

# Holy Family Parish Cluster

## April 25, 2021



**First Holy  
Communion  
April 18, 2021**



## **Come Holy Spirit!**

During the Easter season, instead of reading from the Old Testament at Mass, we read the Acts of the Apostles. These readings show us the history of the Church and how the Holy Spirit transformed the Apostles from being fearful disciples, huddling behind closed doors, into courageous witnesses for Christ. Nothing stopped them from proclaiming the love of Jesus for all people.

Just look at Peter in today's first reading. He was a fisherman by trade, had no formal education, and certainly didn't have the same social standing as the authorities he was facing. Yet he spoke with boldness and assurance, proclaiming Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. This transformation was not of Peter's doing. He didn't wake up that morning and decide to be more outspoken. No. We are told that before he spoke to the authorities, he was "filled with the Holy Spirit." That was the difference!

The Holy Spirit radically changed the other Apostles, too. Like Peter, they were all ordinary men, making lots of mistakes while on their journeys of faith. For three years they had been with Jesus, and yet they wouldn't always understand what he was teaching, and in fact were frequently rebuked by him for their lack of understanding. Then they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they were completely different.

Suddenly, they began acting like Jesus, remembering all he had taught them. They were filled with joy, going all over the world to boldly proclaim the Good News, laboring tirelessly, suffering insults and imprisonment, loving not only their friends but even their enemies. The change was dramatic, and it was not only them. The ever-growing community of Jesus's followers was transformed as well, a transformation brought about by the Holy Spirit. This is our history, and this is who we, too, are meant to be!

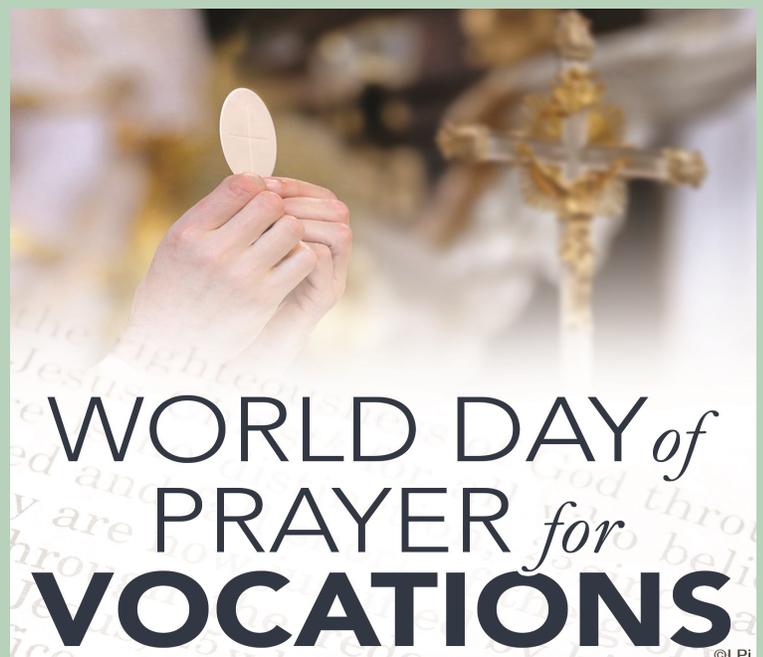
We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit! It's so important for us to know and believe that the difference between our biblical ancestors and us has only to do with the Holy Spirit. That's all. They were no better than we are. They were no smarter. There is no indication that they were any more naturally talented than we are, or any more courageous, or more spiritually inclined. It was the Holy Spirit that made the difference!

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team

### *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.*

*Lord,  
by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



# Holy Family Cluster News

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out Baby Bottles on Mother's Day to support The Pregnancy Center in Clinton. If you do not receive a Baby Bottle, you may still give by placing a check in the collection basket made out to the Pregnancy Center.

## SSPJ -Financials thru March

Income—	\$76,210.85
Expense—	\$72,553.81
Surplus—	\$ 3,657.04
Building fund—	\$ 2,329.00
Building fund (roof) -	\$ 11,639.60
Bequests—	\$ 2,390.00
Bequests spent—	\$ 588.38

**Sacred Heart** Sacred Heart is looking for an administrative assistant/secretary for Fr Bahl which will pay \$20 per hour and a cleaning person for the church, which will pay \$15 per hour. Both jobs will entail approximately 2 hours per week more or less depending on events going on. Please contact Mary Ann Mostaert -563-889-0171 or Blain Crock—563-889-0268 for job descriptions and questions. More information on bulletin boards in hallway.

There is a ministry sign-up sheet on the table in the hall for May. Please sign up for the Sundays you would like to serve. If no one signs up, these jobs will be assigned by Karen. Please take the time to do this to help with planning for each Sunday's liturgy.

## First Holy Communion 2021



First Holy Communion was held at SSPJ and Sacred Heart on April 18! It was a beautiful day to celebrate with these students, their families and teachers! The following are in the picture above—Sarah Rissler, teacher, Cayden Rissler, Avery Fuhrmeister, Kinzlie Errthum, Oliver Ahrendsen & Fr Francis. In the picture below—Fr. Francis, Drew Maher, Elizabeth Whitman, Dylan Fischer, Gable Ohnemus, Elizabeth Browne, Emerie Looney, Caleb Adams, Carter Gray and Deacon Sheil. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this a Special Day for these wonderful children of our Cluster family!



## WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

### Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 4/27

Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

Wednesday 4/28

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

Thursday 4/29

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God; therefore, in accordance with his promise, the Lord gave him growth for the good of his people, alleluia.

Friday 4/30

The Lord brought out his people with joy, his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

### Weekly Recessional Antiphon

Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labor of your hands you shall eat; blessed are you, and blessed will you be, 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.

Tues., April 27 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm Free

Online: Ecumenical Prayer Service: Earth Day

Wed., May 5—10:00am—Free In-person:

Mother's Day Mass at The Prairie Leader: Fr. Dennis Martin

Thurs., May 6 | 6:30pm -8:00pm Free Online:

Parents and Guardians: Telling Their Story of Covid-19

### 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 4/24	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Jim Wisor
Sunday 4/25	8:00 am 10:00 am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Sarah McNeil Chuck, David, Dennis & Lawrence Koppes
Tuesday 4/27	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Rev. Raymond Hannigan
Wednesday 4/28	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Maher Family
Thursday 4/29	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Otto Benischek Jr.
Friday 4/30	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday 5/1	5:00 pm	Toronto	Dean Schneider
Sunday 5/2	8:00 am 10:00 am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	George Green Monk & Margurite Coon

### 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 25, 2021**

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8