

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of
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 to schedule a baptism.

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 Marriage Preparation at least
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 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-
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 Priest.

Father Francis Lil Ole Corner

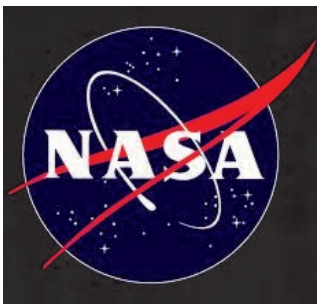
Renewing our relationship with Jesus in Holy Communion: Every Catholic is brought up to appreciate the Holy Eucharist as the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. It starts from when you join your parents in the cue to receive the sacrament. As a child, you would wonder 'why can't they give me a piece? As you grow and mature, you become a participant and a frequent receiver of our family's sacred meal.

Today's feast of the body and blood of Christ (Corpus Christ) invites us to renew our relationship with Jesus in the divine meal. Holy Eucharist is divine nourishment for our body. It is food for the soul. It always reminds me that I carry a treasure in an earthen vessel. Jesus is the true treasure we carry and while life keeps throwing all kinds of things at us let us remember that he is right inside us to help us. Yes, we carry the Lord's body and blood in our weak and frail bodies.

How do you renew your relationship with Jesus in holy communion? It's time to revisit prayer before and after holy communion, plus its time to have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a key part of your life. How does it work? Before communion pray to Jesus whom you are about to receive in the holy meal, invite him to come to your heart today. After communion, thank him for coming to your heart today. Pray that you'll be conscious of his daily presence in your life. Next is that you need to schedule a Eucharistic Adoration at least once a week or month depending on your situation.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration: Dear parishioners, we call on you to join us to adore Jesus today.

Father Francis



NASA, the Aura & Holy Communion: In a book entitled *Healing Through the Mass* authored by Fr. Robert DeGrandis S.S.J., on Pages 84-85, this book carries the story of NASA experimenting with a special type of camera to see the energy levels in the human body. NASA's interest in the experiment was to investigate the effects of space travel on astronauts in orbit.

This unique camera picks up our energy and shows as an aura around the body. NASA discovered that when a person is dying, the aura around the body is thinner and becomes thinner and thinner until the person dies. Two Scientists were carrying out this experiment in a hospital were located behind a two-way mirror; they noticed with their camera a man coming into the hospital room with light reflecting from his pocket. The man took the object from

his pocket and the entire room was suddenly filled with light and they were unable to see what was happening. They went into the hospital room to see what was causing so much light. They discovered that the dying man was being given Holy Communion and afterwards they could see that the aura around him was brighter. Although in his fifties, one of the scientist conducting the experiment decided to become a priest after witnessing the aura and holy communion (you may also be interested in the [true story of a photographic miracle involving Mother Teresa of Calcutta](#))

The dying man was strengthened by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Jesus in Holy Communion was food not only for body but especially for soul. The dying man's spirits were uplifted since the aura around him was brighter. Lying sick in his hospital bed one would say that he had nothing left, and when we have nothing it is up to Jesus to give us food for our soul.

In a sense, many believe we have everything and because we have everything we don't see the value of anything. The more wealth and comforts we have, the further our soul is disconnected from God. We don't see that everything is a gift from God because wealth blinds us to life around us. Since we have everything, it is more difficult for Jesus to speak his word to us. Perhaps having so much, we forget about God, forget about the Eucharist, forget about the Sacraments, forget to pray every day, forget to read the Bible. Everything passes and everyone, but Jesus remains.

Corpus Christi in Latin, means 'the body of Christ' and is the celebration of bread and wine into the actual body of Christ during Mass. There is so much energy when we feast with God in Holy Communion that it blinded a NASA camera. We are so caught up in life we might not even realize that we are missing out on a feast with God every day.

The NASA scientist was privileged to discover in a beautiful way the 'spiritual gift' and this wisdom changed his life forever. In little ways God communicates with us inviting us to closer union with him but we do not seem to hear the words. The more wealth we have, the further we are from our faith even though we may attend church every Sunday.

Feast with God every day as a day without God is a day wasted. We do not want to wait for a disaster to make us realize that we have been spending our money on what is not bread and our wages on what fails to satisfy. It is God who has gifted us with life and everything we have. May the gifts God has given us not be a source of distraction from the God, the Giver. They are not of your hands but of Jesus.

Fr. Tommy Lane

NEWS AND EVENTS

Picture on front page of bulletin is the baptism of Morgan June Bonefas, daughter of Mike and Meghan Bonefas. Morgan was baptized by Bishop Thomas Zinkula, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Toronto, on June 15th. The baptism of Morgan is a grace from God and Bishop Thomas Zinkula.

Church Bulletin Deadline: Next Sunday, June 30 is the deadline for information for our July 7 church bulletin. Due to Independence Day holiday, early transmission of information is necessary to LPI.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR. ROBERT HARNES

Everyone is invited to Holy Family Parish, 1923 North Fillmore Street in Davenport next weekend, June 29/30 to celebrate with Father Bob Harnes. A farewell retirement reception will be held after each Mass. Masses are Saturday, 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

The First Wednesday of the month Mass will be at Our Lady of the Prairie on July 3, 10:00am with Father Francis Odoom as our celebrant. After Mass all are welcome to stay for a slide presentation or a tour followed by a delicious lunch. Please contact Barb Schutt at if you are able to attend for a head count for lunch.

