

# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### JANUARY 6, 2008 · EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### Readings & Question for the Week



**Reading I:** Your light has come.

**Reading II:** God's grace has been revealed that all who hear may be copartners in the promise.

**Gospel:** The Magi visit Jesus.

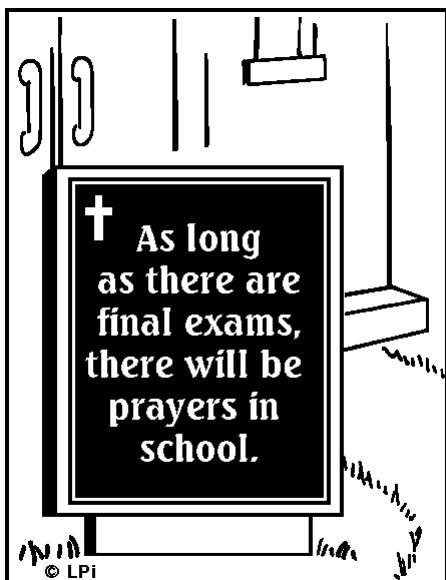
**Adult:** How will you seek the Christ child this week?

**Children:** What can you give to Jesus this week?

#### Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:

**Alicia Owens**

Phone: 563/349-5002



#### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday

8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Friday

8:00 AM–12:00 Noon

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 12:00 Noon

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Weekday Prayer and Mass Schedule

Mondays: Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

Tuesdays – Fridays: Mass

8:30 AM

#### Reconciliation

Saturday

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

#### Sacraments

Advance preparation is needed for marriage and baptism. Please call the office for assistance.

#### St. Ann Staff

Fr. Thomas Parlette, Pastor

Page Grubb, Director of Music Ministries

Mary Gross, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Erika Mildred, Secretary

Bob Warren, Maintenance Manager

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#### Parish Council

Kelly Greenleaf, President

Melissa Brimeyer, Vice-President

Inez Tobin, Secretary

Matt Buettner

Christine Cauwels

Andy Liske

Brian Murphy

John Selby

Paul Rucker

Dave Sheridan

Jeff VanDeCastelee

Noreen Warren

#### Committee Chairs

##### Building and Grounds

Scott Youngbauer

##### Church Life/Family Life

Melissa Brimeyer

##### Liturgy

Joanna Riedel

##### Finance

Joe Ragona

##### Faith Formation

Maggie Liske

##### Social Action

Kurt Miller

#### Altar Server Coordinators

Sue Ferkel, 285-8091

Deb Sikorski, 285-8460

#### Parish Nurse

Kathy Kinmonth, 285-2935

#### Administrative Management Team

Loras Schafer.....285-4663

Judy Loussaert.....285-9269

Joe Ragona.....843-3893

Randy Siemsen.....285-4389

Jerry Noel.....285-8162

Fr. Thomas Parlette.....285-4596



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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1/5	Sat	Ralph Wulf	5:15 PM
1/6	Sun	Bob Claeys	8:00 AM
1/6	Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 AM
1/8	T	Living & Deceased Guild Members	8:30 AM
1/9	W	Darlene Prochaska	8:30 AM
1/10	Th	Anastasia Sheridan	8:30 AM
1/11	F	Annie DeCock & Don DeCock	8:30 AM
1/12	Sat	Fred Pescitelli	5:15 PM
1/13	Sun	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
1/13	Sun	Mary Schwarz	10:30 AM

**Readings for this weekend:**

Isaiah 60:1 – 6; Ephesians 3:2 – 3a, 5 – 6; Matthew 2:1 – 12

**Readings for next weekend:**

Isaiah 42:1 – 4, 6-7; Acts 10:34 – 38; Matthew 3:13 – 17

**Upcoming Meetings at St. Ann**

- Admin Management on Thursdays at 9:15 AM
- Guild Meeting on January 8 at 9:00 AM
- Parish Council on January 8 at 7:00 PM
- Liturgy Meeting on January 15 at 7:00 PM
- Finance Meeting on January 21 at 7:00 PM



**Olivewood Handcrafted Art from Holy Land**

Representatives will be at St. Ann January 19 – 20 with art and carvings for purchase. Money is used to support the Christian community in the Holy Land and to preserve the Christian presence there.

**Mission Center Always Appreciates Donations**

The Mission Center helps provide free clothing and linens for those in need. Donations may be dropped off the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the old St. Joseph’s Rectory, 615 N. Marquette, Davenport. We appreciate donations such as usable socks, jeans, undergarments, blankets, linens, etc. Tax receipts are available. Contacts: Bonnie (326-3868) or Celene (445-1576)



**Do you have or know of a need for prayer?**

If so, please contact one of our three Prayer Support Line representatives: Vicki Gall – 285-4142, Mary Lou Byrd – 285-6811, Bernie Leach - 391-5505.

