

# Holy Family Parish Cluster

## March 28, 2021



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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#### **Cluster Office Hours**

Due to the pandemic the office has limited hours. Please call or email if you need anything.

Bulletin Deadline  
Tuesday 12:00 noon  
(unless otherwise noted).

### *Mission Statement*

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

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## Walk With Jesus

This week we celebrate the Triduum which begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday, and culminates in the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday -- one liturgical celebration lasting three days. These days are not holy days of obligation, but if there ever was a time that we should *want* to go to church, it would be for these three days.

The liturgy begins with an evening Mass on Holy Thursday. On this night we remember the Last Supper, celebrating the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. We begin as we do at any Mass by making the Sign of the Cross. The Gloria, not sung since Ash Wednesday, returns for this brief moment. Probably the most memorable ritual of this night is the ceremonial washing of feet, imitating Jesus's Last Supper action of humility and service. Sadly, because of COVID, this ritual will not take place this year. At the end of the liturgy, consecrated communion is carried in procession and then placed in the tabernacle. We are invited to adore the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, just as the disciples were invited to stay up with Jesus during His agony in the garden. When we leave the church, we leave in silence.

Good Friday service has no formal beginning or ending and is traditionally held in the afternoon because this was the time when Jesus died. The service begins in silence. Father proceeds to the altar and prostrates himself, signifying the grief and sorrow of the Church. We stand as he enters and then kneel in silent prayer during his prostration. There are traditional Scripture readings and John's account of the Passion is read. We also pray for the world and all its peoples, using an ancient form of prayer, with kneeling and standing so that even the movement of our bodies becomes part of the prayer. In a normal year, a wooden cross "on which hung the Savior of the world," is carried into church, and we process forward to venerate it. Sadly, this is another tradition that will not occur this year. Holy

Communion is distributed, and then we leave the church in silence.

No other moment of the church year is as rich in powerful symbolism as the Easter Vigil. We begin after dark with a fire outside the church. The Easter Candle, marked with the symbols of the current year and of Christ's suffering, is lit from the fire and carried into the church. From this one light, our individual candles are lit filling the church with new light, and the song, the "Exsultet," is sung (this year recited) before the Easter Candle. Numerous Scripture readings from the Old Testament are read recounting God's relationship with His people. Bells ring, lights are raised, and the Gloria is joyfully sung along with the Alleluia. The Epistle, New Testament reading, and Gospel are proclaimed. After the homily, we repeat our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with Holy Water. Then the Elect, this year Monte Ahrendsen from Sacred Heart Oxford Junction, steps forward to be Confirmed. The Mass continues and at Eucharist, Monte steps forward to his first Eucharist, fully initiating him into the Church. The rest of us then come forward to receive the Eucharist, and Mass continues to its end. Before we are dismissed, we make the Sign of the Cross, thus ending the three-day liturgy.

By participating in the Triduum, we're able to walk with Jesus in real time, encountering him the same way the apostles did. It brings us to the Last Supper, makes us pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, allows us to walk the steps of the Stations of the Cross, and brings us to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. This journey allows us to develop the same type of intimate and real relationship the apostles had with Jesus, and isn't having that kind of relationship what being Catholic is all about. Let's all take part!

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. Due to Covid-19 only a small number of priests will be attending and is closed to the public. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate by attending livestream at <https://tinyurl.com/58dc8npe>. A worship aid may be found at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

The Chrism Mass is an annual liturgy in which the priests renew their commitment to priestly service and the Bishop consecrates/blesses the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders.

“PRAYER, HUMILITY,  
AND CHARITY  
TOWARD ALL ARE  
ESSENTIAL IN THE  
CHRISTIAN LIFE:  
THEY ARE THE WAY  
TO HOLINESS.”

Pope Francis

**Iowa Catholic Conference  
Statement on COVID-19 Vaccines**

There is encouraging news about the development and distribution of vaccines against the coronavirus. Thanks be to God.

Some people have concerns about the safety of the vaccine on account of the speed of its development and of FDA approval. In this regard, experts explain that the speed is a testimony to scientific advances that turned years into months without compromising safety and scientific integrity. Some people are concerned, too, about the risk of side effects. There is no scientifically proven link between vaccines and other conditions, such as autism. It is not uncommon to experience minor side effects from being vaccinated. People may feel temporarily uncomfortable, but the benefit from the vaccine exceeds any burden.

