

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound

AS WE PREPARE FOR
VISION 20/20...
Let us all pray and call
on the Holy Spirit to guide
us and open our minds,
lips and hearts to the
Gospel.



May 5, 2019 - Jesus Said: Follow Me

THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP



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Worshipping
Weekly
Monday

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Gathering in
a Group

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Serving on a
Ministry Team

Living on
Mission

Giving
Generously

Multiplying

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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.

A Mother's Letter for her daughter on her First Communion

Dear Daughter,



I remember my First Holy Communion like it was yesterday. I remember the warm May day, the excitement of putting on my dress and sitting with my family, and the fact that a bunch of kids passes out during the photos afterwards. I remember the Mass, and the party. But most of all, I remember writing a "1" on my calendar in my bedroom. When we went to Mass with my class two days later, I wrote a "2." The next Sunday, a "3." I kept this up most of the summer. I wanted to remember every single time I was able to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. It was special, and new, and EXCITING. I was excited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ every chance I got.

More than the pretty dress, and the warm family embrace, and the pictures; more than any of that, I want you to feel the Body of Christ on your tongue and know that you are participating in the most important thing you will ever do. You could cure cancer, become President of the United States, or be a mom of 18 little souls. You could do all that and more. Nothing will ever, ever, be as important as what you get to do as you approach the altar and receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ inside your very body.

Source: www.catholicistast.com

It would be great to look back on your life and say you really helped someone who was in need of your time and friendship. Do you ever do anything to heal peoples' wounds or are you always receiving help from others and give little in return? It would be great to look back on your life and say you really helped someone who was down to rise up again.

During those times when it is difficult to heal and love the other wounded person, we can remember that in helping another, Jesus said, we are helping him, "Whatever you do to one of the least of these you do to me."

We want to continue to do our best to help and heal Jesus who is injured and in pain as Jesus lives in all of us.

- Blessed are those who care and who are not afraid to show it -they will let people know they are loved.
- Blessed are those who are gentle and patient-they will help people to grow as the sun helps the buds to open and blossom.
- Blessed are those who have the ability to listen -they will lighten many a burden.
- Blessed are those who know how and when to let go -they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.
- Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said, do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting and supportive presence to will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable.
- Blessed are those who recognize their own need to receive, and who receive with graciousness -they will be able to give all the better.
- Blessed are those who give without hope of return -they will give people an experience of God.

When we meet people, we can affect them for better or worse. How good it would be to have a good effect on others, and do as Jesus said. Deep down, we all know that if our relationship with God depends on how we keep His teachings, we're in trouble. Jesus' invitation to follow is for you.

Jesus' Disciples Take home Sheet

"Come follow me," Jesus said,
"and I will make you fishers
of men." Matthew 4:19

How are you going to follow
Jesus this week?

- pray for someone?
- help someone?
- tell someone about God?
- read a Bible story?
- worship God?



- Make the clay into a fish shape and leave it to dry.
- Keep the fish by your bed this week to remind you to follow Jesus.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Pray.

Not just with your words,
but with your actions.

— Dr. Steve Maraboli

Make a commitment to do an act of kindness starting today by putting prayer into action for those who are ill or in need of love: never forget, they were once active in your parish.

- **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, Betty Forret
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy.

Share the love of Jesus.

1. Visit our elderly parishioners who are ill and house bound, in the nursing home, hospital who would be delighted to see you care.
2. A card, phone call, or flowers to those on the prayer list letting them see your 'prayers' in action.
3. Send them a copy of the church bulletin every week to keep them in touch of their beloved parish; remember they were once active in their church.
4. Put together a few "blessing bags" with toiletries and include in each bag a handwritten note describing God's love for us.

The Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled on Wednesday May 8 at 7:00 in Lost Nation. Once again the KC's will be passing out baby bottles to help the Pregnancy Center Clinton on Mother's Day.

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

To Our High School Graduates: May God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel. May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams. May his gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow. May your hearts and lives always reflect his love and truth, and may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day.

Congratulations to our Graduates:

- Alec Olson
- Marlee Delever
- Raymond Venditti

Our CCD teachers follow the path of Jesus discipleship and live the faith in teaching and leading our children. Know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch you. Our gratitude for guiding, inspiring, & caring for our child. We thank you.

1. Ann Venditti
2. Diana Olson
3. Bill Tague
4. Mandy Thiel
5. Meg Butler
6. Tina Flammang
7. Deb Olson
8. Erica Voss
9. Maureen Schrader
10. Michelle Browne
11. Rachel Vander Heiden
12. Jean Maher



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

May Events: Sunday May 5-please stay for breakfast after 9:30 Mass to honor our graduating seniors, Lexie Schroeder and Alyssa Koch.

Sunday Aug. 25, "From Farm to Table" fun and fundraiser. Serving pork and pie! 4:00-7:00pm. All parishioners will be asked to help. Watch for details in June!

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

Thanks to those of you who have donated money to buy new LED bulbs for the Sanctuary. They have been installed and are really appreciated by all of us!

