

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday- The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM (IC) Don Bovy (Anniv)

10:00 AM (IC) For the People

Monday- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

NO MASS

Tuesday- Saint John Neumann, Bishop

NO MASS

Wednesday- Christmas Weekday

NO MASS

Thursday- Christmas Weekday *Grades K & 1*

8:00 AM (SJ) Diane Schmitt Middelburg

Friday- Christmas Weekday *Grades 2-12*

7:45 AM (IC) Living & deceased members of IC/SJ Church

Saturday- Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM (IC) Schaefer/Roeder Families

5:30 PM (SJ) For the People

Sunday- The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM (IC) A.W. and Bernard Breitbach

10:00 AM (IC) Bernard, Paul, Bill and Rosella Sadler

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, January 3

RCIA Class, 8:45 to 9:45 AM.....IC Grade School

Sunday, January 10

RCIA Class, 8:45 to 9:45 AM.....IC Grade School

Baptism Class 9:00 AM.....I.C. Heritage Room

Preparation Class for Baptism will be next Sunday, **January 10**, at 9:00 AM in the Heritage Room at IC. It is recommended that parents attend the class before the baby is born. Expectant parents or parents of newborns, please call the rectory at 296-1092 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM weekdays to register. Also, expectant parents who have not attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years are required to attend.

THE WORKS OF MERCY

CORPORAL

- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Shelter the Homeless
- Clothe the Naked
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Bury the Dead

SPIRITUAL

- Instruct the Ignorant
- Counsel the Doubtful
- Admonish Sinner
- Forgive Offenses
- Comfort the Afflicted
- Bear Wrongs Patiently
- Pray for the Living & the Dead

Here are simple ways you can incorporate praying for the living and the dead into your daily life....

When you hear a police car, ambulance or fire siren, pray a Hail Mary for all those involved

When you pass a funeral home with a parking lot full of cars, pray for the soul of the deceased person, as well as the person's family and friends.

As you do your household chores ask God to comfort those who do not have clothes to wash, food to eat or a bed to sleep in.

Daily Readings

- Mon Jan 4** Reading - 1 John 13:22-4:6
Psalm- 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Gospel- Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tues Jan 5** Reading- 1 John 4:7-10
Psalm - 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8
Gospel- Mark 6:34-44
- Wed Jan 6** Reading- 1 John 4:11-18
Psalm- 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Gospel- Mark 6:45-52
- Thur Jan 7** Reading- 1 John 4:19-5:4
Psalm- 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17
Gospel- Luke 4:14-22a
- Fri Jan 8** Reading- 1 John 5:5-13
Psalm- 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Gospel- Luke 5:12-16
- Sat Jan 9** Reading- 1 John 5:14-21
Psalm- 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b
Gospel - John 3:22-30
- Sun Jan 10** 1st Reading- Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm- 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
2nd Reading- Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel- Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Your Sacrificial Offering

Previous Week

Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$38,365.16
Youth	\$0.00
Offertory	\$3,048.00
Christmas	\$33,517.00
Holy Day	\$305.00
E-tithing	\$5,851.17
TOTAL	\$81,086.33
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$3,860.00
Youth	\$0.00
Offertory	\$343.00
Christmas	\$11,387.71
Holy Day	\$0.00
E-tithing	\$210.00
TOTAL	\$15,800.71
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

Stewardship - The Bible has plenty to say about consumption. The tenth commandment is blunt: "Thou shalt not covet they neighbor's goods." Jesus was unwavering: "Do not store up treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal" (Matt 6:19)

"He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, and asceticism which 'entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs.'"

Pope Francis

School News

New website address for Bosco Catholic School System

www.boscocatholic.org

This new address will take effect **January 4, 2016**

The current School web site is <http://www.boscosystem.net>

Within the past two weeks, Congress and the President passed legislation permanently extending the option allowing those age 70 ½ and older to direct their distribution to a charity and exclude this donation from their adjusted gross income. If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity, please contact your tax advisor.

