



## HOLY FAMILY CLUSTER

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## *The Holy Family* LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. Todos los que lo oían se admiraban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas. - Lc 2, 46-47

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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart

8:00 pm Mass in Spanish St. John

**Sunday:** 8:00 am St. John

10:30 am St. Francis Xavier

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### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Following weekday Masses at all locations and by appointment. Please see pg. 5

**Baptism:** Participation in the Baptismal Program required. Contact the Cluster Office.

**Wedding:** Contact the Pastor before setting the wedding date at 515-532-3586

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions are due Mondays before 10 am. Please watch the bulletin for any early deadlines.

### WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Thank you for visiting our Cluster. If you would like to become a member of one of the parishes, please contact the Cluster office.

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## FESTIVIDAD DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS MARIA Y JOSE

Llegaron los pastores a toda prisa y encontraron a María y a José, y al niño recostado en un pesebre.

### SACRAMENTOS:

**Confesión:** 30 minutos antes y después de cada Misa del fin de semana. También los días sábados, en la Iglesia de San Juan (Clarion), de 12:30 a 1:30 pm. Si deseas una cita en otro horario contacta al padre Blake a través de la oficina de las Parroquias Agrupadas.

**Bautismo en español:** segundos y cuartos sábados de cada mes a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia San Juan de Clarion. Los niños desde los 7 años reciben una preparación especial para bautizarse. Requisito: Plática Pre Bautismal para papás y padrinos.

**Matrimonio:** contactar con el padre Blake, 6 meses antes de la fecha programada.

**PLATICA PRE BAUTISMAL:** Para papás y padrinos. Lunes 10 de Enero a las 7.30p.m. en el Centro Parroquial (San Juan, Clarion).

### CAMBIO DE HORARIO DE LAS MISAS EN INGLES EN NUESTRAS PARROQUIAS AGRUPADAS SAGRADA FAMILIA DESDE EL 1 y 2 DE ENERO

Sábado, Iglesia San Francisco Xavier, Belmond, 4pm.

Domingo, Iglesia Sagrado Corazón, Eagle Grove, 8am

Domingo, Iglesia San Juan, Clarion, 10.30am.

La Misa en español mantiene su horario, Sábado, Iglesia San Juan, Clarion, 8pm.

### PADRE AMADO, CUIDA A NUESTRAS FAMILIAS COMO LO HICISTE CON LA FAMILIA DE NAZARET

Nuestra familia es algo sagrado para Dios y por eso debe cuidarse. La tradición católica considera a la familia como la Iglesia Doméstica, un lugar bendito donde los seres humanos buscamos albergue y refugio de tremendo acoso de salud, cultural, social y político que amenazan nuestra existencia.

Podemos darnos cuenta que el mundo de hoy desea dividir y desgastar a esa Iglesia Doméstica, donde Dios ha sembrado el amor, la comprensión, el perdón: donde la unidad entre padres e hijos ha sido siempre la base de una sociedad justa y donde ha reinado la paz y el amor.

### MINISTERIO HISPANO DE LA ARQUIDIOCESIS DE DUBUQUE PROGRAMAS: SEMILLITAS DE FE:

se transmite todos los lunes de 7pm. a 8pm. en vivo, por la página de Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/mhdubuque](http://www.facebook.com/mhdubuque). También,

**MOMENTO DE ORACION: 15 minutos de oración**

**Por el Ministerio Hispano de Dubuque.**

### ESTAMOS POR COMENZAR UN AÑO NUEVO

Nuestro diálogo con el Señor, a través de la oración, debe ser todos los días de nuestra vida no sólo en Cuaresma o Adviento. Esta oración de Navidad de Robert Luis Stevenson no es una oración a destiempo, únicamente para ese día, podemos rezarla cada día

### ORACION

Padre amoroso, ayúdanos a recordar el nacimiento de Jesús, que podamos compartir en el canto de los ángeles, la alegría de los pastores y la adoración de los Reyes. Cierra la puerta del odio y abre la puerta de amor a todo el mundo. Deja que la amabilidad venga con cada regalo y buenos deseos con cada saludo. Libranos del mal con la bendición que Cristo trae, y enséñanos a ser felices con corazones puros. Que la mañana de Navidad (de cada día), nos haga felices de ser tus hijos, y que la noche de Navidad (de cada día), nos lleve a nuestras camas, con pensamientos agradecidos, perdonando y perdonados. Por Jesús nuestro Señor. Amén.

