



# The CIRCLE of SAINTS CLUSTER

900 PARK STREET • TAMA, IOWA 52339

The Catholic Communities of • St. Joseph, Chelsea  
St. Michael, Belle Plaine • St. Patrick, Tama & Toledo

[circleofsaints.weconnect.com](http://circleofsaints.weconnect.com)

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
*3<sup>er</sup> Domingo de Adviento*

John answered them,  
"I baptize with water; but  
there is one among you whom  
you do not recognize, the one  
who is coming after me,  
whose sandal strap I am not  
worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

Juan les respondió: "Yo  
bautizo con agua, pero  
en medio de ustedes hay uno,  
al que ustedes no conocen,  
alguien que viene detrás de mí,  
a quien yo no soy digno de  
desatarle las correas de sus  
sandalias". - Jn 1, 26-27



Reprinted from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970 CEB.  
Leccionario 10-1876 Conferencia Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.  
Cover Design ©Liturgical Publications Inc. Price © 8194225 TongRo Images/Thinkstock.com

### Contacts

Cluster Office .....(641) 484-3039  
Hours.....Mon.-Thurs. 8am-4pm  
Friday 8am-12pm  
Rectory.....(641) 484-4242  
St. Michael's Office .....(319) 444-3106

### Cluster Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Michael Mescher  
m.mescher@dbqarch.org  
Deacon.....Deacon Joe Behounek  
j.behounek@dbqarch.org  
Deacon.....Deacon Stan Upham  
s.upah@dbqarch.org  
Business Manager .....Stephanie Babinat  
s.babinat@dbqarch.org  
Dir. of Faith Formation ..... Jackie Toennies  
j.toennies@dbqarch.org  
Receptionist.....Vicky Podhajsky  
v.podhajsky@dbqarch.org  
St. Patrick Pastoral Minister ....Betty Hayek  
b.hayek@dbqarch.org

### Cluster Council Members

St. Joseph:  
Robert Kriener, Trish Stadler  
St. Michael:  
Nancy Roth, Doug DeMeulenaere  
St. Patrick:  
Brad Fisher, Ramiro Guzman

### 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

### 2018-2019 Holiday/Holy Day



### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th, 2018

4:00pm St. Patrick - Tama  
4:00pm St. Joseph - Chelsea  
6:00pm St. Michael - BP

### Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th, 2018

St. Patrick - Tama 9:00am

### Holy Family

Saturday, December 29th, 2018

5:30pm St. Joseph - Chelsea

Sunday, December 30th, 2018

8:30am St. Michael - BP  
10:30am St. Patrick - Tama  
12:30pm St. Patrick - Tama  
Mass in Spanish

### Mary, Mother of God

Monday, December 31st, 2018

4:00pm St. Joseph - Chelsea

### Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

9:00am St. Patrick -Tama

## PARISH NEWS

**Religious give thanks.** "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**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

**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

**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.

**Christmas Flowers at St. Joseph's:** If you would like to help decorate our church for Christmas by sponsoring a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone please put \$15 in an envelope and put it in the collection basket this weekend (December 16th). On the envelope please write the person you wish to remember or honor and then your name.

**St. Michael:** Thank you to those who took a bell from the gift tree in the back of church. If you didn't get one but would still like to give, there is a list of needed items on the table by the tree. These do not need to be wrapped, simply placed in the gift bag on the table. They will be distributed as needed. —Karen Rassler

**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'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.

**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.

**Parishioners of Circle of Saints Cluster:** Due to privacy laws we are not notified when a parishioner is in the hospital, nursing home or been sent home. Please call the parish office or send us an email to keep us informed. Also, notify us if a parishioner has died and had their funeral services elsewhere. This will help us keep our records up to date. Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP

**Stewardship:** Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

**Question of the week:** How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

## Liturgy Schedule

### Tuesday, December 18

8:30am Liturgy of Word/Communion SM  
3:30pm Mass at Premier Estates

### Wednesday, December 19

8:00am Randy Sevcik SP  
8:30am Liturgy of Word/Communion SJ  
6:30pm - 8:30pm Holy Hour SP

### Thursday, December 20

8:30am Julie Dvorak Chmielewski SM

### Friday, December 21

11:00am Holy Hour SP  
12:15pm Wilma Hickson SP

### Saturday, December 22

5:30pm Alfred & Agnes Kratoska SJ

### Sunday, December 23

8:30am Richard Selken SM  
10:30am Helen McClure SP  
12:30pm No Spanish Mass SP

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

## Financial Stewardship

### St. Joseph

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Offertory ..... \$264  
Envelope giving ..... \$1475  
Weekly envelope budget.....\$942  
Weekly budget difference..... \$533

