

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

December 24, 2023

## Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, December 24th – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)  
For the Parishioners  
Sunday, December 24th – 6:00pm – Christmas Eve Mass  
+ Russell O'Donnell  
Thursday, December 28th – 5:30pm  
(Adoration & Confession beginning at 5:00pm)  
+ Mary Coyle  
Sunday, December 31st – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)  
+ Tom Wolf  
Monday, January 1st – 5:30pm – New Year's Day  
+ Paul Bamrick

*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 24th** – Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord, Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** will be tonight at 6:00pm here. Reminder there is NO Mass here tomorrow on Christmas Day. **Christmas Masses in the area:** St. Patrick's (Clear Lake): Christmas Eve at 4:00pm and Christmas Day at 10:00am; Epiphany Parish (Mason City): Christmas Eve at 4:00pm at both St. Joseph & Holy Family; 6:00pm at St. Joseph, 9:00pm at Holy Family, and Christmas Day at 9:00am at Holy Family



Hope ✧ Peace ✧ Love ✧ Joy

**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; in honor of Sheryl Weiner; in memory of Jim & Renee Martin; and in memory of Ray, Jo & Joanie McLaughlin and Warren & Helen Wagner. *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.*

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION** – First Communion will be on Sunday, April 21st, at 8:00am Mass. First Reconciliation classes will begin on Sunday, January 14th. Please contact Amanda Dick for more information.

**MINISTRY 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 next 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.

**COOKIE WALK** – There were a lot of good cookies and candies at the cookie walk last weekend! Our free will donations amounted to \$351.00. That is great! Thank you to everyone who brought treats!

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th** – Classes resume. Confirmation classes begin. **Donuts:** Hubka & Sullivan Families

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th** - First Reconciliation classes begin on Jan. 14th. Please contact Amanda Dick for more information. **Donuts:** Brown/Orton & Schlader/Weatherford Families

\*\*\*Donuts – The Guild will provide the donuts, families assigned will assist with serving and clean-up.

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<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>December 17, 2023</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Adults	\$3,924.00	Balance:	\$7,662.78
Offertory	\$200.00	Donations	\$150.00
Building	\$150.00	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$7,812.78</b>
Christmas	\$135.00		
Church Roof Fund	\$9,628.89		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$14,122.82</b>		

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

LECTOR: Dave Weiland

EUCCHARISTIC 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

**JANUARY 1, 2024 – 5:30pm– New Year's Day**

LECTOR: Volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Volunteers  
Volunteers

MUSIC: Ann Wolf

SERVERS: Volunteers

GREETERS/USHERS: Volunteers

**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: 641-822-3267. Items due Thursday by 12:00pm!



*Oh Holy Night*

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSH** – *I wanted to take a moment to finally wish you all a very Merry Christmas! After a long wait during the fall and Advent, Christmas is finally here! Christ has finally been born into the world! During this great celebration of God coming into the world, let us never forget what the true meaning of Christmas is! May God bless you all during this time and continue to bless you during the New Year!*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** from Sacred Heart! May the Lord bless you and your family during this Christmas Season.