

	Immaculate Conception	St. Peter	Holy Name	St. Francis
	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 8:30 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 5:00 pm
Lector	Holly Schemmel	Kim Kleve	DeAnne Tyler	Steve Knoploh
Eucharistic Ministers	Joel Meyer Lorraine Piphon Deanna Joeegen	Craig Kleve Mary Olson MaryAnn Woodson	Ron Bodensteiner Barb Heins Bonnie Patrick	Jim Mitchell Ruth Keppler Sharon Orr Barb Schultz
Gifts	Dawn Taylor	Patrick & Michelle Schaefer's Family	Arlene Miller Mary Anne Hoey	Mark & Lavell Kuennen
Ushers	Jerry & Peggy Becker Ralph Schultz	Bruce Kleve Dale Imoehl	Scott O'Hare Mike Heins	Denice Fink Rick Fink Scot Michelson Gary Brownell
Greeters	Steve Frost	Phyllis Quass	John & Stephanie Michael Family	
Servers	Payton Leete Jacob Britt Kayla Britt	AJ Fettkether Aaron Chapman	Olivia O'Hare Katelyn Tyler Madelyn Tyler	Justine Cowley Lauren Fink
Money Counters	Kyle Teeling Joel Meyer	Tom Matt Ron Jespersen	Arlene Miller Dianne Schneberger	Mary Kauten Linda Matthiesen

January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster - The Catholic parishes of Immaculate Conception, Sumner, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette, Holy Name, West Union, and St. Peter, Clermont.

ALERT—ALERT—ALERT—CHANGES IN MASS TIMES

BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4/5

SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 PM HOLY NAME, WEST UNION

SUNDAY MORNING 10:30 AM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FAYETTE

Well, it's time for another attempt to adjust our Mass schedule. Here, I just want to give a brief history and rationale for the change. Remember, our goal is to provide a weekend mass in every parish each week.

On the First Saturday in September we dropped the Saturday evening Mass in West Union and the Sunday Morning Mass in Sumner. The attraction here was that it allowed me to cover four masses in the cluster each weekend without finding substitute priests. However, after a month it became apparent that many in Sumner missed the Sunday Mass and an equal amount in West Union missed having Mass on Saturday night.

In response, the Saturday Mass was shifted to Fayette and the Sunday Morning Mass reinstated in Sumner - the logic being that Saturday evening mass-goers from West Union and Sumner could easily make it to Fayette for Saturday evening Mass. This worked for many in Sumner and West Union. However, it's become clear that the arrangement isn't working so well for Fayette. Even though members of the parish have made good efforts to have Mass at this time, the cost to parish identity has been high. At this point, even those who began the experiment with enthusiasm are a bit discouraged and wonder what the future will hold.

So, it's time to try something new. Beginning February 4th, we'll have our Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm in West Union. Mass in Fayette will be at 10:30 am on Sunday beginning February 5th. I'm optimistic about this plan because when there were both Saturday and Sunday masses in West Union often there were more people at the Saturday than the Sunday. However, I'm concerned about the folks in Sumner who want to go Mass on Saturday night. This change will no doubt create a hardship for them.

Note that this schedule is not set in stone! If it proves as unacceptable as the last two attempts, we'll try to find an alternative. Perhaps the ultimate solution will be to create a rotation that gives everyone a chance to host the Saturday evening Mass for a quarter of the year. For now, I propose we go with the schedule mapped out above until early May and then reevaluate. As we move forward, your comments and feedback are appreciated. These help immensely in trying to figure the best way forward.

Thanks for your patience as we attempt to find a generally acceptable solution to this challenge. If nothing else, it shows how important our faith truly is and invites a renewed commitment to our God as we strive to serve him with all our lives.

God Bless, Fr. Jim

Masses & Intentions

1/16/17 - Monday
9:00 am, HN

Francisca Paris

1/17/17 - Tuesday
7:30 am, IC

Word & Communion

9:00 am, HN
Paul & Therese Kaiser

1/18/17- Wednesday
9:00 am,

Maple Crest Manor
Marcy Blong

1/19/17 - Thursday
9:00 am, SP

Viola Lerch

1/20/17 - Friday
9:00 am,

Hillcrest Nursing Home

Margaret Easton

9:00 am, HN

Ruth Werhan

1/21/17 - Saturday
7:30 am, IC

Connie Higgins

5:00 pm, SFA

Elizabeth & Frank
Knipper

1/22/17 - Sunday
8:30 am, IC

For the People

8:30 am, SP

Robert Smith

10:00 am, HN

Josephine Heying



Please remember in your Masses and prayers people from our cluster who are sick or ailing, we pray that all will have firm faith and improved health:



From Immaculate Conception: Juliana Blaylock, Michelle Heidemann, Betty Humpal, Barb Hyman, Joan Jergens, Leo Jones, Terri Kuethe, Noreen Miller, Peggy Pagel, Don & Pauline Rader, Fr. Jude Rochford, Mary Rochford, Rhonda Rochford, Rita Schmitz, Joan Schultz, Joyce Teeling, Jane Tucker and Jonathan Wirkler.

From St. Francis of Assisi: Urban Berkes, Darwin Dean, Addie Hollenrake, Rita Manderfield Gordon Murray-John and Larry Riley.

From Holy Name: Mary Dunt Buenzow, Steve Dunt, Steven Franzen, Hayden Grimm, Dale Halverson, Bea Heffernan, Bernice Holthaus, Jill Krambeer, Gerald Kramer, Eileen Lahey, Kathy Langreck, Pat Loomer, Bonnie Maiers, Brenda McDanel, Jessica McDanel, Roger Michael, Marilyn Miller, Raelonna Patrick, Fr. Rausch, Julie Schute, Betty Scott, Leona Streif, and Carl Wagner Jr.

From St. Peter: Elizabeth Goddard, Erik Johnson, Ellen Kneeland, Rosemary Lehmann, Julia Martin, Albert Matt, Adeline Meier, Lloyd Meier, Pat Monroe, Jonathan Oakland, John Pape, and Ken Wagner, Jr.

Rest in Peace: For those in our parishes who have died and for our families who have lost loved ones. Phyllis Pattison (Sumner), sister of Barb Toussaint and Sharon Ries of Immaculate Conception Parish. Phyllis's funeral was held Monday, January 2nd at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sumner. We pray for her family and all who grieve her loss.

Happenings Around Our Area

Calling all women! Register by January 15 for an early bird discount to the Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ, Saturday, February 4th, St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids. Invite your friends and relatives to hear Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto, who will touch the hearts of all ages - from teens to more seasoned women. For more information or to view videos of our presenters visit www.ArchWomensConference.org

Holy Name, West Union

Baptismal Congratulations to Laryn Leslie Scholbrock (daughter of Travis & Melissa Scholbrock), who was baptized at Holy Name on Sunday, January 8th. May God bless Laryn and her family.

Monday, January 16, KC Travel Gavel, 8:00 pm in the KC Hall.

Saturday, February 4, Holy Name will begin Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm and St. Francis of Assisi will begin 10:30 am Mass on Sunday.

Knights of Columbus Right to Life Rose Drive will be held the weekend of January 14th and 15th.

Project Giving Hope January is Soup & Cracker Month. Suggested items are: All soups & stews, snack crackers, saltines, etc.

Sacrificial Giving 1/8/16 Total: \$2,572.06

Adult Envelopes	1,814.00
Youth Envelopes	17.50
Offertory	106.56
Christmas	75.00
Bldg. & Repairs	5.00
Rel. Retirement	5.00
New Year's	162.00

West Union Community Theatre
Presents
"Middleville"

Friday, January 13th & Saturday, January 14th
7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center
NFV High School, West Union
Tickets available at the door.

Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Attend Mass while on vacation: Learn Mass times across the United States. Visit www.masstimes.org or by calling 1-305-598-7490 to speak to a live operator, available Tue., Thurs., Sat., 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

Archdiocesan web site is: <http://www.dbqarch.org/>

St. Peter, Clermont

Wednesday, January 25, Confirmation — High School classes meet.

If North Fayette Valley School is delayed or called off due to bad weather, there will NOT be Mass at St. Peter's.

Saturday, February 4, Holy Name will begin Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm and St. Francis of Assisi will begin 10:30 am Mass on Sunday.

St. Peter's Adult Formation Class will be held the following dates: January 18th, and February 1st. We will view a DVD series entitled "A Retreat with Pope Francis."

