

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon.-Thurs. 9 am - 4 pm

NEW OFFICE HOURS--CLOSED ON FRIDAY

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Career Opportunity: Director of Music Ministry

Bring your passion for Christ, love of music, and gift for inspiring others to St. John's Catholic Church in Adel, Iowa! As our parish grows, we are seeking a Director of Music Ministry who will help build a vibrant ministry that brings people together, develops their God-given gifts, and leads our community more deeply into prayer and worship.

Scan QR code for full job description and to apply.

Ministry Schedule

Altar Server Christmas Party
with Fr. Michael
Sunday, December 6th at 1:00 pm

November 21, 2026 4:30
Greeter: Christine Gage
Lector: Colleen & Paul Tauke
Eucharist: George Dobrzynski, Pat Jacobs, Ryan Kenyon
Server: Autry & Matthew Gage, Blayne Schneider, Kyler Boyle
Usher: Susan Waltz, Pat Steele, Karen & Dennis Boger
November 22, 2026 8:30
Greeter: Michelle Streit
Lector: Michael Dayton, Amy Gadbaw
Eucharist: Jeanne O'Connor, Jenny Dayton, Maggie Nugent
Server: Olivia Stanton, Colin Morain, Logan & Ronan Clausen
Usher: Jason Nugent, Michael Yanacheak, Jim Hanes, Michael Wityk
November 22, 2026 11:00
Greeter: Ann Heitz
Lector: Laura Krejchi, Anita Vasto
Eucharist: Teresa Schaffer, Meredith Tapken, Eric Heitz
Server: Annabelle Nunez, Emmie Garrity, Yvonne Sweers, Tommy Tasler
Usher: Luke Cavanaugh, Pat Finnegan, Not Filled, Not Filled

Knight News

The Feast of St. Nicholas Family Breakfast is Sunday December 6th following the 8:30 am Mass.
Pancakes-Sausage-Fruit & MORE
This family-centered event will feature special kids activities, and as always, St. Nicholas will be there!
If you are interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Jesse Storck at kofc@stjohnsadel.org

Mass Intentions 2027

Requests for Mass Intentions for Dec. 1, 2026 through Nov. 30, 2027 will be accepted beginning December 1st. Forms are in the gathering space. When completing the form please print your name and contact information. The standard amount of a Mass offering throughout the state of Iowa is $10.00. Please include the suggested stipend for each person per Mass at the time of your request. Thank you!

Pilgrimage to Italy

October 25 to November 4, 2027
Join St. John's on a parish pilgrimage to Italy, October 25 - November 4, 2027. Explore Assisi, Rome, Siena, and Castel Gandolfo with centrally located hotels, Daily Mass, guided tours, and special cultural experiences. We look forward to sharing this journey with all who are able to participate. Full details and registration are available here:
https://cvent.me/xDe85r

Around the Diocese

Young Catholic Network
Young Catholic Network is beginning a new series regarding leadership in the workplace. YCN exists to connect working young adults to their faith, amidst the challenges of the working world. On Oct. 8 our leadership series begins, with follow-up sessions on Dec. 10, Feb. 11, and April 15. Join us after work for happy hour drinks and pizza from 6-8 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Urbandale. Business casual attire. Contact Alexia Simonton at asimonton9@gmail.com for questions.

Sensory Friendly Mass
To create a welcome and inclusive environment, we will have a Sensory-Friendly Mass on Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. at St. Boniface Parish in Waukee. This Mass will have lower lights, instrumental music, the availability of picture schedules, and other accommodations.

Bishop's Discernment Retreat
This is a unique opportunity, Dec. 18-20, for men who are high school seniors or older thinking about priesthood. The men join Bishop Joensen and current seminarians on a retreat to learn more about discernment and life as a diocesan priest. Please contact Father Nick Smith for more information or to register at 515-237-5050.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

OCIA is up and running! We have an exciting year ahead with our largest group of Inquirers on record. The Holy Spirit is truly at work in our parish and in the Catholic Church.
Please keep our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers as they walk this journey of faith together toward the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:
- Catechumens: Jolinda Jolly, Karl Saunders, Mike Williamson, Andrew Gomez, and Jessica Helsom.
- Candidates : Meghan Cavanaugh, Norah Boyd, Amanda Willems, Phil Tieu, Cecelia Greenspon, Stacy Murphy, Todd Ladwig, Steve Dowil, and Lily Follett.

We are also grateful to have their spouses and significant others joining our classes and renewing their faith alongside them. Please pray for our participants, their families, the OCIA team, and all those around the world seeking to enter the Church. Be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!
Finally, a warm thank you to Paul and Colleen Tauke, as well as Luke Cavanaugh, for joining our OCIA team this year. Plus, Mike and Jodi Draisey for sharing their faith journey story with us!

Catholic School Enrollment

Beginning November 16th, our diocesan Catholic schools are accepting applications for the 2027-2028 school year. These schools are core to our parish mission to bring others to Christ, especially the youngest among us. In one year, more than 50 non-Catholic students across our schools joined the Church. This is one of many reasons our parish provides spiritual and financial support for their mission.
Tuition assistance is available. The state offers more than $8,000 to every K-12 student in an Education Savings Account, and there's additional tuition assistance from the Catholic Tuition Organization, Diocesan Tuition Assistance, local scholarship funds, school endowments, and the upcoming Iowa Catholic Scholarship Granting Organization. No student is turned away due to an inability to pay.
As our schools celebrate six consecutive years of enrollment growth, please consider applying for enrollment. Our parishioners receive priority for a limited time. Once seats fill, they tend to remain full through 8th grade, so please schedule a tour and apply today. Contact the Catholic Schools Office for more information.

Reconciliation Times



Fri. 9-10 AM & 1:30-2:30 PM
Sat. 3:30-4:00 PM
Beginning in October-Additional Times
Tues. 4:45-5:15 PM, Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:45-8:15 AM