### REFLEXIÓN: SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS, MARIA Y JOSE

La Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, Jesús, María y José, se presentan hoy y siempre como el modelo de vida familiar, pero también es cierto que la familia humana de hoy se presenta de diferentes maneras y con modelos diferentes. Por ello es necesario reconocer siempre los dones de nuestro modelo, la Sagrada Familia, ante los retos y desafíos que la sociedad de hoy nos quiere presentar e imponer.

Aunque el concepto de familia haya ido evolucionando con el tiempo, los dones del Señor son siempre los mismos. Sin su presencia en la vida familiar, poco podemos crecer y madurar en los lazos de amor que en la liturgia de hoy se proclaman.

Nos puede servir de ayuda, reflexionar sobre algunas de las lecturas de hoy y algunos párrafos de la Encíclica del Papa Francisco, Amoris Lactitia sobre la vida familiar

La Sagrada Familia es el modelo para todas las familias que celebran la fe. El Evangelio nos muestra a un Jesús casi adolescente, conversando con los doctores de la Ley y ajeno a la angustia de sus padres que lo daban por perdido.

Acaso se nos está presentando a un Jesús desobediente? Este es el modelo de familia sagrada que necesitamos imitar? Si, lo es! Es un familia sagrada por ser humana y vivir abierta al cuidado mutuo, al amor del Hijo, a la reconciliación, al encuentro feliz, a la presencia de Dios en medio de la confusión y angustia.

La familia es el conjunto de relaciones humanas que están llamadas a crecer en el amor de Dios: sus miembros están llamados a extender el amor de Dios a todas las personas con quienes conviven.

## CLUSTER NEWS AND INFORMATION



### **St. Francis Xavier Capital Campaign God's House of Glory and Holiness**

Thank you for the donations that continue to come in. We are so grateful! If you can help with the remaining amount of \$144,617 needed, please do so by putting your donation payable to the "St. Francis Capital Campaign" in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at mass. A donation of any size is appreciated. Please continue to pray for its successful completion. Thank you.

As of December 31, 2021, our good and faithful servant **Nancy Beenken** is retiring from sewing items for the Belmont Care Center. These include bibs, wheelchair covers and carriers, nickel bags, gifts or whatever she is asked to make. She has been sewing these since 1994. If anyone or two are interested in continuing Nancy's work, please contact Bobbi McVey or Mary Ann Lohse of our Social Justice Committee.

**Thank you, Nancy, and God Bless you!**

### News of Haiti

We received a heartwarming Christmas greeting from Theresa Patterson, Coordinator Parish Twinning of the Americas.

"As conditions in Haiti have deteriorated by the day, the desperation, chaos & suffering continues to grow. A gallon of gas is now \$30 USD or more while very little is available. Grocery stores are empty & the price of basic rice & beans has skyrocketed. Epidemic of kidnappings, criminal gangs have literally shut the country down. However, she said "in spite of this horrifying picture, I do see a glimmer of light & the promise of hope . . . in you and in so many parishes.

All we can do in this moment & time, is let them know we sympathize, we understand, and we still care for them. Our concern, & most of all prayers, will give them strength, courage and renewed hope.

We Thank all of you for your gifts, prayers & kindness, that we are able to feed and clothe the Christ who dwells in us, to find the strength to carry on. As the year comes to an end, remember your tax deductible gifts help more than you can ever imagine."

### This Week

Wednesday, December 29, **No Weekday Mass**

Thursday, December 30, **No Weekday Mass**      **Offices Closed**

Friday, December 31, **Solemnity of Mary**

4:00pm Mass (SJ)

Saturday, January 1, 2022 **NEW MASS TIME SCHEDULE**

4:00pm Mass (SFX)

8:00pm Mass in Spanish (SJ)

Sunday, January 2, 2022 **NEW MASS TIME SCHEDULE**

8:00am Mass (SH)

10:30am Mass (SJ)

### Looking Ahead

Monday, January 3, 7:00pm RCIA-SJ

Wednesday, January 5, YFF Classes resume

8:00am Mass-SFX

6:30pm Adoration-SH

6:30pm Altar Server Training-SJ

6:45pm Adoration-SFX

Thursday, January 6, 12:00pm Mass-SH

2:00pm Altar Society-SH

Friday, January 7, 8:00am Mass, Adoration & Benediction-SJ

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

*Electronic Fund Transfers and Online Giving are included in the totals. Please note, that only those contributions that stay in the parishes are reported here. Contributions to the other funds that are outside of the parish will appear on a separate report inserted regularly. You may also contact the Cluster office for a more detailed list of fund contribution totals.*

SACRED HEART PARISH	ST. JOHN PARISH	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
<b>Needed Monthly: \$11,174.00</b>	<b>Needed Monthly: \$15,167.00</b>	<b>Needed Monthly: \$11,484.00</b>
Adult Budget: \$8,385.00    Offertory: \$85.00	Adult Budget: \$8,550.00    Offertory: \$176.00	Adult Budget: \$5,805.00    Offertory: \$147.00
Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$8,470.00	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$8,726.00	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$5,952.00
(3% to Social Justice: \$254.10)	(3% to Social Justice: \$261.78)	(3% to Social Justice: \$178.56)
Candles \$8.00	Baby Needs \$80.00	Capital Campaign \$2,700.00
General Parish Repairs \$189.00	Candles \$36.00	General Parish Repair \$25.00
Haiti Fund SH \$50.00	Elevator Fund SJ \$1,535.00	Haiti Fund SFX \$108.00
Holy Days \$162.00	Flowers \$500.00	Holy Day \$185.00
Mass Intention Fund \$50.00	Food Pantry \$90.00	Mass Intention Fund \$100.00
YFF Registrations \$450.00	General Parish Repair \$230.00	Memorials \$85.00
	YFF Registrations \$260.00	YFF Registrations \$25.00
Total Contributions \$9,379.00	Total Contributions \$12,977.00	Total Contributions \$9,180.00

**October CLUSTER HAITI CONTRIBUTIONS:** Haiti Fund: \$1,564.00





Thank you to all who donated towards the beautiful flowers that decorate our parishes this Christmas Season. Intentions for these flowers are in memory of...

## Sacred Heart

Nick and Rita Mersch  
Regis, Joe and John Crawford  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moon  
Chuck, Michael, Melissa McDaniel

Marie, Clifford & Roger Moon  
Juanita and Dana Bartlett  
Mr. and Mrs. Art Andrew

Ethel John  
Darlene Ryan  
Noah Zarate

## Saint John

Amanda Sheehan (2)  
Michael P. Newman  
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Members of the Tew, Zeigler, Ring, Staley Family  
Deceased Members of the Robert Wehrheim Family  
Deceased Members of the Demuth and Southgate Families

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## Saint Francis Xavier

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John and Amy Just  
Diane Smith  
John and Esther Lager  
Monica Durham  
Joe McLaughlin  
Claude and Ardie Johnson Gary Porter  
Deceased Members of the Family of Jo Ann Dorr  
Living & Deceased family members of Larry & Carol Bailey

Dora Quigley  
Russ Beenken  
Jerry Dorr  
Jack Spittler  
Kevin Ketchum  
Dusty Spittler  
Michael Durham, Sr.  
Jack McLaughlin



### Reminders

- 2022 Budget** Envelopes and Calendars are available at the entrances of your local parish.
- In the event of inclement weather** changes in the mass schedule will be announced via Flocknote to your cell phones and on Facebook.
- YEAR END GIVING:** Contributions need to be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2021 in order to appear on your 2021 contribution statement. Contributions received after that date will appear as your 2022 contributions. This is in accordance with tax laws. Contribution statements will be mailed out towards the end of January 2022. As a reminder, St Francis Xavier and Sacred Heart do not have mail delivery. **All correspondence should be sent to the Cluster office at 608 2nd Avenue NE, Clarion, IA 50525.**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SH:** Sacred Heart, **SJ:** St. John, **SFX:** St. Francis Xavier  
**MIS:** Mass In Spanish

