

Mass Schedule, Intentions, Readings

Mon., January 23rd– Weekday

2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30

8:00AM–Patricia Goecke

11:15AM–Mass at Mercy Hospital

Tues., January 24th– Weekday

2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Mk 3:31-35

8:00AM–NO MASS

11:15AM–Mass at Mercy Hospital

5:15PM–Mass at St. Joseph’s Church

Wed., January 25th– Weekday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

8:00AM–Arthur Johnson

6:30AM–Mass at St. Joseph’s Church

11:15AM–Mass at Mercy Hospital

1:50PM–Middle School Mass at Newman (Chapel)

5:30PM– Mass at Sacred Heart, Manly

Thurs., January 26th– Weekday

2 Tm 1:1-8 /Mk 4:21-25

8:00AM–Lisa Otten

10:15AM–Good Shepherd Mass (SJ)

11:15AM–Mass at Mercy Hospital

1:50PM–Elementary Mass at Newman (Gym)

Fri., January 27th– Weekday

2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/Mk 4:26-34

8:00AM–Betty Heffern

6:30AM–Mass at St. Joseph’s Church

11:15AM–Mass at Mercy Hospital

Sat., January 28th– Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk 4:35-41

4:00PM–Cletus Fandel

5:30PM– Mass at Sacred Heart, Manly

Sun., January 29th– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

9:00AM–Marcella Schueller

5:30PM–People of the Parish

3:00PM–Prayer and Rosary

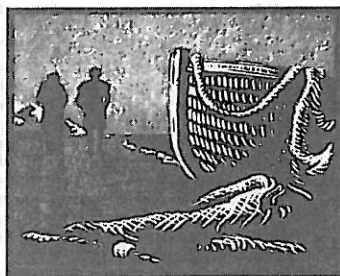
Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (Wk 5)

Mass 1/28, 4:00PM 1/29 9:00AM 1/29, 5:30PM

Lector:	R. Hugl/A. Haskins	D. Higgins/A. Sewell	
Distributors:	S. Sharp	J. Locher	Deanery
	M. Bartoszek	J. Rose	Youth Led
	D. Gray	D. Higgins	Mass
	B. Ballantyne	P. Hanson	
	D. Ballantyne	N. Hanson	
	D. Kantaris	Steve Messmore	

Jan. Ushers:	Mike Low	Roger Atherton	
	Frank Weiss	Ken Kreiger	Deanery
	Larry Gray	Maury Heinrichs	Youth Led
	Steven Streets	Tom Baltierra	Mass
	Karen Kiss	Pat Kelly	
	Tom Kiss	Mary Beth Nelson	

Servers:	M. Luecht	M. Scholl	Deanery
	W. Gribben	C. Schilling	Youth Led
Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Mass



January 22, 2012
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.”
—Mark 1:18

With Gratitude We Give (Fiscal Year)

Weekly contributions needed	\$ 14,135
Collected from 173 out of 937	\$ 6,032
Electronic funds collected	\$ 340
Offertory	\$ 389
Total for the week	\$ 6,761
YTD Collections needed	\$ 402,741
YTD collected	\$ 372,446
YTD total over/short	\$ (30,295)
Building, Maintenance, Improvement	\$ 167

We read a short section from the Book of Jonah this weekend. Most of us immediately think of the story of Jonah being swallowed by a whale. That is an element of the story, but a much larger one is Jonah’s message he carries to the Ninevehite people. He calls for repentance and when the people come to believe Jonah, they do so and God spares them from destruction. It is ultimately a story of mercy and forgiveness.



We begin reading from the Gospel of Mark this weekend. Mark will be the primary reading throughout this liturgical year. Mark is the first of the Gospels written and the shortest. Most scholars believe Mark is also a primary source for Matthew and Luke’s gospels as well. Mark does not contain an account of Jesus’ birth, but begins with his baptism in the Jordan River. We read this weekend of Jesus calling his first disciples as he begins his public ministry.

In Our Parishes

Holy Family Men’s Club Breakfast this Sunday 9AM to Noon in the church hall. Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Juice, Milk and Coffee.

Please note: There will not be the usual 3PM Prayer and Rosary at Holy Family this Sunday.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will host a Respect Life Prayer Service this Sunday, Jan. 22nd in the church chapel at 3PM. Together we will pray for an end to abortion and respect for all life.

Axis---open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students this Sunday, January 22nd from 4–6 pm. Pizza, games, crafts and more in the St. Joseph Youth Center.

Family Mass Sunday, January 29th, 5:30PM at Holy Family. All families from Mason City Deanery are invited. Wear your school colors proudly! After Mass, everyone will go to the church hall for pizza and ice cream. This is a “youth led” Mass. **Students from across the deanery will be greeting, singing, lecturing & distributing communion.** If you are interested in going and need a ride, talk to Carol Andersen and we will work something out. Please RSVP to Carol Anderson, dbq129ym@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us or 641-424-0499, by January 27th so enough pizza can be ordered ahead of time.

The Franciscan Way of Life will meet January 31st, 7PM, in the church hall. The topic is God’s Incarnational Love. Please invite others to come. Thank you. Sr. Michaela gallesm35@gmail.com

Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday, February 1st, 7PM in the rectory basement meeting room.

Holy Family Guild & Circles

January circle of the month is St. Roseanne.

Guild Meeting Monday, January 23rd, 7PM, at the home of Colleen Boyle, 913 N. Adams Ave.

