

	Immaculate Conception	St. Peter	Holy Name	St. Francis
	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 8:30 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 5:00 pm
Lector	Kelly Egan	Justin Brincks	Tom Grapes	Steve Knoploh
Eucharistic Ministers	Michal Schemmel Holly Schemmel Tom Yungtum	Bob Kleve Karen Kleve Joanie Goddard	Carolyn Breuer Marion Broghammer Lois McElvania	Jim Mitchell Ruth Keppler Sharon Orr Barb Schultz
Gifts	Kelli Schellhorn	Rick & Rene Matt Family	Victoria Schmitt Judy Meskel	Mark & Lavell Kuennen
Ushers	Tom & Sally Yungtum Tom Miller	Jay & Ann Dibble	Kent McElvania Joe Breuer	Denice Fink Rick Fink Scot Michelson Gary Brownell
Greeters	Tom Miller	Lucy & Sophia Durnan	Judy Meskel Imelda Schmitt	
Servers	Grant Trainor Paige Trainor Ben Christensen	Jade Daughton JK Prentice	Michael Breuer Carsten Lensing Rachael Schmitt	Chloe Gardner Cameron Gardner
Money Counters	Morry Holthaus Clem Schemmel	Jim & Deb Matt	Carolyn Breuer Tom Grapes	S/K Michelson MaryJo White



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, Adeline Meier, 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

Calling all women! Register by January 15 for an early bird discount to the Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ, Saturday, February 4th, St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids. Invite your friends and relatives to hear Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto, who will touch the hearts of all ages - from teens to more seasoned women. For more information or to view videos of our presenters visit www.ArchWomensConference.org

Thursday, January 26, Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00 - 6:00 pm, Community Center in Fredericksburg. Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Lions Club. For an appointment call Morry @ 563-237-5801 or Jack @ 563-237-5961. Blood is especially needed this time of year.

January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

1/9/17 - Monday
9:00 am, HN
Rev. Eugene Weimer

1/10/17 - Tuesday
7:30 am, IC
Word & Communion

9:00 am, HN
Sherry Werhan

1/11/17- Wednesday
8:00 am, SF
LaVerne Bouska

1/12/17 - Thursday
9:00 am, SP
Special Intention (M)

1/13/17 - Friday
9:00 am,
Hillcrest Nursing Home
David Rochford

9:00 am, HN
Dessel Family

1/14/17 - Saturday
7:30 am, IC
Morgan Kaye

5:00 pm, SFA
For the People

1/15/17 - Sunday
8:30 am, IC
Clarene Humpal
Family

8:30 am, SP
Carla Rear

10:00 am, HN
Merlin Dunt



ALERT—ALERT—ALERT—CHANGES IN MASS TIMES

BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4/5

SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 PM HOLY NAME, WEST UNION

SUNDAY MORNING 10:30 AM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FAYETTE

Happy Epiphany everyone,

Well, it's time for another attempt to adjust our Mass schedule. Here, I just want to give a brief history and rationale for the change. Remember, our goal is to provide a weekend mass in every parish each week.

On the First Saturday in September we dropped the Saturday evening Mass in West Union and the Sunday Morning Mass in Sumner. The attraction here was that it allowed me to cover four masses in the cluster each weekend without finding substitute priests. However, after a month it became apparent that many in Sumner missed the Sunday Mass and an equal amount in West Union missed having Mass on Saturday night.

In response, the Saturday Mass was shifted to Fayette and the Sunday Morning Mass reinstated in Sumner - the logic being that Saturday evening mass-goers from West Union and Sumner could easily make it to Fayette for Saturday evening Mass. This worked for many in Sumner and West Union. However, it's become clear that the arrangement isn't working so well for Fayette. Even though members of the parish have made good efforts to have Mass at this time, the cost to parish identity has been high. At this point, even those who began the experiment with enthusiasm are a bit discouraged and wonder what the future will hold.

So, it's time to try something new. Beginning February 4th, we'll have our Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm in West Union. Mass in Fayette will be at 10:30 am on Sunday beginning February 5th. I'm optimistic about this plan because when there were both Saturday and Sunday masses in West Union often there were more people at the Saturday than the Sunday. However, I'm concerned about the folks in Sumner who want to go Mass on Saturday night. This change will no doubt create a hardship for them.

Note that this schedule is not set in stone! If it proves as unacceptable as the last two attempts, we'll try to find an alternative. Perhaps the ultimate solution will be to create a rotation that gives everyone a chance to host the Saturday evening Mass for a quarter of the year. For now, I propose we go with the schedule mapped out above until early May and then reevaluate. As we move forward, your comments and feedback are appreciated. These help immensely in trying to figure the best way forward.

Thanks for your patience as we attempt to find a generally acceptable solution to this challenge. If nothing else, it shows how important our faith truly is and invites a renewed commitment to our God as we strive to serve him with all our lives.

