


Liturgical Ministers January 7 – January 8

	Immaculate Conception	St. Peter	Holy Name	St. Francis
	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 8:30 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 5:00 pm
<b>Lector</b>	Dave Teeling	Sue Massman	Kathy Wenthold	Steve Knoploh
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jerry Becker Peggy Becker Kelly Henderson	Sue Massman Jerry Kelly Georgia Klein	Karleen Baumler Kim Reichter Kathy Wenthold	Jim Mitchell Ruth Keppler Sharon Orr Barb Schultz
<b>Gifts</b>	Bill Meyer	John & Lorna Chapman Family	Mary Wagner Norma Wurzer	Dennis & Rose Carey
<b>Ushers</b>	Lon & Barb Tisue Joe Rochford	Tom Matt	Jim Halstead Dave Kamaus	Denice Fink Rick Fink Scot Michelson Gary Brownell
<b>Greeters</b>	Jay Becker	Tom Matt	Mike & Judy Roach	
<b>Servers</b>	Grant Henderson Shane Duffy Brennan Duffy	Kenny Kerr Caden Kerr Sophia Durnan	Abby Reichter Blake Reichter Cael Reichter	Brandon Cushion Colin Gavin
<b>Money Counters</b>	Jerry Becker Dave Hennessey	Jim & Deb Matt	Jim Halstead Craig Schmitt	Sue Frey Ray Gavin



**Please remember in your Masses and prayers people from our cluster who are sick or ailing, we pray that all will have firm faith and improved health:**

**From Immaculate Conception:** Juliana Blaylock, Michelle Heidemann, Betty Humpal, Barb Hyman, Leo Jones, Terri Kuethe, Noreen Miller, Peggy Pagel, Don & Pauline Rader, Fr. Jude Rochford, Mary Rochford, Rhonda Rochford, Rita Schmitz, Joan Schultz, Joyce Teeling, Jane Tucker and Jonathan Wirkler.

**From St. Francis of Assisi:** Urban Berkes, Darwin Dean, Addie Hollenrake, Rita Manderfield Gordon Murray-John and Larry Riley.

**From Holy Name:** Mary Dunt Buenzow, Steve Dunt, Steven Franzen, Hayden Grimm, Dale Halverson, Bea Heffernan, Bernice Holthaus, Jill Krambeer, Gerald Kramer, Eileen Lahey, Kathy Langreck, Pat Loomer, Bonnie Maiers, Brenda McDanel, Jessica McDanel, Roger Michael, Marilyn Miller, Raelonna Patrick, Fr. Rausch, Julie Schute, Betty Scott, Leona Streif, and Carl Wagner Jr.

**From St. Peter:** Elizabeth Goddard, Erik Johnson, Ellen Kneeland, Rosemary Lehmann, Julia Martin, Albert Matt, Lloyd Meier, Pat Monroe, Jonathan Oakland, John Pape, and Ken Wagner, Jr.

**Rest in Peace:** For those in our parishes who have died and for our families who have lost loved ones.

**Happenings Around Our Area**

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 - West Union Community Blood Drive at Holy Name Parish Center, 12:30 - 6:00 pm. Call 800-287-4903 or visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) to make an appointment.

# January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**St. Joseph the Worker Cluster - The Catholic parishes of Immaculate Conception, Sumner, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette, Holy Name, West Union, and St. Peter, Clermont.**

**Masses & Intentions**

**1/2/17 - Monday**  
9:00 am, HN  
For the People

**1/3/17 - Tuesday**  
7:30 am, IC  
Word & Communion

9:00 am, HN  
Sherry Werhan

**1/4/17 - Wednesday**  
8:00 am, SF  
Berkes Family

**1/5/17 - Thursday**  
9:00 am, SP  
Viola Lerch

**1/6/17 - Friday**  
7:30 am, IC  
Jim Smith

9:00 am, HN  
Brent Ohl

**1/7/17 - Saturday**  
7:30 am, IC  
Matthew McCormick

5:00 pm, SFA  
Betty Fox

**1/8/17 - Sunday**  
8:30 am, IC  
For the People

8:30 am, SP  
Nancy Wagner

10:00 am, HN  
Arlene Holthaus

**MISSION STATEMENT: Celebrating parish identity as we work to become one family of God and strive to serve in the name of Christ.**

<http://stjosephtheworkercluster.com/>

**Pastor: Fr. Jim Brokman [dbq195@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq195@dbqarch.org)**  
**Rectory 1-888-578-5366 or 563-578-5366**  
**Office 563-578-8227**

**Sacramental Priest: Fr. Dale Rausch,**  
 563-422-3184 & 1-800-469-3184

**All bulletin information directed to Cindy Jacob:**  
**[dbq195sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq195sec@dbqarch.org) by 5 pm Tuesday evening**

**Saturday and Sunday Mass & Reconciliation Times**

**Mass Times on Saturday:**

7:30 am, Immaculate Conception, Sumner  
 3:00 - 4:00 pm Confession at Holy Name, West Union  
 5:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette / Confession 4:20 - 4:45 pm

**Mass Times on Sunday:**

8:30 am, Immaculate Conception, Sumner  
 8:30 am, Saint Peter, Clermont  
 10:00 am, Holy Name, West Union

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## Holy Name, West Union

**ACH Deposits:** Anyone wishing to utilize ACH deposits for church offerings should return authorization forms to Holy Name office rather than their bank.

**Tuesday, January 3,** CDA Meeting. Rosary at 1:15 pm followed by meeting at 1:30 pm. Quality of Life Committee is hostess.

