate Conception,
Van Horne

Saturday

4:00 PM St. Michael, Norway

6:00 PM St. Paul, Newhall



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Parish Information

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Queen of Saints cluster!

Please register by dropping by the cluster office, calling, or online at www.queenofsaints.com.

Baptism

Anyone interested in having your child baptized is asked to attend a pre-baptismal class with the Pastor.

Matrimony

Couples planning to marry are to contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

Confessions

Anytime by appointment.

Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion

Offered in the event of illness. Notify the cluster office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound and Communion will be brought to them.

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Bulletin Deadline

All bulletin articles must be received in writing at the cluster office by 4:00 PM on Tuesday afternoon.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are welcomed. The usual offering is \$5.00. We try to accommodate requested dates. Contact the cluster office for details.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DATES ON DECK:

December 31—2021 Tithing Contributions Due

From the pastor...

Special THANKS to all who helped decorate our churches for the Christmas Season and to those who donated for the Poinsettia plants, which add so much beauty to our parishes. Have a Blessed & Happy New Year!! ~Fr. Craig Steimel



Queen of Saints Mass Schedule: January—June

The Queen of Saints cluster Mass schedule will change on the weekend of January 1/2, 2022.

4:00 PM - Saturday: St. Michael, Norway

6:00 PM - Saturday: St. Paul, Newhall

8:00 AM - Sunday: St. John, Blirstown or
St. Patrick, Watkins

10:00 AM - Sunday: Immaculate Conception, Van Horne

Weekday masses will remain the same

Mass Schedule

Grieving or lonely? Are you struggling with a loss in your life? The Queen of Saints Cluster Council would like to welcome you to a luncheon where you will be able to socialize with others who are experiencing the same. Join us on Sunday, January 23 at 11:00 at Immaculate Conception, Van Horne. For more information please contact Joyce Kitson (319-227-7924) or Jim Van Etten (319-223-5348).

This is not just another book about the saints. Both personal and practical, this book proves the saints are not long gone, but alive and well--and ready to join you on your journey! Discover how inviting the saints into your everyday life will open your eyes to the amazing possibilities God has in store for you!

The cluster book for the Christmas season is "Rediscover the Saints" by Matthew Kelly.

We are capable of so much more than we think. You have no idea what you are capable of. None of us do. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that he has enfolded in our being. The saints continue this work, encouraging us to explore all our God-given potential, not with speeches but with the example of their lives.

When we have the courage to collaborate with God and pursue our truest self, he lights a fire within us that is so bright and warm, it keeps shining long after our days on this earth have come to an end. The lives of the saints have captivated the people of every age for this very reason.

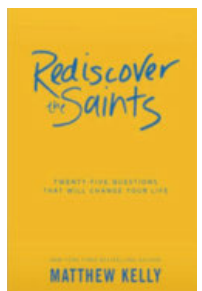
There are two questions that confront the people of every place and time, questions that confront you and me today: Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? Are you satisfied with your life?

These questions are always before us, within us, around us. They are part of our spiritual quest and part of our human quest. These questions linger in our minds when we read the news of happenings in our own country and around the world. They tickle our souls when we witness the battle between good and evil, however it manifests in our own lives.

Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? This is one of life's inescapable questions, and we each respond with passionate action or selfish indifference.

Our collective dissatisfaction with the direction of the world leads to the consensus that the world needs changing. And yet, we seem gripped by exasperation and paralyzed by the false belief that we can't do anything about it. The saints dispel that exasperation and inspire us to bold action. They remind us over and over again: We can change the world.

Want to go deeper? Download *Rediscover the Saints Study Guide* at https://files.dynamiccatholic.com/home/pdfs/study+guides/StudyGuide_RTS_Revised.pdf



For next weekend: January 1/2, 2022

Saturday 4:00 PM—St. Michael, Norway

Greeters D. Schulte, S. Brecht
 Servers *Not applicable at this time*
 Lectors P. Miner
 Gifts *Not applicable at this time*
 E.M. C. Maile

Sunday 6:00 PM—St. Paul, Newhall

Greeters R. Anderson, J. Bries
 Servers *Not applicable at this time*
 Lectors C. Frimml
 Gifts *Not applicable at this time*
 E.M. C. & J. Frimml

Sunday 8:00 AM—St. Patrick, Watkins

Greeters D. Lohrer, J. Oberreuter
 Servers *Not applicable at this time*
 Lectors A. Stramer
 Gifts *Not applicable at this time*
 E.M. D. Kimm

Sunday 10:00 AM—Immaculate Conception, Van Horne

Greeters B. Thompson, B. & P. Frazier, R. Less
 Servers *Not applicable at this time*
 Lectors T. Thompson
 Gifts *Not applicable at this time*
 E.M. J. Folkmann, T. Thompson
 Hm. Bnd. J. Folkmann

***Please Note:** This is a reminder *only*. If there is a discrepancy, the ministry schedule prevails. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, you are responsible finding a replacement. Thank you!

Saturday, December 25, 2021

9:00 AM Newhall

The Nativity of the Lord
 † Lorraine Kelly

5:00 PM Van Horne

Holy Family Vigil
 For the People

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 AM Norway
 10:00 AM Newhall

Holy Family
 † Susan Volz
 † Pam Van Etten

Monday, December 27, 2021

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

9:00 AM Newhall

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

9:00 AM Blairstown

† Lee Bossom

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00 AM Van Horne

† Mary O'Brien

Friday, December 31, 2021

9:00 AM Norway

† Lorraine Schmid

Saturday, January 1, 2022

4:00 PM Norway
 6:00 PM Newhall

† Jane Himmelsbach
 † Bill Jacobi

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 AM Watkins
 10:00 AM Van Horne

Epiphany of the Lord
 For the People
 † Robert McCormick

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2021:

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Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Kait Ballard, Dakota Bass, Laurie Becker, Mary Lou Becker, Don Bonham, Gene DeNeve, Larry Driscoll, Onnah Dvorak, Ed Etscheidt, Richard Haage, Olivia Jo Housman, Donna Johnson, Dolores LaGrange, Faye Nolan, Marilyn Rieder, Jim Simon, Theresa Snitker, Carrol Stark & Briana Strellner



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Registered Families in each parish: as of 10/1/2021

Immaculate Conception	133
St. John	78
St. Michael	209
St. Patrick	52
St. Paul	113
Queen of Saints Total	585

Weekly Collection for December 19, 2021

The number in the () indicates the number of contributors.



