

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact Parish Office  
to schedule a baptism.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Marriage Preparation at least  
90 days prior to your wedding  
date. Please contact Parish  
Office.

**Pastoral Care**

Contact Parish Office for  
Home visits, Anointing of the  
Sick, Holy Communion

**Sacrament Reconciliation**

Before Mass or call Parish Of-  
fice for arrangement with  
Priest.

Father Francis Lil'O Corner  
Beauty of Communal Penance

A picture is worth a 1000 words is the quote that comes to mind; -- words cannot describe my feelings while watching Bishop Zinkula, Father Francis, Father Kuntz, Father Page and Deacon Sheil together at Communal Penance. They came together to offer us the gift of penance and relieve our burden of sin that drags us down and is why so many of us were there on Sunday evening in Grand Mound.

“Reconciliation means coming together in peace to experience this healing sacrament as we have come to know a loving God who like the Father in the story of the Prodigal Son reaches out to us and patiently waits for our return.” That is why we were there together as a community of believers and sinners. The Scriptures provide clear direction as to how wandering sheep are to be found. Bishop Zinkula’s homily on farming analogy touched on weak piglets and how quickly they would die if not found, nurtured, and loved. Sheep and pigs are interesting creatures. They are weak, defenseless, and at times, not very bright, --just like us. They wander away easily if not attended to, and shepherds need to be ready to respond. It’s no accident that God’s people are called sheep.

Sunday evening, sitting in the pews with an almost full church brought to mind”, ‘we are one body’ and that is how it felt to me. We tore down the walls of fear and chose to come together and confess the sadness and turmoil in our soul. The moment of grace for me was praying the Act of Contrition together. In unison, we were ‘One Voice’ and realized I was not alone in my sins.

Here I was sitting across from a priest, and suddenly I was one at a loss for words. “The priest is there for Christ’s people being us, but the people cannot be Christ’s people without their priests.” It was at this moment that the sacrament was the spark I needed to open my soul and confess my sins. Doesn’t it seem like an eternity during confession, but in reality was close to five minutes? Then Father spoke those words, the beautiful words that lifted my heart and made me feel forgiven by God.

I had asked God for forgiveness many times before, but there was no one sitting two feet away face to face to acknowledge my suitcase of sins and offer absolution. It was easier to hide behind the confessional screen. This time was face to face; it was right then that I understood when some people speak of confession why they used the term “reconciliation”, because it’s much more than a therapy session. Although Christ already knew all my sins, I was admitting my sins to Christ, through the priest. It was a beautiful gift of sacrament for me with Bishop Zinkula, Father Francis, Father Kuntz, Father Page and Deacon Sheil; and I end with this poem in mind.

*God bless them and keep them all holy,  
For the Host which their fingers caress,  
What can a poor sinner do better  
But to praise Thee who chose thee to bless  
When the death dews on our eyes are falling,  
May our courage and strength be increased  
To see, raised above us in blessing  
The beautiful hands of a priest. (Author unknown)*

*Diana Scott-SS Philip & James*



**Life Is Like A Cup of Coffee:** A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: “If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups have been taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress.

Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups. And then you began eyeing each other’s cups.

Now consider this: **Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups.** They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live.

Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee. Savor the coffee, not the cups! The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Source Unknown

NEWS AND EVENTS

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith through living the example of a charity that evangelize and personifying what it means to be a Catholic gentleman.

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

Remember that during Lent we're participating in Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm every Friday evening with Mass to follow about 6:30. Thanks to our servers, Kevin & Justin, our readers, choir members and church family who have been following along on this Lenten journey. We invite our whole church family to join in this devotion.

Sanctuary Guild meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 7:00 pm in the church library. Serving Committee is: Sue Ellison, Colleen Coon and Sarah Rissler.

The Sanctuary Guild is planning it's annual kolache bake sale on Saturday, April 13. There are sign-up sheets to donate supplies and your time. We hope many of us will consider helping with this very important parish project.

You're invited to the Peter Rabbit Hollow Bazaar on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lost Nation. There will be a quilt display, crafts, a bake sale, 2nd-time-around-table and a creamed turkey or maid rite lunch. Cost is Adults: \$7.00, Children (10 & under): \$3.00, Pre-school: Free. Carry outs are available.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary  
Lost Nation/Toronto

OLHR council would like to thank Terry Stevenson for doing a great job cleaning the parking lot in Toronto and Nick Dexter for Lost Nation lot this winter

Our bake sale was a success and we thank everyone for the variety of baked items and donations. Many compliments were received for the selection of goodies

Wheatland Community Breakfast had a really large turnout so it was great we had so many goodies. Thanks again for all your continued support and help.