**Knights of Columbus** Right to Life Rose Drive will be held the weekend of January 14th and 15th.

**Project Giving Hope"** January is Soup & Cracker Month. Suggested items are: All soups & stews, snack crackers, saltines, etc.

Sacrificial Giving 12/25/16 Total: \$14924.43

Adult Envelopes	8,629.00
Youth Envelopes	44.88
Offertory	426.55
Christmas	3,749.00
Bldg. & Repairs	750.00
Energy	700.00
CRE	600.00
Food Shelf	25.00

### West Union Community Blood Drive

January 4, 2017 - 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Holy Name Parish Center

Call 800-287-4903 or visit

[www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) to schedule an appointment.

### Cluster Announcements

**Wednesday, January 4, 2017,** A Cluster Winter Teacher In-Service is being planned for 7:00 pm at Holy Name, West Union. ALL Catechists in the St. Joseph The Worker Cluster are invited to attend. This In-Service is replacing the Winter In-Service at Elkader that we attended in the past. Questions or concerns contact Pam Rochford or your Faith Formation Leader.

**Thursday, January 5,** Cluster Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.

**Sunday, January 8,** First Reconciliation will be celebrated at 2:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Fayette. This is rescheduled from December 4, 2016 due to weather. Contact Pam Rochford with any question.

Archdiocesan web site is: <http://www.dbqarch.org/>

## St. Peter, Clermont

**Attention Faith Formation Parents & Students:** Faith Formation classes for 2017 will resume on Wednesday, January 11th. **There will not be classes on Wednesday, January 4th.**

**Wednesday, January 25,** Confirmation — High School classes meet.

**St. Peter's Adult Formation Class** will be held the following dates: January 11th, 18th, and February 1st. We will view a DVD series entitled "A Retreat with Pope Francis."

Sacrificial Giving 12/25/16 Total: \$5,165.00

Adult Envelopes	1,771.00
Youth Envelopes	16.00
Offertory	148.00
Flowers	200.00
Christmas	1,630.00
Rel. Retirement	150.00
Painting Project	1,250.00

### Stewardship Quote

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

### Pope's Intention for January

Christian Unity:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



### Opening Prayer

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



## Immaculate Conception, Sumner

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**The traveling Virgin Mary statue....**has she been to your home yet? A sign up sheet is in the west entrance to church for anyone interested in having the statue in their home for one week.

**"His Hands Food Pantry"** January is Hygiene Month. Suggested items are: Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap, toothpaste, etc.

Sacrificial Giving 12/25/16 Total \$11,028.50

Adult Envelopes	3,024.00
Youth Envelopes	5.00
Offertory	499.50
Christmas	7,440.00
Rel. Retirement	55.00
Immac. Concep.	5.00

**Helping Hands Clothing Closet** provides free, gently-used clothing, including coats, hats & shoes, also blankets and towels to those who cannot afford to buy these items for their families.

**We are open Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 12 noon, Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm and the 1st Saturday of every month from 9:00 to 12 noon.**

The people are so thankful for the clothing that you have donated! Thank you so much!! We **do not** limit to just Bremer County people, **in fact, we have had people from West Union, Randalia, Maynard, Oelwein, Janesville, Independence, Waterloo, Fredericksburg, Readlyn, Tripoli and Sumner, who received clothes from us.**

Clothing may be dropped off at the clothing closet entry doors or at Town & Country Real Estate in Sumner.

**We are in need of volunteers to work one shift every 1-2 months. Please call Carolyn Mohlis @ 319-279-3247, if you can help.**

**Located at 2028 Viking Ave., Sumner**

**Attend Mass while on vacation:** Learn Mass times across the United States. Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or by calling 1-305-598-7490 to speak to a live operator, available Tue., Thurs., Sat., 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

## St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette

**St. Francis Prayer Chain:** If you wish to be a recipient or prayer partner please contact Anne Seller at 563-425-4116 or Pat Burghardt at 563-578-8258 or email [dsellers@iowatelecom.net](mailto:dsellers@iowatelecom.net)

**CDA Recycled Cards** The Catholic Daughters are offering cards for all occasions @ the low price of 50 cents. Please see them in the social hall of St. Francis of Assisi of the lobby of Holy Name Parish. If you have any questions or need a special card contact Helen Franzen 422-5437 or Judy Meskel 422-5008.

**"Sharing Gifts from God" "Sharing Gifts from God"** January is Soup & Cracker Month. Suggested items are: All soups & stews, snack crackers, saltines, etc.

Sacrificial Giving 12/25/16 Total: \$6,933.25

Adult Envelopes	2,700.00
Youth Envelopes	8.00
Offertory	178.25
Christmas	3,311.00
Food Shelf	75.00
Roof Fund	500.00
Immac. Concep.	20.00
Flowers	90.00
Rel. Retirement	51.00

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

In the West, 1 January is an inaugural day marking the beginning of the civil year. The faithful are also involved in the celebrations for the beginning of the new year and exchange "new year" greetings. However, they should try to lend a Christian understanding to this custom making of these greetings an expression of popular piety. The faithful, naturally, realize that the "new year" is placed under the patronage of the Lord, and in exchanging new year greetings they implicitly and explicitly place the New Year under the Lord's dominion, since to him belongs all time (cf. Ap 1, 8; 22,13)(128).

Crisis Pregnancy Center- # 1-800-395-HELP  
and Iowa website: [www.heartbeatinternational.org](http://www.heartbeatinternational.org)