

St Joseph the Worker Cluster

The Catholic Parishes of

Immaculate Conception

Sumner

Holy Name

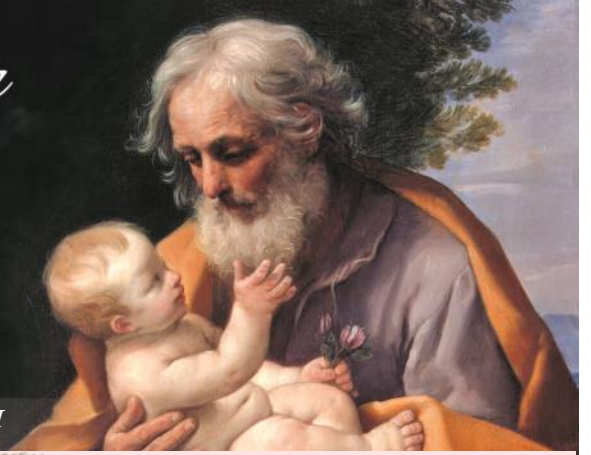
West Union

St Francis of Assisi

Fayette

St Peter

Clermont



DECEMBER 29, 2019 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Season's Greetings

I renew the joyous proclamation of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace among those whom he favors" (Luke 2:14). With Pope Francis, I align my prayers and thoughts with his Christmas wish for us this year, "my wish for a happy Christmas is a wish for fraternity. Fraternity among individuals of every nation and cultures. Fraternity among peoples with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another. Fraternity among persons of different religions. Jesus came to reveal the face of God to all those who seek him." The pontiff goes on to say "Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness. As when an artist is about to make a mosaic, it is better to have tiles of many colors available, rather than just a few! The experience of families teaches us this: As brothers and sisters, we are all different from each other. We do not always agree, but there is an unbreakable bond uniting us, and the love of our parents helps us to love one another." (Pope Francis: Christmas Message, 2019).

It has been a year of blessings with First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony celebrated by parishioners in our Cluster. I wish them grace, joy and peace in their spiritual lives. My prayers are with those who lost loved ones during the year, they will be forever remembered in our Masses and prayers. We were blessed this year again to have our Cluster Mission which was directed by Anthony Digmann, NET ran a retreat for our youth and NCYC was memorable. The Archbishop was available for Confirmation and stopped by for some Masses in November, we are extremely grateful. Fr. Dan Knipper and Fr. Solomon Farinto were on hand in my absence, I am so grateful for their support and appreciations for their time. The time and talent survey is been collated and I am deeply appreciative for your participation. I said this before and it is worth saying again, I do know that as a Cluster we are not where we want to be, but I am positive that our humble efforts are certainly leading to the right directions. I don't say it often, I want to say again and again, my warm appreciations to our brothers and sisters who staff our various offices and all those who work on numerous committees in our Cluster, your patience and endurance gives credit to the work of our hands.

May this Christmas bring Joy, Peace, and Happiness, now and throughout the New year. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Rev. Donald T. Komboh

Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker Cluster

- 1 - 9:00 am Cluster Holy Day Mass @ SFA
- 8 - Faith Formation Classes Resume
- 9 - 7:00 pm Cluster Liturgy Committee @ SFA
- 14 - 7:00 pm Cluster Faith Formation @ SFA
- 23 - 7:00 pm Cluster Pastoral Council @ SFA



Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers those from our Cluster who are sick and requesting prayer:

From Immaculate Conception:

Juliana Blaylock, Judy Brandt, Jim Duffy, Joyce Frank, Michelle Heidemann, Betty Humpal, Barb Hyman, Noreen Miller, Brian Pipho, Pauline Rader, Rhonda Rochford, Joyce Teeling, Brooke Toussaint

From St. Francis of Assisi:

Veryl Burghardt, Addie Hollinrake, Dorothy Lau, Art Moellers, Helen Scheidel, Pat Whelan

