

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.

**First Sunday of Lent—March 1, 2020**



**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

Then the devil took Jesus  
up to a very high mountain,  
and showed him all the  
kingdoms of the world in  
their magnificence, and he  
said to him, “All these I shall  
give to you, if you will  
prostrate yourself and  
worship me.” - Mt 4:8-9

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Tuesday: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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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 Traveling Chalice

At the beginning of Lent, our parishes will begin participating in a beautiful new vocation ministry with the "Traveling Chalice – Elijah Cup". This ministry is a visible reminder that praying for vocations is a responsibility and privilege of the laity. The chalice used at Mass is recognized by Catholics as a powerful symbol of the priesthood and the Eucharist.

The scriptural basis of this ministry is from the Old Testament reading of Elijah 1 Kings 17. The prophet Elijah predicts a drought, which comes to pass. He tells the poor widow of Zarephath that if she makes him a small loaf of bread with the last of her flour and oil, her "jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day

when the Lord sends rain upon the earth." In faith, the widow baked the bread and fed Elijah. For the next year, the widow, her son and Elijah ate bread made from the bowl of flour and jug of oil.

The Elijah Cup is for people to pray for vocations with the same faith of the widow, and that the cup of vocations will never run dry. Each Sunday, a family, couple, or individual will be called forward by Father at the end of Mass to receive the Elijah Cup box and use it as a focal point for vocations prayer at home. The box contains the consecrated chalice used during Mass, prayer booklet, and crucifix to be used in prayer during the week. The following Sunday, the consecrated chalice is returned, given to Father

who will give to the next person, couple, or family that signed up for that week.

Everyone is invited to participate in this ministry. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the Church following Mass and encourage you to sign up for the week of your choice. It is our hope that this experience will encourage EACH one to commitment and help pray for an overflow of vocations in our Diocese and pray our Cup will never be empty.

Please consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity of prayer.

Diana Scott  
Vocations Ministry

## The Importance of Mass

During Lent, we are challenged to embrace the season's three "pillars": prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three, taken together, support a strong Lenten journey. But why is prayer one of these pillars? Isn't prayer essential to our everyday spiritual lives? The answer is yes. It is a pillar to remind us that prayer is one of the most important things we do in our lives, if not *the* most important thing.

The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer to God. It is a re-enactment of Christ's suffering and death and the chance to connect with the real presence of Christ's body and blood. Attending Mass inspires us to model our lives after Jesus and to discover our sense of purpose. It helps us see that we are here to serve and to love. It is what Christ called us to do and whom Christ made us to be – members of His body.

If we do not find much significance in

the Mass, it may be because our whole mind, heart, and soul are not there. The Mass is not like the movies, where we passively sit and watch; we are not an audience. We need to be *active* participants who make the liturgy happen. If we actively participate, we receive God in two ways: through His Word and through the Eucharist.

The Word of God is a tremendous gift, allowing us to hear God's voice and abide in His presence. The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through the readings God speaks to us personally, penetrating the depths of our hearts, nourishing us and challenging us to continuing conversion. They not only tell us of God and God's will for us, they also help us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives.

However, the most intimate moment of the Mass happens when we receive our Lord in the Eucharist and come into communion with Him. This is the

sign of our covenant with God, Jesus's body and blood, and we are to partake of it in memory of Him. In the Eucharist, Christ is truly present, just as when he walked the roads of Galilee, healing and preaching. When we receive the Eucharist at Mass, we are unifying ourselves to God and to the other members of the Church through the Body of Christ.

Without question, the Mass is the greatest prayer we have. Through it, we give thanks and praise to God for the wonderful future He has given us in His Son. We also ask forgiveness for our sins and beg the Father's blessing upon us. God's grace can only work in our lives if we are open to receiving it; we will only get out of this relationship with God what we put into it. This is why there is nothing more important than going to Mass.

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Tea

# 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!

**LAST CHANCE:** Today, place your **CALLED BY NAME** response card in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Remember in prayer those men and women of our parish who have been recommended, that they may appreciate their giftedness and respond to Christ's call.

