

Holy Family Parish Cluster

May 9, 2021

LOVE



“Love one another.”

JOHN 15:17

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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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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

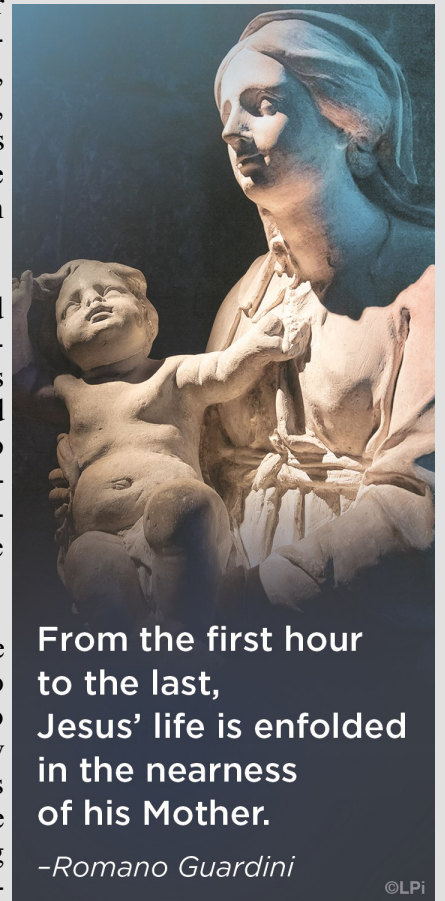
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This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day, a day set aside to honor our mothers in a very special way. After all, mothers have a tremendous impact on our lives. Our mothers mold us into the people we are today, teaching us the meaning of unconditional love. Growing up, we all knew, regardless of our behavior, our mothers would always love us. (And let's be honest. There were plenty of times growing up when we were "unlovable"!)

But that's what mothers do. They see the beautiful through the horrible. They know us beyond our actions.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, and us, to love one another, and a mother's love for her children is a prime example of the type of love Jesus calls on us to have for one another. Mothers would lay down their lives for their children, a perfect example of Christ's self-giving, sacrificial, and unconditional love. This is the type of love Jesus challenges all of us to have. We never have to win our mother's love; it is unconditional. Unconditional love means choosing to love people regardless of the circumstances and keep loving them no matter what they do. It depends on the choice of the giver, not on the condition of the receiver.

If we want to love others well, Jesus told us to love like he did, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Jesus is our example of how to love, and what he showed us is that love takes action. So, if we want to love like Jesus did, then it starts with a decision – deciding we will show love no matter what. That means being patient and kind even when others are rude; making sacrifices for others, especially when they don't deserve it; elevating others, helping them get ahead and encouraging them along the way; and finally, looking for and pointing out the best in others, especially those in whom it's hard to see.



From the first hour to the last, Jesus' life is enfolded in the nearness of his Mother.

-Romano Guardini

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A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength.

-Pope Francis, January 7, 2015



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Doing these things will make us better people and bring us closer to God. When we love one another, we act as God's hands and feet to those He puts in our lives. This isn't always easy, but all of us are called to do it. And God knows that we *can* do it, and He knows that if we do, it will enrich both our lives and the lives of those around us.

So, this weekend, as we honor our mothers, those living here on earth and those in heaven, let's commit to their example of unconditional love. And let's make sure we thank them for their love and the many sacrifices they made or make daily for each of us... and let's not forget to thank God for them!

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Holy Family Cluster News



There will be a sign-up sheet for June ministries on the table in the hall. Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to serve. Karen will assign ministries for June toward the middle of May.

Dena Jensen, who has been our Religious Ed Coordinator for many years, is retiring at the end of classes this spring. We hope that someone will prayerfully consider taking over this very important position. Thanks, Dena, for all your dedication to this position!

Thank you to the Rickels Family for answering our plea for a rose bush to be planted by the Blessed Virgin Mary garden in front of the rectory. Thanks to Kris & Glenda Leeper for mowing & trimming the yard and Mary Ann Mostaert for planting & weeding outdoors. Thanks to all our family who make our church look good inside and out!

Charlotte, daughter of Savannah and Derek Sieren was baptized at SSPJ on Saturday, May 1. Also, pictured is Father Francis & big sister, Sadie! Congratulations to all!

Knights of Columbus are having a baby bottle campaign! On Mother's Day (today) pickup your baby bottle and return it on Father's Day! All funds collected will go to the Pregnancy Center in Clinton. Thanks!

Grand Knight Jim Schroeder

We invite all of our Holy Family Cluster to join us in a Pentecost Novena beginning on Friday, May 14 and ending on Saturday, May 22. The Pray More Novena included with this bulletin can also be found online at PrayMoreNovenas.com.



Confirmation at Scared Heart was held on April 28. Pictured below are Father Francis, Zain Sauer, Ty Jensen, Archbishop Jackels, Tyler Driver, Jayson Ruley, Logan Bicknese & Olivia Paulsen. "Thank Yous" go to Dena Jensen, their teacher and to Doris & Margo for the treats!!! Congratulations to the class!



WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 5/11

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

Wednesday 5/12

Come, you blessed of my Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Thursday 5/13

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

Friday 5/14

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

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

Wed, May 12 | 9:30am-3:30pm | In-Person:

Come to the Quiet | Leader: Pat Shea Fee: \$30

Thurs, May 13 | 9:30am-3:30pm | In-

Person: What's Your Sign | Leader: Jen

Brooke Fee: \$30

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 5/8	5:00 pm	Toronto	Dan Lange
Sunday 5/9	8:00 am 10:00 am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Richard Vens Helen & Ray Koppes
Tuesday 5/11	8:00 am	Grand Mound	No Mass
Wednesday 5/12	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	No Mass
Thursday 5/13	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	No Mass
Friday 5/14	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	No Mass
Saturday 5/15	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Tom Simmons
Sunday 5/16	8:00 am 10:00 am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Harold Gorzney Glen Reginitter

Pope 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 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13/Mk 16:15-20