From Holy Name:

Doris Bouska, Kenny Bouska, Taylor Bouska, Mary Dunt Buenzow, Steve & Linda Dunt, Florian Franzen, Hayden Grimm, Bea Heffemen, Marion Heying, Jill Krambeer, Gerald Kramer, Eileen Lahey, Arlene Langreck, Roger Michael, Marilyn Miller, Roberta Mittelsted, Raelonna Patrick, Edmund Schmitt, Betty Scott, Leona Steinlage, Barb Van Horn

From St. Peter:

Elizabeth Goddard, Laverne Imoehl, Albert Matt, Donna Miller, Jonathan Oakland, Ken Wagner, Richard Barnes, Ardith Barnes

JOIN A PRAYER CHAIN OR UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Prayer is our most important ministry!

Contact these ladies to be included :

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Pope's Intention for December

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Immaculate Conception, Sumner	
Sacrificial Giving 12/14/19	Total: \$1,319.61
Week Budget Need	\$2,190.00
Adult Envelopes	1,151.00
Youth Envelopes	3.26
Offertory	95.35
Religious Retirement	70.00
Total Weekend	\$1,319.61

Holy Name, West Union	
Sacrificial Giving 12/14/19	Total: \$2,452.00
Week Budget Need	\$2,244.00
Adult Offering	2158.00
Youth Offering	12.00
Offertory	70.00
Immaculate Conception	57.00
Christmas	55.00
Christmas Flowers	100.00
Total Weekend	\$2,502.00

St. Peter, Clermont	
Sacrificial Giving 12/15/19	Total: \$3,402.69
Week Budget Need	\$1,466.45
Adult Envelopes	3,050.00
Youth Envelopes	12.69
Offertory	100.00
Christmas Flowers	70.00
Immaculate Conception	55.00
Religious Retirement	15.00
Social Justice	100.00
Total Weekend	\$3,402.69

St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette	
Sacrificial Giving 12/15/19	Total: \$7,031.99
Week Budget Need	\$1,718.00
Adult Envelopes	3,768.99
Offertory	118.00
Christmas	3,000.00
Christmas Flowers	85.00
Garage Rent	40.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
Total Weekend	\$7,031.99

Stewardship Quote

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

Children's Budget Envelopes are available in the church entrances. Take one each week for offertory or take some home and bring them back the next weekend. Your contributions support our adopted children in the UNBOUND program.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all from IC that went Christmas Caroling at CMH, Hillcrest Nursing Home & Cobble Stone Assisted Living. Also, thank you to the choir, the musicians and the youth who participated in the Mass on Saturday, December 8th. The Mass was beautiful. Also, thank you to all who participated in the potluck after Mass and the visit from Santa!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

IC is in need of Liturgical Ministers for the Cluster New Year's Day Mass at St. Francis of Assisi, 9:00 am.

MONEY COUNTERS

The new IC money counter's schedule is now available in the west entrance of the church. If there is anyone interested in becoming a money counter, please contact Cindy Jacob at the church office, 578-8227. Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Live fearlessly this year!!! Fabulous speakers Hallie Lord, author of *On the Other Side of Fear*, and Katie Prejean, author of *Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus* will help us to live fearlessly, faithfully, and on fire in 2020! Invite your friends and attend the Archdiocesan Women's Conference on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 AM). To register go to: <https://archwomensconference.org/registration/>. (Financial assistance is available.)

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: All Parish offices will be closed January 1st.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.. Immaculate Conception,
Sumner
6:00 p.m. Holy Name,
West Union

Sunday:

8:00 a.m..... St. Peter,
Clermont
10:00 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi,
Fayette

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

County Food Shelves January - Soup & Cracker

Suggested Items: : Any soup or stew, saltine & snack crackers, etc.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE FIRST STEP IN A CLOSER WALK WITH JESUS:



All are welcome at St. Peter's for **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion** by Dr. Edward Sri. This study, presented last year in the Cluster, was very popular. Make time to wake up your faith-life.