**Retreat: “Finding Peace in a Time of Turmoil”**

A TV journalist shares his experience with depression, a mother shares her experience with the loss of her son in Iraq, and a Benedictine Sister shares her experience of cancer and how they found peace with these challenges. *‘Finding Peace in a Time of Turmoil’* is an opportunity to *Renew your Spirit* and meet others who have dealt with challenges. A retreat for anyone seeking to experience support, faith and hope. Retreat directors: Marilyn and Fran Riley & Sr. Roberta Bussan OSB. 7:00 PM Friday, January 18 to 7:00 PM January 19, 2008. Benet House Retreat Center at St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island, Illinois. Contact: [rbus-san@smmsisters.org](mailto:rbus-san@smmsisters.org) or [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org) for registration information. Phone: 309-283-2108.



**Thank You from Father Parlette**

Thank you to all who sent greetings, gifts and goodies. I really appreciate your kindness and invitations to join in your family celebrations. We begin another New Year and as we do let us continue to grow in faith and trust in the birth of our Savior that we have celebrated. May the blessings of Christ fill our hearts and our lives with joy and peace in 2008.

**FINANCES**

**PARISH INCOME NEEDS:**

Average Weekly Operating Needs	\$ 6,878
Average Weekly Depreciation Needs	\$ 1,642
Average Weekly Tithing Needs	\$ 577
Total Weekly Average Needed	\$9,097
Received 12/16/07	<u>\$9,723</u>
*Over budget	\$626
Received 12/23/07–12/25/07	<u>\$13,382</u>
*Over budget	\$ 4,285

**2008 Calendars are Available**

They’re located in the commons. Please help yourself!

**Youth Minister Position Available: June 2008**

If you are interested in this position, please contact the parish office. Youth Ministry training will be provided.



**Hope and Healing Ministries**

Hope and Healing Ministries, a ministry of the Diocese of Davenport, offers healing retreats, toll-free hotline, and counseling referrals to those, including family members, who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. Find the healing you seek. For more information, call 1-877-896-HOPE or 563-322-1684. The email is [hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org) or [www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing).



**How your ADA Gift is Used**

- ✦ Social Action and Justice: Host an annual conference for parishes on social justice issues.
- ✦ Legalization Aid to Immigrants: Assist undocumented persons in gaining legal status in the U.S.
- ✦ Marriage Tribunal: Review prenuptial files and provide any necessary dispensations or permissions.
- ✦ Victim Assistance Ministry: Provide indirect services such as counseling, medications, etc. as determined and monitored by the Victim Assistance Coordinator.
- ✦ Celebrating and Sharing: All bishop(s) to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for parish youth.
- ✦ Teaching and Training: Train adults for Protecting God's Children program (child safety).
- ✦ Managing Resources: Employ a CPA and accountant to assist parishes with financing and bookkeeping.



**MONEY MATTERS**

**ADA GOAL ALMOST REACHED!**

Our current total is \$54,004 from 206 families. We only need \$2,732 more to meet our goal for this year. Please consider helping! This would be the first time in over two decades that we could meet our ADA goal from pledges! Let's reach 100%! And, a big thank you to all who have pledged so far!!!!

**Automatic Deposits Available**

You can make weekly, building fund, and ADA contributions with automatic deposits. Contact the office if interested.

**2007 – 2008 Budget Passed**

St. Ann's budget for the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year is \$473,059. When divided by 52 weeks, the average weekly amount needed is \$9,097.



**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**Scholarships for the Class of 2008** - St. Ann will again be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors this spring. Seniors are reminded to complete the North Scott Educational Foundation Scholarship applications and indicate that you are interested in a St. Ann scholarship. Reminder: In addition to the NSEF essay, seniors must also complete a letter to the St. Ann Scholarship committee on how they have been involved with St. Ann. More info is on the app or see Ann.

**Youth Group-** will be not be meeting again until Wednesday, January 9 from 7-8:30 PM. Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and we'll see you in 2008!

**Hawkeye Basketball** - We're heading off to an Iowa's Men Basketball Game on Wednesday, January 16. Tickets are just \$10 for teens, and \$15 for adults. Adult drivers - you're free! The plan is to leave from St. Ann's at 4:30PM and return around 9PM. Permission forms are on the kiosk and available at youth group. Please note there is a January 9 deadline, because tickets must be ordered in advance.

