

SACRED HEART

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“Advent celebrates the threefold sense of Christ’s coming: past, present, & future.”

(Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, his ongoing coming in our hearts through grace, his glorious return at the end of time.)

Mass Times

Weekend: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. & Sunday at 8:15 and 10:45 am.
Weekday: Please see inside bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:30 p.m., and any time by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you are planning to be hospitalized, or if you are home-bound, please arrange with the parish priest for the Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Staff

Priest - Rev. Lou Jaeger (dbq209@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)
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Religious Education Office DRE/CRE 234-8394
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Sacred Heart Day Care 234-7762
Church Dining Room 233-5642
Prayer Hot Line 233-2677 or 234-3264

Parish Leadership Chairs

Pastoral Council - Mark Sinnwell
Education & Faith Formation Committee - Matt Boyle
Finance Council- Jim Bowes
Liturgy Committee - Anne Sergeant
Social Concerns Committee - Rick Abben
Community Caregiving Committee - Domingo Jaramillo
Stewardship Committee - Jon Olson
CVCS Representatives - Jana Schmitt & Mark Russell

Ministry Coordinators

Advocate for the Disabled - Steve Schrader
Homebound Ministry - Jeanne Lutgen
Music Ministry - Ann Condon
Wedding Coordinator - Dee Wilberding
Funeral Dinners - Dorothy Dunnwald
Fall Festival - Carol Robins
CORE High School Ministry - Becky Keeling

Parish Website - www.sacredheartwloo.org

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Hot-Line
1-800-803-6758 Sacred Heart Parish seeks to support all victims of clergy sexual abuse. Please notice posters to this effect visible throughout our facilities.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the faith community of Sacred Heart Parish, Waterloo, Iowa, recognize that we are called by our baptism to be formed throughout our lives by the word of God and the Eucharist. Accepting our common responsibility as disciples, we commit our God-given gifts of time, talents, and treasures to further the mission of Christ.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Dec. 23-27, 2009

Wed.	8:00 am	Anna B. Smith
Thurs.	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	5:30 pm	For the People
	10:00 pm	Bob/Ann Hoover
Fri.	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	9:00 am	Daniel Dunnwald
Sat.	5:30 pm	Virgil Wallace
Sun.	8:15 am	For the People
	10:45 am	Duane Hanig

LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS “stocking stuffers?” Something you might want to consider are our Centennial mugs, water bottles, refrigerator magnets, and rosaries. These items are available for purchase at the rectory office on weekdays from 9 am - 4 pm.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE FOR DECEMBER: For all who suffer from hardships and for the safety of all holiday travelers.

**Schedule of Liturgical Ministers
December 26/27**

5:30 p.m. 8:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Ushers

M. Russell	K. Morrissey	B. Zeets
S. Russell	P. Morrissey	J. Beckman
R. Abben	K. Salisbury	K. Beckman
T. Bernard	R. Breuer	M. Sinnwell

Lector

A. Sergeant	J. Niemeyer	P. Ferrel
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Servers

A. Nguyen	B. Blocker	D. Crisman
K. Nguyen	R. Salisbury	J. Crisman
J. Nielson	S. Timmer	H. Ciesielski

Eucharistic Ministers

B. Martinez	B. Degenhardt	A. Hicok
C. Weber	B. Growney	D. Kramer
J. Weber	D. Rigel	J. Kemp
J. Bowes	J. Lutgen	K. Yuska
J. Bowes	P. Lutgen	L. Stamp
M. Mauer	M. Kraus	L. Weber
Rev. Mr. Al Weber	R. Kraus	R. Deutsch

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
RECOGNIZING OUR NEED TO BE GIVERS

FINANCIAL STATUS FOR FISCAL 2009-2010

AMOUNT RECEIVED

BUDGET ENVELOPES:
ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS:

RECEIVED TO DATE: \$271,895.98
BUDGETED (24TH WEEK) \$289,296

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED PLEASE CALL SACRED HEART SCHOOL AT 234-6593.

WE WILL BE OFFERING A NEW OPPORTUNITY for families with younger children. We are inviting children, ages 4-10, to participate in a Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Adult leaders will guide children through the readings for the Mass. These Children’s Liturgies are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month at our 10:45 Mass. Children process out of Mass following the Opening Prayer and return to their families at Offertory time. There is no cost and no registration necessary to participate in this program.

ANYONE WISHING TO REMEMBER someone in a special way by donating flowers or decorations for the church during the Christmas Season may send a \$10 donation to the parish office, along with the name of the person to be remembered. The names will be published in a later bulletin.

MIKE AMUNDSON will offer an organ concert as Prelude music before the 9:00 am Mass on Christmas Day. He will begin at 8:25 am. If hearing the pipe organ on Christmas morning would enhance your prayer, arrive early and hear some of the following: Traditional Christmas Carols, Jesu Bambino, Birthday of a King, In Dir ist Freude, and several other Christmas favorites.