Classes at 7 pm are scheduled for: Jan 8, 15 & 29; and Feb 12.

AREA EVENTS

German-American Museum Christmas Open House, December 29, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. St. Lucas Historical Society.

St. Benedict Parish, Decorah is hosting Lecture Series starting Wednesday, January 22nd 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the St. Benedict Parish Hall, Luther Professor and St. Benedict Parishioner, Loren Toussaint presenting: FORGIVING AND LIVING: Finding Health and Happiness in a Forgiving Life. Please join us for an enlightening evening!

**Deadline for bulletin information:
12:00 p.m. on Tuesday**

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MASSES & INTENTIONS

12/30/19 - Monday

No Mass - Pray for Vocations

1 John 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-10, Luke 2:36-40

12/31/19 - Tuesday

9:00 am, Hillcrest Nursing Home
Word & Communion

9:00 am, HN
+ Ernestine Chase

1 John 2:18-21, Ps 96:1,2,11-13, John 1:1-18

1/1/19 – Wednesday - Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am, SFA - Cluster Mass
+ For the Cluster

Num 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-8, Gal 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

1/2/19 – Thursday

9:00 am, SP
+ Mary Torkelson

1 John 2:22-28, Ps 98:1-4, John 1:19-28

1/3/19 – Friday

9:00 am, IC
+ Terri Kuethe

1 John 2:29-3:6, Ps 98:1-6, John 1:29-34

1/4/19 – Saturday

4:00 pm IC
+ John Bergen

6:00 pm, HN
+ Terry Bouska

1 John 3:7-10, Ps 98:1,7-9, John 1:35-42

1/5/19 – Sunday – Epiphany

8:00 am, SP
+ Mike Finnegan

10:00 am, SFA
+ For the People

Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Eph. 3:2-6, Matt 2:1-12



RECONCILIATION

Saturday:

3:30 p.m.....Immaculate Conception, Sumner

5:30 p.m..... Holy Name, West Union

Sunday:

7:30 a.m..... St. Peter, Clermont

9:30 a.m..... St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - JAN. 4 & JAN. 5

Liturgical Ministers



Immaculate Conception – Saturday 4:00 pm

Lector – Deanna Joeegen

Eucharistic Ministers - Deanna Joeegen
Tom Yungtum
Tom Miller

Gifts – Kay Luebbers

Ushers – Kay Luebbers
Jerry & Peggy Becker

Greeters – Tom Yungtum

Servers – Reid Holtz, Shane Warnke,
Greyson Smith

Money Counters - Jerry Becker
Dave Hennessey

Holy Name – Saturday 6:00 pm

Lector - Lois McElvania

Eucharistic Ministers - Lois McElvania
Donna Baumler
Ken Scholbrock

Gifts – Mike & Jenni Elsbernd Family

Ushers – Kent McElvania & Dennis Soppe

Greeter – Steve & Nicole Murray Family

Servers – Decklyn Heins
Thomas & William Sadler

Money Counters – Lois McElvania
Don Baumler

St. Peter – Sunday 8:00 am

Lector – John Chapman

Eucharistic Ministers – Dawn Daughton
Craig Kleve
MaryAnn Woodson

Gifts – Ann McDowell, Tom Matt

Ushers – Tom Matt, Bob Bollman

Greeters – Ann McDowell, Tom Matt

Servers – Aaron Chapman, Clayton Schaefer

Money Counters – Dennis & Joanie Goddard

St. Francis – Sunday 10:00 am

Lector – Mike Carey

Eucharistic Ministers - Maggie Gardner
Elaine Reicks
Barb Schultz
Alice Wagner

Gifts – Gary & Janice Brownell

Ushers – Alan Kuennen
Marie Kuennen

Karen Michelson

Scot Michelson

Servers – Sean & Karen Durnan