

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound



February 3, 2019 - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time



Heart of the Nation

Catholic Mass

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Parish Office to schedule a baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Marriage Preparation at least 90 days prior to your wedding date. Please contact Parish Office.

Pastoral Care

Contact Parish Office for Home visits, pastoral needs, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion

Sacrament Reconciliation

Before Mass or call Parish Office for arrangement with Priest.

You picked the wrong January to stay in Iowa

When I checked my messages on Tuesday morning, a little after the weekday Masses were canceled, I caught sight of one from Barbara Morrissey “You picked the wrong January to stay in Iowa, this is not usual”. I immediately responded with a laughing emoji to show my agreement to what she texted. The background to Barb’s message is that in the past four years, I have always traveled back home in January, to be with my folks and to catch some warm weather before I returned to Iowa to do my ministry. It was always a good start to the year.

This year, I decided to change the formula not to go in January, but instead, go in the summer time to avoid going from extreme cold to extreme heat. A summer trip this year will offer me the occasion to visit the beneficiary communities of our Project of Hope (wells for Ghana), currently being constructed in the Central Region of Ghana (my home region).

Barb, I had no idea how cold it was going to be in Iowa this year but all the same, thanks for your prayers for me to survive the season! Every day of this wonderful season makes me imagine how the forefathers and mothers that settled here earlier survived without the heating systems which we have today. For my young nephews and nieces back in Ghana who wonder how cold it could get in Iowa, the closest analogy I offer for their understanding is the refrigerator or deep freezers. I tell them to project that cold to what the winters bring on this beautiful land.

All said and done, we are grateful to God that the worse is now behind us, by and large we can say to ourselves ‘this too shall pass’!

Fr. Francis Odoom



Journey through the Mass

Penitential Act: This is the moment when we acknowledge that some of our thoughts, words, and actions have not helped us become the best version of ourselves, have prevented other people from being all God created them to be, and ultimately have created an obstacle between us and the infinite love of God.

What could you do to be more engaged during this part of the Mass?

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

Invitation from our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

This coming Wednesday, February 6th, Fr. Odoom will be having a 10:00 Mass at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. We would like to extend a special invitation to you to join us for this Mass and refreshments after. This would give you an opportunity to meet some people from DeWitt and welcome them to the Prairie. We are located south of Wheatland, Iowa at 2664 145th Ave.

OLHR finance council meeting has been rescheduled for Wed, Feb 6th at 5:30 pm and a **Parish Council Meeting** at 6:30. Meetings will be held at the rectory.

CLUSTER MEETING—Mark your calendars for February 7th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lost Nation Hall following Mass.

Knights of Columbus will meet on February 13th at 7:00 pm in the Lost Nation Hall.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS **Q & A**



Come to an Open Forum on Marriage, Divorce and Annulment presented by our Tribunal Staff at 7 p.m. on February 28,

2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 417—6th Avenue., DeWitt, Iowa. Bring your questions and learn what our Church teaches about marriage, divorce, and the healing ministry of annulment. No reservation required.

Questions? Call Beth Blough, Tribunal Auditor, (563)888-4236.

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound



The 50th Jubilee Committee Members are launching a collection of memorabilia items to form a "Scrap Book". We are asking each parish family to share their stories and memories by creating a page in our book. Please begin by collecting your church photo's, stories, and items to share. There will be upcoming dates posted for a workshop late February to bring your items to the church and committee members will assist to create your families special page. Don't be left out of this beautiful celebration.

Mark your calendars and get your teams together. March 23rd, 2019. 50th Jubilee Trivia Night at the Grand Mound Community Center 7pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Cost is \$10.00 per person and maximum 8 per table. Contact Chairman Paul Rock to sign up at 847-1114 or 249-7408. Bring your brains, choice of beverage, and snacks for a FUN filled evening!

Cluster parishioners are invited to join us on March 23rd. Please call in and sign up!

Due to annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday fundraiser, no coffee hour will be scheduled for February.