## OLPR Upcoming Events

- **Mass at the Prairie** with Father Odoom, March 4-10am-11am, Free Will Offering
  - **Wednesday Nights with Barb**, Barb Arland-Fye, Every Wed. from 6:30pm-8:00pm -Humility of Mary Center - 820 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport- Free Will Offering
  - **Come to the Quiet: The Blessing of Divine Creation**, Pat Shea, Tues, March 10-9:30am-3:30pm
- Call 563-336-8414 for more details.

## What is Asked

**From Bishop Zinkula:** The 2020 Census gathers basic but important information about each household. For example, you will be asked the number of people at the address and whether any additional people live or stay there, so each person is counted once in the right place. The phone number you provide is only used if you must be contacted for official Census Bureau business. Names, birthdates, gender and race for each person are collected to ensure everyone is counted and to keep ancestry records. There is also a question whether or not a person is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, and these statistics are used by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions. Remember, your responses are confidential and secure. They are also important because everyone counts!

## CLUSTER COMMUNAL PENANCE

Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:30 pm at Sts. Philips & James. Couples' Meeting at 4:30 pm. No Adoration that day.

**Be sure to check the mass schedule for Stations of the Cross.**

## 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.

## 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: Tom Kinney(3-1,8), Diane Skinner(3-15, 22, 29)  
Euc. Min.: Jean Maher, Jean Moffit and a volunteer  
Ushers: Dan Donahue, Michael Weih & Al Kageman  
Altar Servers for March 8- Natalie & Nathan Butler & Ruth Whitman

## Religious Education News

**Classes are held each Wednesday from 6-7 pm**

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

**Children's Mass** will be Sunday, March 28, 8:00 a.m.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** on Wednesdays during RE Class

## Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Every Thursday at Toronto at 8:00 am there will be Stations of the Cross during the season of Lent.

Every Thursday at Lost Nation there will be Stations of the Cross during the season of Lent at 5:00 pm before the 5:30 pm Mass. All are invited to join us.

We had a smaller number of residents today at Bingo. The Calamus Wheatland kids came to help out. Everyone had a good time. There were special Valentine treats and prizes for Bingo today. 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

### Jail and Prison Ministries Program

Did you know that clients in Catholic Charities' Jail & Prison Ministry program are 49% less likely to reoffend when compared to the state's average rate? This work saves taxpayers money, decreases the strain on our law enforcement and most importantly improves the quality of life for those in the program and their families. Support this important work, and much more with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>

SH Sanctuary Guild will meet March 2 at 7:00. 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



Welcome the Darin and Erica Voss family to Sts. Philip & James. They have two sons, Emmitt and Miles. Miles was baptized on January 19, 2020.

### 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 March

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

### Bible quotation for the week

“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4

## MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Place	Intention
Saturday 2/29/20	05:00 pm	Mass	Lost Nation	Irene Duwa
Sunday 3/1/20	08:00 am	Mass	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Clarence Kinney Rosine Reginneter
	10:00 am	Mass		
Tuesday 3/3/20	08:00 am	Stations of the Cross	Grand Mound	Altar & Rosary Society
	08:30 am	Mass		
Wed. 3/4/20	10:00 am	Mass	Prairie Grand Mound	Harold Green
	05:00 pm	Stations of the Cross		
	05:30 pm	Mass		
Thursday 3/5/20	05:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Lost Nation	Scott Benischek
	05:30 pm	Mass		
Friday 3/6/20	06:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Oxford Junction	Matt & Mary Stender
	06:30 pm	Mass		
Saturday 3/7/20	05:00 pm	Mass	Toronto	Richard Vens
Sunday 3/8/20	08:00 am	Mass	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Chris Forret
	10:00 am	Mass		Glen Reginneter

### BIBLE QUIZ

- Why did the Woman in the garden eat the fruit from the tree?
- What had Jesus been doing before the devil came to him?
- Finish the quote—Man does not live by bread alone...

### DAILY READINGS

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
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