

Holy Family Parish Cluster

May 23, 2021



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When the Advocate comes
whom I will send you from
the Father, the Spirit of
truth that proceeds from
the Father, he will testify
to me.” - Jn 15:26

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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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Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday is Pentecost, the birthday of the church, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in that small upper room. Since Easter we have been reading, both on Sundays and weekdays, from the book of Acts, which provides us with a valuable account of how the early church was able to grow. Two thousand years later we can learn a great deal from those early disciples. In fact, we *must* learn from them if we want to continue their legacy of changing the world.

One thing we can learn is to be humble because humble people submit to something greater than themselves. The earliest leaders of the church demonstrated this kind of humility in the face of opposition and persecution. Remember Peter who stood firm before the Sanhedrin when they wanted him to stop teaching in the name of Jesus. He refused. He didn't sling insults or sarcastic comebacks. He simply and humbly focused on his calling to serve Jesus. "We must obey God rather than man." (Acts 5:29) Peter teaches us how to respond to that same type of opposition from the world today when society tries to tear down what God is building through His church.

The next thing we can learn is to be joyful. "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52) Meetings in the early Church were joyful occasions. "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people," (Acts 2:45-46). They were a very happy

bunch of people who clearly enjoyed being together and worshipping God. It was not a sometime kind of thing. It was continual. They were always joyful and happy. It was just who they were, like Jesus. For us, sometimes it's not easy, but we can wake up every morning and decide to be joyful, especially when we come to church!

Finally, and maybe most importantly above all else, we need to stay focused on God and His Word. The early church succeeded because it was dependent on Christ. This wasn't an option. To become a Christian meant becoming transformed by the Word of God. They took seriously Jesus's statement that people can't live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the Lord's mouth (Matthew 4:4). The same must be true of us. Staying focused on Scripture helps us prioritize and reshape our lives. This is not only important in our personal lives, but also in our parishes. Whenever we gather together on committees or councils, first and foremost above all decisions we make, should be God's Word.

The early church didn't have what we have today. They didn't have much money or church buildings, the things we think are necessities. But what they did have was faith and a zeal that produced unity. We need to become like that. Like them, we don't need a lot of "stuff" to accomplish the mission God has entrusted to us. We simply need to become communities of faith with an ability to love one another.

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team



Congratulations to Lawson Ohnemus on his Baptism at SSPJ on May 2. Parents are Charley and Tyler Ohnemus.



Congratulations to Rosie Inglis on her Baptism at SH on May 16. From left to right in the photo are Dan & Abby Inglis, Father Francis, Rosie, Sarah Inglis Stoutner & Jeff Thompson. We welcome little Rosie to our church family. Hugs & prayers to the family including big brother Wyatt.

Holy Family Cluster News

What to know about Davenport Diocese COVID-19 Guidelines

- In general, indoor meetings and gatherings inside and outside are not time limited. The capacity of people in a space is determined by the need for unvaccinated people to maintain six-foot distancing between them and other unvaccinated people.
- Masks and social distancing are not required by anyone who is vaccinated. Masks and social distancing are required by anyone who is not vaccinated. Six-foot distancing from unvaccinated households is required.
- Missalettes and hymnals may be used. People are encouraged to use hand sanitizer after handling common objects. Bulletins may be distributed.
- Fonts may be used. Fonts/stoups with standing water should not be used unless the water is changed daily.
- Music ministry (cantor, choir, all instruments) is permitted if the ministers have been vaccinated. Congregational singing is permitted.
- Members of the assembly who have not yet been vaccinated must wear masks while singing or choose to remain silent.
- Procession through the assembly may resume with the members of the procession unmasked if vaccinated. Those who are unvaccinated must wear masks and socially distance.
- The use of multiple readers is permitted. The use of servers is permitted. If not vaccinated, ministers are to be masked (except readers may remove their mask when at the ambo if desired).
- The collection as usual may resume. Baskets with long handles are preferred for the collection. People are encouraged to use hand sanitizer after handling common objects.
- The procession with the gifts may take place using vaccinated parishioners.
- The Sign of Peace may be exchanged as customary within households. Otherwise, a bow is preferred.
- Hands are not held for the Lord's Prayer (except as a household if customary).
- Communion is distributed only under the form of the Host. Communion on the tongue is permitted to those who have been vaccinated. Those who are unvaccinated and wish to receive on the tongue should present themselves at the end of communion line.

What to know about Archdiocese of Dubuque COVID-19 Guidelines

- Starting the weekend of June 5/6, 2021, the dispensation will expire that excused Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque from participating at Sunday Mass in church. Catholics may still excuse themselves from Sunday Mass if they are afraid of getting COVID.
- Starting the weekend of June 5/6, the pastors and councils will be in charge of which COVID safety measures to practice in each church. The pastor should publish which safety measures will be practiced after the June date.

More information will be coming in future bulletins. If you have any questions, please email the office.

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 5/25

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom,
and his tongue tells forth what is just;
the law of his God is in his heart.

Wednesday 5/26

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us.

Thursday 5/27

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

Friday 5/28

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.
who raised him from the dead, alleluia.

From Words Among Us



Brynley Humston and Hope Holtapp crowned
Mary at OLHR on May 15 !

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 5/22	5:00 pm	Toronto	Randall Sander
Sunday 5/23	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Maria Teresa & Alicia Meza
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Reginnitter
Tuesday 5/25	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Rev. Raymond Hannigan
Wednesday 5/26	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Randy Reistroffer
Thursday 5/27	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Esther Benischek
Friday 5/28	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Reginnitter
Saturday 5/29	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Al Connell
Sunday 5/30	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Chris Forrett
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Monk & Marguerite Coon

Dope Francis Prayer Intention For May

The World of Finance
Let us pray that those in charge of
finance will work with
governments to regulate the
financial sphere and protect
citizens from its dangers.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20