### St. Michael

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Offertory ..... \$113.92  
Envelope giving ..... \$1559  
Weekly envelope budget.....\$1980  
Weekly budget difference.....(\$421)

### St. Patrick

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Offertory ..... \$321.30  
Envelope giving ..... \$4169  
Weekly envelope budget.....\$4000  
Weekly budget difference..... \$169

Parish Debt ..... \$113,000

## 80+ Birthday Celebrations

December 13 Dale Henle  
December 18 George Kutchanek  
December 19 Gerald Stewart  
December 22 Darlene Balvin

## Minister Schedule

### St. Joseph

**Saturday, December 22 at 5:30pm**

GR: Janice Ledvina

LE: Tom L. Upah

US: Mark Breja

EU: Ron Kratoska & Kristin Upah

SE: Catherine Kratoska

MC: Julie Kasal, Steph Slaven, Harry Hlas

### St. Michael

**Sunday, December 23 at 8:30am**

LE: John Roth

US: John Grieder, Dave Ramm, Vince Barloon

EU: John Roth, Doug Johnson, Garnet Upah

SE: Andrew Argo, Lilly Wickwire,  
Sam DeMeulenaere

BP: Marian Janss

MC: Mary Rita Kromminga, Teresa Selken

### St. Patrick

**Sunday, December 23 at 10:30am**

LE: Marvin Bohnstengel

US: Tom Clancy, George Oetker,  
Gery Hagerty

EU: Laurie Velky, Kelli Smith, Mark Zmolek,  
Julie Hagerty, Jim & Kris Collins

SE: Miles Zmolek, Livia Smith,  
Alexandra Castanon

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

### Happenings Circle of Saints Cluster

**SP Baptism:** December 9 - Joey  
Alexander Sanchez Garcia - son of  
Senon Sanchez Hernandez & Marisabel  
Garcia Rivera

#### Reminder!

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

**Deadline for items for:  
December 30th bulletin are**  
due Friday, December 21st.  
Thank you!



## FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS ED.



**Congratulations to the following St. Patrick students  
for receiving first Reconciliation!**

Fernanda Barrientos

Carlos Bolanos

Angel Carrera

Katherine Carrera

Luis Castanon

Alvaro Castro

Alexandra Castro

Mayra Castro

Judithy Cervantes

Grant Dolezal

Alondra Garcia

Julian Gomez

Miguel Hernandez

Cael Kaufman

Bianey Lopez

Bryan Lopez

Pablo Montes

Jadee Nunez

Luis Nunez

Julitza Ramirez

Kylee Sieck

Sean Tracy

Israel Zamarron

**NO RE SM/SP** - Wednesday, December 26 - Merry Christmas!  
Wednesday, January 2 - Happy New Year!

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Date Night: "Celebrate Christmas with a special night out with your spouse."**

Christmas Date Night is today, December 16th at 5:30pm at St. Pat's. All Christian couples married and engaged are invited. Bring an hors'dourves to share. Daycare provided free of charge with RSVP for daycare to [s.upah@dbqarch.org](mailto:s.upah@dbqarch.org) or leave a message at 641-484-3646."

**The Tama /Toledo Knights of Columbus will meet** on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00pm.

**The Knights of Columbus Council 7504 of St. Patrick's** are sponsoring a blood drive with LifeServe on Wednesday, December 26th at the Tama Civic Center 2:00pm-6:00pm. To make appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

**Tama/Toledo Knights of Columbus will be serving** a luncheon on Sunday, January 6th after Mass 11:30am - 12:30pm only. They will be serving spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic sticks and desserts. Beverages will be provided. This is a free will offering luncheon. Proceeds go to the many projects that the KC's are involved in.



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

**POLARIS**  
The Way Out.

Stan Uphah  
408 N. County Rd.  
Toledo, IA 52342-1012  
PH 641-484-2540  
Fax 641-484-6540  
www.usspolaris.com



**GARLING**  
CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
garlingconstruction.com

DOUG DEMEULENAERE, PRESIDENT  
ddemeul@garlingconstruction.com  
1120 11TH STREET • BELLE PLAINE, IA 52208  
Ph: 319.444.3409  
Fax 319.444.2437

**MERCY CARE**  
TAMA

Jerry Wille, MD  
Christa Slagle, DNP  
Sherri Vesely, DNP  
Amanda Heck, ARNP  
641-484-3333  
www.mercycare.org/doctors

Providing Complete Cellular Needs Since 1994  
Iowa's 1st Gen. 5 Agent Store

**U.S. Cellular**  
729 12th Street • Belle Plaine, IA 52208  
319-434-6121  
508 2nd Street • Traer, IA 50675  
319-478-2602

