

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of
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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.” - Lk 12:37

Weeds Among the Wheat - God's Infinite Mercy

Mankind: Lord, it is irritating in the Parable of the Wheat & Weeds that weeds be allowed to grow together until the wheat ripened. It was a dreadful waste.

Jesus: My child, you know that parables are to teach you a lesson and the lesson is about life. You are right in saying that it irritates you to let the weeds grow with the wheat, but the weeds and the wheat represent different types of people. What matters to me is how you treat other people. The parable about the weeds in the wheat is a lesson from me on how you should treat other people.

Mankind: I did not know it was a lesson on how to treat other people. From what I could see, Lord, when you gave that parable, I thought you were teaching that at the end of time, those who did not live good lives will be punished. Lord, if you don't mind me saying so, that is mighty strange. You admit that there is a warning to scoundrels in the parable about judgment so what is the parable saying to good people?

Jesus: There is a judgment awaiting everyone when they die and while some people may see that warning in the parable what I really wanted to do in that parable was to advise good people. Those good people that you mention, how are they living their lives? Who is their model for living? Do they follow me?

Mankind: Lord, you know we want to do what pleases God, and when you were on earth during the three years of your ministry you revealed to us what pleases your Father and what pleases you. You mean that those who are trying to follow your ways should be patient with those who are not trying to follow your ways.

Jesus: In this parable I revealed what pleases God, and how you are to relate to others. You said it irritates you that the weeds are allowed to grow in the midst of the wheat. But when you see both the wheat and the weeds, remember view them as people, to be patient with sinners. God never closes the door to anyone. People may close the door to God, but God never closes the door.

Mankind: Thank you, Lord. That reminds me of the time when they were going to stone the adulterous woman outside the town, but you intervened and said, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

Jesus: Yes, leave judgment to God. I want you to have an attitude of mercy towards others just as my Father and I do towards you. The world may say "Pull up the weeds." But my Father and I say, "Let the weeds and wheat grow together until judgment."

Mankind: That reminds me also of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The Father was waiting for the prodigal son to return.

Jesus: Yes, but the really sad part in that parable was the elder son who refused to go the party for his younger brother because of his brother's past. I am delighted to see that the parable makes a lot more sense to you now. The parable is teaching about the Church. The Church is not to be just a country club for saints but a hospital for sinners.

Mankind: This is the first time I have heard the Church described as not being a country club for saints but is a hospital for sinners. Lord, I am beginning to think that our problem is that we have absolutely no idea of your mercy.

Jesus: Excellent, and in the Parable of the Weeds & Wheat, I am asking you not to judge, leave that to God. I am asking you to be merciful as my Father and I are merciful. I will conclude with the words that struck you most. The Church is not a club for saints but a hospital for sinners. If there is one sinner left, I am still on the cross offering my life to the Father for this sinner.

Fr. Tommy Lane



Our Lady of the Prairie Upcoming Events

Sun, August 18 | 3:00pm-6:00pm

9th Annual Spirit of the Prairie

(Proceeds benefit OLPR Program)

On Sunday, August 18, 2019, from 3:00—6:00 pm please join us for an extra special Spirit of the Prairie party as the Sisters of Humility of Mary celebrate the 20th anniversary of acquiring Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. Summer buffet with locally produced food, wines, and beer. Local artist demonstrations, a silent art auction, live music and tours of the retreat center and beautiful grounds. **Fee \$40 early bird / \$50 after Aug 7**

Sun, August 25 | 6:30pm-7:30pm

Taizé Vigil Service at HMC

Humility of Mary Center (HMC), 820 West Central Park Ave, Davenport

Holy Family Cluster News

Thursday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation — the Solemnity of the Assumption. This day reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life. There is no Mass scheduled for the cluster; please visit one of the neighboring churches for Mass.



Podcasts of the Vision 20/20 Convocation speakers and presentations are now available. To hear the audio, go to <https://diocese-of-davenport.simplecast.com/>.

The Knights of Columbus will meet August 14 in Lost Nation.

SS Philip & James Church Grand Mound

School Supplies Collection

The Social Action committee annual collection of school supplies is underway until Sunday, August 18 as school begins on August 23. These items will be distributed to the Calamus-Wheatland and Ekstrand Community elementary schools. A basket is located in the vestibule.

August Landscaping Committee

- Peter & Lydia Whitman
- Josh & Morgan Fox

Fall Religious Ed Program

All children Ages 4 years thru 8th Grade are invited to attend our Religious Ed Program. Classes will begin in September. In order for us to plan for the year ahead, please call or text Maureen Schrader @ 563-370-9545 and provide the name and grade of your children.

