



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCIA

OCIA is in full swing as our first class met on Thursday, September 10th. We will meet on Thursday each week from 6:45-8:30 PM. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to join the church? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a formation education process that takes place within the parish community for those joining the Catholic Church. This culminates at the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. If you would like to join the Catholic Church or have questions about OCIA, contact the parish office at (515) 993-4482. There is still time to join our group.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 19, 2026 4:30

Greeter: Christine Gage

Lector: Brenda Anderson, Anita Vasto

Eucharist: Lisa Wilkerson, Ed Anderson, Jordan Kenyon

Server: Autry & Matthew Gage, Jonathan Dowil, Ronan Clausen

Usher: Susan Waltz, Pat Steele, Not Filled, Not Filled

September 20, 2026 8:30

Greeter: Larry O'Brien

Lector: Amy Gadbaw, Katie Marshall

Eucharist: Grace Pettit, Michelle Streit, Katie Carroll

Server: Olivia Stanton, Gunner Bieker, Brielle Hoffman, Mason Storm

Usher: Kit Hansen, Andy Schreck, Mark Bieker, Not Filled

September 20, 2026 11:00

Greeter: Terri Tiffany

Lector: Elizabeth Sweers, Angela Oberreuter

Eucharist: Gina Nunez, Meredith Tapken, Chris Oberreuter

Server: Annabelle & Andrea Nunez, Yvonne Sweers, Not Filled

Usher: Erick & Ann Heitz, Luke Cavanaugh, Jim Hanes

KNIGHT NEWS

The August Knight of the month was Erik Hoffman for his work on publicizing Knights activities. Most recently the Scholarship recipients. The August Knight Family of the month was the Eric Heitz Family for spearheading the Back to School Picnic.

The next Knight's meeting will be on September 17th.

- 6:15 Rosary
- 6:30 meal
- 7:00 meeting

Save the Date: October 11th is the Annual Chic and Betty Breakfast. Join us following the 8:30 AM Mass for a Knights Breakfast featuring eggs, sausage, pancakes.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Thursday from 9-10:00 AM after 8:30 AM Mass in the parent lounge. ANY adult is welcome to join us in reading scripture. Come when you can! Please bring your Bible.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLE PRESENTATION

Join us on Oct 7 (first Wed of month) for "The Catholic Bible" presentation from 5:30-6:30 pm. We will discuss some of the history of our Catholic Bible, some of key elements of Catholic Tradition around Sacred Scripture, Bible content and how to navigate and use the Bible for prayer, and how to share the Bible with our families". Bring a Bible or borrow one of ours. Join us for a light meal and fellowship.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Congratulations!

All couples who this year are reaching a milestone wedding anniversary are invited to join Bishop William Joensen for a special Mass celebrating your marital longevity. Masses are at noon on Sunday, Oct. 4 at St. Peter in Council Bluffs and at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at St. Ambrose in Des Moines. Get more information at dmdiocese.org/events.

Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

On Monday, Sept. 21 at 6:15 p.m., the St. Ambrose Cathedral parish community will remember those who have been lost to suicide. If you have a loved one whose life has been taken due to suicide, we invite you to this special Mass and to light a candle in their honor. There will be a basket of candles on a table near the altar. Before the offertory, those who have lost a loved one to suicide are invited to come forward and light a candle in their memory. Submit your loved one's name to be remembered before Sept. 14. You can submit your loved one's name using the registration form at dmdiocese.org/events.

Sensory Friendly Mass

To create a welcome and inclusive environment, we will have a Sensory Friendly Mass at 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 at St. Boniface Parish in Waukee. This Mass will have lower lights, instrumental music, the availability of picture schedules, and other accommodations.



FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration immediately follows the
8:30 am Mass every Friday.

Please join us from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm.

*Ven. Fulton J. Sheen began the practice of a daily Holy Hour when he was a seminarian. And he performed it without fail for 60 years. In his autobiography *Treasure in Clay*, he wrote: "The Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption. In the garden ... Our Lord asked, 'Could you not watch one hour with me?' He asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil, an hour of victim union with the cross to overcome the anti-love of sin"*

MEMORIAL STONES FOR UNBORN CHILDREN AND INFANTS LOST TOO SOON

Honor an unborn child or infant lost too soon--whether your loss was recent or many years ago--by submitting the child's name to be included on our parish's In Remembrance of Children Lost Too Soon web page: stjohnsadel.org/in-remembrance-of-children-lost-too-soon. As part of our Respect Life ministry, we also offer families the opportunity to create a personalized memorial stone in honor of their unborn child or infant lost too soon. This ministry is provided at no cost. To submit a request, you may contact the church office at 515-993-4482 or complete the form found in the church entry or at: <https://forms.gle/fLXKUHV16HQXLaj87>. All stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden for the Unborn during the dedication and prayer service on Sunday, October 18 after the 11 AM Respect Life Mass, led by Bishop Joensen. We would be blessed by your presence, but if you are unable to attend, your child's stone will be placed with love and prayer.



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