Sacraments received in Feb 1969

Baptism—Matthew Joseph Kinney

THIS SUNDAY **CHILLIN SOUPER** **BOWL SUNDAY**

Sunday, February 3, 2019

From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SS Phillip & James Church

Grand Mound, IA

All-You-Can-Eat

Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup

Adults - \$6.00 - Kids - \$3.00

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

Religious Ed—CEW Weekend

March 8—10th, 2019

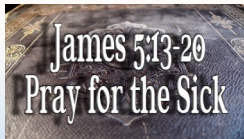
Held at the Bean Farm 7731 148th St., Scotch Grove. (Bean Farm is actually located 1 1/2 miles north of Onslow). Applications are on the bulletin board in OJ. Contact Barb Ihns for more info at 563-941-5294.

The **February minister sign-up** sheet has been finished & will be posted. March sign-up sheet will be available soon. If you have a certain date you want, remember to sign up. Karen will be working on the March schedule after February 15. Many thanks to all of you great volunteers!

Did you know you can request a Mass intention for a friend or family member by placing a note in an envelope & dropping in the collection basket as it is passed? Please include the following: the name of the deceased and if you want the Mass offered on a particular date. With advanced notice, every effort will be made to have the Mass said on the date you have requested, otherwise the Mass will be said as dates become available. The intentions are listed in our weekly bulletin. A stipend/donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

Rick Kleineck would like to thank the women of Sacred Heart OJ for the gift bag that he received in December. He would also like to thank Our Lady of the Holy Rosary for the beautiful Quilt that was delivered to him.

PARISH REFLECTIONS 4A



Our Lady of Holy Rosary

Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek

SS Philip & James Church

Chris Forret, Austin Flammang, Sandy Cros-thwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney

Sacred Heart Church

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, and Wendy Larive, Louis Buresh Jr.

Barb Benischek is requesting prayers for her husband Steve. He's been fighting a foot infection since August and had surgery on January 16 and then again today without improvement. He has an MRI scheduled for Thursday and they may have to amputate one of his toes.

Prayers to Steve...and Barb!!

The Catholic Messenger

Catholic Messenger is a real value

Each week, *The Catholic Messenger* reflects the life of the church throughout the world with an emphasis on diocesan news, parishes and our Catholic schools. Learn how other Catholics are living out their faith and the joys and struggles that come with it. Keep informed as Bishop Thomas Zinkula shares teachings that inspire as well as educate. *The Messenger* is a real value at \$29 for 50 issues, print and/or e-edition. Subscribe through your parish.

All are invited to Bethlehem (LN)
Annual Friendship Party on
Sunday, February 17th at 5:30 pm
Come and share food, fun, & fellowship.
Childcare is Provided!

Please call 678-2301 to sign up

MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday	02/02/19	Presentation of the Lord
05:00pm		Lost Nation/Helen Marcucci
Sunday	02/03/19	4th Sunday Ordinary Time
08:00am		Grand Mound/Pat Morrissey
09:30am		Toronto/For the Parish
10:00am		Oxford Junction/Anna & Erwin Hansen
Monday	02/04/19	No Mass
Tuesday	02/05/19	
08:00am		Grand Mound/Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday	02/06/19	
10:00am		Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Ctr
05:00pm		Grand Mound/Dennis Schrader
Thursday	02/07/19	St. John Bosco
05:30am		Lost Nation/Scott Benischek
Friday	02/08/19	Oxford Junction
08:00am		Henry & Christina Lasack
Saturday	02/09/19	5th Sunday Ordinary Time
05:00pm		Lost Nation/Imelda Beringer
Sunday	02/10/19	5th Sunday of O
08:00am		Grand Mound/Eunice Haack
10:00am		Oxford Junction/ Arnold Curley & Steven Welsh

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of February 3, 2019

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week of February 3, 2019

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Wednesday: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Thursday:

Friday: St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; St. Jerome Emilianian

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day