

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

December 17, 2023

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, December 17th – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)
+ Bridget Bamrick
Thursday, December 21st – 5:30pm
(Adoration & Confession beginning at 5:00pm)
+ Nick French
Sunday, December 24th – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)
For the Parishioners
Sunday, December 24th – 6:00pm – Christmas Eve Mass
+ Russell O'Donnell

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:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th – Religious Education Christmas Program, Parish Potluck, and Cookie Walk
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th – Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND POTLUCK is TODAY following Mass. All are welcome! Please stay and support the young people of our Parish. They are so excited every year to dress up and put this program on for everyone; it is so fun to see the joy on their faces. The Knights of Columbus are providing the egg bake for the potluck after the program. There will also be Holiday Crafts set up for all the kids and Parish Members, as well! **CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK** is also taking place during the potluck. Treats will be for sale for a free will donation! This will be a great place to get your Christmas treats!

WELCOME to Joel and Kristi Kohler and their daughters, Hadley, Landry, and Collins, who have recently joined Sacred Heart!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Bernice Kirk who turned 104 this past Monday. Cards can be sent to her at the Rockwell Community Nursing Home, 707 Elm St E., Rockwell, IA 50469.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

SOCIAL JUSTICE – As the Giving Tree campaign comes to a close, the Social Justice Committee would like to thank you for the generous donation items to the Northern Lights Men's Shelter, as well as the monetary donations. The baskets are going to be delivered on Saturday, December 23rd, along with a Hy-Vee catered meal at noon. When Kim Tracy reached out to Jesse, the Director of the Shelter, to see if that day worked, this was his response: *"That doesn't sound good. It sounds amazing!! It is a blessing for the clients, and they appreciate it, and this is also a big relief on the staff, volunteers, and myself! So we are grateful as well. You have really gone above and beyond to do something nice for the Men's Shelter year after year. What a great tradition. We appreciate it so much, and it really takes a big thing off my plate! You guys are awesome. Thank you so much!"* The Social Justice Committee is forever grateful for our Parish and the overwhelming support always given to this campaign every year, as well as throughout the year with the basket that is left out, along with the Caring Pregnancy Center, Food Pantry baskets, and Ronald McDonald Tab Bucket! We are truly a wonderful church family! Blessings to you all this Advent Season!

THE POINSETTIAS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of Tom Wolf; in memory of deceased members of Jim & Carol Weaver's family; in memory of deceased members of the George Scholl and Lester Bonner's families; in memory of deceased members of the Kuennen and Cahalan families; from Clarence & Jeanette Ermer; and in honor of Sheryl Weiner. *If you wish to donate for poinsettias for Christmas, please put the donation in collection basket. If the donation is in memory or honor of someone, please make note of that on the envelope.*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR will practice today around 10:00am (after the program/potluck).

HELP IS NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH immediately after 8:00am Mass NEXT Sunday, December 24th. Please stay and help as much as you can. Many hands make light work!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – Christmas Eve Mass: Sunday December 24th, at 6:00pm. There is NO Mass here at Sacred Heart on Christmas Day. There will be the regular 8:00am Mass on Sunday, December 24th, which is the 4th Sunday of Advent.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS – Confirmation classes for all Sacred Heart students will start on Sunday, January 7th (This includes the Newman students). Classes will be from 9:15am-10:15am. We will have eight weeks of class, a sponsor retreat, and a make-up Sunday for any weather issues. The classes are mandatory for Confirmation. The Sponsor Retreat will be held Sunday, February 25th. Confirmation is Saturday, April 6th, at 2:00pm. Please look for a letter in the mail soon going over all these details.

MINISTER LISTS for January through March are on the table going into the Waking Area. If you are a minister – this includes servers – please take one home with you.

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND – Mass will be held as usual on Sunday, December 31st, at 8:00am. There will be Mass on New Year's Day, January 1st, at 5:30pm. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

RETIRED PRIESTS – On the bulletin board is a list of retired priests with their addresses. Many of them served at Sacred Heart or in the area and would enjoy hearing from you, especially in this Christmas season.

FOOD DONATION BASKET is up front for anyone wanting to share items for the food pantries (West Fork Food Pantry and Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank). Items are very much in need this time of the year. If you or someone you know is in need, the West Fork Food Pantry 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 for receiving food. The phone number to the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank in Mason City is (641) 424-3073.

HAT & MITTEN BOX is out again this year for anyone who wants to donate warm items. Scarves are also welcome. The last couple years items went to Salvation Army. If anyone has any other places that we could give them to just let the office know.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! Did you know we have a Facebook page? Look for Sacred Heart Catholic Church Rockwell!

Religious Education News

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th – Christmas Program and Potluck. *No Donuts.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st – No class for Christmas Break.

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<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>December 10, 2023</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Adults	\$2,855.00	Balance:	\$7,457.78
Offertory	\$32.00	Donations	\$205.00
Building	\$205.00	TOTAL:	\$7,662.78
Christmas	\$100.00		
Flowers	\$110.00		
Retirement Fund	\$25.00		
TOTAL:	\$3,327.00		

DECEMBER 17, 2023 – 8:00am – Third Sunday of Advent

LECTOR: Charley Sprung
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Amanda Dick, Pat McLaughlin
 Jim Weaver, Dave Weiland
 MUSIC: Andrea & Avah Hanig, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Owen & Beau Hanig
 GREETERS/USHERS: Tony & Renee Laudner
 MONEY COUNTERS: Dan Hrubetz, Paul Rowe
 ROSARY: Bill Martin

DECEMBER 24, 2023 – 8:00am – Fourth Sunday of Advent

LECTOR: Dave Weiland
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Renee Laudner, Pat McLaughlin
 Pat Sheldon, Jim Weaver
 MUSIC: Kim Tracy, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Makenna & Crayton Dick
 GREETERS/USHERS: Bill & Denise Martin
 MONEY COUNTERS: Jill Rowe, Mary Schulz
 ROSARY: Paul Rowe

DECEMBER 24, 2023 – 6:00pm – Christmas Eve

LECTOR: Steve Abbas
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tammy Hrubetz, Sarah Johnson
 Tim & Margaret Nuehring
 MUSIC: Christmas Choir
 SERVERS: Brylie & Norah Hubka
 GREETERS/USHERS: Tony & Renee Laudner

DECEMBER 31, 2023 – 8:00am

LECTOR: Steve Abbas
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: John McLaughlin, Tim Nuehring
 Jim Weaver, Dave Weiland
 MUSIC: Matt Reed, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Owen & Beau Hanig
 GREETERS/USHERS: Jim Rooney, Paul Rowe
 MONEY COUNTERS: Les Knowles, Charley Sprung
 ROSARY: Jim Rooney

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
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