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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm SJ
Sunday 8:30am SM
Sunday 10:30am SP
Sunday 12:30pm Spanish SP

Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday 8:00am SP
Thursday 8:30am SM
Friday 12:15pm SP

• St. Joseph-SJ
St. Michael-SM • St. Patrick-SP



Reconciliation

Before or after any Mass as time permits and during Holy Hour on Fridays. Just ask the priest. Also by appointment and at Communal Penance during Lent and Advent.

Anointing

Anytime before or after Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

We request parents be active registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Program. Call the office.

Bulletin Deadline

Copy/Call to office by Monday 4:00pm.

Marriage

Arrange at least nine months ahead and one partner must be a registered parishioner. Call the office.

RCIA

Year-round process of bringing new members, youth & adults into the Catholic faith. Please call the office.

Parish Membership

We welcome new members to our parish community. Please register in the Parish Office.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services

1-800-772-2758

PARISH NEWS

The accounting books for each parish will close on December 31st. The parish office will be open until noon on December 31st to drop off donations. I hope to have the financial statements for Income Taxes ready by the middle of January. If you need a statement before then please contact the office and I will get one for you. I wish to thank everyone for your continued generosity this past year.

—Steph Babinat-Business Manager

Envelope reminder: Within the envelope packets each month is an extra envelope that is green or red. St. Patrick's has the Capital Campaign green envelope which helps to pay the debt on the new church building. St. Michael's and St. Joseph's has the Capital Improvement red envelope which allows us to repair buildings or do other projects around the buildings and grounds without having to do an extra fundraiser. Any extra donations in either of these envelopes are a wonderful help to our parishes.— Steph

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart – seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

St. Joseph's is in need of more Money Counters. Please consider volunteering. Talk to Fr. Mike, Deacon Joe or call Steph at the parish office if you have any questions or you might be interested.

Madeline Arens will be 95 years young on December 4th. Birthday wishes may be sent to her at: Colonial Manor of Amana; 3207 220th Trail; Amana, IA 52203.

St. Michael Cookbooks are for sale again this year for \$20. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. Call Karen Rassler at 319-444-3725 or the office at 319-444-3106.

St. Michael/St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be collecting non perishable food items and paper goods for the local food pantry on Sunday, December 9th. Collections are the 2nd Sunday of every month at St. Michaels.

St. Michael's Poinsettias for the Christmas Season can be ordered from Timber Gate Gardens 319-444-2552 by December 19th. If you want to bring poinsettias to the church, bring them December 23rd.

Christmas Flowers at St. Pat's: If you would like to help decorate our church for Christmas by sponsoring a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, I will be taking orders at church today, December 2nd & next Sunday, December 9th. The flowers are purchased at The Tama Florist for \$15 with a list of donors to be placed in the bulletin. You can also contact me at 484-5792 or lorisbaier@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity. —Lori Baier

St. Patrick's Adopt-a-Family Tree "plucking" is today, December 2nd. Gifts need to be returned by next Sunday, December 9th. Thank you!

St. Patrick's is in need of more Money Counters. Please consider volunteering. Call Steph at the parish office if you have any questions or you might be interested.

St. Patrick Church is in need of volunteers to bag the money and take it to the Bank. On Sundays after Mass, the money is bagged and taken to the State Bank of Toledo night deposit. I need a few more people willing to help with this so no one has to do it more than one or two months per year. Please call me if you have any questions or are able to help. —Steph Babinat Business Mgr.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship: "Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

Question of the week: Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday, December 4

8:30am Liturgy of Word/Communion SM

Wednesday, December 5

8:00am Stella Galanis SP

8:30am Liturgy of Word/Communion SJ

6:30pm - 8:30pm Holy Hour SP

Thursday, December 6

8:30am Brian Scnebbe SM

Friday, December 7

11:00am Holy Hour SP

12:15pm Kopecky family SP

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception Mass

9:00am Alice Tomas SP

5:30pm Vickie McElroy SJ

Sunday, December 9

8:30am Lorie Chekal SM

10:30am Albie Behounek SP

12:30pm Spanish (pro populo) SP

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Financial Stewardship

St. Joseph

Saturday, November 24, 2018

Not available by bulletin deadline.

St. Michael

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Not available by bulletin deadline.

St. Patrick

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Not available by bulletin deadline.

