



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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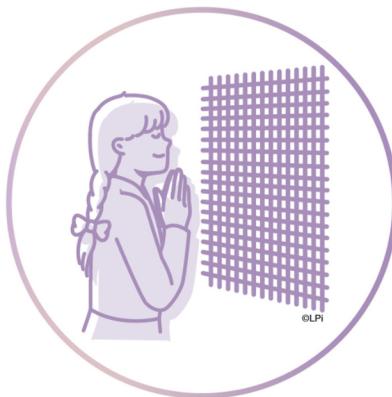
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SECOND GRADE SACRAMENTS



Please pray for our 25 second grade students who are preparing for the Holy Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this year. The Holy Sacraments are a gift which enable us to encounter Jesus and receive his healing and grace. Second grade children will receive the gift of God's mercy through confession and reconciliation on Wednesday, Jan. 21st. Please keep them in your prayers.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 24, 2026 4:30

Lector: Paul & Colleen Tauke

Eucharist: George Dobrzynski, Casey Boyle, Mary Wojciechowski

Server: Natalie & Jonathan Dowil, Kyler & Kendall Boyle

Usher: Susan Waltz, Carlos Valencia, Karen & Dennis Boger

January 25, 2026 8:30

Lector: Amy Gadbaw, Kim Schreck

Eucharist: Jenny & Michael Dayton, Maggie Nugent

Server: Gunner Bieker, Logan & Ronan Clausen, Brielle Hoffman

Usher: Mark Bieker, Jim Hanes, Jason Nugent, Andy Schreck

January 25, 2026 11:00

Lector: Tate Jensen, Angela Oberreuter

Eucharist: Grace Pettit, Elizabeth Sweers, Josie Jensen

Server: Annabelle Nunez, Tommy Tasler, Yvonne Sweers, **Not Filled**

Usher: Pat Finnegan, Ann & Eric Heitz, **Not Filled**

FAITH, FAMILY AND THE FUTURE

A Catholic Approach to Estate Planning and Will Preparation

- Learn how (and why it's crucial!) to plan your estate and your will—with Catholic values at the forefront. Free!
- Presented by Sue McEntee, Executive Director Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa
- Thursday, January 29 6:30 p.m. St. John's Catholic Church Parish Hall
- Refreshments will be served
- Contact the parish office at 515-993-4482 to register.

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NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcomed Evelyn Jeanette Green into the faith as she received the Sacrament of Baptism on January 3rd. Evelyn is the daughter of Jake Whitten Green and Elizabeth Claire Chatt. May God bless her and her family.

FLOWER DONATIONS

If you made a Christmas Flower donation--please feel free to take home a poinsettia. **Flowers are downstairs near the lower level doors.** Thank you!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, Feb. 2. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Radio Shows in Spanish

The Diocese's Hispanic Ministry Office hosts a radio show on Saturdays at noon on La Reina 1260AM – 96.5FM Lareina1260.com. Fortaleciendo Nuestra Fe provides Catholic Church's news and topics about the faith. You can watch it at Facebook.com/dmdiocesisesp

2024-2025 Catholic Schools Office Annual Report

The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools Office just published our 2024-2025 Annual Report. Highlights include the success of Faith Families, 2.1% enrollment growth, and another year of exceptional scores on the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). Visit dmdiocese.org/schools to read the report, celebrate a year of success, and see the enduring value of Catholic education in our diocese.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us for St. John's Book Club on Thursday, February 26 & March 26 from 5:30-7:30 PM in St. John's Conference Room. We will be reading and discussing [Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux](#), 3rd Edition translated by John Clark, O.C.D. Cost of book \$10. We will read the first half of the book for February 26th and the second half for March 26th.

Join us for fellowship, food and faith conversations.

5:30-6:00 PM Social

6:00-7:30 PM Book Discussion



Register today!

Attention Young Couples and Families with Children:



The St. John's Fellowship for Developing Families group is seeking input to identify family needs and plan ways to meet those needs. The survey will take under 5 minutes to complete. **It is open now through February 9th**

Thank you for your time--we value your input.

SPECIAL MASS TIME

The Presentation of the Lord is Monday, February 2nd. St. John's will celebrate this traditional feast day with a Candle Procession and Mass at 8:30 am. Liturgical Ministers, please sign up. Ever wonder about the significance of this traditional celebration? Read more...

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPI

Are you curious about Candlemas and how to celebrate Christ throughout Christmastide? Scan the QR code to learn more...

