

## St. Bridget Church

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## St. Patrick Church

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### Pastor—Rev. Corey Close

+The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph +

**First Reading** Hannah's fervent prayer is rewarded with the birth of a son, Samuel. She and her husband Elkanah take him to the Temple to dedicate him. There she encounters Eli, who overheard her desperate plea to God for a child, and true to her promise, dedicates him in service to the Temple.

**Responsorial Psalm 84** As we encounter stories involving the Temple, literally the place where God resided, we are invited to remember that to dwell with God is to be in a place that is lovely and filled with blessing. We are reminded that those who live with God, the angels, praise constantly.

**Second Reading** This section of the first letter of John addresses the pain of the community in the wake of losing members in a split. John is reassuring those he writes to that they are the children of God, not those who have departed. They keep God's commandments and remain in Christ.

**Gospel** Jesus' adolescent escapade of hanging behind his community and remaining at the Temple is resonant for countless people who have misplaced a child or dealt with a rebellious adolescent. Jesus is nearing manhood, but not yet a man. We are reminded of Samuel's life as a servant of God in the Temple. The story illuminates for us the already developed relationship between Jesus and his Father, and places him within the Jewish story.

#### Mass Schedule: Dec 31- Jan 6, 2019



<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>(V) Holy Day-New Years Eve-Mary Scandridge+</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Holy Day- New Year Day-People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>(B) Holy Day- New Year Day-Esther Kline+</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>(B) Paul Cline+</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>(V) Leroy Bringmann+</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>(V) Vocations</b>
			<b>9-10 am</b>	<b>(V) Adoration</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>(V) Linda Kubu+</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(B) Jim Ryan+</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(V) People of the Parish</b>

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Lex Ann Alig  
Bob Murtha  
Margaret Goodrich  
Diane Davidson  
Katie Kriegel  
Shirley Bair

Bev Wood  
Marvin Lynn  
Kyle McWilliams  
Wilfred Suchy  
Dawson Klein

Carol Blomme  
Joanna Green  
Don VanNevel  
Stuart Petersen  
Sharon Petersen  
Marge McGrory

Janice Bringmann  
Rev. Philip Ryan  
Shirley Noyes  
Ruth DeMeulenaere  
Grace DeRycke  
Mike Wentland

# St. Bridget Catholic Church

**Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality**

7:00 PM	Mon.	Dec	31	Volunteers
9:00 AM	Tues	Jan	1	Volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	5	Daryl & Bette Fiser
10:00 AM	Sun	Jan	6	Rich & Carole DeCoster

**Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar**

7:00 PM	Mon.	Dec	31	AJ Gensley, volunteer
9:00 AM	Tues	Jan	1	Connor Timm, Aidan Timm
4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	5	Cooper Hoey, Chelle Thys
10:00 AM	Sun	Jan	6	Connor Timm, Aidan Timm

**Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word**

7:00 PM	Mon.	Dec	31	Jeannine Scandridge
9:00 AM	Tues	Jan	1	Ken Blomme
4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	5	Deb Michalek
10:00 AM	Sun	Jan	6	Marla VanDee

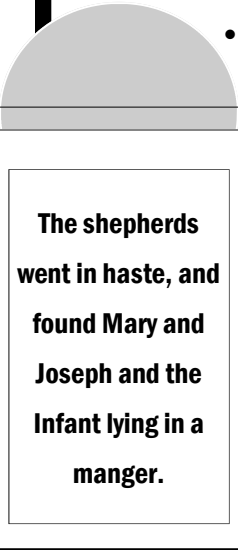
**Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

7:00 PM	Mon	Dec	31	volunteers
9:00 AM	Tues	Jan	1	volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	5	Steph Thys, Jane Claeys, Volunteer
10:00 AM	Sun	Jan	6	Mary Lou Blomme, Wendy Damisch, Terry Damisch

**Funeral Committee:** Jan Dixie Wentland (525-3075) Diane DeGeeter (647-3250)

**Money Counters:** Jan 6 Duke & Susan Wilgenbusch, Terry Damisch

- **End of the Year-** Please note any donations you would like to be in 2018 please turn in before Jan 1, 2019. Just because you use a 2018 envelope does not mean it will be included in 2018. Must be in collection by Jan 1, 2019.
- **KC Meeting-** The next KC Meeting will be Jan 8 at 7pm at the KC Hall. Thanks.
- **Thank You-** Thanks to everyone that bought a poinsettia in memory of a deceased loved one. It made the church look beautiful for the Christmas season.
- **Thank You-** Thank you so much to any parishioners that came and worked the Old Fashioned Christmas luncheon on Dec 8th. A great job was done by all. Thank You!
- **Altar & Rosary Dues-** Just a reminder that your A & R dues will be collected in January.
- **Confessions** will be heard every Saturday from Dec 29 to Mar 30 at St. Bridget from 3:15-3:45.



