MISSION STATEMENT
To love and serve God and neighbor by the way we worship, assist those in need, and educate in the faith with fidelity to Sacred Scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES:
The Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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A PARISH PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled for December 12, 2021 at 3PM at the St. Joseph site. 7 priests will be present to celebrate this Sacrament with you. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare spiritually for the Feast of Christmas.

ADVENT PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS: Often, we walk through the day which brims with beauty and brightness, seeing only our mundane schedules, our sorrows and our losses. We lose sight of the many gifts bestowed upon us each and every day of the year. This Advent, a Prayer Team challenges you to keep thanksgiving alive in your hearts as we enter this season of giving! They will take an extra hour each week to offer your praise. Let us ponder our blessings and approach the crib this Christmas with the gift of gratitude. Focus on the Light, not the darkness! Place your prayers in the crib provider by the high altar.

NEW MEMBERS
- Virginia Sales
We are excited to have you join our faith community and see you in the life of the parish.

SYNOD INPUT SESSIONS
Sunday, December 5
- 2PM General Meeting in Richter Hall
- 3PM Meeting for Young adults / families in Richter Hall
- 6PM High School Students at St. James Hall
Fr. Crotty will be hosting this youth portion as a youth group. 9th-12th grade students are invited to join for food, conversation, and prayer.

Monday, December 6
- 6PM General meeting for all interested in Richter Hall
Visit www.allsaintslemars.org/synod for more information.

THE SECOND COLLECTIONS: December 12 will be for the Soup Kitchen in Sioux City. The Soup Kitchen offers meals to the hungry on a regular basis.

December 19: The Warming Shelter

MARRIAGES AT ALL SAINTS PARISH
- Cody Schmit & Isabelle Kessenich
  May God bless their marriage for many years!
  Congratulations!
- Anthony "Tony" Schaa entered eternal life November 22, 2021. He was the brother of Angie Schaa.
  May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY
- Michael "Mike" Schmidt entered eternal life November 20, 2021. He was the father of Miranda (Jay) Bickford.
- Anthony "Tony" Schaa entered eternal life November 22, 2021. He was the brother of Angie Schaa.
  May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ALL SAINTS PARISH
CHRISTMAS CANDY WALK
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021
8AM TO NOON—RICHTER HALL

Sign Ups for Work Shifts will take place after Masses the weekend of Dec. 4/5.

Each family is asked to donate 3 dozen homemade candy or cookies or a variety of homemade breads. These items can be dropped off in Richter Hall on either Thursday, December 9 or Friday, December 10 from 8AM to 7PM.

Order forms have been sent out, but orders can also be placed online at www.allsaintslemars.org.

Caroling Cocoa & S’mores
December 12, 2021
Beginning at 3:30 p.m.
- Gather at the St. Joseph parking lot at 3:30 p.m. to leave for caroling.
- After caroling, the group will return to the church for a firepit, s’mores, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookies!
- Contact Tami Langel at (712) 540-3419 or Team Connect if you have questions.
Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Dec 6 - 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph
  Dick Gaffey (Bday);
  - 12:00NOON All Saints-St. James
    Special Intention: R;
  - 5:30PM All Saints-St. James
    William “Bill” Pew;
  - 5:30PM St. Joseph, Ellendale
    Leo & Ann DeRocher;

Wed. Dec 8 - 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—ALL SCHOOL MASS
  Larry Ruhland;
  - 12:00NOON All Saints-St. James
    Mary “Mike” Peters;
  - 6:00PM All Saints-St. Joseph
    People of All Saints Parish;
    Maria Cerda Martinez; Marcos Melgoza Garcia;

Thurs. Dec 9 - 8:45 AM All Saints-St. Joseph
  Peggy Poeckes; Leon Holzman;
  - 12:00NOON All Saints-St. James
    Elmer & Vonnie Anthony;

Fri. Dec 10 - 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph
  Clarice Langel (Bday);
  - 12:00NOON All Saints-St. James
    Dale & Pauline Bonderson;

Sat. Dec 11 - 4:00PM All Saints-St. James
  Julie (Harms) Sitzmann; Dorothy Arens (Spec. Int.);
  - 5:30PM All Saints-St. Joseph
    Vic Langel (A);

Sun. Dec 12 - 8:00AM All Saints-St. James
  Living & Deceased Members of the Ruhland & Rotering Families;
  - 8:30AM St. Joseph, Ellendale
    Leo Woll;
    - 9:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph
      Bob Langel (Bday);
    - 11:00AM All Saints-St. Joseph
      Wally Niehus (Bday);
    - 12:30PM All Saints-St. James-Spanish Mass
      Maria Cerda Martinez; Marcos Melgoza Garcia;
      People of All Saints Parish

St. Joseph Ellendale
23533 K22, Merrill, IA
December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Mark Your Calendar!

Dec. 5th: Christmas Fun Night
  Eating at 5:00, bingo to follow
Dec. 7th: 5:30 p.m., Vigil Mass for
        Immaculate Conception
        Soup and sandwiches served
        following Mass
Dec. 19th: “Amazing Story of Christmas”
        program after Mass followed by
        hot fudge sundaes and treats

November 21, 2021 Income

All Saints Parish

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Communion Distribution: To those unable to attend Mass.
Hospital: 12/7, 12/9—Mary Hartman
Accura: 12/12—Lori Campbell
Good Samaritan: 12/12—Karen Nelson
Home Bound & Hospital: 12/12—Cathy Popp
Tom Jones
Park Place/Prime Living: 12/12—Lee & Angela Nilles

Theology on Tap: The next Theology on Tap is scheduled for January 23, 2022. Thank you to all of our 2021 sponsors: DeJong Oil, Sitzmann Farms, and several anonymous donors!
If you would like more information about sponsoring our 2022 Theology on Tap events for $200, contact Sara Westhoff at or (712) 541-1954 or sara.l.westhoff@gmail.com.

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Liturgical Ministers’ Schedule
Dec. 7—5:30PM
  Reader: Joan Yoerger
  Servers: Matthew B, Daniel B.
  EMHC: MJ Tapper
  Gifts: Robert Orban Family
  Offertory: Kathy Ream, Steve Ritz

Dec. 12—8:30AM
  Reader: MJ Tapper
  Servers: Cam Bak, Paige Clark
  EMHC: Cindy Schiefen
  Gifts: Rob Peters Family
  Offertory: Lucille Vondrak, Jim Jauer

Eating at 5:00, bingo to follow