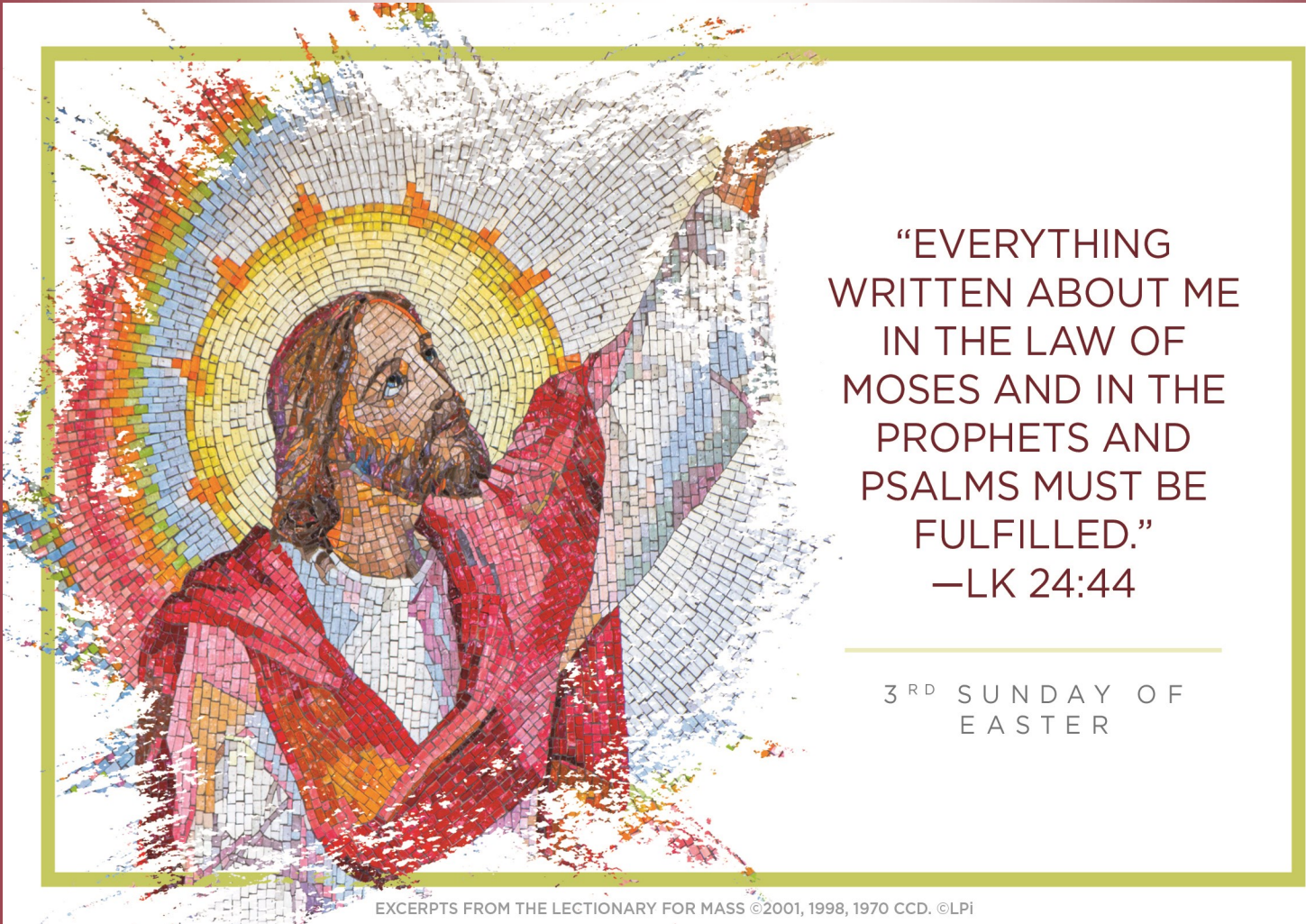


# Holy Family Parish Cluster

## April 18, 2021



“EVERYTHING  
WRITTEN ABOUT ME  
IN THE LAW OF  
MOSES AND IN THE  
PROPHETS AND  
PSALMS MUST BE  
FULFILLED.”  
—LK 24:44

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF  
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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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## Peace Be With You!

When we think about peace, we probably think about ridding the world of things like war, suffering, hostility, and violence, which is why we often wish and pray for “peace.” And rightly so, because as disciples of Jesus, we are called to be instruments of God’s healing for all who suffer. However, Jesus also told us he came to bring peace “not as the world gives” it, but as God gives it. (John 14:27)

Our biblical ancestors believed that peace was the result of living in a right relationship with God and with others, but getting right with God was never possible for them because of sin. It was only through Jesus’s death that this great reconciliation was accomplished.

