

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 19, 2019 - The Parable of the Great Banquet



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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
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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.



For one lucky cat in Washington, on the feast of St. Francis is more than a day to receive a blessing and a few sprinkles of holy water. It was the day he won the lottery and it's the anniversary of the day when he found a permanent home.

Francisco, named after St. Francis of Assisi, was an abandoned newborn kitten living in the front yard of a convent of Capuchin Poor Clare sisters in Wilmington, Del. The sisters couldn't keep the kitten because they already had two dogs that weren't willing to share space with a cat. The cat bounced around from home to home for a few months but couldn't find permanent housing.

The Poor Clares had heard that their spiritual brothers in Washington, the Capuchin Franciscan Friars from the Province of St. Augustine, had a mouse problem, and they offered a very Franciscan solution. After convening a chapter, a meeting of brothers, on the pros and cons of having a cat, the brothers voted to welcome Francisco as the house cat at their friary, next to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Cat was named Francisco (in Spanish) in honor of St. Francis, and arrived at the friary on Oct. 3, the eve of the feast of St. Francis.

The friars say they haven't seen a mouse since then and the cat has come to be a well-known fixture in the parish. Francisco loves the St. Francis statue and often will perch on the stand next to it and look at St. Francis. We will never know why in this life, but perhaps Francisco will confess when they reunite on the other side of the veil. Francisco is perfectly at home with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars.



Congratulations to our graduating seniors, Payton Lasack, Lauryn Eganhouse, Drew Jensen, Gracie Wink and Delanie Uppena (not pictured), along with Fr Francis. Thanks for your service as servers, readers, and choir members in our parish family! May God's strength be with you always.



When we think about communion, we should think about the story of the antidote of the Mystery Flu.

In the story, a worldwide mystery flu epidemic is killing thousands of people all over the world. Doctors finally find a cure: a vaccine can be created from the blood of someone who hasn't been infected and has the perfect blood type.

Everyone has to get tested, and doctors find that **your** young son has the right type of blood for the vaccine. Everyone is so joyful, but soon you're told that doctors need **all** of your son's blood - your son must die so that everyone else can live. Your son dies, and the vaccine created from his blood saves everyone from the deadly flu.

People honor your son at first, but as the weeks go on, people stop caring as much and develop the attitude of 'oh well, life goes on.' The parents stand there, heartbroken, screaming, "My son died for you! Don't you care?" What is wrong with you people? My son is dead for you.

Does this make you wonder that *God wants to say the same thing to us?* "MY SON DIED FOR YOU. DOES IT MEAN NOTHING? DON'T YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I CARE?" How often do we really stop to think about the sacrifice God the Father made in sending Jesus? It's easy to think about Jesus' life and death as a story. But we know it is so much more than that.

Yet, we often take this for granted. How would we feel if we were the parents in the story? How would we feel if we watched others take this enormous sacrifice for granted? Is that how God feels? He *did* give us His only son so that we could live. Without Him, we have no hope; we *need* him.

We need to remember and celebrate the importance of communion every single week. So today, we are called to remember how deep was the sacrifice Jesus made for us and are called to feel his overwhelming love every day.
Fr. Tommy Lane

NEWS AND EVENTS

Once again the Knights of Columbus are doing the baby bottles for the Pregnancy Center. If you forgot to pick up your bottle, they will be available again this week as you are leaving church. The last two years we have collected over \$2500. We Thank you for helping out. God Bless you all.

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

Our heartfelt condolences for Lindsey Tague (Bill) in the loss of her grandmother, Dorothy Paarmann. Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

We'd like to express our appreciation to the members of the Social Action Committee for preparing and serving the May 8th dinner for our hard-working and dedicated CCD teachers. A huge thank-you for helping make the May 5th Graduate Breakfast possible: St. Philip & James Parish Board, April & May coffee hour members, & the Social Action Committee

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

We had Bingo at Wheatland Manor Tuesday, May 14. We had three helpers and 28 residents. Thanks to all the Calamus Wheatland students who were able to come help us again this month.

All the residents were having a interesting day as the tree service was taking down the big Elm tree in the front. They were able to enjoy their ice cream treats along with the other treats and prizes. It was a nice afternoon again. Our next Bingo will be June 11th.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary parishes will be collecting personal needs items for Wheatland Manor. Suggested items are body wash, tooth brushes and tooth paste, deodorants Word Search Crossword puzzle books (they like these better than crossword puzzle books. Also like jigsaw puzzles and these items help make their days more enjoyable and pleasant. Thanks for the help.

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

Nadine Ruley, our cleaning person for many years, is retiring at the end of June. We are kicking around ideas, but one that came up is to ask members and families to volunteer to clean the inside of the church.

This is an idea which needs to be discussed further, and you may have questions or comments. More to come! We are thinking about a sign-up sheet for all of our members to sign up for perhaps a month to make sure our church home is clean and welcoming.

Cleanings tasks would include vacuuming, dusting, trash removal, cleaning the bathrooms, and various other cleaning tasks that we normally do in our own homes.

Nadine will make up a list or job description of what she does on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. We are thinking there should be a monthly chairperson and several families to help for a particular month, including men, women and children. Thank you Nadine for your years of service!

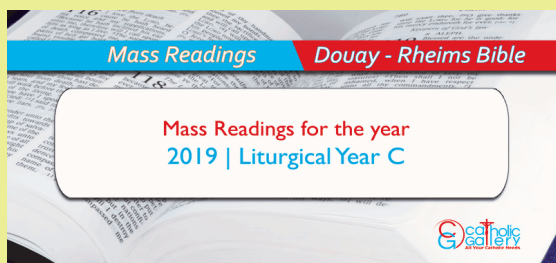
May 26 is Confirmation with Bishop Zinkula. We would love to have a full house to honor our Confirmation Class and to welcome Bishop Zinkula from the Diocese of Davenport.

Please note that MASS BEGINS AT 10:30 AM. We are planning a cookie reception to follow Mass, and we invite members of our parish family to bring 1-2 dozen cookies to fill trays for the reception.

Please plan on staying a few minutes after Mass to congratulate our students and enjoy food and fellowship!

MASS INTENTIONS 4A

Saturday	05/18/19/Toronto/Pope John I
08:30pm	Bill & Lulu Horstmann
Sunday	05/19/19/5th Sunday of Easter
08:00am	Grand Mound/Ray Denahy
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter
Monday	05/20/19 No Mass
Tuesday	05/21/19/St. Christopher Magallanes
08:00am	Grand Mound/Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday	05/22/19/St. Rita of Cascia
05:00pm	Maria Teresa Meza
Thursday	05/23/19/NO MASS
05:30pm	Lost Nation
Friday	05/24/19/NO MASS
08:00am	Oxford Junction
Saturday	05/25/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Albert Bouchaute
Sunday	05/26/19/6th Sunday of Easter
08:00am	Grand Mound/John Purcell
10:30am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter



Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab] Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Observances for the week of May 19, 2019

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Bernardine
Tuesday:	St. Christopher Magallanes
Wednesday:	St. Rita of Cascia,
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene
Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

*In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*

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