



SAINT JOSEPH

OTTUMWA

222 N. Ward St. Ottumwa, IA 52501

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May 3rd, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Pastor Fr. Joseph Sia
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St. Patrick Church
222 N. Ward St. Ottumwa



St. Mary of the Visitation
216 N Court St, Ottumwa

About Us / Sobre Nosotros

PARISH STAFF – PERSONAL PARROQUIAL

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Tuesday–Friday 9am–4pm

Bookkeeper: Jane Fritz

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Music SMV: Dennis Willhoit

Music SP: Sandy Mottet

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Custodian SP: Pablo Martinez

Director of Religious Education:

Ana De La Torre

641-680-2797 (voice/text)

Director of Evangelization:

Anna Maria Billy

Order of Christian Initiation

Chris & Katie Walz–SMV

Susan Cenci–SP

Seton Principal

James Wessling

641-682-8826

RECONCILIATION TIMES

St. Mary of the Visitation

Wednesday/Miercoles 5:45–6:15pm

St. Patrick

Friday/Viernes 7:15–7:45am

Saturday/Sabado 3:00–4:00pm

St. Mary Magdalen

Sunday/Domingo 5–5:15pm

O con cita previa llame

/Or by appointment call 641-682-4599



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

**Congratulations to all 60 of
our students who have received their**



First Communion !



**¡Felicidades a nuestros 60 estudiantes que
han recibido su Primera Comunión!**

PROPERTY PURCHASE

Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Ottumwa has purchased the former Sienna Events Center, which used to be the Jay Funeral Home, located on 220 N. Court Street. This is the building behind the Rectory of Saint Mary's Church. The primary use for the building will be to expand the 3-year-old Pre-school at Seton Catholic School. This purchase also effectively increases the number of parking spots available to the parish. Feel free to park in that parking lot, especially on Sundays!

COMPRA DE PROPIEDAD

La parroquia católica San José de Ottumwa ha adquirido el antiguo Sienna Events Center, que anteriormente era la Funeraria Jay, ubicado en 220 N. Court Street. Este edificio se encuentra detrás de la rectoría de la Iglesia de Santa María. El uso principal del edificio será ampliar el preescolar de 3 años de la Escuela Católica Seton. Esta compra también incrementa efectivamente el número de espacios de estacionamiento disponibles para la parroquia.

¡Así que siéntanse libres de estacionar en ese estacionamiento, especialmente los domingos!

MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday May 2

9:00am | SMM | Richard Shepherd

4:30pm | SP | Walter Stegemann

Sunday May 3

8:30am | SMV | Larry Bottorff

9:00am | SP | Richard Shepherd

11:00am | SMV | Marta Berta Cantu

5:30pm | SMM | For the People

Monday May 4

5:15pm | SMV | Margaret Gates

Tuesday May 5

8:00am | SP | Mary Ann Johnson

5:15pm | SMV | Poor Souls of Purgatory

Wednesday May 6

8:00am | SP | JoAnne Mitchell

5:15pm | SMV | Gale & Dorothy Conrad
& Bonnie Weber

Thursday May 7

8:00am | SP | Dick Shepherd

Friday May 8

8:00am | SP | Beth & Norman Forgy

2:00pm | TR | Wanda Grasso

5:15pm | SMV | Wilfredo Wainwright Acosta

Saturday May 9

4:30pm | SP | Ted McNulty

Next Sunday May 10

8:30am | SMV | Donald & Lucille Moriarty

9:00am | SP | Gary Bishop

11:00am | SMV | Humberto Pérez Gonzalez

5:30pm | SMM | For the People

SP–St. Patrick

SMV–St. Mary of the Visitation

SMM–St. Mary Magdalen

All Mass Times available online www.ottstjoseph.com

Readings / Lecturas para el tercero de Mayo



Sunday/Domingo: Acts 6:1-7/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday/Lunes: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday/Martes: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday/Miercoles: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday/Jueves: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday/Viernes: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-1

Saturday/Sabado: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

Stewardship / Mayordomía

Apr 18 - Apr 24, 2026

St. Joseph Annual Diocesan Appeal Status



87.07%

Goal..... \$96,490.00

Pledged.....\$98,752.54

Received.....\$84,018.43

Under.....\$12,471.57

Paid as of 04/22/2026

Envelopes.....\$6,119.00
Offertory.....\$2,452.00
Online Donations.....\$1,515.45
Building Fund.....\$757.00

Total Donations..... \$10,843.45



Thank you for your continued generosity!

¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!

St. Patrick Church

Liturgical Ministers

- **4:30pm Saturday May 2, 2026**

Lectors: Mike Moreland

Euch Ministers: Randy Conrad, Kathy Stater
Teresa Larkin

Altar Servers: Volunteers

- **9:00am Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Lector: Erica Ashbacher

Euch. Min: Richard Klodt, Terry Gruwell

Altar Servers: Volunteers

- **4:30pm Saturday May 9, 2026**

Lector: Pam Ward

Euch. Min: Barbara Sasseen, Brian Glenn

Altar Servers: Volunteers

- **9:00am Sunday May 10, 2026**

Lector: Nancy Klodt

Euch. Min: Mathias Rosekou, Mary Kivlahan

Altar Servers: Volunteers

If you would like to serve the parish as altar servers, lectors, or eucharistic ministers, call the office at 641-682-4559

St. Mary of the Visitation

Liturgical Ministers

- **8:30am Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Lector: James Wessling

