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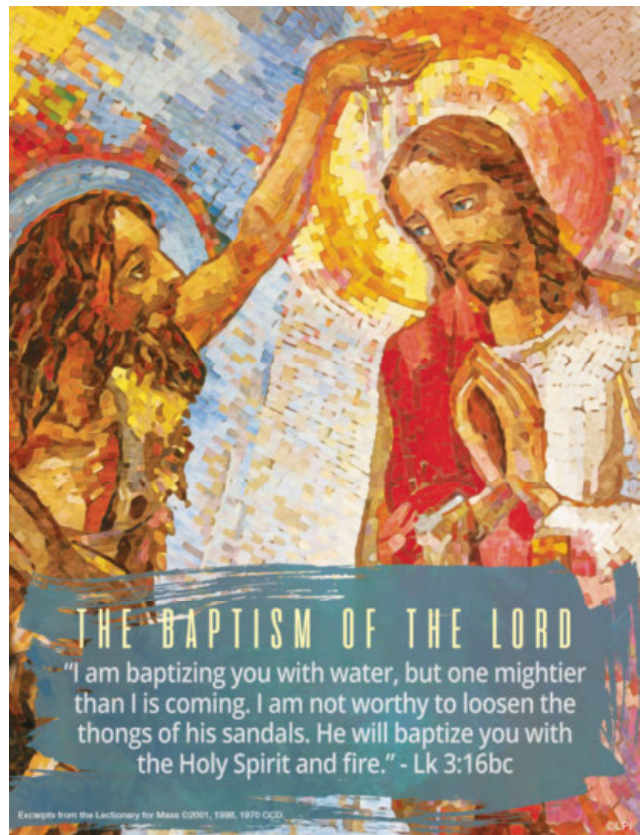
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Saturday—Festina 4:00 p.m.; Spillville 6:00 p.m.
Sunday—Ossian 8:00 a.m.; Calmar 10:00 a.m.
(livestreamed)

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Readings are found at #806



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Dear Parishioners,

*Weekday morning Mass will be cancelled if there is a two hour delay or cancellation of school. (Tuesday evening Mass will still be offered.)
If there is a Tuesday or Friday Funeral, the weekday Mass will be cancelled. (School Masses will be offered.)*

This last week on January 4 we celebrated the feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Her life teaches us a simple but profound truth: the evil and chaos of the world does not stop us from doing good in the world.

Here are some facts about her life. She lived 47 years from 1774 to 1821. This meant that St. Elizabeth lived during the American Revolution, French Revolution, and the War of 1812. This meant that much of Europe and the new world where she lived saw violence, political unrest, and much fear of what the future would hold. She also lived during the time of epidemics including the tuberculosis epidemic that claimed her husband's life in Italy.

She had every reason not to love life. But God revealed his love to her and she received that love. In receiving that love from Jesus, she became a person for others. She did not let the evil of the world prevent her from doing the good that God had called her.

She became the founder of a religious order, she was a mother, and a servant of the immigrant and the poor. She was a part of the founding and establishing of the Catholic school system in the United States. She did the good God called her to and she wasn't going to let war, violence, political unrest, or pandemics prevent her from living holiness.

I think there is a lesson for us in St. Elizabeth's life. There are so many people who feel powerless in the face of the evil of the world. Her life teaches us no matter what is happening in the world, we can do the good God has called us to. We can love sacrificially in our lives. We can live the truth despite the errors in the world.

The craziness of the world does not have to rob us of the desire to make the world better. In fact it should be our motivation to make the world better.

May God bless you in this New Year of 2022!

R. Men

Monday, January 10—No Mass

Reading 1: 1 Sm 1:1-8

Responsorial: Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday, January 11—4:30 p.m. Holy Hour
5:45 p.m. Mass—Our Lady of Seven Dolors**

Mass Intention: +Gary L. Lecthtenberg

Reading 1: 1 Sm 1:9-20

Responsorial: 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Gospel: Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 12—7:15 a.m. Holy Hour
8:30 a.m. — St. Francis de Sales**

Mass Intention: +Linda Schissel

+Fr. Mel Hemann

10:30 a.m. Mass—Ossian Senior Hospice

Mass Intention: +Lucille Holthaus

+Cyril & Margaret Bohr

Reading 1: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Responsorial: Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 13— 7:15 a.m. Holy Hour
8:30 a.m. Mass—St. Wenceslaus**

Mass Intention: +Leonard & Ellen Soukup

Reading 1: 1 Sm 4:1-11

Responsorial: Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 14—7:00 a.m. Holy Hour

8:15 a.m. Mass—St. Aloysius

Mass Intention: +Betty Wurzer (CDA)