Below, we continue sharing questions from our FAQ document.

7. How much money does the Bosco Catholic School System receive from endowments annually?

By-laws for the Endowment Committee stipulate that the withdrawal must be no less than 5 percent of the total investment and must be greater than the previous year's withdrawal. For *each* school year, beginning with 2011-2012, through the 2014-2015 year, Don Bosco High School received \$76,000 from endowment returns. Beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, Don Bosco High School will receive \$90,000 from endowment returns.

For Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's, the school received \$15,000 from endowment returns for the 2015-2016 academic year and \$10,000 for the 2014-2015 academic year.

8. By raising this money, how much greater will Bosco's returns be annually?

Adding \$700,000 to the Don Bosco endowment would have an expected return of \$35,000 annually. Increasing the IC/SJ endowment by \$450,000 would have an expected return of \$22,500.

To view the full document of FAQs, visit www.boscosystem.net, click on the Capital Campaign tab, and click on Frequently Asked Questions.

Recycling Trailer - Remember when recycling Christmas packaging - NO Styrofoam, no pizza boxes, no plastic bags, all boxes must be broken down. PLEASE NO garbage. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this successful fundraiser for our school.

Thank you - Thank you to all those who purchased gifts for the St. Joseph Giving Tree. Because of your wonderful generosity we were able to help several families in the area have a Merrier Christmas.

May God bless you for your kindness!

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) News: The CDA is sponsoring the 2016 National Education Contest. You may pick up your entry forms at I.C. School or Don Bosco High School. The themes are: *We are stewards of God's creation* OR *How do we care for the environment*. Entry categories vary. This is for students 4th-12th grade and adult CDA members. Please consider expressing your creativity through this worthwhile project!

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND -- CEW is a renewal weekend for adults and young adults designed to enable them to more deeply "experience" themselves and their relationship to God and the Christian Community. It has been said, "I walked in not knowing what to expect and left wrapped in the glow of the Holy Spirit." Join us for an enlightening experience. The Women's CEW will be held February 12-14, 2016. The Men's CEW will be held February 26-28, 2016 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Waterloo. For information and registration contact: Jean Fagerlind at 319-240-0333.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- "Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you." - St. John Bosco

The current open hours are Saturday at 11am and once a month on Sundays at 1am. If you are interested email at cvadoration@adorationmanager.com or call Mike Strei at 801-920-9130 or William Brandle at 319-939-9000. To see our full schedule and more information about Eucharistic adoration visit www.cedarvalleyadoration.com.

AREA EVENTS

On Sunday January 10th the Catholic Order of Foresters youth members can bowl 2 games for \$1.00, which includes shoe rental. at Cadillac Lanes located at 650 LaPorte Rd Waterloo between 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Adults and friends can bowl 2 games for \$5.00 which also includes shoe rental. Donna Delagardelle will collect bowling fees. Please be there no later than 1:30 pm.

St. Athanasius Parish Breakfast & Bake Sale

Sunday **January 10th**, serving from 8:30 to noon. Menu includes Pancakes, sausage, fruit cup & rolls, juice, milk and coffee. Adults \$6; ages 6 - 12 \$4; ages 3-5 \$3; 2 and under are FREE. Everyone is welcome. Carry outs are available.

The American Red Cross blood drive will be **January 12th** from 1:30-6:30 at the American Legion in Gilbertville.

Please consider donating and asking a friend to join you and donate.

Don Bosco Breakfast - St. Joseph Parish in Raymond will be hosting their Don Bosco Breakfast on Sunday **January 17th**. We will be serving from 8:30 AM to 12 NOON. Our menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage patties, cinnamon rolls, hash browns, and beverages. Adults \$7; children ages 5 - 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. JOSPEH DON BOSCO BREAKFAST and drop it in the collection basket. Any donation is very much appreciated.