

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.

**Third Sunday of Lent—March 15, 2020**



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said  
to her, "If you knew the  
gift of God and who is  
saying to you, 'Give me a  
drink,' you would have  
asked him and he would  
have given you living  
water." - Jn 4:10

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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

## How To Improve Your Relationship With God

Growing up, many of us may remember long lines waiting outside the confessional. When it was finally our turn, we'd recite the familiar phrase, "Bless me Father, for I have sinned," list our transgressions and the number of times we'd committed them, maybe endure a priestly lecture, and emerge to recite a few Hail Marys as an act of penance. And none of us would have thought of accepting the Eucharist until after we'd cleansed our souls. Confession was essential to our Catholic faith.

Now the lines are gone. Confession, or the Sacrament of Reconciliation as it's officially known, has become the one sacrament many of us feel free to skip. We'll get married in church, we'll be buried from church, and we'll take Communion at Mass, but regularly confessing our sins to God and the priest seems to no longer be

an important part of our lives. Why is that? Where have all the sinners gone? Because we are human, every one of us has sinned. It's part of our nature, but our sin keeps us from drawing closer to God. We are created for goodness and holiness. When we sin, we become less of who we were created to be. This damage needs to be repaired, and this healing only happens when sin is forgiven. Regardless of where we have been or what we have done, we can find forgiveness. All we have to do is seek that forgiveness with a contrite heart. The only sin God won't forgive is the one we will not ask forgiveness for.

So we can't let fear, guilt, or embarrassment dissuade us. We must humble ourselves and confess our sins before a priest because humility is the way back to God. Jesus, in his abundant love and mercy,

established the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God. All of the Sacraments involve an actual encounter with a person who speaks and acts in the name of Jesus, a priest. Sacramentally, Jesus is present in the person of the priest. When the priest utters the words of absolution, our soul is instantly and completely healed.

Next Sunday is our communal penance in Grand Mound at 3:30, and we all need to make a concerted effort to be there. No matter what we've done, we can find mercy and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By expressing our sorrow for our sin, we experience forgiveness and healing, and our relationship with God is made whole again.

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team

## Response to Coronavirus—Step two

Last week, we were reminded about the usual ways to prevent viral infections like the flu and COVID-19: 1. Washing your hands frequently with soap and water (or an alcohol-based gel); 2. Avoiding close contact with those who are sick (and if you're sick, seek care and stay away from others; it is good to remember that illness dispenses from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass); 3. Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; 4. Covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze; use a tissue and throw it away right away—and wash your hands; if you don't have a tissue, use the crook of your elbow; 5. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces by using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

At the end of last week, in light of the continuing spread of the virus which causes COVID-19, the Iowa Department of Public Health recommended that we stop sharing the Chalice and the Sign of Peace. We shared that information with pastors.

When a new virus comes on the scene, no one is immune, so everyone is at risk. While this virus seems to be very contagious, the good news is that most people (80%) who become ill with it have mild disease. Those who are at

highest risk are the elderly and those with chronic illnesses (such as heart and lung disease, and diabetes). Public health interventions can't prevent all infections. Instead, they are intended to keep the total number of infections, and the number of infections at any one time, down. This keeps the healthcare system from getting overwhelmed and buys time for vaccines and medications to be developed. We take these steps in order to care for our community, and especially for those most vulnerable and at risk—not only from the disease itself, but from the social and economic consequences that an outbreak like this causes.

Given that this virus continues to spread across the United States, and that Iowa has its first presumptive positive cases; given that it is very likely that people can be infected but show no or only mild symptoms; and given that our hospitals and clinics are already stressed with caring for those with seasonal influenza, we have made the decision to move to STEP TWO of our policy.

These are among the liturgical changes called for (please see the complete policy on our website for further details about what else is called for; <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu/>):

1. Keeping the vessels containing the

bread and wine covered until they are placed on the altar. 2. No longer offering communion under the form of wine. 3. No longer receiving the Host on the tongue. 4. In giving communion on the hand, the minister should not touch the communicant; in places where those not receiving communion are blessed instead, the blessing is given without touching them. 5. The sign of peace is no longer shared by a handshake or hug. Instead, a simple bow or nod to one another is used. If the parish holds hands at the Our Father, this is also stopped. 6. Ministers (including clergy and ministers of hospitality) are asked not to shake hands when they greet parishioners. All ministers, since they will be touching items in common, are to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after Mass, and during Mass if needed. 7. On Good Friday, the Cross will be venerated by a bow or genuflection, not by touching or kissing. 8. The communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick is not recommended. 9. Holy water fonts/stoups (with standing water) are emptied.