**Financial Overview :** Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes: \$1,015.00	Offertory: \$324.00	Christmas: \$45.00
Renovation: \$	Total: \$1,384.00	

**Happy Birthday!**

- Jan 1- Maria Argo, Jeff Verdeck, Gracie Waterbeck
- Jan 2- Ruthie Blomme, Sam Gensley
- Jan 3- Angie Butler
- Jan 4- Marvin Lynn, Joe VanQuekelberghe
- Jan 6- Cayson Achenbach, Brylee Blood, Jean Gryp
- Tanya Rajtora

**Happy Anniversary!**

- Jan 6- Jacob & Tiffany Schafbuch- 1year

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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7:00 PM	Tues	Jan	1	Volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat.	Jan	5	Mass at St. Bridget
8:00 AM	Sun.	Jan	6	Jennifer Hildebrand Family Rita Ochs

**Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar**

7:00 PM	Tues	Jan	1	Volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat.	Jan	5	Mass at St. Bridget
8:00 AM	Sun.	Jan	6	Emma & Megan Hanlon, Aubrie Holder

**Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word**

7:00 PM	Tues	Jan	1	Tony Kriegel
4:00 PM	Sat.	Jan	5	Mass at St. Bridget
8:00 AM	Sun.	Jan	6	Barb Hall

**Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

7:00 PM	Tues	Jan	1	volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat.	Jan	5	Mass at St. Bridget
8:00 AM	Sun.	Jan	6	Billy Brubaker, Joan Brubaker, Laura Cline
<b>Money Counters</b>			Jan 6	Dave & Mary Ann Faas, Mike Kleitsch

**\$0.00 loan**

**RENOVATION**

**Pledged to Pay**

**\$39,995.00**

**Improvement Acct**

**\$17,000.00**

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- **Thank You-** Thanks to everyone that bought a poinsettia in memory of a deceased loved one. It made the church look beautiful for the Christmas season.
- **Steubenville Conference-** Our youth grades 8-12 will be attending this conference July 26-28 in St Paul MN. Please let Angie know if someone is interested by Jan 1st. Thanks.
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Envelopes: <b>\$1,028.00</b>	Offertory: <b>\$130.13</b>	Christmas: <b>\$4,421.00</b>
Renovation: <b>\$27,110.29</b>	Retired Religious: <b>\$100.00</b>	Total: <b>\$32,789.42</b>

**Happy Birthday!**  
 Jan 1- Kim Kline  
 Jan 2- Lucia Manatt  
 Jan 5- Mary Ann Heishman

**Happy Anniversary!**  
 Jan 1 - Jan 6

## Important Information for Both Parishes:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas, and I hope your new year is a blessed one!

As for renovation news, St. Patrick's is finally debt free! We paid the last 10k this week! Also, the stained glass window work will begin in earnest this January 13th, so please be patient with the construction, but church should continue without too much trouble. St. Bridget's will work on their stained glass closer to the summer as the project there is smaller in scope.

Our fundraising for our renovation project started two years ago during Lent and it has gone tremendously well for both parishes, so thank you! We still need everyone to fulfill their pledges, but by next year we'll be done, and I do not anticipate any further capital campaigns for the foreseeable future. Thank you all for making this possible!

God Bless and Happy New Year  
Fr. Corey

**Contribution Statements from the Diocese of Davenport**-will be mailed to those who donated to the ADA in 2018. A separate contribution statement will also be mailed to those who donated to the Catholic Fdtn in 2018. If you donated to both the Diocese and the Fdtn you will receive two statements. They will be mailed Jan 25, 2019 and marked as important. If you have questions call 563-324-1911. Thanks

- **Loss of Loved One**- Iowa City Hospice is hosting a luncheon for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close to them the third Thursday of each month beginning Sept 20, 2018 at Gus' Food and Spirits, Coralville. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 and you will be greeted by Iowa City Hospice staff or volunteers.
- **Sharing the Hope Cancer support group**- will meet the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Compass Memorial Healthcare Lobby, 300 West May St. Marengo. The group is open to all who have or are experiencing a cancer journey. This includes those going through cancer, caring for someone with cancer or having lost someone to cancer. Join us for conversation and cookies. For more information, contact Margaret Staman, Director of Hospital Fdtn and Volunteer Coordination at 319-642-8054.
- **Domestic Violence**- Silence does not help the ones we love find hope or safety. If someone you care about is being abused, call 319-351-1043 or 800-373-1043 [www.dvpiowa.org](http://www.dvpiowa.org)
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**- The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates Mar 8-10 @ LaCrosse, WI, Apr 12-14 @ Ankeny, May 3-5 @ Dubuque. For information, dates and to register go to: [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.
- **Child Sexual Abuse**- Please contact Iowa Dept of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002, PO Box

**Website:** [stpatrick-stbridget.org](http://stpatrick-stbridget.org) please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!

**Office Hours:** The office will be open daily from 2:00pm- 4:00pm. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. Thank You.

**Confessions:** There will be confessions heard every Saturday at the parish where Mass is held. So, from Dec 29 through March 30 confessions are now heard at St. Bridget Parish in Victor from 3:15-3:45.

**Marriages:** Please arrange with Fr. Close at least six months in advance. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana is required.

**Baptisms:** There is a preparation class required in order to have your child baptized. Please contact Father Close for more information.

**Newcomers:** You may register in the parish by picking up a registration form from Fr. Close or the parish secretary, Linda Gensley. Church line is 319-647-2294 or Rectory is 319-647-2220.

**Hall Rental:** Anyone interested in renting out the hall please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100.00 must fill out our parish policy and check on the availability of dates.

**Bulletin:** Any news for the bulletin needs to be in by Wednesday, or you may call it in or email to us at: [stbridget@netins.net](mailto:stbridget@netins.net)