

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.

Second Sunday of Lent—March 8, 2020



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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

Return to God this Lent

Lent is about changing ourselves from the inside out, transforming into better versions of ourselves. Today's three readings focus on transformation. The journey of Lent challenges us to see transformation in our lives as a daily process, a continuing conversion.

During these 40 days, we are called to recognize the different ways we have turned away from God and try to return to him with all our hearts. In order to do that, we need to spend time in prayer and reading Scripture. We need to speak to God in silence and open our hearts to listen to him. God's instruction in today's gospel is "Listen to him!" Listen not only to Jesus's words but listen also by watching what he does because he speaks through his actions as well.

Each and every day, we have the opportunity to be converted, to draw closer to God and more fully understand our responsibility to complete Jesus's work in our world. This daily conversion process challenges us to remove ourselves from the great temptations of the world, like Father talked about last Sunday, and seek, in their place, the things of God.

We know of our need to pray, both to speak and to listen to God, but we often make excuses why we cannot pray, why we cannot take time to be in a conversation with the source of our life because we are very busy people. But, we *need* to take the time. We might not see tangible, immediate results from our time in prayer, but God listens to our requests, and speaks to us, usually in the silence of our hearts; however, we must be willing to listen so

we know what God's message is for us. As we continue our journey of Lent, we need to ask ourselves what areas of our lives are in need of transformation? How can we transform our hearts to be more like Jesus? Our transformation may be sudden, but it is often a lifelong spiritual journey that is slow and difficult. An ongoing process. A continuing conversion.

When we open our hearts to receive God and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us every day, we become more like Christ. This transformation keeps our faith alive, and benefits, not only us, but our families, our parish community, and the world. This is the source of evangelization, because we can only share what we have received.

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

CORONAVIRUS

This year, we are faced with a special challenge. As flu season continues, not only do we have to be concerned about the regular (or "seasonal") flu, but we also need to be concerned about the Coronavirus. Because this is a new flu virus, almost all of us will be able to catch it. Therefore, it is important that we prepare for this year's flu season carefully—not only as individuals and families, but as parishes as well.

The Diocese of Davenport has put together a policy to help parishes prepare for this kind of emergency. The policy calls on parishes to make certain changes in the way they do things, depending on how the flu is spreading and on how severe the flu is in people. We talk about Remote Preparation, Immediate Preparation, Response (in four Steps), and Recovery. The full policy can be found on our website: www.davenportdiocese.org.

Here are some important points for you to know for each part of our policy:

REMOTE PREPARATION

During this time, parishes need to be encouraging good hygiene (including washing of hands by communion ministers before and after distributing communion) and remind everyone to stay home if they get sick. Please remem-

ber: if you are sick, you don't have the obligation to go to Mass.

IMMEDIATE PREPARATION

When it looks as if an outbreak is going to happen, parishes need to make sure that they have made all their plans for a flu outbreak. They also need to make sure that they have the supplies that they need on hand.

RESPONSE TO THREAT

Our response to an outbreak includes four Steps:

Step 1 - Once an outbreak begins, parishes need to keep reminding people about cough and sneeze etiquette, good hand washing, and to stay home if sick. You may also notice bulletin inserts describing what is going on and what might happen in the outbreak becomes more serious.

Step 2 - If things get worse, we will reinforce that all sick individuals (including clergy, staff and volunteers) need to stay home. The biggest changes will come at Mass:

If you are sick, please stay home (notify us, and we will bring Communion to you, if possible).

Communion will not be distributed under the form of wine.

Communion will not be distributed on the tongue.

The Sign of Peace will not be shared with a handshake (rather, a bow will be used).

We will not hold hands during the Lord's Prayer.

The Priest and the other ministers will not be shaking hands in greeting.

We will be changing the holy water in the fonts at least daily (and after each liturgy).

Step 3 - If things become more severe, we will also make the following changes:

Hymnals and missalettes will not be used.

Seating will be in alternate rows (as much as possible).

The "box" confessionals will no longer be used.

Holy Water fonts will be emptied; bottles of holy water will be available.

There will be no large group baptisms, weddings, or funerals.

Children's Liturgy of the Word and after-Mass refreshments are discontinued.

Step 4 - Finally, it may become necessary to cancel Mass altogether. A booklet will be available for prayer at home.

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
- **Come to the Quiet: The Blessing of Divine Creation**, Pat Shea, Tues, March 10-9:30am-3:30pm
- **Exploring God's Creation: Generating Hope and Energy**, Fr. Bud Grand & Connie Mutel, Sat, March 14 | 8:30am-3:30pm, Fee \$20

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

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.



Counting children is important!

From Bishop Zinkula: The 2020 Census helps determine which areas qualify for the critical resources that children and families depend on for the next 10 years—basically, an entire childhood! Children and babies are often missed in the census. When children split time between households, live with someone other than their parent, or lack a permanent residence, knowing where to count them might seem confusing. But, there are simple guidelines to ensure each child is counted one time and in the right place. We have posted them in our parish, because along with everyone else, children count in the 2020 Census.

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: Tom Kinney(3-8)
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 15-Brian & Megan Forret & Tynley Boussetlot

Religious Education News

Classes are held each Wednesday from 6-7 pm
March 11
March 18
March 25

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY on Wednesdays during RE Class

CLUSTER COMMUNAL PENANCE

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

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

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.

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

Catholic Charities Asks You to Help
Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets comprised of two-thirds public funding. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

March 28
Annual Spring Kolache Bake

GENERAL INFORMATION



Lola Lasack has been worshipping with Sacred Heart Church in Oxford Junction for quite sometime now. This year, she has decided to join the Catholic Church and become a full member. She will be received into the Church during the Easter vigil when she will also be confirmed and admitted to the table of the Lord.

In the picture: Fr Francis blessing Lola and Jim as they enter the final stages of their preparation.

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 Schwen, & Greg Schwen
- 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

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him." Mt 17:4-5

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Place	Intention
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 Reginnetter
Tuesday 3/10/20	08:00 am	Communion Service	Grand Mound	Maher Family
Wed. 3/11/20	10:00 am	Communion Service	W. Manor	Hubert & Yvonne Green
	05:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Grand Mound	
	05:30 pm	Communion Service		
Thursday 3/12/20	05:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Lost Nation	Esther Benischek
	05:30 pm	Communion Service		
Friday 3/13/20	06:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
	06:30 pm	Communion Service		
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 Monk & Marguerite Coon
	10:00 am	Mass		

BIBLE QUIZ

The Bible Quiz will return next week!

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32