**Mission 2008** - We will have our first meeting as a team on Monday night, January 14, 2008, at 7PM. Team members will receive reminder postcards in the mail. Those who have committed to the summer 2008 trip must be in attendance to plan for next summer. The dates have been set for June 14-21, 2008.

**Looking ahead.....Important Dates for High School Youth Ministry**

- January 9** - High School Youth Group (7-8:30PM)
- January 14** - Mission 2008 Team meeting (7PM)
- January 16** - Iowa Basketball game (leave St. Ann's at 4:30PM)
- February 16-18** - TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Diocesan retreat for juniors and seniors at St. Joe's in DeWitt

**Altar Server Schedule**

January 12 – 13, 2008

- 5:15 – Jonathan Zrostlik, Gus Newell
- 8:00 – Andrew Owings, David & Rachel Zimmer
- 10:30 – Cecelia & Arthur Behnke, Megan Sikorski

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

January 12 – 13, 2008

- 5:15 – Kelly Greenleaf, Sheryl & Joseph Empke, Mike & Jennie McKenna, Darlene Finnegan, Brian Murphy, Tom VanDeVelde
- 8:00 – Kelsey Schwager, Kirstin Baker, Lois Nagle, Barry & Linda Lahann, Joe & Teresa Hintz, Judy Horsfield
- 10:30 – Paul & Jayne Dierickx, Bob & Mary Ann Braden, Rob Borelli, Tim Lane, Maggie Liske, Kelly Cole, Robert Gray

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Are you a good organizer?** Have you helped in the CEW kitchen? We are looking for help with organizing the meals for one or more Households of Faith meals. This is a one-time opportunity to serve about 150 people. If you are interested or have any questions, call Maggie at 285-4596.

**The Households of Faith team** is searching for a volunteer to staff the nursery during the Wed. evening sessions. If you are willing to help with one or more of the 4 remaining sessions, please call Ann or Maggie.

**Any adults interested in helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Lock-in (Feb. 29/March 1) please contact Maggie.** In order to spend the night with the participants, all adults must have attended the "Protecting God's Children Workshop" and had a background check run. Therefore, please plan ahead if you have not taken care of this diocesan business.

Sacramental workshop for Eucharist candidates will be Sunday, January 20 from 9:00 to 10:15 AM in the Day Chapel. The workshop is for the candidates and their parents. The Rite of Acceptance will take place during the 10:30 Mass following this workshop. Please plan for candidates, families, and sponsors to attend the Liturgy. Please remind sponsors to come at 10:00 AM to the Day Chapel so that we may discuss each person's role in this Ritual.

Junior High sessions will resume in the New Year on January 9 at 7:00 PM.

### Junior High

Junior High Youth Group will be Wed. January 30 at 6:30 PM. We will be traveling to the West Wing Nursing home in DeWitt to play Bingo with the residents. In order to participate, parents need to complete a permission form (will be given to teens at Jan. 9 session or in the window of the Faith Formation office). Each participant is asked to bring a quarter (\$. 25) and a bag of small candy bars. Any parent willing to drive should contact Maggie.



## Acting for Justice Epiphany

January 6, 2008

*God is revealed in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.*

Epiphany, from the Greek word meaning revelation, is the season that celebrates God's presence in the world through Jesus Christ. Although there is a perpetual epiphany, these few weeks focus on the themes of light, discipleship, baptism, and the mission of the church. Whereas Christmas is the celebration of the humanity of God, Epiphany is the celebration of the divinity of humankind.

Traditionally, the Feast of Epiphany – sometimes called 12<sup>th</sup> Night because it is observed 12 days after Christmas, on January 6 – recalls the story of the wise men coming to bring gifts to the Christchild. This story is the Gospel for today and picks up the emphasis on light in the two lessons. Isaiah 60 – "Arise, shine; for your light has come", and the light of wisdom in Ephesians combine to reinforce the image of Jesus as the guiding light. Just as the star led the wise men to Jesus, so Jesus is the one whose light leads us to the truth of God's unfolding love.

Within your household, tell a story of finding your way by seeing the light from your own experience or relate how sailors look for the lighthouse to give them direction.

Conclude by indicating that once we have seen the light of God's love, we can be God's light for others in the world today.

## W e l c o m e

**DON'T GET LOST!** If you're new in our area or just have not taken the time to register, please fill in the form, drop it in the mail or the collection basket or bring it to the church office. **GOOD FEELING TO BELONG!**

If you are moving out of our parish or have a change of address, please fill in the form also, so we can keep our census listings accurate. Many thanks...

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ MOVING \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WELCOMING INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED CONTACT HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

MASS PREFERENCE TIME: \_\_\_\_\_