August 1969 Happenings

Marriages - Leroy Syslo & Joann Otte

RE 2019-2020 Family Kick Off!!

Welcome all RE families!!

Save the date!!!

Wednesday, September 4th

Registration! Get acquainted! Pizza!

Meet the teachers!

5:30--Registration

6:00--Pizza / Get acquainted

6:30--Meet the teachers

Our Church Anniversary

A church anniversary is a reason to celebrate the historical life of a church. If you have "general" photos of past priests, the erection of the current building, or gatherings of our parish in the past 50 years, please contact a committee member and forward a copy for them to display on August 25. Committee members are Paul Rock, Joe Dierickx, Diane Skinner, and Camilla Lancaster.

July Income and Expense

Income \$10,709.77

Expense \$8,177.64

Surplus \$2,532.13

Building Fund \$305.00

Building Fund (roof) \$100.00



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation / Toronto

Farm to Table Event

Plan to attend OLHR's Farm to Table Event Sunday, August 25, 4:00 – 6:30. Good food, pie and ice cream inside. (\$7 Adults - \$3 Kids - Preschool Free). Farmers market, free popcorn, and games outside!

School Supplies Collection

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is collecting school supplies during July and August. Toronto school items will be for the Calamus-Wheatland School District, and Lost Nation will be collecting for the Midland School District.

Sacred Heart Oxford Junction

Religious Ed Classes

Religious Ed classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 pm. Information has been sent to those families involved. If you have questions or comments, please talk with Dena or Stacy.

Liturgy Sign-Up

Remember to sign up on the September sign-up sheet in the hall if you have certain dates you wish to serve during the month. Karen will be working on the September schedule in a couple of weeks.

Thank You!

Thank you to Cheri Ruley and Stacy Agnitsch for organizing our community vacation Bible school and to all of you who attended and helped. It was a great success!

Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATES: SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15. There will soon be information letters going out as to your work assignments and donations of food for the festival on September 15. We really count on all our church family members to participate and help, as this is a very important fund-raising project to help with the many ongoing expenses the church has. September 14 is the kolache baking day, and there will be a sign-up sheet for donations of various supplies needed to make the kolaches. There will also be a sheet posted which will show approximate times of the many phases of making kolaches. We hope that we have many people helping that day also! Silent Auction items have been very popular the past several years, and we have many creative church family members, so we hope you're thinking about your items. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO TO COME!



PARISH REFLECTIONS 4A

Please pray for...

- **Our Lady of Holy Rosary:** Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek
- **SS Philip & James Church:** Deacon Mike Sheil, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Betty Forret
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy



SS Philip & James Church Ministries

August 4th

Ushers: Mark Hahn, Bill Tague, & Paul Rock
Lector: Tom Kinney
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Tague & Barb Morrissey
Servers: Ellen & Olevia Olson, & Isabel Shockey

August 11th

Ushers: Bill Tague, Dick Bumann, & Craig Schanze
Lector: Barb Morrissey
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Schanze & Jean Moffit
Servers: Vivian & Mary Clare Browne, & Ali Swanton

August 18th

Ushers: Roger Green, Mark Hahn, & Joe Dierickx
Lector: Jean Maher
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Tague & Barb Morrissey
Servers: Natalie & Nathan Butler, & Mitchell Maher

August 25th

Ushers: Bill Tague, Phil Butt, & Tom Walter
Lector: Maureen Schrader
Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Schrader & Jean Maher
Servers: Zachary, Jacob, & Andrew Weih

MASS INTENTIONS 4B

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| Saturday | 08/10/19/Toronto |
| 05:00pm | Deceased Members of the Mangan Family |
| Sunday | 08/11/19 |
| 08:00am | Grand Mound/Joseph Green |
| 10:00am | Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter |
| Monday | 08/12/19 No Mass |
| Tuesday | 08/13/19 Grand Mound |
| 08:00am | Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 08/14/19 Wheatland Manor |
| 10:00am | Prayer Service |
| Thursday | 08/15/19/Lost Nation No Mass |
| Friday | 08/16/19/Oxford Junction No Mass |
| Saturday | 08/17/19 Lost Nation |
| 05:00pm | Randall Sander |
| Sunday | 08/18/19 |
| 08:00am | Grand Mound/Sarah McNeil |
| 10:00am | Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter |

Readings for the week of August 11

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| Monday: | Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27 |
| Tuesday: | Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 |
| Wednesday: | Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20 |
| Thursday: | Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 |
| Friday: | Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12 |
| Saturday: | Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15 |
| Sunday: | Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53 |