God Bless, Fr. Jim

Holy Name, West Union

Baptismal Congratulations to Ellie Mae Cannon (daughter of Cory & Holli Cannon), who was baptized at Holy Name on Thursday, December 29th. May God bless her and her parents!

Monday, January 16, KC Travel Gavel, 8:00 pm in the KC Hall.

Saturday, February 4, Holy Name will begin Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm and St. Francis of Assisi will begin 10:30 am Mass on Sunday.

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 1/1/16 Total: \$5,277.29

Adult Envelopes	2,472.00
Youth Envelopes	8.51
Offertory	113.00
Christmas	2,275.00
Bldg. & Repairs	38.00
Stole Fee	50.00
Food Shelf	140.78
Rent	85.00
New Year's	95.00

West Union Community Theatre

Presents

"Middleville"

Friday, January 13th & Saturday, January 14th

7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center

NFV High School, West Union

Tickets available at the door.

Read about these stories in the Jan. 8 Witness

- ◆ Archbishop Jackels writes on the nature of peace in a message for the new year
- ◆ Tony Digmann, a theology teacher at Beckman Catholic High School in Dyersville, will be discussing his book on a live program on a national Catholic TV network
- ◆ Tom Chapman, Executive Director for the Iowa Catholic Conference, argues for the establishment of Education Savings Accounts in opinion piece

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 12/1/16 Total: \$4,602.81

Adult Envelopes	2,581.00
Youth Envelopes	15.00
Offertory	1,547.00
Christmas	160.00
Rel. Retirement	50.00
Social Justice	249.81

Stewardship Quote

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

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.



Cluster Announcements

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.

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

On January 15th we are beginning classes for those interested in becoming Catholic. Classes will begin each Sunday at St. Francis of Assisi in Fayette at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, January 17, Cluster Faith Formation Council Meeting, 7:00 pm at St. Francis, Fayette.

Thursday, January 26, Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.

Immaculate Conception, Sumner



The Christmas poinsettias in church were purchased in loving memory of:

Ernest & Ella Buhr

from Gene & Sue Heying.

Peter & Agnes Heying and Harold & Ella Cue

from Irv & Marion Heying.

Adela, Herman, Roger & Lyle Jurgensen

from Dorothy Mangan.

Arlan, Reva & Marilyn Kirchmann

from Gene & Sue Heying.

Henry & Ida Kirchmann

from Gene & Sue Heying.

Herman Luebbbers from Kay Luebbbers.

Elmer & Mary Miller

from Tom & Noreen Miller.

Heidi, Anastasia, & Dominic Miller

from Tom & Noreen Miller.

Deceased Members of the Murphy & Corkery Families

from Tom & Margaret Murphy.

Frank & Bernice Partyka

from AJ & Robbie McKinney.

Jim Rochford, Cecilia Rochford Molid, David Rochford, & Grant Schellhorn

from Josephine Rochford.

The Schultz family

from Ralph & Joan Schultz.

The Smith families from Alice Smith.

Thanks to all for your special gift.

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

Sacrificial Giving 1/1/16 Total \$1,132.00

Adult Envelopes	583.00
Offertory	31.00
Christmas	101.00
Immac. Concep.	5.00
Pro-life	170.00
Solem. of Mary	242.00

Crisis Pregnancy Center- # 1-800-395-HELP
and Iowa website: www.heartbeatinternational.org

St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette

Thanks to those who helped with the design, construction, and installation of the new sanctuary railings. They are beautiful!!

Saturday, February 4, Holy Name will begin Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm and St. Francis of Assisi will begin having 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. This schedule will be in effect for 3 months.

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

Sacrificial Giving 1/1/16 Total: \$955.90

Adult Envelopes	458.00
Youth Envelopes	6.00
Offertory	119.90
Christmas	100.00
Rent	35.00
Solem. of Mary	162.00
Rel. Retirement	75.00

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand *manifestation* of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and hear him.

The mystery of the Epiphany brings upon us three magnificent rays of the Sun of Justice, our Savior. In the calendar of pagan Rome, this Sixth day of January was devoted to the celebration of a triple triumph of Augustus, the founder of the Roman Empire: but when Jesus, our *Prince of peace*, whose empire knows no limits, had secured victory to his Church by the blood of the Martyrs, then did this his Church decree that a triple triumph of the *Immortal King* should be substituted, in the Christian Calendar, for those other three triumphs which had been won by the adopted son of Caesar.

The Sixth of January, therefore, restored the celebration of our Lord's Birth to the Twenty-Fifth of December; but in return, there were united in the one same *Epiphany* three manifestations of Jesus' glory: the mystery of the Magi coming from the East, under the guidance of a star, and adoring the Infant of Bethlehem as the divine King; the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, who, whilst standing in the waters of the Jordan, was proclaimed by the Eternal Father as Son of God; and thirdly, the mystery of the divine power of this same Jesus, when he changed the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana.

Excerpted from *The Liturgical Year* by Abbot Gueranger