St. Peter's Parish at Temple Hill will be holding its 47th Annual Pork Barbeque on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 3:30-7:30 pm. Menu includes pork, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. Carry-out meals available. Silent Auction, Country Store, Food and games for all.

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

Today is our Ice Cream Social from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at church. Fun, games, & ice cream.

2019 Landscaping Committee

June - Bob & Mary Syslo
& Julius & Lori Michel

Three spiritual lessons we can learn from the trees God planted in Scripture and his Creation (earth)

Turn toward the Light: Trees grow toward light in a process called phototropism, from Greek *phos* (light) and *tropos* (turning). Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12). A tree naturally seeks light. We can follow their example and seek the Light of the world.

Put down roots: Trees need water as much as they need light. The first Psalm is a description of what Godly women and men look like. They are like "trees planted by rivers of water" and they "meditate" on God's law day and night. The deeper our "roots" go in the Bible, the more we're able to withstand the trials, troubles, and other droughts that come our way. Healthy, mature trees have roots that travel in all directions seeking water and nutrients. Before Bibles came in book form, they were attached to scrolls. The handles of these Biblical scrolls were called the *etz hayim*, Hebrew for *tree of life*. Proverb 3:18 says that the Bible's wisdom is a tree of life to those who take hold of it, and that happiness results from knowing this life-giving book.

Bring forth fruit: What good would an apple tree be if it never produced any apples? Likewise, our lives should produce meaningful fruit. Jesus said that we'd be known by the fruit we produce. We should not only produce outward fruit—but inward. What is inner fruit? It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit working in our soul to make us into the image of Christ. In fact, Jesus chose you for the very purpose of bearing fruit (John 15:16).

Think long term: Human lives are short. There are trees alive today that were alive in the time of Moses. How many times do we make decisions based upon short-term gain? What would the world look like if the first thing we thought about were our roles as stewards, responsible for the coming generations?

Trees remind us that life is much bigger than our present moment. Their deep roots and sprawling branches call us to look to heaven and eternity.

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

Nadine Ruley, our church caretaker is retiring from her job at the end of June. We are in the process of working out a plan to have members help clean the inside of the church. Nadine is working on a list of cleaning jobs for each area of the church, which would include dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, cleaning the bathrooms, washing the windows of the doors, and other cleaning jobs depending on the season of the year.

A sign-up notebook is in the hallway for you to sign for a certain month, August thru December. The chairman will call the people on the list and try to set up a schedule for a day and time to clean. You'll be on the committee for a month. If slots aren't filled, they will be assigned. We hope to have four families for each month. The Guild will be doing the cleaning in July.

This is going to be a work-in-progress, so if you have comments or suggestions that would help, please talk to a council member. We are hoping for full participation from our parish family.

Sacred Heart Sanctuary Guild will meet on Monday, July 8. Serving Committee is: Mary Murray, Patty Manuel, and Shari Crock.

If you wish to sign up for a certain Sunday in July, please sign your name on the sheet in the hall. Karen will be working on the schedule this week. She'll be assigning jobs if the slots aren't filled. If you have signed up for a job or Karen has assigned you a job and you can't make it, please trade with someone or let Karen know at 563-452-3209 or wlbach@netins.net, so that a replacement can be found. All of our ministries are important to making Sunday Mass go smoothly, and we appreciate all of our volunteers who help make Sacred Heart a welcoming, caring place to be on Sunday morning!

MASS INTENTIONS 4A

Saturday	06/22/19/Corpus Christi
05:00pm	Lost Nation/Otto Benischek, Jr.
Sunday	06/23/19/Corpus Christi
08:00am	Grand Mound/Kathaleen Whitman
10:30am	Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter
Monday	06/24/19 No Mass
Tuesday	06/25/19/Grand Mound
08:00am	Holy Name Society
Wednesday	06/26/19/Grand Mound
10:00 am	Wheatland Manor/Residents at Manor
05:00pm	Harold Green
Thursday	06/27/19/St. Cyril
05:30pm	Lost Nation/Otto Benischek, Sr.
Friday	06/28/19/Sacred Heart of Jesus
08:00am	Oxford Junction/Walter & Arlene Sterk
Saturday	06/29/19/Sts Peter & Paul
05:00pm	Toronto/Tim Burmeister
Sunday	06/30/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Pat Morrissey
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Robert&Barbara Mizaur

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat 2664 145th Avenue - Wheatland, Iowa 52777

- To register: Call 563-336-8414 email or olpretreat@gmail.com
- To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org
- All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

Prairie Retreats July 2019

Wed, July 3 | 10:00am

First Wednesday Mass

Fr. Francis Odoom

Mass will be celebrated the first Wednesday of each month in the chapel in the Prairie Heights building. After Mass a slide presentation or a tour will take place followed by a delicious lunch. Free will offering

Tues, July 23 | 9:30am-3:30pm

Come to the Quiet: The Way of Patience

Pat Shea

The great mystic Meister Eckhart said, "Somewhere it is written that God shines in the darkness where every now and then we get a glimpse of God...more often where the Light is least apparent." In the dark times, when we are mourning a loss, (Blessed are they that mourn) it is through the way of patience we shall be comforted. Fee \$20



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

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 23, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14-15 [14]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2 5, 7-9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

