

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

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Today, I pray for the gift of Patience, Humility and Understanding. That I may Forgive without remembering the hurt, Give without expecting in return, Care without blaming, Send Light even in darkness and Love unconditionally.

-momsienans



Billy Ray & The Gift of Humility



We're living in a world where we're constantly bombarded with negative news and imagery. This has turned us all into a cranky, ill tempered lot of human beings. We have little patience for others and have a predisposition of negativity to blame everyone else for what's wrong with the world and our own lives.

It's in times like these when we need our faith in humanity to be restored. This story is about a man who owns nothing, lives under a bridge but has a heart of gold. Read this story and hopefully, your faith in humanity will be restored.

A Kansas City resident was out shopping one afternoon when she stopped by a homeless man who was asking passerby's for change. Fifty-five-year-old Billy Ray Harris lived under a nearby bridge for many years. However, on that day he ended up getting much more than just a handful of change.

Sarah had forgotten she'd taken off her rings earlier in the day and placed them in her wallet. When she gave all the change from her wallet, you can imagine what went into Billy's cup. It wasn't until a few hours later that Billy realized what was in his cup. Later, he honestly admitted, he took it to a pawn shop and considered selling it.

Even after learning that the shop owner would pay him \$4,000 on the spot, Billy held onto the ring, in hopes that the owner would find her way back to him. Two days later, a panicked Sarah Darling paid a visit to Billy Ray Harris, in the same place she had given him all her change. She sat down next to Billy and they had a sweet conversation about "something very valuable she may have given him." To her surprise, Billy pulled the ring out of his pocket, where he had kept it safely since the moment his heart told him not to trade it in for cash.

Sarah Darling was stunned at his honesty and humility and wanted to help Billy in any manner she could for keeping her rings safe. When she arrived home and told her husband, the couple started a GoFundMe to raise money for the homeless man who had quickly become their friend. After a few days, the story had gone viral across the Internet, and they raised more than \$200,000 for their new friend Billy. Because of his kindness and honesty, Billy was able to re-connect with his sister who lived nearly 500 miles away.

Billy Harris has found a home where he is "safe and sound." Billy was asked how he felt about all the attention since returning the ring. "I like it, but I don't think I deserve it," he said. "What I actually feel is, 'what has the world come to when a person who returns something that doesn't belong to him and gets all this attention'" Harris said.

A simple reminder that there are good people in the world.

Catholic Press



Knights of Columbus members Paul Wisor and Jim Schroeder presented a check for \$1300 to the Pregnancy Center.

Thank you to all who helped with this great gift.

Holy Family Cluster Network

Cluster Parish Corporate Boards

The 2019 annual meeting of the Parish Corporate Boards will be held on Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors and lay directors for every parish are required to attend one of the dates in order to have a quorum. The meeting will be offered via GoToMeeting at the following sites: Clinton Deanery: St. Joseph, DeWitt

Multicultural Ministry



Dinner with Bishop Zinkula Raffle: The Multicultural Ministry office is sponsoring a raffle whose prize is a dinner with Bishop Thomas in his residence on Sunday, November 17. Fathers Rudy Juarez, Joseph Sia and Guillermo Treviño will prepare the food. Fr. Ross Epping will accompany with music. All income will be used to organize an Encuentro (Conference) with young people. Flyer with more details on bulletin board. Stay tuned.

St. Joseph's Parish - DeWitt will be hosting their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 15 from 3-7pm. Meal includes beef/pork dinner. Adults \$11, Children \$6 (6 to 12 yr). Carry-outs available, Silent Auction, Raffle, Children's games and farmer's market.

Knights of Columbus is scheduled to meet on September 11 at 7PM in Lost Nation at the church rectory.