NEW YEAR’S EVE CENTENNIAL CLOSING MASS & RITUAL on December 31st, at the 5:30 pm Mass. We will celebrate the conclusion of the year-long celebration of our parish Centennial. Following Mass we will continue our celebration with a special reception in O’Hagan Hall. Please come to pray for the continuation of our ministry and mission here at Sacred Heart for the next 100 years!

Pray for the Sick!

Tom Hild, Peggy Lanigan, Don Kelly, Julia Puga, Fr. Lou, Tom Ferguson, Anne Webber, Patricia Doocy, Maxine McElvenny, Josephine Royer, Janet Pond, Jane Richter, Charlotte O'Malley & Norma Cummings.



Tues. Prayer Group O'Hagan Hall 7:30 pm
Wed. NO CCD classes
Thurs. Merry Christmas to all!

THE PARISH RENEWAL follow up "reaching for the future", scheduled for December 8, was canceled due to weather conditions. These opportunities will be offered again, after the first of the year.

SACRAMENTS: Fr. Lou will be offering a Lenten series on the Sacraments. We will learn a little history, to know where we came from, and an understanding of Sacraments today. Sessions will be from 1 - 2 pm on Wednesdays starting February 3 (skipping Ash Wednesday) in O'Hagan Hall. Register by calling Sacred Heart office at 234-4996; or contact Dave Cushing at 234-9912.

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHERE THE HOMELESS SPEND THEIR DAYTIME HOURS? An exciting project is happening here in Waterloo. The Cedar Valley Hospitality House, 1003 Mulberry St., will open this month to serve the needs of our area homeless during the day. The House will be open from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and will provide shelter, showers, light food, clean clothes, internet service, hot coffee and access to community social service information. Your help is needed for the sustainability of this endeavor. We need volunteers to staff the house during the daytime hours. (The house will always be staffed with a minimum of two people.) Compassion and a desire to work for the common good are the requirements. For more information on volunteering, call Sue Dean at 236-0455 or Rose Quirk at 232-3177. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Cedar Valley Hospitality House, P.O. Box 1505, Waterloo, IA. 50704.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2009. All contributions intended for the 2009 year must be turned in by December 31. Any contributions we receive after December 31, 2009, will be credited to 2010 contributions statements.

Junior High and High School Peer Ministry Christmas gathering will be Sunday, December 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm at WCYM. Bring a wrapped gift suitable for girls or boys, valued at no more than \$5, for the gift exchange game. **High School RUSH** returns in 2 weeks! Sunday, January 3rd, we will have our annual sledding event, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Meet at WCYM and we will walk over to Bontrager Park for sledding. Dress warm and bring your own sled! If there is no snow, we will have an alternative activity.

You are invited to an Open House at the Christmas House. Featuring over 50 Nativity scenes - over 500 Santas - & fully decorated "Theme" rooms - Winter Wonderland Yard. December 18,19, 20, 21-7:00 pm to 10:00 pm nightly. Snacks offered & free will offering home of Jerry & Toni Webb 146 Tribble road!

WITH THE BUSY HOLIDAY season upon us, plan now to take time out for yourselves as a couple. Register to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is in Cedar Falls on February 12-14, 2010. To register, or for more information, contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Please register 6 weeks in advance. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information.

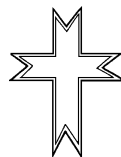
BEING CATHOLIC -- An information meeting for adults who are interested in joining the Catholic Church will be held on Thursday, January 7, at 6:30 pm in Scallan Hall, Queen of Peace Parish. For information, contact Pam Johnston at 234-8394, or go to waterloocatholics.org/.

INACTIVE CATHOLICS -- The Catholic parishes in Waterloo provide a variety of opportunities for inactive, alienated, discouraged and former Catholics and Catholic seekers who want to discuss their past, present or future relationship to the Catholic Church. For information, contact Dave Cushing at 234-9912, or online at waterloocatholics.org/.

NEW YEARS RETREAT -- "Discovering Peace in the New Year" is the theme of a New Year's Eve Retreat December 31 - January 1 at American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls. Fr. Ken Glaser will provide the prayer and reflection for a "spiritual leap" into the New Year. The retreat will incorporate time for listening, sharing, praying and socializing. It will conclude with Eucharist on January 1. Offering: \$70 for adults; \$40 for young adults. Contact American Martyrs at 319-266-3543.

WINTER AT THE CELLAR -- Evolution, religious women, the priesthood and the bishops' role in public policy are the topics for discussion at the Waterloo parishes' January adult education series, "Winter at the Cellar." Details are available online at waterloocatholics.org/.

'THE CATHOLIC IMAGINATION' -- What makes Catholics Catholic? This six-week discussion series will examine the principle characteristics of the Catholic Imagination, and explores how these characteristics are embodied, expressed and experienced in Catholic worship, ritual and teaching. Registration and information at 234-9912, or online at waterloocatholics.org/.



Please remember **Bernardine Braun** - sister of Mary Schneider and sister-in-law of Mary Jo Schneider. May she rest in peace. Remember, too, her family in your prayers.