

# Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Gilbert, Iowa

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## Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2012

### Stewardship Reflection

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

### Your Prayers

Please keep **Nolan Jonas**, **Father Ev Hemann**, **Mark Jennings**, brother of Michele Mullen, **Bonita Schmitz**, mother of Joan Eslick, **Ledger Dalton**, grand-nephew of Deb Joel, **Fran East**, mother of Donna Weigel, and **Dean Furness**, son of Dennis and Karen Furness in your thoughts and prayers.



### Faith Formation News

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Classes resume (6:45 to 8:00 pm)  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)  
Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)  
Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)



### Free Throw Contest

The annual Saints Peter and Paul free throw contest will be held **TODAY!** The contest is open to any boys or girls ages 10-14. It will take place at 1:00 pm at the Story City Rec center. Registration will begin at 12:45 pm. Child must be accompanied by an adult along with proof of age as of January, 1, 2012. Tell your friends! Winners will advance to District competition.

### Thank You!

A big **THANK YOU** to all the people who helped get the projects done over the Holidays: Dennis Haislip - Riemann Music, Don Johnson, Jeff Wellik, Jay Stalzer, Lynn Hammes, Chris Crutchfield, and Leo Gessner. A thank you to those folks whose areas we affected and for their patience. These people are all a tremendous asset to SS. Peter and Paul.

### A Preview of Next Week Sunday, January 15, 2012

Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/  
Ps Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-4



Sacristan: Mike Phelan family

Greeter: Cal Halstead

Ushers: Mike Steenhagen, Charlie Steenhagen

Reader: Tom Bell

Acolytes: Will Halstead, Aaron Craig, Mason Thomas

Gift Bearer: Jeff Hink family

Communion Ministers: Karen Hashman, Gary Bailey,  
Claire Polking

### Pastoral Council

There will be a Pastoral Council meeting on **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**. The Pastoral Council would like to thank all who helped out in making our sound and audio system work. A big task was done! Also to those who put up the wall in the Faith Formation building. It is great that we can share our talents and get things done!

### Collection Envelopes

Collection envelopes are in the basement for 2012. Please let a parish council member if you need a box.

### Monthly Committees

There are sign-up sheets for the monthly committees in the basement. Please sign up and help out!  
Thanks!

### Card Night

Card night is this **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, in the Social Hall. Potluck is at 6:00 pm and dealing begins at 6:30 pm. Call Arlene Grebasch at (515) 201-4451 with questions.



### Food Pantry Update

The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Story City at 510 Pennsylvania is open to any individuals needing help with putting food on their table. The only requirement is that clients must live in the Story City/Roland school district or in the Gilbert school district. When coming to the pantry, clients must bring proof of residence such as a utility bill. Those coming to the pantry will be able to fill out a grocery list of items they need, and then will be offered a voucher for fresh food and laundry detergent. They will be able to come to the pantry once a month on Saturday mornings between 10:00-noon. The next date that our church will distribute is **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you have questions, please call Tonya Meyer (515) 290-9051.

For those who would like to make a donation to the pantry, send to: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, P. O. Box 23, Story City, IA 50248. Thank you for your support!

### Christian Joy

All are invited to deepen your understanding of Christian Joy through a series of talks on Living in the Joy of the Lord. Come to the Prophets and Martyrs Room of St. Thomas Aquinas on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. The series is sponsored by the STA Charismatic Prayer Group.

- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Joy, a Keynote Message of Christianity
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Joy, the Enemy of Evil
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Joy, the Love of Jesus
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy, the Essence of Prayer
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Joy, the Reward of Forgiveness
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Joy, the Gift of the Eucharist

For more information, contact Bob Horton at [rhorton@iastate.edu](mailto:rhorton@iastate.edu).

### Retreat Opportunity

A New Year's resolution for your spiritual life in 2012; a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW). The CEW weekend is an adult renewal experience offering participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian faith. The 2012 weekends will be **January 27-29<sup>th</sup>** (Ankeny) and **March 2-4<sup>th</sup>** (Montour) for women and **February 17-19<sup>th</sup>** (Ankeny) and **February 24-26<sup>th</sup>** (Montour) for men. Brochures for both locations are available at <http://www.sthenrychurch.com/CEW.htm> and [www.olih.org/cew](http://www.olih.org/cew).

### Leap of Faith Rosary

The intention for the Leap of Faith Rosary program will be changing to "increase in respect for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death," starting in January. Feel free to add any other intentions to this that you wish. If you have any questions or would like to participate in our leap year of prayer, contact Gary Bailey at (515) 733-2043 or [beetle1@iowatelecom.net](mailto:beetle1@iowatelecom.net).

### Adult Faith Formation

This past year, Pope Benedict has been encouraging Catholics worldwide to read, know, and pray the 150 psalms of the Old Testament. An eleven week bible study, "Psalms: The School of Prayer," will be offered at St. Thomas Aquinas parish on Wednesday evenings during the spring semester. It will begin with an introductory section on **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:15-8:30 pm in Bethany/Newman. Fr. Jim Dubert is the facilitator. To pre-register, contact [frjim@staparish.net](mailto:frjim@staparish.net).

### Divorce Group to Discuss Anger

The separated/divorced support group of St. Thomas Aquinas will meet **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Lower Lounge of the church. Topic for discussion will be the chapter on anger from Healing the Wounds of Divorce by B.L. Shlemon. Before the meeting, the group will gather for dinner at 5:15 at Ge-Angelo's Italian Restaurant, 823 Wheeler St., in Ames. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. Free childcare is available with prior request. To RSVP for dinner or childcare by noon on **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, contact Cosette Bergman at (515) 298-1508 or [cb6234@gmail.com](mailto:cb6234@gmail.com)

### Discerning our Giftedness

The next session of Discerning our Giftedness starts with an all day Call & Gifted workshop on **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00-4:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. Brochures are available at [staparish.net](http://staparish.net) > RESOURCES > FORMS.



Adults: How have I come to understand who I am in God's eyes?

Children: What special times have I been able to call God "my Father," like Jesus?