Finally, there is troubling news that some drug companies used cell lines from the fetal tissue of an aborted baby in the design, development and production of their vaccines. In response, the USCCB Committees on Pro-life and Doctrine had this to say:

People may in good conscience use the vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna, which made only limited use of those unethical cell lines (for lab testing of the vaccine). Morally speaking, the vaccine offered by these two companies is relatively remote from the evil of abortion, and so need not trouble anyone's conscience to use either one. In contrast, some other companies use a cell line from the fetal tissue of an aborted baby in the design, development, production, and lab testing of their COVID vaccines. If possible, those vaccines should not be used. If there is no alternative available, however, people may in good faith use them against the serious health risk of COVID.

The common good of public health takes precedence over any reservation about being treated with vaccines; they will not be effective if people do not use them.

Most Rev. Michael Jackels Archbishop of Dubuque  
Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless Bishop of Sioux City

Most Rev. Thomas Zinkula Bishop of Davenport  
Most Rev. William Joensen Bishop of Des Moines

News from SSPJ— Diane has had some inquiries about whether there will be a sign up list for serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. With the present COVID conditions, this is feasible, but if someone would like to volunteer their services for a particular Sunday, please either e-mail Diane at [spj@gmtel.net](mailto:spj@gmtel.net) or call her at home 847-6070 and let me know. We would be most grateful for your volunteerism.

**News from Sacred Heart**—Sacred Heart will be hiring a cleaning person beginning sometime in July. Until that time we are hoping that we have volunteers who will clean the church every couple of weeks. There is a book in the hallway for you to sign up. You may choose when you want to clean, but a suggestion is that you & your family stay an hour after Sunday Mass & get the cleaning done. Please consider helping and keeping our church inviting and welcoming.

SSPJ Lenten Baby Shower  
The baby bassinet in the church is for the Lenten collection of baby items. After Easter, these items will be donated to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton.

Easter is coming and we are inviting our church family to donate an Easter flower or Spring flowers to help decorate our altar. You may bring your flowers and put in library or kitchen any time before Easter.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention**  
**For March**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Let us pray that we may experience the**  
**sacrament of reconciliation with renewed**  
**depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.**

Thank you to all who helped make kolaches this past weekend and those who bought them. This kolache bake had been scheduled for November but was postponed due to Covid regulations. Thankfully, most of the folks who had still want them! We made a profit of about \$1,384.00.



## WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

### Entrance Antiphon

#### Tuesday 3/30

Wait for the Lord; be strong;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord!

#### Wednesday 3/31

My deliverer from angry nations, you set me  
above my assailants; you saved me from the  
violent man, O Lord.

#### Thursday 4/1

The Lord said, as he entered the world:  
Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

#### Friday 4/2

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress.  
Deliver me from the hands of my enemies and  
those who pursue me.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on  
you.

### Weekly Recessional Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O God, for people assail me;  
they fight me all day long and oppress me.  
From Words Among Us

### Inspiration for the week

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week! ©LPi

## Cluster Parish Prayer List

### 1. Our Shepherds:

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

### 2. The Aged & Infirm:

- Melvin Duwa, Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Stevenson

## MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 3/27	5:00 pm	Toronto	Betty Marcucci
Sunday 3/28	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Marilyn Rock
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Chuck, David, Dennis & Lawrence Koppes Family
Tuesday 3/30	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Vince & Regina Hahn
Wednesday 3/31	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Hubert & Yvonne Green
Thursday 4/1	6:30 pm	Oxford Junction	Glen Reginnitter
Friday 4/2	3:00 pm	Grand Mound	
	6:00 pm	Lost Nation	
Saturday 4/3	8:30 pm	Lost Nation	For the People
Sunday 4/4	8:00 am	Grand Mound	For the People
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	For the People

### Reminders

**Please pick up a missal or bring the one you already picked up. We will no longer be using page 2 for mass information. Feel free to write your name in your missal.**

### DAILY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

- Sunday** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/  
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
- Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps  
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/  
Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53,  
54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10,  
11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday** Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17  
-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk  
14:1—15:47