

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 9, 2020



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on a mountain
cannot be hidden.”
- Mt 5:14

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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

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Dear Parishioners

One of the metaphors of the Bible that we used during the enthronement of the Bible was the 'lamp'. Surely, our world has changed so much so that many people do not appreciate the usefulness of the lamp anymore. We have so many kinds of lights that for many of us just the mere notion of owning an oil lamp is not a great idea. In the culture of the Bible, the oil lamp was the only light available to help anyone see in the darkness. Every household owned a lamp which was put on a lampstand in the house so that people could see. Just imagine

if you were this kind of light and you refused to shine. What do you think would happen? It is this sense of the usefulness of the lamp that Jesus calls us in the gospel of St. Matthew to be light for the world. The disciple of Jesus must be the light for the world so that a dark world may have vision. If you wanted to see if there was darkness in the world, please do not look far. Wherever people need hope, there is darkness; whenever there is sadness and grief, there is darkness; whenever people are not able to accept the joy Christ brings, there is darkness. Wherever there is sin, there is darkness.

God himself is the source of the true and uncreated light. In fact, the city of God does not need lights because God is the light of the city. Light symbolizes God (60:1-3). In the New Testament, the Son of God is called "light" of the world (John 1:4-9). Light is necessary both for clear vision and for life itself. We are all called to share in the light of Christ; we are called to be lights for the world. Someone needs your light in order not to stumble so brighten where you are!

Blessings,
Fr. Francis

Becoming a People of Prayer

Over the past year we have learned a great deal about Vision 20/20, Bishop Zinkula's call for the revitalization of our faith and a move towards filling every heart and life with the joy of the Gospel. We have been reminded that evangelization is the mission in the Church. It's the mission Jesus gave us when he said, "Go and make disciples of every nation..." (Matthew 28:19).

We have also learned that there are many ways to evangelize. One is to simply live our faith through our good actions and deeds. Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." The spiritual and

corporal works of mercy embody this call, many of which are mentioned in this Sunday's First Reading (Isaiah 58:7-10). These are some of the most practical ways taught by the Church to live out the Gospel.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are directed to the bodily needs of our neighbor. They include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy focus on relieving the spiritual suffering of our neighbor. They include instructing the ignorant, counseling the

doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offences willingly, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead.

During the month of January, Father's homily themes were to take the initial step; renew, by way of our baptism, our commitment to become one with Christ and extend his good works; be a servant of God; and use God's word to enlighten our path and show us the way. What better way to accomplish these ideals than to challenge ourselves to act upon the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

From Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel, we consider the first of the eight proclamations: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:3). Matthew's account, unlike Luke's, speaks of the "poor in spirit". Here "spirit", recalling the breath of life that God gave to Adam, refers to the most intimate part of our being. The poor in spirit sense their

poverty and dependency on God at this innermost level, whereas the proud of heart regard themselves as self-sufficient, hating whatever reminds them of the fragility of the human condition. To be poor in spirit is to be aware of our frailty, to accept our mistakes and be able to ask forgiveness. This then becomes an occasion of grace leading us to God's kingdom. In contrast to worldly power, God's strength is seen in loving mercy. Christ himself shows this by preferring the good of others, even to

the point of shedding his blood for us. We will be blessed if we both accept the poverty of our being and strive to imitate the poverty of Jesus in loving service of our neighbor.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially the groups from England, Australia, Vietnam and the United States of America. Upon all of you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you!

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS



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

Plan to join the Cluster Evangelization Team Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm in the hall at Lost Nation for *lectio divina*, a simple, insightful way to hear and experience the Word of God with one another. All are welcome!

The 'Good News' Newspaper

The Catholic Messenger nourishes your family with food for thought and keeps you informed weekly with diocesan news, special features, syndicated columnists, opinions, national and world news, along with happenings in our Catholic schools. Plus, you'll learn from the teachings and travels of Bishop Thomas Zinkula. **Subscribe today for just \$29!!!**

OLOP February 2020 Events

- *Filling in the Gap: Women in the Bible*, Dianne Prichard, Tues., February 11 - 9:00am-4:00pm, Fee \$20
- *Valentine Evening for Couples*, Fri., February 14- 6:00pm-9:00pm, Fee \$75 per couple
- *Taize Prayer Service*, Diane Prichard, Tues., February 18 - 4:00-6:30pm, Free Will Offering
- *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 home-made meal.

Starts Today!!

Saint Joseph Parish in Dewitt is hosting a Pre-Lenten Parish Mission February 9th, 10th and 11th. The presenter will be Mike Patin, "the engagin' Cajun," who will lead people on a journey to walk with Christ through the season of Lent. He was also the opening speaker at the Vision 20/20 Convocation last summer.

Sunday, Feb. 9th 3:30—5:00pm
Monday, Feb. 10th, 6:30—8:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 6:30—8:00pm

CALLED BY NAME, is a program to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This program will begin in our parish next weekend. **Pray for vocations.** Details next Sunday!!

SS Philp & James-Grand Mound

February Ministries

Lector: Jean Maher
Euc. Min.: Maureen Schrader and a volunteer
Ushers: Mark Hahn, Dave Whitman, and Jerry Irwin
Altar Servers for February 16—Brian & Megan Forret & Trinity Tague
We are looking for a lector for the month of March.

Religious Education News

Class each Wed. from 6-7 pm
February 12th
February 19th
Ash Wednesday, February 26
Children's Mass at 6:00 pm

Bible Study Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

TODAY!!!!

The Altar & Rosary will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, February 9 at the Lost Nation Legion.

Sacred Heart—Oxford Junction

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Catholic Charities helps the most vulnerable. Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget—every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001 or by going to www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org

Are you interested in having your offering donated via ACH? If so, contact a finance council member, or call Citizens State Bank in Oxford Junction to fill out your paperwork.

We Need You! The Church cleaning sign-up is on the table in the hallway at church. We are asking 4 families to sign up for a month. There is a guide on what to do, so it is pretty simple. Many hands, make light work. Please, Please consider signing up.

Did you know you can request a Mass intention for a friend or family member by placing a note in an envelope and dropping it 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. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

March liturgy sign ups are in the hallway. If you have a particular weekend you would like to sign up for, please do so.

SAVE THE DATE!

March 28

Annual Spring Kolache Bake

GENERAL INFORMATION 4A



A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
Amen.

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, Betty Forret, 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 are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” Mt 5:14

MASS SCHEDULE 4B

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 2/8/20	05:00 pm	Toronto	Jeanene Cavey
Sunday 2/9/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	George Green Monk &
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Marguerite Coon
Tuesday 2/11/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	Mick & Joyce Maher
Wednesday 2/12/20	10:00 05:00pm	W Manor Grand Mound	Father Spartaco Holy Name Society
Thursday 2/13//20	05:30pm	Lost Nation	Scott Benischek
Friday 2/14/20	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Matt & Mary Stender
Saturday 2/15/20	05:00pm	Lost Nation	Dan Lange
Sunday 2/16/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	John Purcell Family
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Glen Reginniter

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What 2 things does Jesus compare us to in today's gospel?
2. How are we to use these 2 things in our lives today?
3. If salt loses its taste, it's not good for anything except what?
4. What can't you do to a city on a hill?
5. Where should men never put their light?

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-