Parish Debt \$113,000

80+ Birthday Celebrations

December 4 Madeline Arens

December 5 Marjorie Nekola

Minister Schedule

St. Joseph

Saturday, December 8 at 5:30pm

LE: Sandy Supianoski
US: Jack Wilkinson, Pat Supianoski
EU: Robert & Sue Kriener
SE: Need Volunteers
MC: Dan Balvin, Dorothy Jo Zmolek

St. Michael

Sunday, December 9 at 8:30am

LE: Patrick Shaull
US: Dorma Rusbult, Wayne Parizek,
Bill MartiPn
EU: Doug Dvorak, John Grieder, Maxine Upah
SE: Mandy Chizek, Addison Stamp,
Ethan Argo
BP: Carol Wonrau
MC: Kathy Lohf, Jerica Gritch

St. Patrick

Sunday, December 9 at 10:30am

LE: Lori Baier
US: Ron Timm, Jim Plantz, Robert Husak
EU: George & Sandy Hayek, Marce Nekola,
Sarah Dostal, Joanne Wacha,
Charlotte Upah
SE: JoJo & Tommy Tynismaa,
Journey Verdulla
MC: Buddie Shaw, Butch Rutledge

BP-BP Care Center • CO-Commentator • EU-Eucharist •
GB-Gift Bearers • GR-Greeter • LE-Lector • MC-Money
Counters • OF-Offertory • SE-Servers • US-Usher

With Christmas approaching, bulletin deadlines will change due to office closures here and at LPi (company that prints our bulletin).

Deadlines for items for:

December 16th bulletin are due Friday, December 7th.

December 23rd bulletin are due Thursday, December 13th.

December 30th bulletin are due Friday, December 21st.

Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS ED.

Sacramental Dates - Save the Date:

First Reconciliation: SP - Wednesday, December 12 at 6:15pm
SM - Wednesday, December 19 at 6:15pm

First Communion Masses: SJ - March 30 at 5:30pm
SM - March 31 at 8:30am
SP - March 31 at 10:30am

Confirmation Mass: February 17 during the 10:30am Mass at SP

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The Tama/Toledo #7504 Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas Cards thru December 16th before and after the 10:30am, Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Church.

St. Patrick CCW Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30pm at St. Pat's. Please call Sue Mohrfeld at 641-484-3491 to RSVP. Thank you!

St. Patrick Liturgy Committee will meet on December 6th at 6:30pm in the library.

The youth service trip students will have a bake sale fundraiser after the 10:30am St. Patrick Mass next Sunday, December 9th. Buy some goodies for the holiday and help support the 2019 service trip to Colorado.

Date Night: The next scheduled Date Night is December 16th at 5:30pm in St. Patrick's cafeteria. NO RSVP is needed UNLESS you are going to take advantage of the free childcare that is provided. Please email s.upah@dbqarch.org or leave a message at 641-484-3646 to let us know how many children will be attending.

No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's on December 26th (No habrá adoración eucarística el miércoles 26 Pde diciembre).

COMMUNITY NEWS

FCSLA Branch W-130 will once again be hosting the Annual Christmas Party/ Meeting on Sunday, December 9th at the American Legion Hall in Clutier. Lunch will be served at noon with the meeting to follow. All branch members & their families are invited & encouraged to attend. Hopefully, there will be an insurance representative on hand should you have any questions.

The Holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Upcoming dates: March 8th-10th, La Crosse, WI; April 12th-14th, Ankeny, IA; May 3rd-5th, Dubuque, IA. There is more information online at iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 (gift certificates are available) or email us at jljwwme08@gmail.com.



Julie Aldrich, Jim Arens, Bernita Beltz, Jennifer Benner, Ervin Bohnstengel, Maxine Boles, Debbie Burnes, Gene Cibula, Ruth Clancy, Dr. Rick Cooper, Myra Crawford, George Drey, Bill Dvorak, Carol (Condon) Dvorak, Megan Dvorak, Onnah Dvorak, Roger Eberhart, Bernice & Mike Harris, Sandy Hayek, Jim Hickson, Tom Kasal, Mary Kerkman, Marilyn Meyer, Jim McAtee, Pat McBride Byron & Patti Nied, Finnley Novak, Larry Petersen, Robert Posusta, Scott Posusta, Cortney Quigley & baby Jace, Larry Ray, Susie Rutledge, Dr. L. Travis Smith, Nancy Stultz, Marlus Svoboda, Peter Svoboda, Mary Timm, Kathy Tomlinson, Aaliyah Troxell, Ed & MaryAnn Upah, Jerry Wauters, Carol Zmolek

And anyone else suffering from any illness or injury including, Veterans and the currently deployed military and their families.

Please call the office to add to or remove a name from this list.

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