

SS. JOSEPH & CABRINI PARISH

Dec. 14-3rd Sunday of Advent & Dec. 21, 2025-4th Sunday of Advent



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WELCOME VISITORS: All visitors are welcome to share with us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Your presence with us is always a blessing. If you would like to become a registered member, forms are located at entrance of the church or please call the Parish Office and we can send one to you.

Mass Schedule: 8:30am, Sunday at St. Joseph Church

Sacramental Life:

- Reconciliation available before Sunday Mass (8:00-8:20am)
- Please contact the Parish Office for baptism and marriage preparation, anointing of the sick, illness and hospitalization, deaths and funerals.

Prayer List: If you wish to be added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

Food Pantry Collection: First Sunday of the month.

Coffee & Rolls Sunday: First Sunday of the month following mass.

Mission Statement

We, as children of God and members of Saints Joseph and Cabrini Catholic Parish, are a welcoming faith community rich in our rural heritage. Called by our baptismal commitment to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, we are dedicated to our Catholic faith and embrace all those in our world.

##MASS SUNDAY Dec. 14 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Anna Ivorski & Helen Ivorski
Lector: Pat Drzycimski
Eucharistic Minister: Katie Six/Kay Pohren
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Steve/Betty Burgmeier
Ushers: Don Kaska, Bob Kiefer, Phil Kurtz, Kurt Ledger

AM Prayer Service Dec. 16 at 8:00 am-MC

AM Prayer Service Dec. 18 at 8:00 am-SJ

##MASS SUNDAY Dec. 21 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Sylvester & Janet Fritz
Lector: Suanne Dickey
Eucharistic Minister: Suanne Dickey/Lisa Clark
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Kevin/Lisa Clark
Ushers: Steve Burgmeier, Greg Ledger, Jeff Ledger, David Pacha

AM Prayer Service Dec. 23 at 8:00 am-MC

NO-AM Prayer Service Dec. 25 at SJ

##CHRISTMAS EVE Dec. 24 at SJ 4:00 pm
(Choir at 3:45)

Mass Intention: Christmas Memorial List
Lector: Jerry Adrian
Eucharistic Minister: Carol Robison/Don Kaska
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Larry/Carol Robison
Ushers: Mike Adrian, Paul Fritz, Kevin Clark, Ed Drzycimski

##MASS SUNDAY Dec. 28 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Kathryn Deutsch
Lector: Karen Baker
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Fritz/Don Kaska
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Pat Hagist/Karen Horras
Ushers: Bob Kiefer, Phil Kurtz, Kurt Ledger, Greg Ledger



Please Pray For:

Terry Schone, Georgia (Bush) Suzu, Helen Adam, Laurie Moore, Anne Martin, Janice Ledger, Charlotte Kessel, Kameron McCoy, Laverne & Judy Weber, Jim Adam, Nathaniel Schadt, Nancy Dickinson, Richard Pepper, Joe Adam, Linda Zelinski, Lucy Dietzman, Lloyd Thola, Mark Hagist, Pam Horras Riley, Dan Weber, Fr. Jim Betzen, Judy Dickey, Emily Ledger, Chuck Anderson, Doug Howard, Juston Lamb, Bob Sobaski, Chuck Kaska, Jared Greiner, Shirley Van Dee, Jeff Weber, Karen Morgan, John Adam, Colleen Adam, Kathy (Fritz) Fray, Ron Fritz, Dick Pohren, Ryan Marie, Kyle Sobaski, Chris Turnipseed

December Birthdays

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| 18-Kevin Clark | 27-Suanne Dickey |
| 28-Janice Ledger | 29-Steve Burgmeier |
| 30-Lilliana Fritz | 30-Liam Fritz |

December Anniversaries

30-Todd & Amy Jones

Contributions for Nov. 30, 2025

Offertory \$1,460.00
Christmas Flowers \$26.00
Thanksgiving Eve Mass \$118.00
******Attendance-Nov. 30—#26**

Contributions for Dec. 7, 2025

******Attendance-Dec. 7—#0 Mass cancelled, weather related**

Any items that you are wanting inserted in the bulletin for weeks of Dec. 28/Jan. 4, please have to Lisa by Friday, Friday, Dec. 19th at toots85_52654@yahoo.com or call 319-750-2118. Thank you!

Retirement Fund for Religious collection is December 14th, giving to those who have given a lifetime in our religious communities.

Thank you to all who have volunteered extra time over the past several weeks to keep our churches clean and tidy. We appreciate the time and energy devoted to this task.

Congratulations to the Mitchell & Tympest Hora family on the arrival of Becken John Hora, who arrived on December 3rd, at 9 lbs. 7 ozs. !!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 14-Brighton Church Christmas Cantata 2:00

Dec. 21-Decorating St. Joseph Church following Mass

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Mass, @ 4:00 (3:45 choir) @SJ Church

Dec. 31-New Year's Eve Mass, 4:30 @ MC Church

DECEMBER ALTAR & ROSARY GROUP:

Chairperson: Denise Clarahan; MaryAnn Hahn, Mandy Hammes, Rosemary Hammes, Joann Hersh, Corrie Drish, Kim Ledger.

Tommy's Helping Hands/JYD business will be offering a Free Community Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 20th from 11 am to 1 pm, located at the Brighton Community Center. This is Dine In or Take Out, no delivery. Reservations by at: tommyshelpinghands1@gmail.com or call 815-441-1512.

2026 Calendars will be available at the church entrances, provided by Cranston Funeral Home. We thank them for their generosity in providing these for our parish families.

**“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”
Matthew 1:24**

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



Readings for week Dec. 14 thru Dec. 28

Sunday: 7:Is35:1-6a,10/Ps146:6-10/Jas5:7-10/Mt11:2-11

Monday: 187:Nm24:2-7,15-17a/Mt21:23-27

Tuesday: 188:Zep3:1-2,9-13/Mt21:28-32

Wednesday: 193:Gn49:2,8-10/Mt1:1-17

Thursday: 194:Jer23:5-8/Mt1:18-25

Friday: 195:Jgs13:2-7,24-25a/Lk1:5-25

Saturday: 196:Is7:10-14/Lk1:26-38

Sunday: 10:Is10-14/Ps24:1-3,4ab,5-6/Rom1:1-7/Mt1:18-24

Monday: 198:1Sm1:24-28/Lk1:46-56

Tuesday: 199:Mal3:1-4,23-24/Lk1:57-66

Wednesday: 200:2Sm7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Lk1:67-79

Thursday: 13:Is62:1-5/Ps89:4-5,16-17,27,29/Acts13:16-17,22-25/Mt1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Friday: 696:Acts6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt10:17-22

Saturday: 697:1Jn1:1-4/Jn20:1a,2-8

Sunday: 17:Sir3:2-6,12-14/Ps128:1-5/Col3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt2:13-15,19-23

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS-DECEMBER

The month of December you may donate anything that will go towards food or supplies, as there is a large need this time of year. **The food pantry is now located in The H.U.B. in Brighton.** There are many that utilize the food pantry for items. Checks can now be made out to **THE HUB**, with “pantry” in the memo; cash donations will also be accepted. We are continuing to be a drop off site as we have in the past and donated items will be taken to the food pantry at The H.U.B. Please see Lisa Clark for any questions.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal theme is, “Celebrating Our Faith, Lifting Our Voices.” This year our parish assessment for the ADA is \$11,279.00, to date pledged is \$12,495.00 which is 110.78% of the goal. All gifts are important and supports the missions and ministries that serve parish communities across our diocese. Thank you for your contributions!

ALL HANDS ON DECK! We will be decorating St. Joseph Church after 8:30 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 21st for anyone that is able to stay and help! Thanks in advance!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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GROW CLOSER TO GOD-DECEMBER ISSUE

Pick up a copy of the devotional publication "The Word Among Us" and spend time reflecting on the word of God for your life. In the December issue, you are invited to say to God as Mary did, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Let's listen for the voice of our Lord!

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Brighton Community Church this year will again be presenting a Christmas Cantata, which is Sunday afternoon, December 14th at 2:00, refreshments to follow.

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Christmas Memorials— Please continue to submit names for the Christmas Memorial List that will be available on Christmas Eve. Submit names to Lisa, Carol, put in the collection basket or email the church, by Sunday, December 21st.

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As part of the new vocations initiatives in our diocese, the Diocese of Davenport Vocations Office is asking every parish to complete a Vocations Census. The goal of this census is to help the Vocations Office understand local vocational history of Ss Joseph and Cabrini, identify who are the bishops, priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters that have come from our parish. This information will be used to create reference materials for these new vocations initiatives. If you have information about clergy, religious brothers/sisters, or other vocations from our parish, please contact our parish office or the link to Vocations Census: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vocations-census>. The deadline is January 7th.

In preparation for the end of 2025 calendar year, please remember that donations/offerings must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31st in order to be deductible for 2025. If posted after December 31st, regardless of the date on the check, the contributions will be considered a 2025 deductible. Please remember that all ADA payments for 2025 must be postmarked by December 31, 2025 and be received at the Diocese offices by January 5th, 2026 in order to be credited for the 2025 tax year.

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WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

"What do you want for Christmas?" This is a question we ask each other often before Christmas. Yet how many of us actually take a few minutes to kneel before the infant Jesus and ask Him what He wants from us this Christmas. When we kneel before the manger and ask Jesus what He wants, it is very possible that we will hear Him whisper that He wants us to share a little more of our time with Him. Maybe each of us could make a New Year's resolutions to spend more time with God.

- Attend Sunday Mass weekly.
- Find some time for prayer in the morning.
- End your day with spiritual reading.
- Say the rosary while your drive to work/appointments.
- Spend quiet time listening to the Lord.

The precious gift of time with God could be the very best gift you could give this year, not only to Jesus but also to yourself. It may be what your own heart is truly longing for.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Sunday from 8:00AM to 8:20AM, before Sunday Mass

*To report child abuse contact: Iowa Dept of Human Services
Child Abuse Hotline 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or P.O. Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004*

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Glory to the newborn King! Wishing you peace and happiness this Christmas.

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