Immaculate Conception ()	\$ NOT
St. John ()	\$ AVAILABLE
St. Michael ()	\$ DUE TO
St. Patrick ()	\$ EARLY
St. Paul ()	\$ BULLETIN

EFT Collection for December 19, 2021

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception ()	\$ NOT
St. John ()	\$ AVAILABLE
St. Michael ()	\$ DUE TO
St. Patrick ()	\$ EARLY
St. Paul ()	\$ BULLETIN

Expenses for the Week of December 12, 2021

Immaculate Conception	\$ NOT
St. John	\$ AVAILABLE
St. Michael	\$ DUE TO
St. Patrick	\$ EARLY
St. Paul	\$ BULLETIN
Queen of Saints Shared	\$ DEADLINE

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)
A good steward is one who owns nothing in this world; yet thanks God for everything in this life.

REMEMBER THE CHURCHES IN THE QUEEN OF SAINTS CLUSTER IN YOUR WILL.

~Demonstrate your Thankfulness this Season~

Each holiday season, our parishes anticipate and rely on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation which we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.queensaints.com and click on Online Giving. Click on your parish to begin the process. Or if it’s easier, complete a paper authorization form in the cluster office. Any questions, call Jaci at 228-8131.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



Community Events

BENTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY FOR QUALIFIERS:

Mobile food van from HACAP will be in Belle Plaine on **Wednesday, December 29 from 11:00 AM until Noon.** Free food each month for those who qualify using South Benton County Food Pantry standards. This is in addition to food pantry visits. The van will be in the North parking lot of the Belle Plaine Community Center (1309 - 5th Ave, Belle Plaine) on the last Wednesday of every month. The van will close down early if the food runs out. Please call with any questions.

HACAP Food Reservoir:

319-303-7811

Belle Plaine Community Center:

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2021 Contributions Due

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Postmarked by
12/31/2021
for 2021 Credit!**

Any contributions to be included in the 2021 giving year must be postmarked **NO later than December 31, 2021.** We thank you for your continued generosity this past year.



“Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets are available for \$5 after Mass from Fr. Craig until sold out. Get yours before they’re gone! Great way to display on your cars, refrigerator, etc.

Winter Weather Reminder

As winter approaches please remember that, if school is delayed or cancelled because of weather, weekday mass is also cancelled. This is for the safety of everyone. There will *not* be a notice on TV or radio, and there is no need to call the rectory to confirm. If a weekend mass would need to be cancelled, it will be announced on KCRG, KGAN, KWVL and the parish website. In the event of inclement weather, please use good judgment on whether to travel or not. It is better to be safe and to come back to church next week, than to take an excessive risk.

Youth & Adult Faith Formation

Christmastide

Christmastide, also known as the Christmas Season, extends far longer than the day of Christmas. Although Christmas Day has become the primary celebration of the Incarnation, the celebration includes other aspects of God's divinity becoming united to our humanity in Jesus.

In the early church, the main celebration of this season was the Epiphany (Greek word meaning manifestation or showing) and the focus was on God's revelation of the divine nature in Jesus.

Although Christmas gradually became the primary liturgical focus instead of Epiphany, the whole Christmas Season reminds us that our concern is not just on Jesus the baby in the manger. By including the feasts of the martyr Stephen, the massacred Holy Innocents, the Epiphany and Jesus' baptism, we realize that Christ's incarnation always includes not only acceptance but also rejection and persecution.

Christmas Season (Christmastide) Feasts:

Christmas Day—December 25

The feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and main celebration of the Incarnation.

Holy Family—Between Christmas & January 1—December 26, 2021

The feast celebrating Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model for Christian families.

Mary, Mother of God—January 1

This celebration venerates Mary as the mother of Jesus, the one who was truly God and truly human.

Epiphany—Sunday after January 1—January 2, 2022

The feast of the manifestation of Christ to the world, in particular to the Gentiles.

Baptism of the Lord—After Epiphany—January 9, 2022

This feast marks the end of Christmastide and celebrates the revelation of Jesus' divinity to the Jewish people.



Upcoming Faith Sharing Opportunities

Traditional Program Grades K-8

St. Paul, Newhall—6:15-7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 5

Wednesday, January 12

Wednesday, January 19

Wednesday, January 26



Confirmation II—St. Michael, Norway—1:00 pm

Sunday, January 9

First Reconciliation Retreat—IC, Van Horne—2:30 pm

Sunday, January 9

Confirmation I—St. Paul, Newhall—6:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday, January 12

The Holy Family *Respect for Elders*

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. Luke 2:51a



1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 - Samuel's Birth

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 - We are children of God

Luke 2:41-52 - The boy Jesus in the Temple



Adults: How would you have reacted if you were Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple?

Kids: What do you think it was like for Jesus to be in the Temple for three days without his parents?



Word of the Week Catholic Faith Word Christmas & Epiphany

Promise (K-1) - Jesus

Good News (2-3) - Incarnation

Venture (4-6) - Incarnation

Visions (7-8) - Jesus Christ

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