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.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!

ADVENT: 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.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
Friday-12/24/21-Christmas Eve
4:00 PM St. James
4:30 PM Ellendale
4:30 PM St. Joseph
9:00 PM St. Joseph

Saturday-12/25/21-Christmas Day
9:00 AM St. Joseph
9:00 AM St. James (Spanish)

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASSES

ADORATION SUSPENSION:
CHRISTMAS—12 Noon, Friday, Dec. 24 until 7 AM Monday, Dec. 27, 2021
NEW YEAR’S—12 Noon, Friday, Dec. 31 until 7 AM Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

2021 DONATIONS: Be thinking ahead, as we prepare for year’s end. Please be mindful that donations must be received, or postmarked if mailed, by Dec. 31, 2021 in order to be deductible in 2021. If postmarked or received after Dec. 31, 2021, the donations will be deductible in 2022. To comply with federal law, we CANNOT accept donations in 2022 for 2021.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY
Joshua Koons of our parish entered eternal life December 6, 2021.
DarLeen Reskie entered eternal life December 6, 2021. She was the mother of Angie (Dennis) Nemmers of our parish.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

THE SECOND COLLECTIONS: December 19 will be for The Warming Shelter on Nebraska St in Sioux City. The shelter seeks to provide temporary emergency shelter for men, women and families who have no other shelter options in the Siouxland Area. All services and assistance are offered in context of the furtherance of human dignity with the primary goal of harm reduction during the coldest weather months. Occupants receive a blanket, cot and personal hygiene items. Before they leave at 7 AM, they are given fruit cups, granola bars and coffee.

December 25: Catholic Charities
December 26: The Gospel Mission

LECTORS, EMS, HOSPITALITY MINISTERS & SERVERS are needed for our Christmas Masses. Please check the schedule and call the parish office with your availability to serve. Your time is greatly appreciated.

GEHLEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Le Mars, Iowa, seeks a 7-12 school principal for immediate hire. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic, and an Iowa Licensed administrator, or be eligible for the administrator license. Previous administrative experience preferred but not required. The successful candidate will be a visionary leader committed to academic excellence and the formation of tomorrow’s Catholics. Please forward cover letter, resume, college transcripts, references, letters of recommendation, and Iowa certification documents or equivalency to:
Catholic Schools Office
Diocese of Sioux City
1821 Jackson St.
Sioux City, IA 51105
Attn: Superintendent Patty Lansink
Pattyl@scdiocese.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.
DECEMBER 5, 2021 INCOME

All Saints Parish

Adult Tithing $18,770.00
All Saints Repair/Maint. $2,216.00
Annuity Donations 900.00
Auto Withdrawal-General $3,630.00
Auto Withdrawal-Repair/Maint. 215.00
Flowers-Christmas 10.00
Holy Day-Immaculate Conception 45.00
Loose Offering 950.00
Online Donations. 745.00
Online Donations-Repair/Maint. 15.00
Students 237.79

Total $27,733.79

Catholic Charities $200.00
Christian Needs Center 10.00

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: To those unable to
attend Mass.
Hospital: 12/14, 12/16 — Mary Herbst
Accura: 12/19 — Kathy Frus
Good Samaritan: 12/19 — Steve Wick
Home Bound & Hospital: 12/19 — Matt Schilling, Joe Kessenich
Park Place/Prime Living: 12/19 — Malea Penne

CHRISTIAN NEEDS CENTER DECEMBER, 2021

Granola Bars
Pudding/Jello
Hamburger Helper
Soap
Juice
Toothpaste

BRUNSVILLE LEGION BREAKFAST

With SANTA
All You Can Eat!!
8:30AM—1PM, Today, December 12, 2021
Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs the way you like, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice
$8—Adults, $4—Children 5 to 9, 4 & Under—Free
Santa will be present from 10AM to 12Noon

MEMORIAL CARDS for former Bishop Lawrence Soens who
passed away on November 1, are available in the gathering area
for those who wish, per our Catholic custom, to pray for him in
death. Please help yourself.

A PARISH PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled for today
December 12, 2021 at 3pm at the St. Joseph site.

St. Joseph Ellendale
23533 K22, Merrill, IA
December 12, 2021. Third Sunday of Advent

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you
is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE
Dec. 19—8:30AM
Reader: Mike Vander Molen
Servers: Tommy Ellides, Katelyn Hoefling
EMHC: Fred Schiefen
Gifts: Edie Prewitt
Offertory: Steve Beierschmitt, Kim Jauer

Dec. 19: “Amazing Story of Christmas” program after Mass followed by hot
fudge sundaes and treats and Santa. (Each family is asked to contribute
1 doz. Cookies or treats.)