**Charlotte Uphah**  
CPA, EA

408 N. County Rd.  
Toledo, IA 52342  
upahtax@pcpartner.net

**TRUE BUILDERS**  
EXCAVATING LLC

SITE DEVELOPMENT, LAND CLEARING, BASEMENTS  
POND, DEMOLITION, SEPTIC SYSTEMS  
GENERAL TRUCKING, SOIL CONSERVATION

**Kruse Phillips**  
Funeral Homes

Traditional Funerals •  
Cremation Services •  
Pre-arrangements •

Tama - Toledo  
209 E. 7th St. • Tama, IA  
641-484-3400 • www.kruse-phillips.com

**BOHEMIAN MUTUAL**

1309 S. County Rd., Toledo, IA  
www.bohemianmutual.com  
641-484-5233 • 1-877-884-5233

**MANATTS**  
Concrete / Sand / Gravel  
Tama 641-484-4022  
Belle Plaine 319-444-2820

**TAMA COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.**

(641) 484-4386 123 West High Street  
FAX (641) 484-5449 P.O. Box 2  
1-888-561-9061 Toledo, IA 52342

**Premier Estates**  
OF TOLEDO

403 Grandview Drive  
Toledo, IA 52342  
Office: 641.484.5080  
TRILLIUMHEALTHCAREGROUP.COM...

**APPRAISAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES**

Jammie Howard Certified General Appraiser/Broker  
Cell (319) 231-4484 • Office 478-2990  
Jason Lekin Agent/Auctioneer (641) 751-4227  
Mandy Lekin Agent (641) 751-302  
www.ares-ia.com

**Fresh Flowers**  
Timber Gate Gardens  
your Lifestyle florist

Teresa Malock Harrison  
owner-designer  
806 12th St. BELLE PLAINE  
319-444-2552

**PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE**  
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

**\$29.95/MO** PLUS SOCIAL STUFF  
BILLED QUARTERLY

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772 • WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

**BRABAK LUMBER**

M-F 8am - 5pm  
Sat 8am - Noon

701 W Hwy 30  
Toledo, Iowa  
641-484-9990

**Subway**

\$1 Off Any Footlong  
or Free Coffee  
(319) 434-SUBS (7827)

**ANDERS J. NORGAARD, P.C.**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Parishioners  
801 12th St., Belle Plaine, IA 52208  
319-444-2481  
Fax: 319-444-1013  
ajnpc@netins.net

**CJB**  
Chelsea Savings Bank  
Member FDIC

Belle Plaine 319-444-3144  
Chelsea 641-489-2888  
Clutier 319-479-2222  
Traer 319-478-8200 • Van Horne 319-228-8321

**GILBERT'S Septic Service**

Septic Tanks Cleaning  
Time of Transfer Inspection  
Reasonable Rates & Fast Dependable Service

Belle Plaine 319-444-2446

**Pinnacle**  
BANK

1301 S. County Road, Toledo  
FDIC 641-484-5141

**Sunny Hill**  
A Neighborly Approach to Life

Main: (641) 484-4061  
1708 Harding St. • Tama, IA 52339

**THYS**  
AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

• Blairstown • Toledo/Tama  
• Belle Plaine • Victor

www.thyautogroup.com

**Trojan Inn Cafe**

Established in 1962  
Now Taking Debit & Credit  
We Also Have Wi-Fi

127 E High, Toledo • 641-484-2414  
Open M-F 6AM to 4PM  
Mary Ann Gardner Owner Since 1984

**INDEPENDENT INSURANCE SERVICES**

All Forms of Insurance  
1001 S. COUNTY RD.  
TOLEDO, IA 52342  
(641) 484-2140  
Parishioner  
www.insurecentraliowa.com

**Tichy Backhoe & Trenching**

Tilling • Landscaping  
Trucking • Hauling  
Water Line & Repair • Septic

641-479-2575  
641-485-0826

**FRIEDMAN FARM SUPPLY**

606 3rd Street, Belle Plaine, IA  
www.FriedmanFS.com  
319.444.3477

**catholicmatch**  
Iowa

CatholicMatch.com/IA

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact Rob Witte to place an ad today!  
rwitte@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2501

**AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE**

**DEANNE GRIEDER**  
BRETTHROLSON AGENCY, INC.  
708 12th Street, Suite #2, Belle Plaine  
Bus: (319) 365-6499  
Access Anytime: 1-800-MYAMFAM (800-692-6326)

**ROTH APPLIANCE**

1004 12th St. • Belle Plaine, IA  
Speed Queen, GE/Hotpoint, Maytag, Amana  
c: (641) 751-5616 • o: (319) 444-3421

**STEIN-HRABAK**

We can handle all your flooring needs!

