

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

March 8, 2026

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, March 8th – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)
+ Ray McLaughlin
Thursday, March 12th – No Mass
Sunday, March 15th – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)
+ Ambrose & Elvira Rooney

Sacred Heart Mission: We, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish, are a community of Christian faith striving to teach the word of God, to minister the sacraments, and to share Jesus' love.

SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY – Lenten Breakfast served by Division 3
FRIDAY, MARCH 13th – Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
SUNDAY, MARCH 15th – Lenten Breakfast served by Division 4
SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd – Irish Fair
THURSDAY, MARCH 26th – Theology Thursday
SUNDAY, MARCH 29th – Lenten Breakfast served by Knights of

JOIN US for a Lenten Breakfast served by the Guild's Division 3. All are welcome!

WELCOME to Jason & Sierra Merfeld and their 3 children, Haisley, Lucas & Annabelle! Please help make them feel welcome.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

NO MASS OR THEOLOGY THURSDAY this week as Father is still on his Pilgrimage. This month's Theology Thursday has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 26th, after Mass.

IRISH FAIR is two weeks away on March 22nd! Raffle tickets and worker assignments are in envelopes on the table in the back of the church. There are brochures by the bulletins, please take one if you have somewhere you can post. As always, there will also a Bake Sale that day – bring your favorite items to share! Guild Division Leaders will be reaching out for baked goods for the kitchen. Please plan to work your assigned shift and if you are unable, please let the office know as soon as possible.

FISH FRY FRIDAY NIGHT! Plan to come to the Fish Fry this Friday, March 13th! Fish and all the fixings served from 5:00pm–7:00pm (or until gone), here in our Parish Center, for a free-will donation! Take-outs are available. The last one will be on Friday, March 27th.

JOURNEY IN FAITH – The final pastorate plan will be announced later this spring. The announcement will include which parishes will be working together as a pastorate, which priests will serve in that pastorate, where weekend Masses will be located, and how many weekend Masses will be celebrated at each church. An interim Mass schedule will be created by the outgoing and incoming pastors and will be used from July 15, 2026 – January 15, 2027. Beginning this month, all parishes will be doing Mass counts each week. Mass counts will be used to help in the creation of the interim Mass schedule, to evaluate how the interim Mass schedule is working, and to assist in making changes to the Mass schedule after January 15, 2027, if needed. The Mass counts will not impact the final pastorate plan, and they will continue to be performed weekly after the final Mass schedules are implemented in 2027. Let Scripture direct our steps and remind us that Christ is our light, even in darkness.

EASTER CHOIR – Consider joining our Sacred Heart Easter Choir as we raise our voices together to rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection. Practice times are after Mass and adjustable. Practices are scheduled for next Sunday, March 15th from 9:30am–10:05am, March 22nd from 9:00am–9:30am, and March 29th from 9:40am–10:15am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will not meet in March.

43rd ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IRISH STEW – Next Sunday, March 15th, from 11:00am–1:00pm, at St. Patrick's (Clear Lake). Adults: \$10.00, Ages 7 & under: \$6. Carry-outs available.

CHRIST OUR LIFE MEETING – If you are interested in promoting the 2026 Christ Our Life Conference that will be held September 26th-27th at the Casey's Center in Des Moines, please plan to attend the meeting on Sunday, March 22nd, at 11:15am, in the St. Patrick Parish Center (Clear Lake).

CHRISM MASS will take place at 2:00pm on Tuesday, March 31st, at the Cathedral of St. Raphael (231 Bluff St, Dubuque). All are invited to attend. Archbishop Zinkula will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils for the year which are distributed throughout the diocese for use in sacramental celebrations throughout the year.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Providing Help & Creating Hope. Did you know that Catholic Charities is the largest provider of social services in the United States, second only to the federal government? There are approximately 160 Catholic Charities agencies across the United States, all working independently to reduce poverty and help the most poor and vulnerable among us. Learn more about Catholic Charities services at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH invites us to join them for a Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm–7:00pm on Wednesday nights during Lent. Free will offering. Following the supper there will be a Lenten service for anyone who wants to join. The dates for the suppers are March 11th, 18th, and 25th. See the brochure on the bulletin board.

FOOD BANKS – The need never ends. Monetary donations are accepted, as well. **West Fork Food Pantry:** If you or someone you know is in need, their hours are Thursdays from 2:00pm–5:00pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10:00am–12:00pm. They are located on Main Street in Sheffield. Their phone number is 641-892-4010. You must be a resident of the West Fork School District to be eligible to receive food. **Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank** is always in need of donated items. There are baskets in the entry to the church to leave any items you want to donate (if donating money, please turn into the office).

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| <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>March 1, 2026</u> | <u>BUILDING FUND</u> | <u>CHURCH ROOF FUND</u> |
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| Adults: | \$2,515.00 | Balance: | \$20,235.08 |
| Online (2x/month): | \$0.00 | Donations: | \$1,345.00 |
| Offertory: | \$118.00 | TOTAL: | \$21,580.00 |
| Building: | \$1,345.00 | | |
| Church Roof: | \$0.00 | | |
| TOTAL: | \$3,978.00 | | |
| | | Balance: | \$50,512.60 |
| | | Donations: | \$0.00 |
| | | TOTAL: | \$50,512.60 |

✠ ✠ ✠ *Religious Education News* ✠ ✠ ✠

TODAY – No class for Spring Break. **No Donuts:** Lenten Breakfast served by the Guild
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IOWA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (ICYC) – The 5th Annual ICYC for 6th–8th graders will be on Sunday, March 22nd, at St. Ludmila in Cedar Rapids. Register now by going to www.dbqarch.org/icyc.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th – 8:00am

LECTOR: Renee Laudner
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tammy & Kaleb Hrubetz
 Lisa Schultz, Pat Sheldon
 MUSIC: Kim Tracy, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: McKenna Dick, Jack Grant
 GREETERS/USHERS: Les & Sandy Knowles
 MONEY COUNTERS: Tom Madden, Charley Sprung
 ROSARY: Troy Pitzenberger

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 – 8:00am

LECTOR: Dave Weiland
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sarah Johnson, TBD
 Tim & Margaret Nuehring
 MUSIC: Kaleb Hrubetz, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Charley Sprung, Jim Weaver
 GREETERS/USHERS: Ben & Merlena Schlader
 MONEY COUNTERS: Jane Weiland, Mary Shulz
 ROSARY: Charley Sprung

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026 – 8:00am

LECTOR: Beth Janssen
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Amanda Dick, Renee Laudner
 Brad & Mary Shupe
 MUSIC: Andrea Hanig, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Beau Hanig
 GREETERS/USHERS: Nick, Kael, & Owen Hanig
 MONEY COUNTERS: Colleen Pearce, Kay Stiles
 ROSARY: Bill Martin

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 – 8:00am – Palm Sunday

LECTOR: Steve Abbas
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tim & Margaret Nuehring
 Jim Weaver, Dave Weiland
 MUSIC: Matt Reed, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Crayton Dick, Carter Weatherford
 GREETERS/USHERS: Joel Kohler, Paul Rowe
 MONEY COUNTERS: Les Knowles, Jim Rooney
 ROSARY: Jeff Schultz

Pastor: Fr. Josh Link: 641-822-4950 (Rockwell), 641-357-3214 (Clear Lake)
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Bulletin: Items for the bulletin? Email sacredheartrockwellbulletin@gmail.com or call Sarah Johnson: 641-425-4896. Items due Thursday by 12:00pm!
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