- Saturday, December 25,**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 4:00pm Mass (SH): † Mike Burkey  
 8:00 pm Mass (MIS, SJ): † Vince & Regina Ennis
- Sunday, December 26,**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 8:00 am Mass (SJ): † Paul & Theresa Mraz  
 10:30 am Mass (SFX): † Corey Been
- Monday, December 27,** St John, Apostle and Evangelist  
 8:15am Rosary (SFX)
- Tuesday, December 28,** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday, December 29,**  
 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr  
**No Weekday Mass**
- Thursday, December 30,**  
 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
**No Weekday Mass**
- Friday, December 31,** Solemnity of Mary  
 3:30pm Rosary (SJ)  
 4:00pm Mass (SJ): † James Demuth
- Saturday, January 1,** Epiphany of the Lord  
 3:30pm Rosary (SFX)  
 4:00pm Mass (SFX): † Scott Oleson  
 7:15pm Rosary (SJ)  
 8:00pm Mass (MIS-SJ):
- Sunday, January 2,** Epiphany of the Lord  
 7:30am Rosary (SH)  
 8:00am Mass (SH): All Parishioners  
 10:00am Rosary (SJ)  
 10:30am Mass (SJ): † Lorine Meyer

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Father Blake is currently hearing Confessions by appointment and during the following times:

- Weekdays after Masses
- Saturdays before & after the 4pm Mass at Sacred Heart
- Saturdays at St. John, from 12:30-1:30pm & 7:15-7:45pm
- Sundays following the 8am Mass at St. John and following the 10:30am Mass at St. Francis Xavier.
- Father Blake is always available by appointment.

### St. Francis Xavier After-Mass Coffee

A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board to serve coffee after mass. Groups or friends can sign up to serve coffee, treats (or not). Proceeds will go towards the organization of your choice when you serve. (NCYC, Haiti, etc.) Many hands make light work. Consider signing up for this ministry.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**USHERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT WEEKEND MASSES. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL THE CLUSTER OFFICE**

### St. Francis Xavier Parish

Wednesday, December 29, **No Weekday Mass**  
 Saturday, January 1  
 Mass: 4:00pm: Rosary: Knights of Columbus  
 Usher: Fran Banta  
 Lector: Betty Nash  
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon  
 Music: Donna VerHelst

### Sacred Heart Parish

Thursday December 30, **No Weekday Mass**  
 Sunday, January 2  
 Mass: 8:00am: Rosary: Bonnie Govern  
 Usher: Mark Bohme  
 Lector: Bill Ristau  
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon  
 Music: Jenny Zigrang

### St. John Parish

Friday, December 31, Solemnity of Mary  
 Mass: 4:00pm  
 Saturday, January 1,  
 Mass: 8:00pm: Mass In Spanish  
 Sunday, January 2  
 Mass: 10:30am: Rosary: Collette Johnson  
 Usher: Dwight Tew  
 Lector: Bobbie Tillman  
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon



Sympathies and Prayers to the Family and Friends of **Katie Schultz** of Sacred Heart, who returned to the arms of the Lord on December 12, 2021. May perpetual light shine upon her and all of the faithful departed.



### Prayer Intention Corner Ron Swanson

If you would like to have a special intention listed in the prayer corner, you or a family member must call in your request. Requests will be listed in the bulletin for one month.

### Ministry Assistants Needed

Please consider being a Ministry Assistant at your home Parish. Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers are all needed. Training is gladly provided. Contact the church office if you are interested in learning more, or signing up to help.

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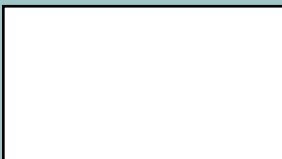
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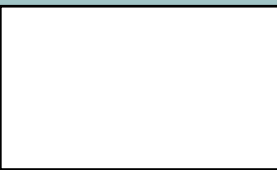
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