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Schedule

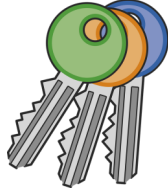
September 13-15 | Fri 5pm-Sun 11am

Contemplation with Francis and Clare Sr. Kathy Sadler, OSF: How did Francis and Clare find God in everything? How were they so steeped in God? Engage in life through contemplation and discover God in all aspects of life. Connect with the wisdom within you and deepen your relationship with God. Come and be still and know God. Fee Overnight \$125 / Commuters \$45

September 27-29 | Fri 5pm-Sun 11am

Spirituality and the Arts Pat Shea: Artists and non-artists are invited to a weekend of renewal. There will be time for R&R through reflection, personal and shared prayer experiences, individual creative time, and time to embrace the peace and beauty of The Prairie. Fee Overnight \$125 / Commuters \$45

SS Philip & James Church Grand Mound



Important: If you currently have a key for the church or rectory that you no longer need for active ministry, please return to the Rectory Office.

Please Note: Sign-up sheets for ushers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers for the last quarter of the year plus all of next year will be available on September 8th and 15th. We will be returning to doing these ministries on a monthly basis,

Please be aware that you can split the month with someone if that works better for you. A reminder will be mailed to Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

RE Schedule

Wednesday, Sept 11-NO CLASS
Catechist In-Service
Wednesday, Sept 18
First Class 6-7 P.M.

September Landscaping Committee

- Wayne & Marcia Whitman
- AJ & Courtney McNeil



Help Wanted Church Custodian: We are seeking a custodian to clean our church facilities by performing weekly duties. If interested or know someone of interest, please call the Rectory at 563-847-2271.

The Social Action Committee would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations to our yearly "School Supply" collection. In addition, this year we received a Thrivent Action Team donation, and that donation made it possible to purchase additional book bags and kinder-mats for our collection. The items were distributed to Calamus-Wheatland and Ekstrand Elementary schools. Donations are appreciated by the children in our community.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation / Toronto

Friends of Faith, our Religious Education program for preschool through high school, will begin on Wednesday September 18 at the church hall in Lost Nation. We will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 5:45-7:20, supper will be served!

We will have a First Communion class this year, with First Communion in Spring 2020. This is for 2nd graders and older.

Sacred Heart Oxford Junction

Sanctuary Guild meeting Monday, September 9 in the church library at 7:00 pm. Serving Committee: Stacy Agnitsch, Deanna Martens and Amber Fall.



We are honored to welcome Archbishop Jackels to Sacred Heart for our Polka Mass on September 15. We hope to have our church full of members, friends and family for our Fall celebration.

We hope that all of us will consider helping make kolaches on September 14. We make over 2,000 for sale on the bake sale and to serve on the serving line at our dinner. A sheet is posted which will show approximate times of the many phases of making kolaches. Please consider a donation of your time, talent and treasure in helping from very early-morning dough making till end of the day clean-up!

Our dinner is only one week away! We hope all of us have read our information letters, sold our raffle tickets, will be making our donations of food, figured out our Silent Auction items, invited our family and friends and are ready to enjoy the whole day! This is our main money-making project for the year, and we're looking forward to it being the best ever!

The September schedule is now posted, and October signup sheet will be posted soon. We encourage you to sign up if you have a certain weekend you wish to serve. If slots are not filled, Karen will assign parishioners.

PARISH REFLECTIONS 4A



Let Us Pray for our Friends Who Are Sick

- **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, and Carolyn Schwien.
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday	09/07/19
05:00pm	Toronto/Betty Marcucci
Sunday	09/08/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Dennis Schrader
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Monk & Mary Coon
Monday	09/09/19 No Mass
Tuesday	09/10/19 Grand Mound
08:00am	Jack & Dorothy Campbell
Wednesday	09/11/19
08:00 am	Grand Mound/Maher Family
10:00 am	Wheatland Manor/Residents of Manor
Thursday	09/12/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm	Esther benischek
Friday	09/13/19/Oxford Junction
08:00am	Glen Regennitter
Saturday	09/14/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Randall Sander
Sunday	09/15/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Pat Morrissey
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter

Weekly Readings For the week of September 8, 2019

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