Sacrificial Giving 1/8/16 Total: \$1,944.50

Adult Envelopes	1,596.00
Youth Envelopes	8.50
Offertory	120.00
Faith Formation	55.00
Social Justice	65.00
Painting Project	100.00

Stewardship Quote

Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

Pope's Intention for January

Christian Unity:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



Read about these stories in the Jan. 15 Witness

- ◆ Msgr. Tom Zinkula, a priest of the archdiocese, was featured on TV news in the Czech Republic after a group of pilgrims praying for those suffering in Aleppo, Syria stopped into a Mass he was saying in the Eastern European country
- ◆ A member of St. Patrick Parish in Nevada recalls the day he met the first American born martyr recognized by the Catholic Church, Father Stanley Rother, while visiting Guatemala
- ◆ Archbishop Jackels' column this week focuses on immigration (National Migration Week is celebrated Jan. 8-14)
- ◆ Coverage of the dedication of the new chapel built at Beckman Catholic High School in Dyersville

Immaculate Conception, Sumner

A huge thank you to all who either bought gifts, gave a monetary donation, wrapped toys, or help distribute to families. This year 32 families with 95 children were gifted through the Caring & Sharing.

Saturday, February 4, Holy Name will begin Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm and St. Francis of Assisi will begin having 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. This schedule will be in effect for 3 months.

Did you know... that our parish does visit the sick in the hospital and also takes them a get well bag? We need you to contact Fr. Jim or Deanna Joebgen(563-578-8712) if you know of someone in the hospital.

The traveling Virgin Mary statue....has she been to your home yet? A sign up sheet is in the west entrance to church for anyone interested in having the statue in their home for one week.

"His Hands Food Pantry" Requested January donations: Condiments including ketchup, mustard, barbeque sauce, salad dressings, honey, pancake syrup & etc. In the month of December 76 households were served with 5,406.2 pounds of food distributed. **Thank you for your support in 2016. Happy New Year to all!**

Sacrificial Giving 1/8/16 Total \$1,796.50

Adult Envelopes	1,498.00
Youth Envelopes	2.00
Offertory	75.50
Pro-life	146.00
Solem. of Mary	75.00

Good Members of the divine Mercy Circle

Thanks so much for all the goodness you bring to our parish. And special Thanks for all the Yummy Meals sent my way in 2016.

Fr. Jim

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 26th, 2017

2:00 - 6:00 pm, Community Center in Fredericksburg

Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Lions Club.

For an appointment please call Morry @ 563-237-5801 or Jack @ 563-237-5961. Blood is especially needed this time of year.

Crisis Pregnancy Center- # 1-800-395-HELP
and Iowa website: www.heartbeatinternational.org

St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette

In December, St. Francis 7th-8th graders donated gifts to those in need. They donated \$20 cash to purchase a "flock of chicks" through Heifer International. This gift provides a family with over 200 eggs or chicks in a year. This provides food for the family and eggs/chickens can be sold at market to raise funds for medicine or clothing. Chickens require very little space, allowing families with small plots of land to maximize what they plant. Chickens help farm production by eating insects, removing weeds and even fertilizing crops. Check out more information online at www.heifer.org. In addition to the flock of chicks, the class decided to donate to the local Salvation Army. The \$35 cash donation was designated for clothes and it will go to a needy family in Northeast Iowa.

Saturday, February 4, Holy Name will begin Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm and St. Francis of Assisi will begin having 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. This schedule will be in effect for 3 months.

"Sharing Gifts from God" "Sharing Gifts from God" January is Soup & Cracker Month. Suggested items are: All soups & stews, crackers, & etc.

Sacrificial Giving 1/8/16 Total: \$599.95

Adult Envelopes	515.00
Offertory	73.13
Christmas	5.00
Immac. Concept.	5.00
Food Shelf	1.82

I wish to thank all from St. Francis parish who sent prayers, cards and get well wishes to me while recovering from surgery.

Thank you all
Gordon Murray-John

Cluster Announcements

Knights of Columbus Right to Life Rose Drive will be held the weekend of January 14th and 15th.

On January 15th we are beginning classes for those interested in becoming Catholic. Classes will begin each Sunday at St. Francis of Assisi in Fayette at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, January 16, KC Travel Gavel, 8:00 pm in the KC Hall.

Tuesday, January 17, Cluster Faith Formation Council Meeting, 7:00 pm at St. Francis, Fayette.

Thursday, January 26, Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.