

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday- Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM (IC) For the People

5:30 PM (SJ) Nate Springer

Sunday- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM (IC) Clete Schmit

10:00 AM (IC) Jack Mayer

Sunday- Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 PM (IC) Arnold & Rosemary Frost

5:00 PM (SJ) Dick Thome

9:00 PM (IC) Leander and Augusta (Anniv) Thoma

Monday- The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM (IC) For the People

10:00 AM (IC) Jim, Marge, Peg and Dick Youngblut

Tuesday

NO MASS

Wednesday - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 AM (IC) Ben Rottinghaus

Thursday- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:45 AM (SJ) Betty Brustkern (Anniv)

Friday- 5th Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord

7:45 AM (IC) Bob Mangrich

Saturday- Vigil: The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 PM (IC) For the People

5:30 PM (SJ) Joe (Anniv) & Aggie (Anniv) Thome Family

Sunday- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM (IC) Larry Weber

10:00 AM (IC) Doug and Harold Reiter

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, December 24 and December 30

NO RCIA Class



*"As soon as I believed there was a God, I understood I could do nothing else but live for Him."
(Blessed Charles de Foucauld)*

Put your belief into action. Visit the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS.

Available 24/7. Drop-in or consider becoming a committed adorer. Specific needs at this time are Wednesdays at 1 am and Mondays at noon (temporary).

Email cvadoration@gmail.com or call William Brandle at [319-939-9000](tel:319-939-9000).

Preparation Class for Baptism will be Sunday, **January 14, 2018**, 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 and 4:00 weekdays to register. Also expectant parents who have not attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years are required to attend.

Daily Readings

- Mon Dec 25** Reading - Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalm- 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Gospel- Luke 2:1-14
- Tues Dec 26** Reading- Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Psalm- 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17
Gospel- Matthew 10:17-22
- Wed Dec 27** Reading- 1 John 1:1-4
Psalm - 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Gospel- John 20:1a, 2-8
- Thur Dec 28** Reading- 1 John 1:5-2:2
Psalm- 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Gospel- Matthew 2:13-18
- Fri Dec 29** Reading- 1 John 2:3-11
Resp.- 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Gospel - Luke 2:22-35
- Sat Dec 30** Reading- 1 John 2:12-17
Psalm- 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Gospel- Luke 2:36-40
- Sun Dec 31** 1st Reading- Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Psalm- 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
2nd Reading- Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel- Luke 2:22-40

Your Sacrificial Offering	
Previous Week	
Immaculate Conception Parish	
Budget	\$25,651.12
Youth	\$1.00
Offertory	\$553.00
Holy Day	\$35.00
Christmas	\$800.00
E-tithing	\$1,147.50
TOTAL	\$28,187.62
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00
St. Joseph Parish	
Budget	\$8,211.06
Offertory	\$81.82
Christmas	\$330.00
E-tithing	\$275.00
TOTAL	8,897.88
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

Have you considered becoming a Deacon?

Jesus said, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39) The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is seeking married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 and 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an "Information Meeting" on Tuesday, January 16 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Waterloo at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Lang at [1-800-876-3546](tel:1-800-876-3546) ext. 252.

School News

Bosco Catholic School System

www.boscocatholic.org.

HELP KIDS IN NEED - If you can sew and have some free time your help is needed to sew a few pillowcases to be donated to the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City. Please have donations done before Jan.1, 2018. I can pick up your completed pillowcases.

For more information Contact Megan Naughton at [\(319\)-883-1490](tel:319-883-1490) or megannaughton@boscocatholic.org

Area Events

Don Bosco Breakfast at St. Joseph Raymond

Just a reminder: Mark your calendars for the Don Bosco Breakfast sponsored by ST. Joseph Parish on Sunday January 21, 2018. Breakfast will be held in Reuter Hall. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

The Waterloo Knights of Columbus Council 700 is sponsoring an overnight casino bus trip to Treasure Island in Red Wing, MN. On January 14th & 15th. 2018 if you are interested in joining us and for more information, please contact Bill [319-239-2303](tel:319-239-2303) or Bruce [319-236-2210](tel:319-236-2210).

Italy 2018 - We still have space available for our upcoming trip to Rome, Capri, Sorrento & Pompeii! Join us April 19-29 for an unforgettable journey to the Eternal City and beyond. Superior hotels, bilingual host and amazing tours are all included. A Wednesday audience with Pope Francis and a tour of the Vatican Museum - including the Sistine Chapel - is also part of our itinerary! Contact Kim & John Huff at ConnectTheMap@gmail.com, visit us on Facebook at MapConnections, or go to www.ConnectTheMap.com for the full itinerary. Also, we are still registering people for our trip to Ireland and Scotland in July!

UnityPoint Hospice is in need of volunteers for their support programs. Volunteers may spend time reading to and visiting with patients or providing respite care to allow family caregivers a break. Support work may include helping with mailings and other special projects. There will be a four-part orientation and training course for volunteers beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2018. For more information about becoming a UnityPoint Hospice volunteer, please call Linda Alexandres at 319-235-5027 or email Linda.Alexandres@unitypoint.org

As we near the end of this calendar year this is a friendly reminder that donations received by December 31, 2017 can be recognized as a possible 2017 tax deduction for our parishioners. Any donations received after December 31, 2017 must be recognized in 2018 unless postmarked December 31, 2017.

The parishes' office will be closed December 26 & 27.

CEW Retreat- This years CEW has a new look. We are moving off the gym floor and into the American Martyrs Retreat House. A beautiful facility with private rooms and comfortable beds. We are also changing to a co-ed format. this year's CEW will be **February 2-4, 2018**. The retreat begins Friday with registration at 7:15 and concludes Sunday at 4:00 PM.

CEW or Christian Experience Weekend is a renewal weekend for adults designed to enable them to more deeply "experience" themselves and their relationship to God and Christian community. The core of the CEW is in the process which occurs as the weekend unfolds. Personal involvement of each participant is essential as the content of the weekend progresses from the awareness of self-worth, to relationship with God and others, and then to Christian mission. The weekend involves large and small group processes, and individual reflection. For additional information you may contact Mike Dudley mdudjci@mchsi.com 319-296-1192 or Carolyn Pfiffner kesscari@msn.com 319-238-2105.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day I.C. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Christmas Eve

Gift Bearers: Eugene & Paula Even and Family

Lector: Tina Hogan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Fischels	Eugene Even
Pam Schares	Barry Thome
Brock Thome	Tina Hogan (Choir Loft)
Alma Huck (Heritage Room)	

9:00 PM Christmas Eve

Gift Bearers: Family of Leander & Augusta Thoma

Lector: Kevin Hagarty

Eucharistic Ministers:

Diane Thoma	Dave Thoma
Rachelle Corkery	Victoria Corkery
Kevin Hagarty	

8:00 AM Christmas Day

Gift Bearers: Dan & Erin Hogan and family

Lector: Elizabeth Schaefer

Eucharistic Ministers:

Janice Rosauer	Emily Schaefer
Abby Schaefer	Elizabeth Schaefer
Craig Schaefer	

10:00 AM Christmas Day

Gift Bearers: Family of Jim & Marge Youngblut

Lector: Cindy Balvanz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sheri Jones	Becky Bertch
Gary Bertch	Carol Weber
Liz Schares	