

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of
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Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction
Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound



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20th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

Ordinary Grace

It isn't Easter, but this week has caused me to think a lot about the Easter story. Not the glorious resurrection that we celebrate on Easter Sunday but the darkness that came before. I know of no darker moment in the Bible than the moment Jesus in his agony on the cross cries out, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" Darker even than his death not long after because in death Jesus at last gave himself over fully to the divine will of God. But in that moment of his bitter railing, he must have felt betrayed and completely abandoned by his father, a father he'd always believed loved him deeply and absolutely. How terrible that must have been and how alone he must have felt. In dying all was revealed to him, but alive Jesus like us saw with mortal eyes, felt the pain of mortal flesh, and knew the confusion of imperfect mortal understanding. I see with mortal eyes. My mortal heart today is breaking. And I do not understand. I confess that I have cried out to God, "Why have you forsaken me?"

When we feel abandoned, alone, and lost, what is left to us? What do I have, what do you have, what do any of us have left except the overpowering temptation to rail against God and to blame him for the dark night into which he has led us, to blame him for our misery, to blame and cry out against him for not caring? What is left to us when that which we love most has been taken from our sight and life?

I will tell you what is left, three profound blessings. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul tells us exactly what they are: faith, hope and love. These gifts, which are the foundation of eternity, God has given to us and he has given us complete control over them. Even in the darkest night, it is still within our power to hold to faith. We can still embrace hope. And although we may ourselves feel unloved, we can still stand steadfast in our love for others and for God. All this is in our control. God gave us these gifts and he does not take them back. It is we who choose to discard them.

In your dark night, I urge you to hold to your faith, to embrace hope, and to bear your love before you like a burning candle as I promise that will light your way.

And whether you believe in miracles or not, I can guarantee that you will experience one. It may not be the miracle you have prayed for. God probably will not undo what has been done. The miracle is this: that you will rise in the morning and be able to see again the startling beauty of the day.

Jesus suffered the dark night and death and on the third day, he rose again through the grace of his loving Father. For each of us, the sun sets and the sun also will rise and through the grace of our Lord, we can endure our own dark night and rise to the dawning of a new day and rejoice.

I invite you, my brothers and sisters, to rejoice with me in the divine grace of the Lord and in the beauty of this morning, which he has given us.

Catholic Exchange

Thank you...

On behalf of Union Presbyterian Church, we would like to sincerely thank all of you at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary who contributed in any way (food/supplies/volunteers) to help make the LN Community Vacation Bible School a successful and joyful week for all attendees and helpers. Our theme for the week was ***Water all Around the World: Water for all God's Children***, and with God's blessing we were able to collect over \$500.00 for Living Waters for the World, a global mission resource that helps bring clean water to all children of the world. We were especially blessed to have Father Francis stop by and tell us all about his water experiences in Ghana!!



Holy Family Cluster News

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/>.



Our Lady of the Prairie

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

SS Philip & James Church
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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

August 1969 Happenings

Marriages - Leroy Syslo & Joann Otte

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 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.

**2019-2020
Religious Ed
Family Kick-Off!**

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Registration 5:30(4 years old thru 8th Grade)
Family Gathering & Pizza 6:00
Meet the teachers/Parent meeting 6:30

\$25 per child
\$50 maximum per family

Questions?
Contact Maureen Schrader at 563.370.9545

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.

Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATES: SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15. There are letters with information and raffle tickets for you to sell in your mailboxes in the hallway. There are flyers for you to take with you and put up in businesses in your town which advertise the dinner on

September 15. Although Silent Auction isn't listed on your information sheet, those items have been very popular over the past several years. We have many creative church family members, so we hope you're thinking about what you might bring. Some ideas could be: homemade canned goods in a container, home-made anything in a container, laundry basket filled with supplies, movie basket filled with movie and goodies to eat while watching movie, cleaning supplies in a container or waste-paper basket, beauty supplies in a container, container with games or cards, homemade jewelry in container, etc. Get your family or friends together, have some fun and come up with an idea. We really count on our entire church family to help, so we ask that if you know now you can't possibly be there, please let us know. September 14 we bake kolaches to serve at the dinner. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall in the hall for donations of various supplies needed to make the kolaches. The fillings are quite expensive, so we also have a place for cash donations to purchase the five different fillings used. There will also be a sheet posted which will show approximate times of the many phases of making kolaches. We hope that many of you are able to help that day. **STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO TO COME!**

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Lost Nation / Toronto

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.

Farm to Table

August 25, 4:00—6:30

Inside

Good food, pie and ice cream!

Adults \$7/Kids \$3/Preschool Free

Outside

Farmers market,
free popcorn, and games!

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

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
Monday	08/19/19 No Mass
Tuesday	08/20/19 Grand Mound
08:00am	Communion Service
Wednesday	08/21/19 No Mass
Thursday	08/22/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm	Scott Benischek
Friday	08/23/19/Oxford Junction
08:00am	Esther & Otto Benischek
Saturday	08/24/19 Toronto
05:00pm	Kathy VanWaes
Sunday	08/25/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Merwyn & Rhea Hassenmiller
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Monk & Marguerite Coon

Readings for the week of August 18

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

