

Holy Family Parish



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Jan 2, 2022

"To Know God and Make God Known Through Word, Worship, Fellowship, and Service"

Mass Intentions

Jan 5 to Jan 9

Wed 8:30am	SJ	Michael Rowland
Thu 8:30am	HT	Dorothy Stumpf
Fri 8:30am	SM	Moe & Marge Strabala
Sat 5:00pm	SJ	Patricia Sieren
Sun 8:00am	HT	People of Holy Family Parish
Sun 10:00am	SM	Bryan & Dorothy Sweeting

Confession

If you would like Fr Bill to hear your confession, please call him at (319) 430-6888 to schedule a time.

Birth Announcements

If you or a loved one has given birth, we would be more than willing to announce it at Mass!



Synod 2021 - 2023

In a nutshell, the 2021-2023 Synod is a series of listening sessions held by the bishop across the diocese. The bishop then submits this feedback to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, who will in turn discuss this when they travel to the Vatican in 2023 to meet with the pope. More specific information (including dates and locations of the listening sessions) will be posted over the coming months. Below is a prayer for a successful and fruitful 2021-2023 Synod.

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

(Here, Before the Holy Spirit)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

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Important Info

Please make ALL checks out to Holy Family Parish and mail to: P.O. Box C, Riverside, IA 52327.

Thank You

Mass Offerings

As of Dec 26th

YTD Budget	\$ 96,500
YTD Collection	\$ 107,186
Under/Over	+ \$ 10,686

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The Epiphany of the Lord

In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references 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 meant to be shared with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love...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 a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us and 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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The Epiphany of the Lord

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?

Scams and Fraud

Scams seem to be more prevalent this year, so please be cautious. Common scams include: an email or hardcopy bill stating, “your loan has been approved”, or your “subscription has been updated”. The email usually has a phone number for you to call. If you call, they will try and get your financial info – Don’t give it out! A few things to remember: Fr Bill would never email/text to “ask for a favor” (he would call or visit in person); double-check with family and friends if you have been offered an item or service that seems too good to be true and see what they think; elderly people who live alone are the most common targets.

KC Events – Save the Date

- Jan 15th – Soup Supper after Mass at St. Joseph’s
- Jan 30th – Pancake Breakfast after Mass at Holy Trinity

Are Your Adult Kids Members of the Parish?

If you have an adult son or daughter, please have them register as parish members. Having them register as separate members helps with record keeping. In addition, the more registered members we have, the more viable a parish we are.

Communion to the Homebound

If you know of anyone who would like communion brought to them at home, please contact the office at (319) 648-2331 or email rvsec@iowatelecom.net.

Garments to Go 2.0

Garments to Go 2.0 is an initiative of Mercy Hospital Spiritual Care to provide clothing for patients unable to leave the hospital with proper attire. Donations are being accepted for: sweatpants, crew neck sweatshirts, long-sleeve t-shirts (unisex sizes M, L, XL, and 2XL). Clothing may be dropped off at Mercy Hospital .

How to Give to Charity Tax Efficiently

If you're at least 70 ½ years old and have a tax-deferred IRA, you can make cash donations via Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). A QCD is when you directly donate money from your IRA to a qualifying charitable organization. The amount donated is not considered a taxable distribution and it is allowed to take the place of any Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). For example, if you have some stocks, bonds, etc. that you were to sell you can donate the gains and securities to a charity. When donated, neither you nor the charity must pay tax on the gains.

Prayer Requests

Please contact Fr Bill or Den Derick if you have any Prayer Intentions. We will put them in the Prayer Intentions Basket and offer them up at Mass.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Newborns

Please contact us if you have a birthday, anniversary, or newborn you would like us to announce at Mass.

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel can help. They understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Mon, Wed, and Fri from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Know Someone Who Needs a Bulletin?

Please email Jane Duwa at rvsec@iowatelecom.net with the person's name and mailing address.