The CDC does not recommend face masks for general use. Those who show symptoms of COVID-19 should wear a mask to protect others. Those caring for folks with the illness should also wear them. From the Diocese of Davenport

# 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!

### OLPR Upcoming Events

- **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**
  - **Beauty of Spring Skies: Stars and Galaxies, Steven Spangler, Tues, March 24 from 6:00pm-9:00pm Free Will Offering**
- To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olprtreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious home-

**Women's Retreat: God's Simple Path:** April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Holy Trinity, Richmond. Drawing from the wisdom of St. Mother Teresa, join women from across the diocese for a day filled with Scripture, story, song, prayer and action. [Register \(https://www.davenportdiocese.org/women-registration\)](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/women-registration) by March 29 for early-bird pricing of \$30/person and \$40/person until April 13.

**Men's Retreat: From Wild Men to Wise Men:** April 25, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., St. Mary, Solon. Freedom is found, not in being wild, but in being wise. Join men from across the diocese for a day discovering what is needed to truly be wise men. [Register https://www.davenportdiocese.org/men-registration](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/men-registration) by April 5 for early-bird pricing of \$30/person and \$40/person until April 20.

### CLUSTER COMMUNAL PENANCE

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

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



**PRAY FAST GIVE**

### How You Can Respond From Bishop Zinkula

In mid-March most addresses will receive a postcard with instructions to participate in the 2020 Census in one of three ways - online, by phone, or by mail. Online and on the phone the census questions are available in English and 12 additional languages. Videos and guides to the form are available online in 59 languages. Every household that hasn't responded will receive reminder mailings and eventually a paper questionnaire. Then in late April through summer 2020, Census Bureau employees will make in-person visits to addresses without a response. Save time, money and paper - complete your census information online or on the phone in March or early April. Make sure your household is in the count!

### SS Philp & James-Grand Mound

### 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: 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 22—Zachary, Jacob and Andrew Weih

### Religious Education News

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

March 18  
March 25

**Children's Mass** will be Sunday, March 29, 8:00 a.m.

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

### February Income & Expense—GM

Income -	\$9,169.86
Expense -	\$7,790.29
Surplus -	\$1,379.57
Building Fund -	\$ 340.00
Building Fund (roof) -	\$ 50.00
Bequests -	\$ 90.00

### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

We had Bingo March 10 at the Wheatland Manor. Everyone had a really good time. We would like to thank the Calamus Wheatland students who came to help. The residents always enjoy having them. We had St Patrick's Day treats and prizes. Our next Bingo will be April 14th. We will help them to continue to celebrate Easter. It is always a pleasant way to spend the afternoon.

Did anyone borrow the first two DVDs of the 12 DVD set from The Bible Timeline The Story of Salvation by Jeff Cavins? We have someone that would like to start the study. Please bring them back to church or contact the office to have them picked up.

### Sacred Heart—Oxford Junction

### Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

**Thank You From Catholic Charities**  
These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2020 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>

**SAVE THE DATE:** March 28 is our annual spring kolache bake. There are sign-up sheets in the hallway for donations for supplies and work schedules. The work schedule shows approximate times of the various stages of making kolaches. Please consider helping all day if possible and staying for clean-up. This is a money-making project to help with ongoing expenses of the church.

Thanks to all who planned, attended, took part, and prepared lunch for World Day of Prayer held this year at Sacred Heart.

## GENERAL INFORMATION



**Trinity Tague is the winner of our Bible Quiz. She answered all of the questions for two weeks in a row. Congratulations, Trinity!! She is the daughter of Lyndsey and Bill Tague, 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 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

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." Jn 4:9a, 10

## MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Place	Intention
Saturday 3/14/20	05:00 pm	Mass	Lost Nation	Betty Marcucci
Sunday 3/15/20	08:00 am	Mass	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Sandy Crosthwaite Helen & Ray Koppes
	10:00 am	Mass		
Tuesday 3/17/20	08:00 am	Communion Service	Grand Mound	Holy Name Society
Wed. 3/18/20	05:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Communion Service	Grand Mound	Dennis Schrader
	05:30 pm			
Thursday 3/19/20	05:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Communion Service	Lost Nation	Otto Benischek, Sr
	05:30 pm			
Friday 3/20/20	06:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Communion Service	Oxford Junction	Glen Regennitter
	06:30 pm			
Saturday 3/21/20	05:00 pm	Mass	Toronto	Dennis Burke
Sunday 3/22/20	08:00 am	Mass	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Syslo Family Rosine Regennitter
	10:00 am	Mass		

### Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm at Grand Mound & Oxford Junction
Good Friday	3:00 pm at Toronto
	7:00 pm at Grand Mound
Saturday Vigil	8:30 pm at Lost Nation
Sunday	8:00 am at Grand Mound
	10:00 am at Oxford Junction

### DAILY READINGS

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14