

Holy Family Parish Cluster

June 13, 2021

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”
- Mk 4:30-32b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

Sts Philip & James Grand Mound

606 Fulton Street
P.O Box 7
Grand Mound, IA 52751
Telephone: 563-847-2271
Web:
www.holyfamilycluster.org

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.

Administration:

Pastor: Rev. Francis V. Odoom

Cell: 515-357-8798

Email: odoomf@diodav.org

Deacon: Michael Sheil

Cell: 563-613-0607

Administrative Assistant

Christine Meyer

Email—

grandmssphilipjames@diodav.org

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

903 Main St.
P.O Box 127
Lost Nation, IA 52254
670 Mill Street
Toronto, IA 52777

Sacred Heart Oxford Junction

309 Church Street
Oxford Junction, IA 52323
Web: www.sacredheartoj.org

Meeting God

For most of us, being prepared and insured is an important part of our lives. We have medical insurance, life insurance, auto insurance, homeowner's insurance, travel insurance, drug insurance. You name it, we have insurance for it. We're ready for just about anything. However, there is something that is going to happen to every one of us sooner or later that very few of us are prepared for, and it is the most important thing in our lives to be prepared for – meeting God!

Believe it or not, think of it or not, ignorant of it or not, it is a fact! It is going to happen, and nothing will prevent it. Every one of us will stand before God and give an account of our lives on this earth. Normally, we can count on other people to come to our defense and testify on our behalf, but not so when we stand before God. Here on earth if we stand before a judge, we can plead "not guilty," but we can't plead "not guilty" when we stand before God. He has all the evidence, and he knows all the facts.

In today's second reading, Paul reminds us of this coming day of reckoning: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." (2 Corinthians 5:10) The question we need to ask ourselves is are we ready for that? Some of us may think that coming to church on Sunday is all we need to do, and yes, that is important. After all, God asks us to come with a willing heart to know Him and serve Him, but He also expects much more from us than that.

When Jesus walked the face of the earth, he *told* us

and *showed* us what we are to do. We are to love each other and care for the least of our brothers. We need to visit the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit those in prison. He wants us to study his Word, spend time in prayer, and be forgiving of others. Now we know we cannot earn our way into heaven simply by doing good deeds. Our goal for doing these things is to become like Jesus, and part of the process of becoming like Jesus is to do the things he did. It is putting our faith into action, and we have to put our faith into action to receive God's saving grace.

We need to have a relationship with God and an openness to receiving His grace. The way we receive that grace is through the sacraments, especially the sacrament of Reconciliation. Taking advantage of the sacrament helps us stay attuned to our spiritual lives. The more frequently we examine our conscience the more we grow in our awareness of how we are accepting and imitating God's love and mercy. The emphasis is on growth, not failure – on how good God is, not on how bad we are. It's simply a good barometer of how we are doing.

We must not close our eyes to the coming judgment. Our God is a loving and forgiving father who wants us to share eternal life with Him. But like all things in life that are worthwhile, we must strive to achieve it. We only get to live once on this earth, and we need to live it right, the life God planned for us. It isn't always easy, but it will come with an eternal reward – life in heaven!

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team



Holy Family Cluster News

Wherever our faith is, it can always grow, and by journeying in faith with others, we not only grow ourselves, but we can help foster greater faith in Christ through one another. So, have you been looking for a way to grow in your faith? Or better ways to live out your faith? How about taking part in the Emmaus Initiative! There are a few of us who have been participating, and we'd love to share with you how the Initiative has impacted our spiritual journey! If you'd like to learn more about the Initiative and how to possibly get involved, join us for an informational meeting on Monday, June 21 at 7:00 at the church hall in Lost Nation. We will also have a Zoom link available if you'd rather join us electronically. Just contact Chris grandmssphilip-james@diodav.org at the parish office for the link.

The Evangelization Team

Sacred Heart— If you have flowers at home and would like to bring a small bouquet to help decorate the altar or church for Sunday Mass, please bring your bouquet in your own vase or ask Mary Ann, Doris, Nadine or Karen where the vases are at church. You can then place your flowers, or ask one of the above where to place. We just want to make sure they're not in the way for Father when he gives out communion. You don't need to ask anybody when you can bring them—just decide on your own. We thank you in advance for helping decorate the church for the summer!



A celebration of Father's new calling will be held at the Grand Mound Community Center Sunday, June 20th from 2-5 PM. Please bring your friends and family to help us wish Father Francis a joyous start on his new adventure.



SSPJ — With the easing of COVID restrictions, it is time to go back to having money counters after mass. If you are willing to donate your time for this, please send an e-mail with your name to spj@gmtel.net or call and leave a message at 847-6070. Thank you!!!

There will be a sign-up sheet available the weekends of June 13 and 20 for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers during the months of July, August, & September.

May finance numbers:

Income -	\$15,242.97
Expense -	\$ 6,792.91
Surplus -	\$ 8,450.06
Building Fund -	\$ 50.00
Building Fund (roof) -	\$ 2,210.00

Just a reminder the Knights will pickup baby bottles on Father's Day. Thanks for helping with this campaign.

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 6/15

You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!

Wednesday 6/16

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Thursday 6/17

The clean of hands and pure of heart shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place.

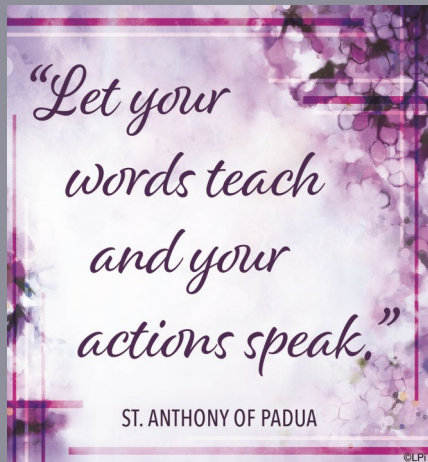
Friday 6/18

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me.

From Words Among Us



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 6/12	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Betty Marcucci
Sunday 6/13	8:00 am 10:00 am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	Dennis Schrader J.C. & Helen O'Hara
Tuesday 6/15	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday 6/16	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Pat Morrissey
Thursday 6/17	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Dean Schneider
Friday 6/18	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	Padre Sartaco Galante
Saturday 6/19	5:00 pm	Toronto	James Kedley
Sunday 6/20	8:00 am 10:00 am	Grand Mound Oxford Junction	George Green Afia Asiwaa

Dope's June Intention
The Beauty of Marriage
Let us pray for young people
who are preparing for marriage
with the support of a Christian
community: may they grow in
love, with generosity,
faithfulness and patience.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41