

Saturday, December 1

Baptisms (Spanish), 11a, Cathedral
 2nd collection for the month (English Mass)

Sunday, December 2

2nd collection for the month (English Mass)
 Confirmation Classes, 11:30a to 1:15p, EC
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4p to 5:45p, EC

Wednesday, December 5

Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC
 Confirmation, 6 to 7:30p, EC
 First Reconciliation, 6p, Cathedral

Thursday, December 6

Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC
 First Reconciliation, 6p, Cathedral
 RCIA Classes (English), 6 to 7:30p, CH
 RICA Classes (Spanish), 6 to 7:30p, EC
 Exalt, City-Wide Youth Holy Hour, 7p to 8p, Cathedral

Friday, December 7

Salad Luncheon, 11a to 1p, SBH
 Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC
 First Reconciliation, 6p, Cathedral

Saturday, December 8

Parish Cultural Potluck, 5 to 8:00p, CH

Sunday, December 9

Confirmation Parent-Catechist Conferences, 11:30a to 1:15p, EC
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4p to 5:45p, EC

Monday, December 10

Knights of Columbus Council #743 Meeting, 7p Rosary and Meeting following, SJH

Tuesday, December 11

No confessions at 4:30 or Mass in Spanish at 5:30.

Wednesday, December 12

Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC
 Confirmation, 6 to 7:30p, EC
 Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe, 6p Cathedral

Thursday, December 13

Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC
 RCIA Classes (English), 6 to 7:30p, CH
 RICA Classes (Spanish), 6 to 7:30p, EC

Friday, December 14

Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC

Saturday, December 15

Baptisms (Spanish), 11a, Cathedral
 2nd collection for the month (Spanish Mass)

Sunday, December 16

2nd collection for the month (Spanish Mass)
NO Confirmation Classes
 KofC Breakfast, 7:30a to 10:30a, SJH
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4p to 5:45p, EC

Tuesday, December 18

Penance Service, 7p, Cathedral

Wednesday, December 19

NO Religious Education Classes

NO Confirmation Classes

Thursday, December 20

NO Religious Education Classes

NO RCIA/RICA

Friday, December 21

NO Religious Education Classes

NO RCIA/RICA

Sunday, December 23

NO Confirmation Classes

NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Vietnamese Community Christmas Party, 1pm, SJH

Monday, December 24

Parish Office CLOSED

Tuesday, December 25

Sign Language Interpretation, 10a Mass

Parish Office CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26

NO Religious Education Classes

NO Confirmation Classes

Thursday, December 27

NO Religious Education Classes

NO RCIA/RICA

Friday, December 28

NO Religious Education Classes

NO RCIA/RICA

Sunday, December 30

NO Confirmation Classes

NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, December 31

Parish Office CLOSED

The deadline for January newsletter submissions is

Friday, December 15

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass attendance is required. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States. Masses will be on December 7th at 5:30p in Spanish (Vigil) and December 8th at 10a in English, both at the Cathedral.

Penance Services and Confessions During Advent

There are a number of opportunities available to go to Confession during the Advent Season.

Confessions Monday thru Friday at Cathedral at 4:30p
 December 2-Penance Service at Nativity Church- 2p
 December 9- Penance Service at St. Michael Church- 2p
 December 16- Penance Service at Sacred Heart- 2p
 December 18- Penance Service at Cathedral- 7p

Parish Cultural Potluck

CH: Cathedral Hall

EC: Epiphany Center

SBH: Saint Boniface Hall

ECG: Epiphany Center Gym

SJH: Saint Joseph Hall

On Saturday December 8th from 5p to 8:00p in the Cathedral hall everyone is invited to bring some food and participate in a meal together as a parish family. It is an opportunity to come together, get to know each other and build up our parish community.

Deanery Holy Hour, Meeting & Dinner

There will be no confessions at 4:30p or Mass at 5:30p on December 11 as the priests will be attending the monthly deanery holy hour and dinner.

KofC Breakfast

Please join the Knights of Columbus for breakfast on December 16th from 7:30a to 10:30a in the hall at Saint Joseph.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

- 4p Cathedral, English
- 6p Saint Boniface, English
- 6p Cathedral, Spanish
- 8p Saint Joseph, English

December 25th

- 8:30a Cathedral, Extraordinary Form Latin
- 10:00a Cathedral, English
- 10:30a Saint Boniface, Spanish
- 12:00p Cathedral, Spanish

Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on December 24th and December 25th in observance of Christmas. We will also be closed on December 31st and January 1st in observance of the New Year.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation and Mass attendance is required. Masses will be on January 1st at Noon and at 5:30p in Spanish, both at the Cathedral.

Epiphany Dinner

Mark your calendars for January 6th, 2019 as the Cathedral parish celebrates our patronal feast of the Epiphany! We will be hosting a parish dinner as well as other activities to mark this important day. More details will be available soon.

Mass Obligation

It is the Cathedral of the Epiphany's expectation that students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation are fulfilling their obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days as prescribed by the Precepts of the Church. Because First Communion and Confirmation students are actively preparing for a Sacrament, it is of the upmost importance that their souls are being nourished by the grace of the Mass and that they are fully, actively, and consciously participating in the Church's liturgy.

Exalt: Youth Holy Hour

Thanks to the collaboration of all Sioux City parish priests, a city-wide adoration is now available the first Thursday of every month

from 7-8:30pm at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City, IA. This adoration is aimed at drawing teens into worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis. Along with God's real and true presence, there is also contemporary praise music, the occasional homily, and a social following. If you live in the Sioux City area or would simply like to make a trip with your youth, please come to Exalt the first Thursday of every month. The next one will be Thursday, December 6,

Religious Education Service Project

Families who are part of our Faith Formation programs are invited to take part in a service project of collecting Christmas gift items for the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (www.csadvsioxland.org). Information is available on our website, www.sccathedral.org/faithformation.

Give the gift of a retreat

This Christmas season, give yourself or someone you love tickets to a weekend retreat to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, March 22-23, 2019. Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend. Give the gift of experiencing her powerful journey and remarkable message. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration visit www.immaculee.com.

Holiday Posadas

We will begin celebrating the holiday traditional posadas on the 16th of December at 6pm at the Cathedral of the Epiphany; with the exception of Saturday the 22nd, as we will celebrate after the 6pm Mass. The posadas will go on for 9 days, ending on the 24th of December with a small pastourelle represented by children of our parish. We will also be playing games for the kids during the potluck. If you would like to help by organizing, by bringing bouneses for the kids, hot drinks, bread or food to share after the Rosary please let us know. Also let Fr. Sanchez know if you would like your child to particiape in the pastourelle by calling 712-255-1637.

Bequests

Would you consider leaving Cathedral of the Epiphany in your will? Contact the Diocese of Sioux City Office of Communications & Development to learn more about how this simple step today can leave a legacy tomorrow.

DAA

The month of December is a good time to look back at the year and give thanks to God to all his many blessings. At this special season know that your gift to DAA is joined with many others to support and accomplish great things for our Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making an end-of-the-year gift to DAA. For more information visit <https://scdiocese.org/daa/>.