Open: Monday-Friday 10-5 • Saturday 9-Noon  
W Hwy 30, Toledo • 641-484-2780  
www.stein-hrabakflooring.com

**HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY**  
CALL NOW! 1-888-891-6806

ADT AUTHORIZED DEALER  
HOME SECURITY TEAM

**WE'RE HIRING**  
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT  
careers@4LPi.com  
www.4LPi.com/careers

**EAST SIDE BODY SHOP, INC.**  
SINCE 1961

John Chetka - owner  
Phone (319) 444-3366  
1306 13th St., Belle Plaine, IA 52208

**Call KJ's Plumbing**

641-484-4323

Service • New Construction • Remodel  
Kirby Thiessen & Joe Thiessen

**Keystone Nursing Care Center**

- Keystone Care Center 319-442-3234
- 24 hour Skilled Nursing Center Fax 319-442-3236
- Senior Suites 250 5th Street
- Certified Assisted Living Keystone, IA 52249
- Parkview Apartments
- Independent Living Thanson@keystonecare.org
- www.keystonecarecenter.com

**DOLEZAL Farm Supply**

484-4606  
800 Hwy 30 W • Toledo, IA

**PARISHESonline**  
Largest online directory of Catholic Churches

**NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!**

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**State Farm**

**Carmen Erhardt, Agent**  
(641) 484-3163  
www.InsureWithCarmen.com

**Scharnweber, Inc.**  
Plumbing-Heating- Cooling

641-484-3923  
800-542-7980

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.  
Council 7504 and Council 8479  
We are Our Brothers Keepers Join Us Today!

**BRAD PETERSON, FICE, FIELD AGENT**

319-530-1165  
brad.peterson@kofc.org  
Life Insurance • Long Term Care • IRAs  
Disability Income • Retirement Planning

**HRABAK NEUHAUS**  
Funeral & Cremation Service

319-444-2240  
1704 7th Ave.  
Belle Plaine, IA 52208  
Andy & Casey Neuhaus

**BABINAT CONSTRUCTION**

641-484-4454 (HOME)  
641-485-6354 (CELL)  
3755 I Ave. • Tama, IA 52339  
Serving All Your Construction Needs Since 1985

**PARISHESonline**  
Largest online directory of Catholic Churches

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact Rob Witte to place an ad today!  
rwitte@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2501

**State Farm**

**Carmen Erhardt, Agent**  
(641) 484-3163  
www.InsureWithCarmen.com

**HRABAK NEUHAUS**  
Funeral & Cremation Service

319-444-2240  
1704 7th Ave.  
Belle Plaine, IA 52208  
Andy & Casey Neuhaus

**BABINAT CONSTRUCTION**

641-484-4454 (HOME)  
641-485-6354 (CELL)  
3755 I Ave. • Tama, IA 52339  
Serving All Your Construction Needs Since 1985

**PARISHESonline**  
Largest online directory of Catholic Churches

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact Rob Witte to place an ad today!  
rwitte@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2501

**State Farm**

**Carmen Erhardt, Agent**  
(641) 484-3163  
www.InsureWithCarmen.com

**HRABAK NEUHAUS**  
Funeral & Cremation Service

319-444-2240  
1704 7th Ave.  
Belle Plaine, IA 52208  
Andy & Casey Neuhaus

**BABINAT CONSTRUCTION**

641-484-4454 (HOME)  
641-485-6354 (CELL)  
3755 I Ave. • Tama, IA 52339  
Serving All Your Construction Needs Since 1985

**PARISHESonline**  
Largest online directory of Catholic Churches

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact Rob Witte to place an ad today!  
rwitte@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2501

**State Farm**

**Carmen Erhardt, Agent**  
(641) 484-3163  
www.InsureWithCarmen.com

**HRABAK NEUHAUS**  
Funeral & Cremation Service

319-444-2240  
1704 7th Ave.  
Belle Plaine, IA 52208  
Andy & Casey Neuhaus

**BABINAT CONSTRUCTION**

641-484-4454 (HOME)  
641-485-6354 (CELL)  
3755 I Ave. • Tama, IA 52339  
Serving All Your Construction Needs Since 1985

**PARISHESonline**  
Largest online directory of Catholic Churches

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact Rob Witte to place an ad today!  
rwitte@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2501

**State Farm**

**Carmen Erhardt, Agent**  
(641) 484-3163  
www.InsureWithCarmen.com

**HRABAK NEUHAUS**  
Funeral & Cremation Service

319-444-2240  
1704 7th Ave.  
Belle Plaine, IA 52208  
Andy & Casey Neuhaus

**BABINAT CONSTRUCTION**

641-484-4454 (HOME)  
641-485-6354 (CELL)  
3755 I Ave. • Tama, IA 52339  
Serving All Your Construction Needs Since 1985