

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

December 31, 2023

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, December 31st – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)
+ Tom Wolf
Monday, January 1st – 5:30pm – New Year's Day
+ Paul Bamrick
Thursday, January 4th – 5:30pm
(Adoration & Confession beginning at 5:00pm)
+ Nancy Rummels
Friday, January 5th – 9:00am (Sheffield Nursing Home)
Sunday, January 7th – 8:00am (Rosary at 7:30am)
+ John Welling

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:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th – Parish Council Meeting
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th – Religious Education classes resume;
Confirmation classes begin
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th – Guild Meeting

CORPORATE COMMUNION – Please join us for Corporate Communion today. A Corporate Communion Mass is a special Mass for Knights of Columbus Council members to gather as one with their families and friends and share in the Eucharist together in both fraternity and unity. Council members will serve in the various liturgical roles during the mass. Together, refreshed in Christ, they continue their mission of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our council to attend Mass and receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist as one today. The front of the church on the east side is reserved for the Knights and their families. Please join us for donuts, coffee, juice, milk, and fellowship after Mass. The Knights will be serving. All are welcome. If any male 18+ and is a practicing Catholic is interested in joining the Knights, please talk to a current Knight after Mass.

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; and the deceased members of the Schmall and Osterman families.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to decorate the church. Everything looks beautiful. What a way to honor the baby Jesus!!

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS will be tomorrow, January 1st, at 5:30pm. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet THIS Thursday, January 4th, following 5:30pm Mass.

GUILD MEETING – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11th, following 5:30pm Mass. Ladies please plan to attend.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS – Confirmation classes for all Sacred Heart students will start NEXT 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. A letter was mailed to your home, if you did not receive one, please see Tammy Hrubetz.

COME RING IN THE NEW YEAR with Specken Dicken on January 7th from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Thornton. Free will offering is requested. Come and enjoy.

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.

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

TODAY – No class for Christmas Break.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th – First Reconciliation classes begin. **Donuts:** Brown/Orton & Schlader/Weatherford Families

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

† † † *With Gratitude We Give* † † †

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>December 24, 2023</u>	<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Adults	\$6,965.00	\$8,330.00	Balance:	\$7,812.78
Offertory	\$109.00	\$232.00	Donations	\$225.00
Building	\$175.00	\$50.00	TOTAL:	\$8,037.78
Christmas	\$945.00	\$4,068.00		
Religious Retirement	\$245.00			
Flowers	\$60.00			
TOTAL:	\$8,504.00	\$12,680.00		

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

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

LECTOR: Volunteers
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Volunteers
 Volunteers
 MUSIC: Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Volunteers
 GREETERS/USHERS: Volunteers

JANUARY 7, 2024 – 8:00am

LECTOR: Beth Janssen
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Cathy Degen, Amanda Dick
 Cassandra Reed, Lisa Schultz
 MUSIC: Matt Reed, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Josie Janssen, Max Martinek
 GREETERS/USHERS: Tony & Renee Laudner
 MONEY COUNTERS: Jill Rowe, Sheri Sprung
 ROSARY: Paul Rowe

JANUARY 14, 2024 – 8:00am

LECTOR: Lisa Schultz
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Renee Laudner, Kate Osterman
 Pat Sheldon, Kim Tracy
 MUSIC: Andrea & Avah Hanig, Ann Wolf
 SERVERS: Brylie & Norah Hubka, Jack Grant
 GREETERS/USHERS: Jim Weaver, Gary Weiner
 MONEY COUNTERS: Paul Rowe, Pat Sheldon
 ROSARY: Jim Rooney

Pastor: Fr. Josh Link: 641-822-4950 (Rockwell), 641-357-3214 (Clear Lake)
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Coordinator of Religious Education: Amanda Dick: 641-903-9362, dickalynne@gmail.com
Bulletin: Items for the bulletin? Email sacredheartrockwellbulletin@gmail.com or call Sarah Johnson: 641-822-3267. Items due Thursday by 12:00pm!

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!*