+Eugene Condon Family, Robert & Iona Kubesh

Reading 1: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Responsorial: Ps 89:16-17, 18-19

Gospel: Mk 2:1-12

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual confessions are offered before weekend Mass:

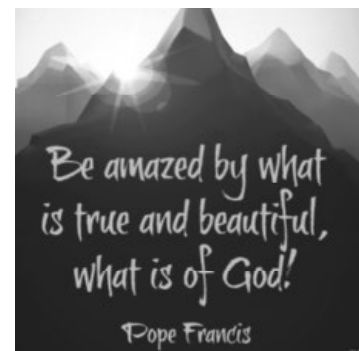
3:15 to 3:45 p.m. Saturday in Festina

and 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. on Sunday morning in Ossian

Also The first Saturday of each month from 8-10 a.m.

rotating between the parishes:

February 5 (Festina)



Our Lady of Seven Dolors

Saturday, January 15 — 4:00 p.m. Mass

Mass Intention: +Isaiah Schmitt
 +Edmund, Irene, Paul, Jerry & Jeffrey Schmitz
 +Dessel Family

Servers: Anna Dietzenbach, Carson & Keagen Streeter
 Rosary: RyAnn Winings, Marilyn Zweibahmer
 Lector: Elaine Holthaus
 Ushers: Mike Einck, Dean Franzen
 Offertory: Neal & Charlene Holthaus

<i>Weekly Tithing Needed:</i> \$2,046.73	
2020-21 Adult Tithing Budget	\$106,430.00
<i>Fiscal Year July 1 to Date—63% of budget</i>	<i>\$66,491.49</i>
<i>(Weekend gifts, EFTs, IRA distributions, Christmas, Easter)</i>	

Thank you for a generous donation received at the direction of Lori Huinker. Gifts such as this are an important part of our calling to be stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us to be used glorifying God, His Church and His people.

After many years of wonderful service Elaine Kipp would like to step down as leading the choir and decorating the church. If anyone would be interested in taking over one or both of these duties please contact Jill Shimek at 319-404-4256.

Thank you to Elaine for the many years of beautiful music she has helped with, as well as years of assisting in keeping our church decorated so nicely.

Annual Rosary Society Meeting will be held January 12th at 6:30 in the Parish Center.

Christmas decorations will be taken down after church January 15th. Any and all help is appreciated.

The following are responsible for cleaning the church this month. Please indicate on the calendar in the entryway when cleaning is complete: Megan DeBack, Michelle Dietzenbach, Catherine Ehler, Darcy Einck.

Inquiries regarding availability of the Festina Parish Center may be directed to this team of volunteer managers:

Justin & Angie Einck 563-419-4766 or 419-4877
 Steve & Marilyn Einck 563-534-7724
 Terry & Mary Ann Wenthold 563-534-7739



St. Wenceslaus

Saturday, January 15 — 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mass Intention: +Gloria Mashek
 +Linus & Rose Tupy
 +Charles & Jennifer Ira

Servers: John & Matthew Donovan
 Music: Luann Soukup
 Lector: Lori Shatek
 Ushers: Roger Shatek, Steve Bouska
 Offertory: Roger Shatek
 Communion: Deacon Dan
 Counters: Paul Frana, Sherry Bouska, Volunteer

<i>Weekly Tithing Needed:</i> \$2,896.16	
2020-21 Adult Tithing Budget	\$150,600.00
<i>Fiscal Year July 1 to Date—56% of budget</i>	<i>\$84,238.67</i>
<i>(Weekend gifts, EFTs, IRA distributions, Christmas, Easter)</i>	

59th Annual World Famous Sausage & Pancake Supper: Sponsored by the Holy Name Society Sunday, January 9th 3pm-7pm at Chihak Hall Spillville. Drive Thru only Tickets are \$10. Questions Contact Russ Lensing 563 380 8896 or Derek Taylor 563 419 3664

Sanctuary Lamp burn in loving memory of Cornelia Bina the week of January 9th.

Thank you to the American Legion, St. Wenceslaus Parish, the community of Spillville and all who contributed to the success of the Community Christmas Dinner. Many generous donations were received totaling \$700 which will go to the Greater Area Food Pantry. We pray that we may again gather in fellowship as we celebrate Christmas 2022!

Mark your calendar: we will be having a St. Wenceslaus Guild January meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm in the school lunchroom. Chairmen and co-chairmen please plan on attending as we will be discussing projects for the year. See you there.

Our parish is in need of more volunteers to lector, usher, serve, bring up offertory and count money. Please contact Rochelle Bushman to offer your ministry in these important ways.