Euch Min: Rober Naeger, Kathy Gardner, De Brooke

Ushers: Merlin Bueltel, Travis Henderson, Ed Wilson
Karen Werthheim

Altar Servers: Nora Canny, Evelyn Canny

- **11:00am Domingo, May 3, 2026**

Lectores: Miriam Wainwright

Ministros: Margarita Marquez, Alma Gallegos, Jose Hidalgo, Josefina Nuno

- **8:30am Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Lector: Mary Jo Knight

Euch Min: Jeri Bowen, Keith Bowen, Robert Naeger

Ushers: Merlin Bueltel, Jo & Steve Rohach, De Brooke

Altar Servers: Bobby Haw, Johnny Haw

- **11:00am Domingo, May 10, 2026**

Lectores: Mauri Martinez

Ministros: Ana De La Torre, German Wainwright, Israel Espinoza, Marcos Najarro



Have you thought about providing for
St. Joseph, Ottumwa in your will
or end of life income arrangements?

Congratulations to
Matias Luna and Genevieve Boxx on their
Baptism! Please pray for them and their
journey!

Fr. Tim Sheedy's 50th Priestly Ordination Anniversary

The 05/31st 08:30 AM mass at SMV we will be celebrating the Visitation, our patronal feast day, and Fr. Tim Sheedy's 50th priestly ordination.

Fr. Tim mentioned everyone is welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Bettendorf on June 14th for a celebration as well.

Fr. Tim's address for congratulatory cards is:



**10734 Manatee Key Ln.
 Estero, FL. 33928**



This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America!

Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit usccb.org/latin-america. GiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

St. Joseph Community Garden:

The ground for the garden has been plowed and tilled in hopes of catching some good moisture, and seeds and sweet potato plants have been ordered. The main crops will be **tomatoes, peppers, and sweet potatoes** because they produce bigger crops and feed the most people. Sadly, the report from the Lord's Cupboard is that there are a lot of people in our area that need food. It's not quite time to plant anything yet, but it is time to think about volunteering to help plant, weed, cage tomatoes and peppers, and spread mulch.

We have a few volunteers already, but need more.
If you are interested, call or text Michele at 641-980-0155.

Upcoming Events

Sunday* Domingo May 3

9:30am - Coffee & Rolls (SMV)

10:00am - Fr. Sia's Celebration (SP)

5-5:15pm - Reconciliation (SMM)

Monday* Lunes May 4

Office Closed

Tuesday* Martes May 5

4:00pm - Ministry of Care

5-8:00pm - English Class (SMV)

Wednesday* Miercoles May 6

9:00am - Quilt group (SMV)

1:00pm - Quilt Group (SP)

Thursday* Jueves May 7

6:30pm - Adoration (SMV)

Friday* Viernes May 8

5-8:00pm - English Class (SMV)

Saturday* Sabado May 9

3-4:00pm - Reconciliation (SP)

Sunday* Domingo May 10

9:30am - Coffee & Rolls (SMV)

10:00am - Coffee & Rolls (SP)

5-5:15pm - Reconciliation (SMM)

ATTENTION CURRENT VANCO DONORS

We are in the process of transitioning to a **NEW** online giving platform. An email was sent to you from Ottumwa St Joseph on 3/26/26. Please check your Inbox (and junk folder) for this email.

If you did not receive it, please contact Jane at 641-682-4559 or ottstjosephfin@diodav.org

Thank you for your help with this transition!

Faith is not a transaction that produces results – it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

-Father John Muir

BIBLE STUDY

The Mass is nothing short of amazing.
Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us
in the Liturgy of the Word

and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.



This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

St Mary of the Visitation every Tuesday at 6:00 pm from May 12 – June 9

St Patrick every Thursday at 12:00 pm from May 14 – June 11

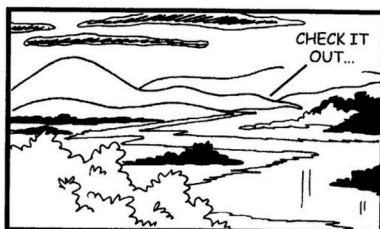


For more information or to register in the Bible study, please contact Robert Naeger (SMV) 573-880-8318,



Loree Henderson (SP) 641-954-9131 or Anna Maria Billy 641-244-2842

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



GRADUATION INFORMATION INFORMACIÓN DE GRADUACIÓN

Baccalaureate Mass is at 9:00 AM on
May 17th at St. Patrick.

**La Misa de Bachillerato será el 17 de mayo
a las 9:00 a.m. en San Patricio**

The parish also has college scholarships
available for graduating seniors. Forms will
be available at the parish office.

For questions please call the office.

The deadline applications is
May 6, 2026.

**Hay becas disponibles para los estudiantes
que se gradúan. Los formularios se
encuentran en la Oficina Parroquial y se
pueden resolver dudas por teléfono.
La fecha límite es el 6 de mayo de 2026.**

In addition to this, please submit your
senior pictures by May 6th to be a part of
the senior recognition board.

**También se pide enviar las fotos de
Graduacion antes del 6 de mayo para el
tablero de reconocimiento.**

CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Sister Medhin Tesfay



Serving as Director
of Social and Development
Programs for
Daughters of Charity,
Sister cares for the sick
and hungry and works
alongside Mary's Meal
to provide food for the
poorest children in
Tigray, Ethiopia.

Join Sister Medhin and eight other world-class speakers for a
faith filled, life-changing event this fall in Des Moines, Iowa.

September 26 & 27, 2026 Casey's Center
(formerly Wells Fargo Arena)

Scan the QR code to buy tickets

Go to ChristOurLifeIowa.com for
complete information

In person or Livestream



Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!