St. Patrick's Adoration Chapel

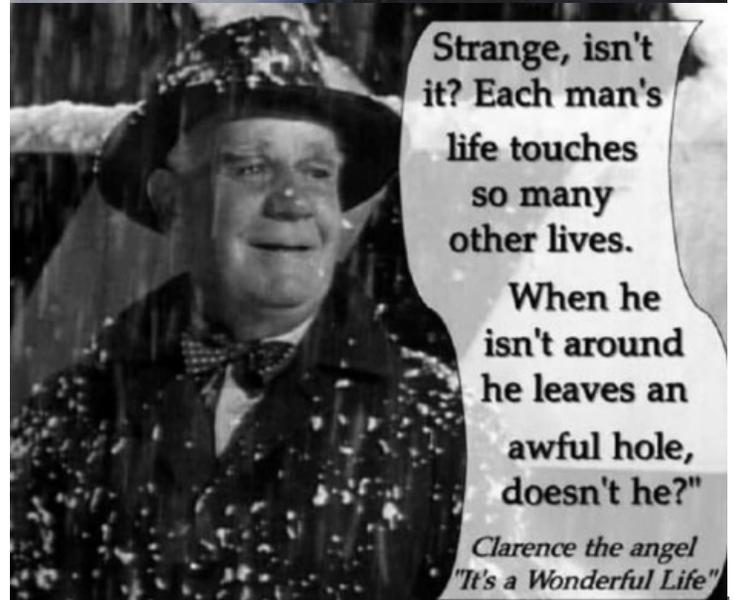
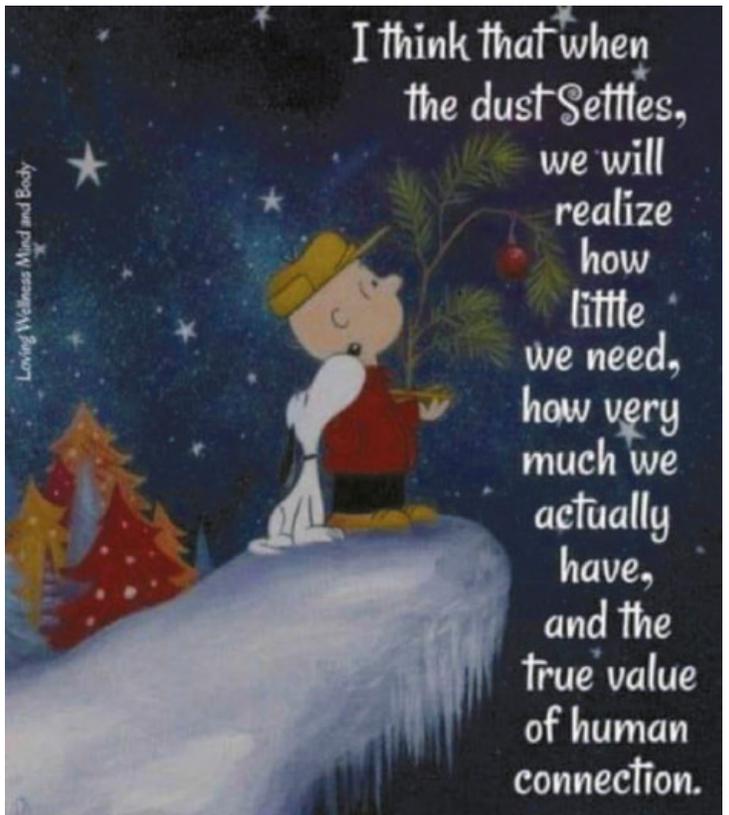
Adoration Chapel Hours 6am – midnight. Key required to enter from 9pm - 12am. We need adorers! Please contact Joann Page at (319) 855-2709 or joann.page@mchsi.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Text Message Scams

Please be aware of a continuing text message scam that involves a *supposed* text from Fr Bill asking for money or an i-tunes card. Fr Bill would never send a text message asking for money or gifts.



Be the person who breaks the cycle.

If you were judged, choose understanding.
If you were rejected, choose acceptance. If
you were shamed, choose compassion. Be
the person you needed when you were
hurting, not the person who hurt you. Vow
to be better than what broke you—to heal
instead of becoming bitter so you can act
from your heart, not your pain.

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