

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Sacred Heart
Ss Philip & James

Mission Statement

A family of God constituted
by the Holy Eucharist and
strengthened by the Holy
Spirit to make God known,
loved and served.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 23, 2020



7th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, love your
enemies and pray for
those who persecute
you.” - Mt 5:44

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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to

Acts of Love for Lent

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting. It is like a spiritual cleansing and renewal to draw closer to God.

For many of us, Lent conjures up flashbacks of our childhood: no sweets, no TV, no anything fun. Giving things up *can* help us to have a meaningful Lent, but that's not what Lent is really all about. Lent is about doing something—something bold to draw us closer to God. So what if this year we did more than just give up something during Lent? What if we tried to *do* something life-changing? What if we put God's love into action?

Below are just a few examples of acts of love we can do for others and for God. The Lord calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and this list is a perfect opportunity to get started and take action!

Go to a daily Mass
Participate in the Stations of the Cross
Spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration
Attend a *lectio divina* session
Commit to doing one act of generosity each day
Send thank-you cards to people who have touched your life
Keep a prayer journal to develop a personal relationship with God,

addressing each entry “Dear God,”
Pray the rosary together as a family
Give up social media for a day
Visit the elderly or deliver a meal to someone homebound or alone
Spend twenty minutes a day in quiet time with the Lord, reading Scripture or a story of a saint

Remember, everything we do during Lent is intended to draw us nearer to each other as members of the Body of Christ. In turn, we draw closer to God. Try not to make Lent about rituals that come and go, but something you can naturally make a permanent fixture in your life – like prayer or helping out a person in need. Be intentional. Make your time matter. You will be changed!

Why Pray the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives. Here are 8 reasons from our Holy Father Pope Francis on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross.

1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him

“The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... **let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone!** Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption.” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

2. They Put Us into the Story

“**And you, who do you want to be?** Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all the strength of your youth, how will you respond to him?” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us

“The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: **‘Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you.** I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life’ (cf. Jn 3:16).” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

4. They Compel Us to Action

“But the Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, **teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action.**” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

5. They Help Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ

“[The Cross] reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us. **If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self,** because God never condemns, he only loves and saves.” —Address, Good Friday, March 29, 2013

6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World

“The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. **And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ:** a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness.” — Address, Good Friday, March 29, 2013

7. They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us

“What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it and to those who have touched it? What has the Cross left in each one of us? **You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us.**” — Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection

“O, Our Jesus, guide us from the Cross to the resurrection and teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy and forgiveness. O Christ, help us to exclaim again: **‘Yesterday I was crucified with Christ; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him.’**” — Address, Good Friday, April 18, 2014
From Pope Francis

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS



Ever Ancient, Ever New: The Art and Practice of Lectio Divina

Plan to join the Cluster Evangelization Team **Tuesday, March 17** at 6:30 pm in the library at Sacred Heart Oxford Junction for *lectio divina*, a simple, insightful way to hear and experience the Word of God with one another. All are welcome!

REMINDER: Place your CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish and our diocese, especially during these weeks of prayer for vocations.

OLOP February 2020 Events

- *Falling Upward Retreat*, John Cooper, February 21-23 - Fri. 5:00pm-Sun. 11:00am, \$125 Overnight/\$45 Commuters
- *Brave Hearts: From Loss to Resilience*, Val Lucas, February 28-March 1 - Fri. 5:00pm-Sun. 11:00am, Fee \$125 Overnight/\$45 Commuters

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olprtreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious homemade meal.

Confidentiality and Security From Bishop Zincola

Some may be concerned about the privacy of their responses to the 2020 Census. All 2020 Census responses are kept confidential and private. It's the law. Your responses cannot be shared and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. The information can only be used to create statistics, and Census 2020 will NEVER ask for your social security number. The minute you submit online responses, they are secured by multiple layers of encryption and isolated from online access. Census takers by phone and in person are also held to strict confidentiality. So please complete your census survey when you receive the information. Your information is important and secure, and everyone counts!