St. Wenceslaus is in need of someone to do the ministry scheduling starting with the April 2022 schedule. Many thanks to Rochelle Bushman who has been doing the scheduling for 10 years! As she steps down, Rochelle will gladly train a new person. Please contact Rochelle and offer your service to the parish in this important way.

St. Francis de Sales**Sunday, January 16 — 8:00 a.m. Mass**

Mass Intention: +Greg Wenthold

+Francis Wenthold

+Martha & Karen Mikota

In Thanksgiving (RB)

Sacristan: Eileen Kipp
 Greeters: Matt & Kassia Zweibohmer
 Rosary: Mel Elsbernd
 Servers: Grace & Raymond Zweibohmer, Trevin & Ella Bohr
 Music: Deb, Trey & Clark
 Reading 1: Lisa Langreck
 Reading 2: Nicole Langreck
 Offertory: Lance & Jessica Peters Family
 Communion: Heidi Bohr, Sandy Meyer, Joe Kriener

Weekly Tithing Needed: \$4,454.33

2020-21 Adult Tithing Budget	\$231,625.00
<i>Fiscal Year July 1 to Date—54% of budget</i>	<i>\$124,586.89</i>
<i>(Weekend contributions, EFTs, Christmas & Easter)</i>	

Eucharistic Ministry to Ossian Senior Hospice: January 9—Sandy Meyer, January 16—Mary Sender & Diane Henning, January 23—Joan Ameling

As our church looks forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of its dedication (March 28, 1998), we are looking at various improvements and maintenance needs. If you are interested in serving on a decorating committee which is now being formed, please contact Sandy Meyer, Parish Council liaison.

Our first Rosary Society meeting for the year will be on Monday, January 17, at 7 pm in the school cafeteria. All Leaders, Co-Leaders, and parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

Could we have a second? Many thanks to Brandi Hemesath and Kassia Zweibohmer who have accepted the roles of President and First Vice President of our Rosary Society in 2022. Please help us fill our slate of officers by contacting Brandi or Kassia to serve as Second Vice.

Rosary Society dues for 2022 are now being collected: Families \$20, single persons \$15; Honorary membership \$5. Please make your check payable to the St. Francis Rosary Society and return in the weekend collection, to your circle leader, or to Treasurer Lynette Wenthold.

I would like to thank everyone individually for all that was done to make The Magic of Christmas a success. Thank you to Circles #1, #5, #6 & #7 Leaders and Members who graciously provided the requested dishes and all the other volunteers who worked or brought food

during this three-day event. A special thank you to the home tour sponsors: Father Gross, Marlys and Gordon Oakland, and Heidi and Kevin Bohr, and to Clark and Shelly Goltz for preparing the trees and clubhouse. Margaret and Jim Elsbernd outdid themselves with the donation of their annual quilt for the raffle. Proceeds from the event were \$2,850. Although this is less than previous years, the volunteerism and fellowship seen as guests mingled amongst the trees showed the true "magic" of this event. Again, Thank You for making this possible this year. The proceeds were designated towards the nearly completed St. Teresa of Calcutta School's Heating and Cooling System. Mary Brincks, Project leader

We are still seeking circle members to be a part of the 2022 Magic of Christmas which will be held on December 2-4, 2022. Like other circles, circle members will sell tickets, work during the event, and bring food for the circle project. Please contact Brandi Hemesath, 2022 Rosary Society President, at 563-605-0361 or email her at conmansmom1998@yahoo.com. We need 14-16 couples/individuals to volunteer for next year's event in order to have enough workers. You will be taken off your existing circle when you sign up for the "Magic of Christmas Circle. Thank you in advance for being a part of the "2022 Magic of Christmas" Circle.

St. Aloysius**Saturday, January 16 — 10:00 a.m. Mass**

Mass Intention: People of the Parishes

Sacristan: Althea Murphy
 Servers: Kiara Bullerman, Briana Boyer, Alyssa Timp
 Music: Jeanette
 Lector: Mark Elsbernd
 Communion: Wendy Herold, Mike Kuboushek

Weekly Tithing Needed: \$3,141.54

2020-21 Adult Tithing Budget	\$163,360.00
<i>Fiscal Year July 1 to Date—58% of budget</i>	<i>\$93,581.43</i>
<i>(Weekend contributions, EFTs, Christmas & Easter)</i>	

Thank you to the Francis Meyer Charitable Fund for a generous donation to St. Aloysius Church. Gifts such as this are an important part of our calling to be stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us to be used glorifying God, His Church and His people.

Welcome! Please help us extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the St. Aloysius Church: Bob, Julie, Kayla and Jenna Giese. We welcome you to our faith family and sincerely hope you will feel at home here as you make St. Aloysius your parish!

Parish Council members will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, in the church basement.