In both last week’s gospel and today’s gospel we hear the words Jesus said to his disciples upon appearing to them after rising from the dead. Today, they were “startled and terrified” when Jesus appeared out of nowhere, but Jesus said “peace be with you” to calm their fears. We know the disciples were not perfect, after all they had just abandoned Jesus during His worst days, but Jesus wanted them to know they were forgiven, that there was only peace between Him and them. And it was this forgiveness and peace that he told them to preach to all nations.

This is the peace we celebrate and pray for at Mass. The sign of peace we offer to each other during the Mass is meant to be much more than a polite greeting to those around us. As with everything else in the liturgy, it has great purpose and meaning. When we exchange the sign of peace at Mass, we do so with the same words Jesus spoke to His disciples, “Peace be with you.” It is a time when we are meant to encourage one another to know and trust in God’s presence, love, and mercy. It’s meant to be a sacred moment when the grace of God heals us and passes through us to other members of the body of Christ, bringing about a real communion among us as we prepare to receive and share our deepest communion with God in the Eucharist.

Then at the end of Mass, we are told to “go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.” To “go in peace” means much more than to leave with a good feeling. It means that we are to leave church with the intention of making peace happen in our personal lives and the world around us. And we’re told not only to love the Lord but also to “serve the Lord.” So, it must be God’s path we take, God’s words we speak, and God’s actions we perform because that is what we are called to do.

After we are told to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” our response is “Thanks be to God.” We are not thanking Him that the Mass is over, we are thanking Him for the faith that brought us to the Mass and for all those with whom we have shared that faith. We are proclaiming our gratitude for the trust He places in us, like the disciples before us, to share His message of forgiveness and peace with the world, doing what we were truly created to do: love and serve the Lord!

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team



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# Holy Family Cluster News

First Communion will be held at Sacred Heart and at Sts. Philip and James today. Keep these students in your prayers.

The Evangelization Team meeting will be Monday, April 19 at 7:00 pm via zoom.

Sacred Heart is looking for an administrative assistant/secretary for Father Bahl and a cleaning person for the church. For job descriptions and salary please contact Blain Crock—563-889-0268 or Mary Ann Mostaert—563-889-0171.

Sacred Heart has a ministry sign-up sheet on the table in the hall for May. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to serve. If no one signs up, these jobs will be assigned by Karen.



## HOW TO FAIL YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

APRIL 18, 2021 —Tracy Earl Welliver, MT LPi



Bishop Thomas Zinkula confirmed the following students from Sts. Philip and James and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary on Sunday, April 11. Pictured from left to right are Madison Gilroy, Rylie Dunne, Nathan Butler, Delaney Engler, Bishop Zinkula, Madeline Thiel, Samuel Robinson, Sarah Forret, and Jacob VanderHeiden. Congratulations to all of our students, their parents and teachers!

## WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

### Entrance Antiphon

#### Tuesday 4/20

Sing praise to our God,  
all you who fear God, both small and great,  
for now salvation and strength have come,  
and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

#### Wednesday 4/21

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,  
and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them,  
and I, the Lord, will be their God, alleluia.

#### Thursday 4/22

Let us sing to the Lord, for he has gloriously  
triumphed.

The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation, alleluia.

#### Friday 4/23

This is the one who was not deserted by God on  
the day of struggle and now wears a crown of  
victory for faithfulness to the Lord's commands,  
alleluia.

### Weekly Recessional Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.  
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](mailto: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: Ecumeni-  
cal 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 Steven-  
son

## MASS SCHEDULE

| Date              | Time                | Place                             | Intention   |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Saturday<br>4/17  | 5:00 pm             | Lost Nation                       | Tad & Marie<br>Farrell  |
| Sunday<br>4/18    | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am | Grand Mound<br>Oxford<br>Junction | Syslo Family<br>1st Communion<br>Class                          |
| Tuesday<br>4/20   | 8:00 am             | Grand Mound                       | Vince &<br>Regina Hahn  |
| Wednesday<br>4/21 | 5:00 pm             | Grand Mound                       | Hubert &<br>Yvonne Green  |
| Thursday<br>4/22  | 5:00 pm             | Lost Nation                       | Otto<br>Benischek Sr.   |
| Friday<br>4/23    | 8:00 am             | Oxford<br>Junction                | Paul Clasen   |
| Saturday<br>4/24  | 5:00 pm             | Toronto                           | Jim Wisor   |
| Sunday<br>4/25    | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am | Grand Mound<br>Oxford<br>Junction | Sarah McNeil<br>Chuck, David,<br>Dennis &<br>Lawrence<br>Koppes |

### 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 18, 2021

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

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-  
30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b  
and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a  
[1]/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/  
Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/  
Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-  
17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,  
26, 28, 29 / 1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18