SS Philp & James-Grand Mound

Notice to Parish Council, Finance Council and Building Committee members—The joint meeting will be held March 2 at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Please contact the office if you cannot make it to the meeting.

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE

Diane Skinner assisted by the families of Julius Michel, Bryan Robinson including Sam, Alan McNeil, Darrell Warren and Greg Adams.

Thanks to all who supported our soup dinner in any way. A special thanks to those who helped by working, especially our youth.

Raffle winners were:

\$25 -Bridget Fausnaught, Zach Fox, Tom Walter, Paul Hasenmiller

\$50 - Ellie Browne won both

\$100 - Mandy Thiel, Terry Fausnaught

Lenten Baby Shower

It's that time of year again! A baby bassinet has been placed in the church, and throughout the Lenten season we encourage donations of baby items. Donated items can include baby bottles, clothing, blankets, pacifiers, diapers, toys, etc. After Easter, these items will be donated and delivered to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton to be given to expectant and new mothers. Thank you for your generosity!

March Ministries

Lector: Jean Maher/Barb Morrissey

Euc. Min.: Jean Maher, Jean Moffit

Need volunteers

Ushers: Dan Donahue, Michael Weih, & Al Kageman

Altar Servers for March 1- Ellen & Olivia Olson & Mitchell Maher.

Religious Education News

**Ash Wednesday, February 26
Children's Mass at 6:00 pm**

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross on Thursdays in Toronto at 8:00 am and in Lost Nation at 5:00 pm before the 5:30 pm Mass. Everyone is invited!

We had a smaller number of residents at our February Bingo. The Calamus Wheatland kids came to help out. Everyone had a good time. There were special Valentine treats and prizes for Bingo. Always a pleasant way to spend the afternoon. Our next Bingo will be March 10th. We will be helping the residents celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Sacred Heart—Oxford Junction

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

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Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make an impact. To learn more about the ways your gift can change lives in the Archdiocese go to <http://youtu.be/Y8tleUHkqFk> Please partner with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>

SH Sanctuary Guild will meet March 2 at 7:00 pm. Margo Ahrendsen, Deb Bisinger and Sharon Miller are on the serving committee.

World Day of Prayer

Sacred Heart OJ will host World Day of Prayer March 6 at 1:00 pm. The theme is 'RISE! Take Your Mat and Walk' written by the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

March 28

Annual Spring Kolache Bake

GENERAL INFORMATION 4A



We welcome Amelie Marie Lee, daughter of Adam and Paula Lee. Adam and Paula are new members of Sts. Philip and James Church.

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. Our Shepherds:

Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel

2. The Aged & Infirm:

- Dick Nodurft, Melvin Duwa, Natalie Regan, Elmer & Dorothy Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Carolyn Schwien, & Greg Schwien
- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy, Leonard Lasack.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Bible quotation for the week

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” Mt 5:43-45a

MASS SCHEDULE 4B

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 2/22/20	05:00 pm	Toronto	Tim Burmeister
Sunday 2/23/20	08:00am 10:00am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Sarah McNeil Monk & Marguerite Coom
Tuesday 2/25/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	Jessica Vance
Wednesday 2/26/20	08:00am 06:00pm	Toronto Grand Mound	Richard Vens Rueben Montanez
Thursday 2/27/20	05:30pm	Lost Nation	Otto Benischek. Sr
Friday 2/28/20	06:00pm Note time	Oxford Junction	Matt & Mary Stender
Saturday 2/29/20	05:00pm	Lost Nation	Irene Duwa
Sunday 3/1/20	08:00am 10:00am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Clarence Kinney Rosine Regennitter

BIBLE QUIZ

- Before Jesus came to teach us, people believed that they should treat people like they _____ them.
- Jesus teaches us we are to love our _____ even if they are mean to us.
- Jesus teaches us we are to show love for our enemies by _____ them.
- God shows us mercy & love when he forgives our _____.
- Tell one way you showed God's love to someone not in your family.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]//Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32