If you wish to donate to this fund so that we have extra bulbs on hand, there are donation boxes in the hallway of the church. 100-watt bulbs cost \$18.99 for a 4-pack.

Many thanks to those of you who donated your time, cash for supplies, and purchased kolaches.

We made a profit of \$2,265.00 which will go into the General Fund at church for operating expenses. If you're interested, there is a report of income and expenses on the bulletin board from that day.

Congratulation to Lucas Carlson, Gracie Crock, Declan Dies and their families, as they make their 1st Communion today.

We are proud of them and will pray for them on this important day in their faith lives. Please stay and congratulate them and enjoy a cookie and fellowship after Mass today!

Upcoming Important Days

- May 12: Honor graduating seniors, Mother's Day and May Crowning.
- May 26: Confirmation with Bishop Zinkula. **MASS THAT DAY BEGINS AT 10:30 AM.**

We pray to have a full church to honor our Confirmation Class and to welcome Bishop Zinkula of the Davenport Diocese.



SS PHILIP & JAMES CHURCH

May 5, 2019

Lector: Religious Education Students
 E. Min: Jean Maher & Teresa Grimm
 Ushers: Religious Education Students
 Servers: Natalie & Nathan Butler, and Isabel Shockey

May 12, 2019

Lector: Tom Kinney
 E. Min: Chris Grillot & Volunteer
 Ushers: Brian Kinney, Ken Mosier, Paul Rock
 Servers: Ellen & Olevia Olson, Ali Swanton

May 19, 2019

Lector: Tom Kinney
 E. Min: Jean Moffit & Joyce Barnes
 Ushers: Marty Traver, Kurt Looney, and Craig Schanze
 Servers: Zachary, Jacob, & Andrew Weih

May 26, 2019

Lector: Jean Maher
 E. Min: Maureen Schrader & Barb Morrissey
 Ushers: MarkHahn, Bill Looney, Laurent Moore
 Servers: Brian & Megan Forret, Mitchell Maher

Our Lady of the Prairie May Events

Mon, May 13 | 9:30am-3:30pm: Come to the Quiet: The Way of Humility - **Pat Shea:** Spiritual author, Eknath Easwaran, invites us to think of the way of humility through the beatitude *Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* It is going outside ourselves and letting *God be God in us.* **Fee \$20**

Thurs, May 16 | 9:30am-3:30pm: Knit One, Pray Too **Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson** Seasoned knitters and novices are invited to bring projects for a day of needlework, sharing and praying while enjoying the seasonal serenity of The Prairie. **Fee \$20**

Sun, May 19 | 1:30pm-4:00pm: Creative Spirituality and the Art of Beading: **Sr. Lillian Stevens, CHM** Slow down and allow God to speak to you through the art of beading. Honor yourself by creating something beautiful with beads as you reflect on God's goodness in your life. Materials and tools provided. **Free will offering**

Wed, May 22 | 9:30am-3:30pm: Walk the Cosmic Walk **Lisa Martin:** Hike two miles of grass paths through prairie fields and timber, following 22 stone markers that tell creation's story. Some hills. Plenty of breaks with time after lunch to relax and explore. Wear appropriate attire. Bring your water bottle. Rain or shine. **Fee \$20**

MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday 05/04/19/Toronto
 08:30pm Mass/JoAnn Van Waes
 Sunday 05/05/19/**3rd Sunday of Easter**
 08:00am Grand Mound/Richard Schwien
 09:30am Lost Nation/For Our Graduates
 10:00am Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter
 Monday 05/06/19 No Mass
 Tuesday 05/07/19/Grand Mound
 08:00am Mass/Holy Name Society
 Wednesday 05/08/19
 10:00am Wheatland Manor/For Manor Residents
 05:00pm Grand Mound/Brandon Tabita
 Thursday 05/09/19/Lost Nation
 05:30pm Mass/Otto Benischek Jr.
 Friday 05/10/19/St. Damien
 08:00am Oxford Junction/Janis & Vernon Vacek
 Saturday 05/11/19/Lost Nation
 05:00pm Mass/Francis & Mary Wisor
 Sunday 05/12/19/**Mother's Day**
 08:00am Grand Mound/Viola Syslo
 10:00am Oxford Junction/Jean Feuss

Readings for the week of May 5, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
 Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-26-30 Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51/Ps 31:3-4-7-8,17-21Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday:Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday:Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-17 Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 13:14,43-52/Ps100:1-3,5 Jn 10:27-30

WHY I STAY CATHOLIC

Why am I staying? Because this is the Church that Christ founded, the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. Throughout history the Church has been involved in scandals, because we are human and we live in a fallen world. We believe that the pope is infallible in matters of faith and doctrine, but he, too, is still human and subject to faults and failings. The Church isn't one person. It isn't the pope or any bishop or any priest. We are the Church. We look to the hierarchy of the clergy for guidance in our walk with God, to help us understand sacred Scripture, and to help us maintain sacred Tradition. But we, all of us, as a whole, together are the Church.

Two thousand years later, there are innumerable Protestant denominations, but there is still one Catholic faith. People come and people go, but the Church lives on.

Janice E. Bittner, OSV Newsweekly