Any person, couple, or family who is willing to be included on the rotation list to present the offertory gifts at Sunday Mass is asked to give Mary Hageman a call at 563.419.6850. Thank you to those who have offered to serve in this way!



Better odds than a Lottery Ticket! St. Teresa's family are selling MarketMania Tickets. Purchase a ticket and "own" 3 different stocks. The stocks with the largest gain and largest loss each week win. 10 weeks of winning! Odds of winning: 1 in 13.5. Price: \$20/ticket. These tickets make great Christmas Gifts. Purchase from a St. Teresa family, at either the Ossian or Spillville school sites, as well as Luana Savings Bank in Ossian.

Mark your calendars for the annual St. Teresa of Calcutta Soup Supper which will be held Thursday, February 3, during Catholic Schools Week. This will be a Drive Thru event, serving from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Festina Parish Center. Tickets are Presale ONLY at \$10.00 each and can be purchased from any St. Teresa student or the school offices. Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream of Broccoli Soup, homemade cinnamon rolls, bread and bars/cookies.



We are also accepting donations of hamburger and gallons of 2% milk. Or you can sponsor a roaster of soup for \$30. Please contact Stacy Kleppe at 563-419-4133 to donate.

We all buy gas, groceries and clothing, right? Simply use scrip gift cards for your everyday purchases and earn a rebate on each one for St. Teresa School or a designated student at no additional cost! Place your order by Friday at 7 p.m. and your order will arrive by the following Friday. Or stop at Luana Savings Bank in Ossian for a variety of popular scrip cards already on hand!

PARISH MISSION
Save the Date

WHEN: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, January 31, February 1 & 2, 2022
WHERE: St. Francis de Sales Church, Ossian
WHO: Missionaries of the New Evangelization
Fr. Greg Bramlage

"Two gestures are characteristic of Jesus' mission: healing and forgiving. Jesus' many healings clearly show his great compassion in the face of human distress, but they also signify that in the kingdom there will no longer be sickness or suffering, & that His mission from the very beginning, is meant to free people from these evils."

Pope John Paul II (Mission of the Redeemer II.14)



We lift our prayers to all the ill or suffering in our parishes and families, especially:

- Peggy Novak, St. Wenceslaus
- Marian Wiltgen, St. Francis de Sales
- Elyse Meyer Eastman
- Special Intention (EH)
- Pat Heying, St. Francis de Sales
- Evelyn Hruska
- Sharon Riha
- Alan Heying, St. Francis de Sales
- All sick and suffering in our parishes and families

*Names will be removed from this list after four weeks unless the parish office is notified. **We want to pray for you!** To add or remove a name from this prayer list, please contact Denise at the parish office in Calmar.*



Recently, multiple states in the South & Midwest experienced devastating tornadoes which destroyed entire communities. The loss of life is heartbreaking and the grieving families and communities are in our prayers as they face the long road of recovery and rebuilding ahead.

To support local disaster recovery efforts through Catholic Charities USA, please visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. Our disaster response team – along with the knowledge and expertise of our member agencies – mobilizes quickly and effectively to

aid those experiencing or recovering from disasters. Your support allows us to continue to provide services to the most vulnerable among us in times of natural disasters.

Good help is hard to find! Without providers, our Child Care Center will not be able to continue in operation. St. Teresa of Calcutta Child Care Center is in great need of childcare providers for all ages in Ossian. Please contact Kristin Kriener at kkriener@st-teresa.pvt.k12.ia.us to apply for full-time or part-time positions.



What can we learn from the Visitation between Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and her cousin, Elizabeth?

Come and learn more about these two holy women at the 2022 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation, Saturday, January 29, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The 'Gifts of the Visitation' Small group ladies from our four Parishes will be hosting this 'Virtual' Conference! We are in the planning stage to make this a memorable conference for you! More details in next week's bulletin or Call Patty at the parish office for current details/questions.

We are delighted to present two national speakers and writers on the Visitation: Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly!

As we gather with other women from our parishes, we'll experience all the great features of the annual women's conference including Archbishop Jackels, music, prayer, worship, good conversations, and prizes! And no need to travel to Cedar Rapids!

Invite your daughters, sisters, and friends to this extraordinary conference!! To read more about our speakers go to: www.archwomensconference.org

Happy New Year! As we look forward to a new year, I want to take a moment to thank many of you for sponsoring an ad in the bulletin.



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And whatever your own goals are for helping make our bulletin possible for us, bless you! May this new year bring you prosperity, peace and joy.

On behalf of St Aloysius, St Francis de Sales, St Wenceslaus and Our Lady of Seven Dolours parishes, Thank you! — Joe Bradfield, LPi Advertising Sales Executive 507-360-174

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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"The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

— St. Hilary



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