The Witness Read about these topics and more in the Jan. 22nd issue of **The Witness**:

- Supreme Court upholds church school's exception to laws against firing
- Newman students learn about government from U.S. Senator



The Sacred Stories Book Club will meet in the MC Library meeting room at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, **February 15**. All women are invited to come discuss the book, "Final Payments" by Mary Gordon.

Newman Catholic



Other Opportunities of Interest

Newman Catholic School is looking for addresses for friends and families involved in the military to send cookies for soldiers. They are also looking for mugs for a project for Catholic Schools Week.

Discover Newman Knight: Come and discover what Newman has to offer your family! Kids Carnival with Tween Rooms, Activity Fair, Tours of the School, and much more Feb. 1st! *Discover Newman Knight* is for everyone, current and future families! A part of Catholic Schools Week at Newman Catholic.

STO Applications for the 2012/2013 school year are now available online at www.psas.org or in paper application at Newman Catholic School offices. Application deadline is March 2, 2012. If you have any questions on the STO process or would like to donate to STO please contact the Newman Catholic Foundation at 641-423-6638 or lpfacek@newmancatholic.org

Chicken and Fish Fry every Friday night, 5PM-7PM or until gone at Knights of Columbus, 551 S. Taft, Mason City. Public is welcomed. Please come and join us! Prices are adults/\$8 and children/\$3.50 for all you can eat.



The Knights of Columbus in Mason City will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 29th from 9am-noon. Cost will be \$5.00 for adults, kids (3-10) \$3.00, and under 3 are free. Max of \$25 per family. The funds raised will be sent directly to *Informed Choice of Iowa* to aid in the funding of 1 day's operating cost. *Informed Choice of Iowa's* mission is to eliminate the option for abortion through effectively serving the pregnant at-risk woman by turning her fear of the present into confidence in her future. Hope to see you for pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, juice, and coffee.



As part of the 175th Anniversary celebration of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, there will be a travelling exhibit on display at various places in the Archdiocese. The first exhibit is in the New Hampton Deanery at St. Joseph's in New Hampton from January 7th through January 29th. It comes to Mason City, during February and will be located at the Meredith Wilson Museum which is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Included in the exhibit are items of interest related to the 175 years of the history of the Archdiocese. The Women and Spirit exhibit, featuring the role of religious in the Archdiocese, is a major part of this display. The display depicts the history of women religious along the upper Mississippi River and their contribution to the Archdiocese of Dubuque over the past 175 years.

Come and enjoy as well as learn about the Catholic heritage in Northeast Iowa. Upcoming sites for the exhibit after Mason City museum (February) are the Decorah museum (March) with locations yet to be finalized in Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Clermont, Dubuque.

6 minute survey: Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB has designated a Task Force to study and recommend an Archdiocesan Communications plan. The Task Force has created a short 6 minute survey in which parishioners select their communication preferences and technology access. Please share this survey link with family members age 13 and older. If you would like a paper copy to complete, call the Pastoral Center at 563-556-2580. Your input is very important. Please go to the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CommParishioner>

Christ Our Life Conference Information Invitation: You are invited to attend a short informational meeting about the upcoming Christ Our Life conference in Des Moines, Iowa on September 22nd and 23rd located at the Wells Fargo arena. Ellen Miller, co-founder of the conference, will provide in-depth information and high-lights about the two-day conference. The meeting will take place at Saint Patrick's church in Clear Lake starting at 1:00pm on Sunday, January 29th. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. Hope to see you there. IF you are interested in the Christ Our Life Conference information and can not attend the meeting, please contact Sue Larsen 641 -357-3047 / slarsen@clearlakeschools.org OR Angela Faber 641-357-8869 / afaber@clearlakeschools.org OR Ellen Miller ecosmo@mchsi.com

The Capuchin Franciscan friars will be holding a weekend in the Milwaukee area for men (ages 18-45) who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in the Church today. The weekend is February 3-5. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone for the weekend, call (313) 595-2182 or email the Vocation Office at vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the tools needed to let God be glorified in your marriage. The next weekend is in Cedar Falls Iowa Feb. 10-12, 2012 and the one after that is March 30-April 1 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit <http://www.iowa-www.org> for more information.

Fatima & Spain Pilgrimage: Come along Nov. 6-16, 2012, to some of the holiest and most beautiful sites in all of Spain and Portugal. We'll visit Fatima and Lisbon in Portugal and Madrid, Avila, Barcelona, Montserrat and more in Spain. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$2,579 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, Immaculate Conception Parish, 1212 Morningside Ave., Sioux City, Iowa 51106 or call 712-276-4821 or email frdanic@cablone.net

Bus Trip is planned to 16th Annual Catholic Men's Conference in Cedar Rapids on Sat. March 31st. Cost is \$50 and includes registration, bus and lunch. First 30 men that sign up also receive a free copy of Fr. Larry Richard's book "Be a Man!; Becoming the Man God Created You to Be" Sign up forms in parish office or call Al Winters, 641-420-2055.

Spend an evening with Dove Award Winners

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Sunday, April 15, 2012
Doors open at 6:30 pm, Show at 7:00 pm
Surf Ballroom - Clear Lake, Iowa
Advance Ticket Price:
\$15 Adults; \$10 Youth 13 & Under
Tickets available at www.surfballroom.com or at (641) 357-6151

Presented by Area Sponsors, Holy Family Catholic Church & The Surf Ballroom