

Holy Family Parish Cluster

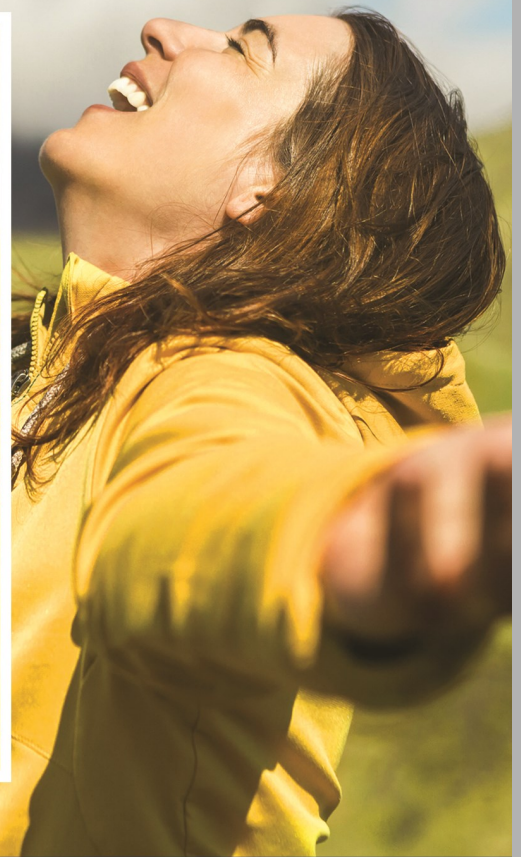
Devine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

BELIEVE

“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” - Jn 20:29BC



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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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We Are Never Alone

Sometimes it's hard to believe that just a year ago the world came to a screeching halt. We all hunkered down within our homes, fearful of the unknown. This was completely foreign to us because we were not meant to live life on our own. We were meant to be part of a family, and beyond that, we were meant to be part of a community. We don't flourish as people by being isolated and living by ourselves, but by engaging as full members of a community.

God created us social by nature, to desire union with others. We become better people when we learn to live with and love the people around us. When we learn to sacrifice for our family and for our friends, we become more human. As Catholics we are a community, a family with a story, a history, and a mission to share the joy of the gospel. We come together every week as a community to celebrate the mass, and one of the greatest aspects of the Catholic Church is that the mass happens everywhere, every day in Catholic Churches throughout the world. We know that where ever we go in the world we can attend mass and know that it is the same as it would be if we were at our local parish.

When we come for mass, we become part of a parish community, a family. It's a reminder that we are not alone; we have a supportive community by our side. United by our faith, these community members may become some of our closest friends. When we see them on Sunday, we look for them to say hello. We miss them if they aren't there. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers in times of need, and we encourage and support them. It's what we do because of our faith.

Over five years ago we came together as a new community, the Holy Family Cluster. Prior to that, we had all been our own communities with our own connections and our own traditions. It wasn't always easy, but it was what God gave us to do at the time. And so we did. Through the hard work of our church leaders, we created a common vision of where we wanted to be as a church, and we rallied around the concept of the church as a family of God. We came together and created new traditions, new friendships with new family members, and God sent us a powerful shepherd to guide us, Fr. Francis.

Now we're being asked to do this again. It may not be what we want, but it's what God has called us to do. As we transition, we should remember that no matter the building we are in or the people we are with what will sustain and deepen our faith will be our community and the support of others. We need to pray that God will grant us every grace needed during this time, and Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother, will intercede with Her Son to be our strength and support as well. "Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith." (1 John 5:4)

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team



Our Holy Family Cluster welcomes Monte Ahrendsen into the Catholic faith. Monte and his wife, Margo and their family are members of Sacred Heart, Oxford Junction.

Holy Family Cluster News

We would like to thank the parishioners from all of our Holy Family Churches who participated, made donations of flowers, or helped in any way to make our Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter a huge success! We are truly blessed!

Please keep our students from SSPJ and OLHR in your prayers as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.

Next Sunday, we will have First Communion at Sacred Heart and at Sts. Philip and James. Keep these students in your prayers as well.

Sacred Heart would like to give a special thanks to Mark & Doris Denniston, Carmie & Ron Nowachek and Dena & Tim Jensen for the donation of a new bell for the servers.



WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 4/13

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more;
death will no longer have dominion over him,
alleluia.

Wednesday 4/14

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

Thursday 4/15

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

Friday 4/16

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood,
from every tribe and tongue and people and
nation,
and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our
God, alleluia.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of
him who called you out of darkness into his
wonderful light, alleluia.

From Words Among Us

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Website -<https://www.chmiowa.org/retreat> and
click on the Retreat Calendar on the left-hand side
for more details, or call 563-336-8414 or email
olpretreat@gmail.com. Make sure to register to
receive the zoom link.

April 20 - 10:00am-11:30am Free Online: Circle of Life
Series: Spring

April 21 - 9:00am-12:00pm Free Online: Practical
Mindfulness: Pockets of Peace in a Pandemic World

April 27 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm Free Online: Ecumenical
Prayer Service: Earth Day



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 4/10	5:00 pm	Toronto	James Kedley
Sunday 4/11	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Howard, Monica & Hubert Green
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Alverda Clasen
Tuesday 4/13	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday 4/14	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Merwyn & Rhea Hasenmiller
Thursday 4/15	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Esther Benischek
Friday 4/16	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday 4/17	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Tad & Marie Farrell
Sunday 4/18	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Syslo Family 1st Communion Class
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	

Dope Francis Prayer Intention **For April**

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48