A Jelly Bean Prayer



TheFrugalGirls.com

Create a jelly bean prayer jar and attach the prayer below; cut and attach to the jar. Give as a gift to others.

**The JELLY BEAN Prayer**

**Orange** is for heaven so bright.  
**Yellow** is for God's perfect light.  
**Black** is for the sins we've made.  
**Red** is for the blood Christ gave.  
**White** is for our cleansing from sin.  
**Green** is for our new life in Him.  
**Pink** is for His free gift to share.  
**Purple** is for the crowns we'll wear!

The witness of the Jelly Beans is true.  
 Trust in Jesus because He loves you!

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

Richard Schwein, husband of Sharon, long-term members of SS Philip & James passed away on March 18. Our heartfelt condolences to the Schwein Family. Be at peace for Mr. Schwein soul is with God.

April Coffee Hour will not be held due to the annual Welton Firefighter's Omelet Breakfast.

Lenten Baby Shower: It's that time of year again! A baby bassinet has been placed in the church, and throughout the Lenten season we encourage donations of baby items. Items needed are baby bottles, clothing, blankets, pacifiers, diapers, toys. Items will be delivered to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton after Easter.

Holy Land/Passion Play Pilgrimage  
Scheduled May 2020

One year prior to the trip, you can save \$100 in your reservation deposit of \$500/person and the travel insurance fee of \$312/person. May 2019 is close at hand and to ensure the deposit arrives in time, it is important to mail your check by mid-April to: Regina Tours - 545 Eighth Avenue-Suite 72 - New York, New York 10018. Remainder of tour cost is due sixty (60) days prior to May 2020. Please contact Dick Azinger at 563-659-3932 if you have any questions.



Please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

**Our Lady of Holy Rosary:** Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek

**SS Philip & James Church:** Austin Flammang, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Chris Forret

**Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive, John and Marilyn Stevenson



**SS Philip & James Ministries  
April 7, 2019**

Lector: Tom Kinney  
E. Min: Barb Morrissey & Teresa Grimm  
Ushers: Mark Hahn, Vic Green, Alan McNeil  
Servers: Vivian & Mary Clare Browne, and Mitchell Maher

**April 14, 2019**

Lector: Richard Azinger  
E. Min: Joyce Barnes & Chris Grillot  
Ushers: Marty Traver, Jim Grell, Laurent Moore  
Servers: Natalie & Nathan Butler, and Isabel Shockey

**April 18, 2019 - Holy Thursday**

Lector: Maureen Schrader  
E. Min: Jean Maher & Diane Skinner  
Ushers: Volunteers  
Servers: Alec, Ellen, & Olevia Olson

**April 19, 2019- Holy Friday**

Lector: Chris Grillot & Paul Rock  
E. Min: Diane Skinner & Diana Scott  
Ushers: Volunteers  
Servers: Zachary, Jacob, & Andrew Weih

**April 21, 2019 - Easter Sunday**

Lector: Dick Azinger  
E. Min: Chris Grillot & Joyce Barnes  
Ushers: Jerry Irwin, John Peavey, Michael Weih  
Servers: Brian & Megan Forret, Ali Swanton

**April 28, 2019**

Lector: Jean Maher  
E. Min: Mary Ann Schanze & Volunteer  
Ushers: Alan Kagemann, Bryan Robinson, and David Whitman  
Servers: Vivian & Mary Clare Browne, and Mitchell Maher

**MASS INTENTIONS 4B**

Saturday 03/30/19/Lost Nation/  
05:00pm Ruth Schau  
Sunday 03/31/19/**4th Sunday of Lent**  
08:00am Grand Mound/Mary Browne  
10:00am Oxford Junction/Edward Ruley  
Monday 04/01/19 No Mass/Annunciation of Lord  
Tuesday 04/02/19/St. Francis of Paola,  
08:00am Grand Mound/Richard Nichols Family  
Wednesday 04/03/19  
04:30pm Grand Mound/**Stations of the Cross**  
05:00pm Mass/Rafael Meza, Sr.  
Thursday 04/04/19/Lost Nation/St. Isidore  
05:00pm **Stations of the Cross**  
05:30pm Mass/Otto Benischek, Sr.  
Friday 04/05/19/St. Vincent Ferrer  
06:00pm Oxford Junction/**Stations of the Cross**  
06:30pm Mass/Glen Regennitter  
Saturday 04/06/19/Lost Nation  
05:00pm Anthony & Leona Pusateri  
Sunday 04/07/19/**5th Sunday of Lent**  
08:00am Grand Mound/Andrew Erickson  
09:30am Lost Nation/Ruth Schau  
10:00am Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter



**Readings for the week of March 31, 2019**

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11