

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday- Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**4:00 PM** (IC) Joe & Aggie Thome (Anniv)  
**5:30 PM** (SJ) Special Intention  
**Sunday- Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**8:00 AM** (IC) For the People  
**10:00 AM** (IC) Regina Corkery  
**Monday- Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**  
**NO MASS**  
**Tuesday- Christmas Weekday**  
**NO MASS**  
**Wednesday- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
**NO MASS**  
**Thursday- Saint John Neumann, Bishop**  
**NO MASS**  
**First Friday- Christmas Weekday**      *Grades 2-12*  
**7:45 AM** (IC) Lavern Schneider (Anniv)  
 Following Mass, Exposition & Adoration  
**11:30 AM** (IC) Benediction  
**Saturday- Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**4:00 PM** (IC) Margaret, Henry and Lloyd Weiden  
**5:30 PM** (SJ) For the People  
**Sunday- The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**8:00 AM** (IC) Kenny Mangrich and Diane Mangrich  
**10:00 AM** (IC) Mike Rottinghaus

**Meetings and Activities**

**Sunday, January 1**  
 NO RCIA Class  
**Sunday, January 8**  
 RCIA Class, 8:45 - 10:00.....I.C. School



Begin the New Year right...with *Jesus*. He silently waits for you, ever hoping you'll make time for Him. Spend some time in His presence at the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS. Drop-in anytime or consider becoming a committed adorer. Specific needs are for an adorer at 8 am on Sundays. If interested email [cvadoration@adorationmanager.com](mailto:cvadoration@adorationmanager.com) or call William Brandle at 319-939-9000.

**Preparation Class for Baptism** will be **Sunday, January 22, 2017** at 9:00 AM in the Heritage Room at IC. Expectant parents or parents of newborns, please call the rectory at 296-1092 between 8:00 and 4:00 weekdays to register. Also expectant parents who have not attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years are required to attend.



Mary,  
Mother of God

**Daily Readings**

**Mon Jan 2**    Reading - 1 John 2:22-28  
                   Psalm- 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
                   Gospel- John 1:19-28  
**Tues Jan 3**    Reading- 1 John 2:29-3:6  
                   Psalm- 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6  
                   Gospel- John 1:29-34  
**Wed Jan 4**    Reading- 1 John 3:7-10  
                   Psalm.- 98:1, 7-8, 9  
                   Gospel- John 1:35-42  
**Thur Jan 5**    Reading- 1 John 3:11-21  
                   Psalm- 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
                   Gospel- John 1:43-51  
**Fri Jan 6**     Reading- 1 John 5:5-13  
                   Psalm - 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
                   Gospel - Mark 1:7-11  
**Sat Jan 7**     Reading- 1 John 5:14-21  
                   Psalm- 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b  
                   Gospel - John 2:1-11  
**Sun Jan 8**     1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Isaiah 60:1-6  
                   Psalm- 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
                   2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
                   Gospel- Matthew 2:1-12

<b>Your Sacrificial Offering</b>	
Previous Week	
<b>Immaculate Conception Parish</b>	
Budget	\$36,311.05
Youth	\$0.00
Christmas	\$28,495.00
Offertory	\$2,393.00
Holy Day	\$375.00
E-tithing	\$5,254.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$72,828.22</b>
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00
<b>St. Joseph Parish</b>	
Budget	\$3,750.00
Youth	\$0.00
Offertory	\$285.72
Christmas	\$8,925.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
E-tithing	\$190.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,160.72</b>
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00



Our Children's Religion Program for children ages 3 to 6 will be held next Sunday, **January 8** at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville.

Children may be dropped off at the Center 15 minutes before the 10:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

# School News

Bosco Catholic School System

[www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

## NEW!!! BOSCO BOOSTER CLUB SELLING "Catholic School's Week" Shirts!

The Bosco Booster Club is selling "DB" Catholic School's Week shirts with every student's name on the shirt!

Get yours today! The Booster Club will be selling these shirts now through January 9<sup>th</sup>. Shirts will arrive in time for Catholic School's Week January 29<sup>th</sup>- February 4<sup>th</sup>. These shirts are a great way to show off our wonderful Catholic School System as well as show-case all the students attending! If you have any questions please contact any of the Booster Club representatives. Thank you! WE ARE DB!

Sheri Purdy, President, Jill Even, Vice President, Nikki Brown, Treasurer, Lisa Reiter, Secretary

## Area Events

**St. Athanasius Pancake Breakfast-** There will be a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, January 8** in the St. Athanasius lunch room. Serving from 8:30 to noon, menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit cup and rolls and beverage. Adults- \$6, ages 6 through 12- \$4, ages 3 through 5- \$3 and ages 2 and under are free. Carry-outs available.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet-** 1955 Locke Ave. Waterloo. Serving from 8:00 AM to noon on **Sunday, January 8**. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, hash browns, fruit and cinnamon rolls. Adults \$8, Kids 6-12 \$4, Kids under 6 Free

Please note that this is a change from our normal 1st Sunday to the 2nd Sunday due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday

**Don Bosco Breakfast-** St. Joseph Parish in Raymond will be hosting their Don Bosco Benefit Breakfast on **Sunday, January 15th**. We will be serving from 8:30 AM until 12 noon. Come to Reuter Hall and enjoy the menu of scrambled eggs, sausage patties, cinnamon rolls, hash browns and beverages. Adults \$7; children ages 5 to 11 \$5 and children age 4 and under are FREE. All proceeds go to Don Bosco High School. Any donations are welcome to help defray the cost of the breakfast. You can place your donation in an envelope and mark it ST. JOSEPH DON BOSCO BREAKFAST and drop it in the collection basket. Any donation is very much appreciated.

**COF Youth open bowling** at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo will be **Sunday, January 15th** from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Each COF youth member may bowl 2 games for \$1, shoe rental is free. Adults and friends can bowl 2 games for \$5 which also includes shoes. Donna Delagardelle will collect bowling fees. Please be there no later than 1:30 p.m.

**The Waterloo Knights of Columbus Council 700** is sponsoring an overnight casino bus trip to Treasure Island in Red Wing, MN. on **January 15th & 16th**. If you are interested in joining us or for more information please contact Bill Bloes 319-239-2303 or Bruce Sweeney 319-236-2210.

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace.

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*The leader begins:*

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:

Glory to God in the highest!

**R/.** And peace to his people on earth!

*The leader may use these words to introduce the blessing:*

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.

We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

*Then the Scripture is read, Book of Genesis 1:14-19:*

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:

God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

*After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. On January 1, it may be appropriate to conclude these prayers with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary since this is the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God. In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader continues:*

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

*After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:*

Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time,

blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year

and fill the months ahead with the bright hope

that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

**R/.** Amen.

*The leader says:*

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

—From **Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers**