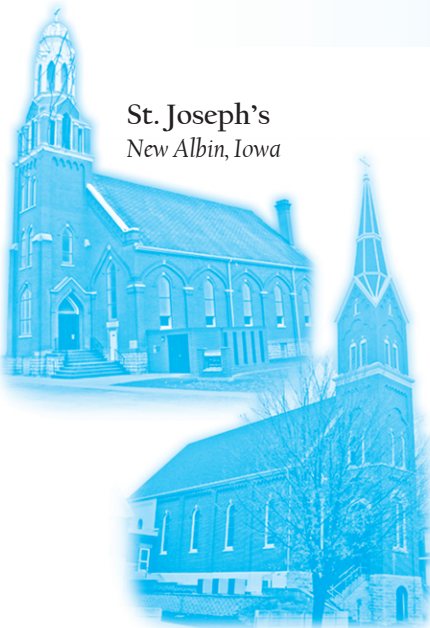


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Mass Schedule for the week

Monday, Jan 12—Helen Spinner @ I.C. —————7:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, Jan 13—Poor Souls @ St. Joseph —————8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, Jan 14--Sandy McKee @ I.C. —————7:30 a.m.
 Thursday, Jan 15—Arnold Klug @ Thornton Manor —————9:45 a.m.
 Friday, Jan 16—Marie Manning @ I.C. —————7:30 a.m.
 Saturday, Jan 17—Harold & Frances Wellendorf @ I.C. —5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Jan 18—Roy Moore @ St. Joseph —————8:30 a.m.
 Mass for the Parish @ I.C. —————10:00 a.m.

Schedule of Mass Helpers January 17 & 18

	5:00 p.m. 17th	8:30 a.m. 18th	10:00 a.m. 18th
Lector	Sam Kuhn	Joan Reburn	Mike Brennan
Communion	Sam Kuhn Donna Hogan Kevin Hogan	Max Marzen Dan Becker Howard Fitzpatrick	Connie Brown Barb Lee Don Peters
Servers	Ryan Kuhn David Richards	Heidi Reburn Kelsey Walleser	Quinn Brennan Danan Cooper
Ushers	Jim Rossi John Rea Louie Spinner Lloyd Welsh	Jim Hammell Barb Mitchell Bernard Dougherty Lyndon Kubitz	Bud Hawes Dennis Winters Lance Welsh Rick Welsh
Offertory	Appointed by Ushers	Dick Mauss	Appointed by Ushers
Rosary		H. Fitzpatrick	

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday
10:00 am

St. Joseph's

Sunday 8:30 am

Confessions

1/2 hour before all Masses

weekdays as well as

4:00—4:45 pm on Saturday &

8:00—8:15 am Sunday

The graduating high school seniors are beginning to seriously consider what future educational opportunities lay before them. With this in mind I would like them to know that there are many scholarships available among them are: 1) the Zoll-Hammel Scholarship for St. Joseph graduating seniors; 2) The St. George Knights of Columbus Scholarship for seniors who are going to attend a Catholic college applies to seniors of both parishes. If you wish to participate in applying for either of those scholarships please contact Fr. Knipper. A 250-300 word essay is due by **March 15, 2009** for both scholarships.

A couple of months ago the Two Parish Social Concerns Committee was approached to offer the “3rd Sunday Collection” to Courtney Smith a special needs child (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) who requires 24 hour per day 7 days a week skilled nursing care. Her family (Bill and Kris Smith) are from Decorah and were victims of the flood this past summer. There was a Halloween Benefit for her this past October but many of you did not have a chance to participate in that fund raiser. The social concerns committee decided to offer this “January 3rd Sunday Loose Change” collection for Courtney.

Goals for the year 2009 for young, middle aged and old? Think about one or more of the following:

1. Getting up a few minutes early and going to Mass one more time during the week.
2. Receiving the sacrament of Confession once a month.
3. Using my contribution envelope each Sunday.
4. Praying the rosary each day.
5. Getting to Mass early on the weekend and joining in praying the rosary.
6. Do some little thing around the parish once a month.
7. Stopping by the church during the week for a prayerful visit.
8. Really joining in the Mass with full participation including the songs.
9. Praying before meals even when at school or in public
10. Reading a part of the Catholic Catechism each day.

Calendar of Events:

Jan 12—I.C. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Jan 18—3rd Sunday loose Change Collection for Courtney Smith

Jan 21—St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.

Jan 22—St. Joseph Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Jan 25—I.C. Youth Mass

Bingo @ I.C. Church Hall 6:30 p.m.

Jan 26—Grief Support Meeting 6:30 –7:30 p.m. @ I.C. Rel. Ed Center

Feb 2 —Social Concerns Meeting @ I.C. 8:15 a.m.

Feb 4—Clean I.C. Church after Mass

Feb 5—All Night Adoration @ I.C. 6:00 p.m. Confessions 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Feb 7—Night with St. Paul @ I.C. after 5 p.m. Mass

Baptism of the Lord: Our Baptism, like the Lord's is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources-their selves-at God's service in and through the Church."

Married Couples Have You Made The Resolution To Start The New Year Right? New romance, deeper communication, feeling closer to your spouse? We can help you keep this resolution. The next weekend is in Cedar Falls, Iowa on Feb. 13-15, 2009. To register or for more information call Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352.

Living Abundantly in Difficult Financial Times:

It doesn't take a degree in economics to know that we are in the midst of difficult financial times. We can't help but feel a little surge of alarm when all the pundits and experts are saying that our economic system is failing. Reading headlines that scream bad news, we are naturally inclined to shrink back, retreat, withdraw, and clutch what we have. We worry about our savings, our jobs, our future. Our first question is, "What will happen to me?" As we look for ways to survive these challenging times, we need to remember that, as Christians we are called to be witnesses of the goodness of God in our lives. No matter how frightening the nightly business report nor how difficult the situation, money is not the most important part of our lives—God's grace is. So, how can we live abundantly even in these difficult times? **Redefine Abundance:** What does "abundant living" mean to you? Buying a new car every year? Wearing the latest fashions? Taking expensive vacations to exotic locations? Those things are nice, but they aren't real abundance. Real abundance isn't having all you want, but having all you need to fulfill God's will in your life. That's why the saints, in the midst of material deprivation and suffering, could call themselves richly blessed. They understood that real abundance is measured by intangibles: love, caring, sharing, self-worth, happiness and hope. God's true abundance will not be stinted—even in the middle of a financial crunch. One way to stop the fear is to post St. Paul's words in Philippians 4:6-7 near your computer, your checkbook, or where you pay your bills: "Have no anxiety about any thing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Read it often and allow yourself to believe God's promise.
(Continued next week)

Marriage Thought: If you're keeping pace with the people around you, you're moving to fast.

Tax Time: Many of you will be going to your lawyer or tax consultant during the coming weeks. This is a good time to review your will or make a will if you do not have one. Please remember your parish in your will!

Stewardship of Treasure Sunday, January 4, 2009

I.C.	2008	2009
Adults	\$1303.00	\$ 2503.00
Children	\$ 9.75	\$ 4.00

St. Joseph	2008	2009
Adults	\$ 519.00	\$
Children	\$ 3.00	\$