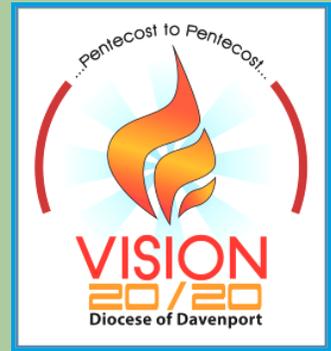


Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish  
Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound



September 15, 2019— The Wise and The Foolish

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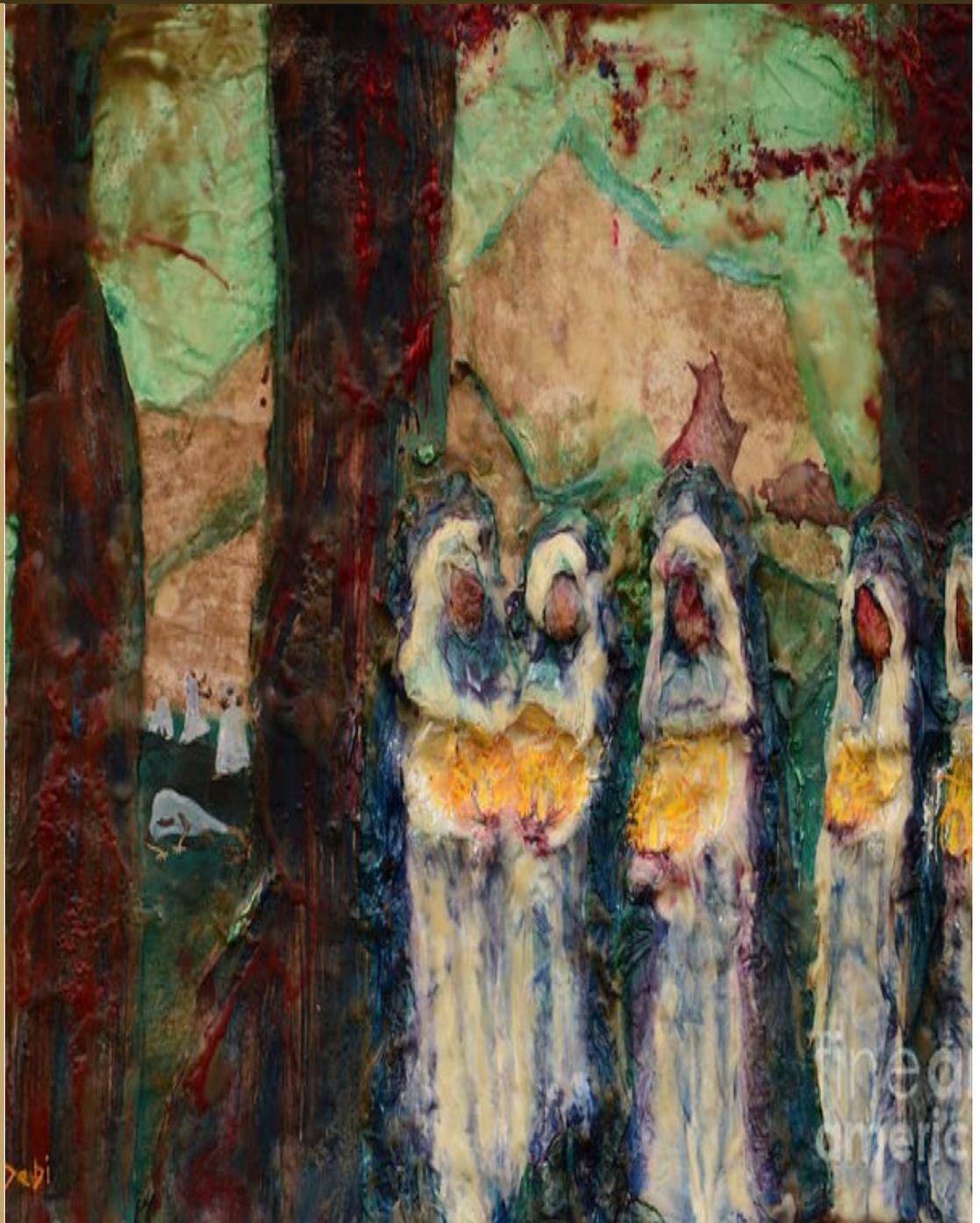
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On Sunday, September 8, thirty-six participants from Our Holy Family Cluster gathered at Our Lady of the Prairie for our annual Leadership Retreat. Sister Margaret from the Prairie opened the retreat with a prayer service celebrating the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Father Francis Lil Ole Corner  
Cluster Leadership Retreat

The Evangelization Team presented a summary of the Vision 20/20 Convocation which was held June 6-8 in Davenport. Several plans are in the making to bring this Vision to us all. It is important that we now take the time to read the signs of the times with eyes of faith.

One event is a Pentecost celebration to be celebrated as a Cluster in 2020. There will only be one mass celebrated that weekend for our three worship centers to allow us to pray together as one. Religious education teachers met with Father Francis to plan four Cluster events for the students. The first event is Sunday, September 29 at 5:00pm at OLHR (Lost Nation Center) for the students and teachers from all three parishes. At this event, the students' names will be read, and the parents and Godparents are asked to attend to show commitment and support.

To end the retreat, Father Francis shared the roles and responsibilities of what each council/team/committee is to do. Each group was given a Roles and Responsibilities sheet from the diocesan website to spark a round table discussion. Ideas and comments from these groups were shared to end the retreat. A meal prepared by Our Lady of the Prairie staff topped off the wonderful retreat.



We have read this scripture many times and perhaps do not understand the true meaning of the passage. Read it slowly, meditate, and read it again.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins symbolizes many things; the virgins, lamps and oil, bridegroom, slumbering and sleeping, midnight, the cry, the trimming of light, having no oil, refusal to give oil, and entering the feast.

**THE VIRGINS:** The virgins are not about a woman knowing a man, but the Bible refers to the church (which is us) while Jesus would be the bridegroom that will come and take us home.

We are warned that Christ may delay His coming, and we should be prepared at any time. He would come at midnight, this means that the son of man will come anytime, any day when we don't expect, He will appear to us like a thief in the night.

The parable classified the virgins into two; **The wise and the foolish.** The wise represents the true believer in Christ who are prepared for His coming while the foolish represents the unbelievers.

All the virgins prepared with their lamps, they all slept waiting for the bridegroom but there was a difference between the two. The **Wise** took extra oil with them, and shows they were ready for Him when He comes but the others were foolish not to take extra oil. The foolish obviously did not anticipate that the coming of the bridegroom would be delayed. Their failure to take extra oil made the difference and determined their fate.

**LAMP AND OIL:** The lamp and oil represent our "faith" and meditating on the word of God which is the "Bible". The lamps of our faith and Bible must be kept burning day and night. In our zeal for the truth of Scripture, we must never forget its' purpose—to equip us to do good. We should not study God's Word simply to increase our knowledge and prepare us to win arguments. Knowledge of the Bible is not useful unless it strengthens our faith and leads us to do good.

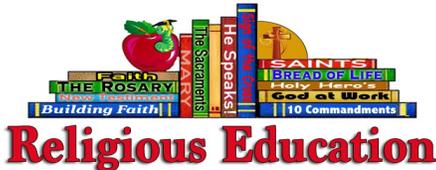
**The wise virgins hold on to their lamp (faith) and extra oil (Bible).** They were ready for Jesus coming. As Christians, we must keep the fire burning in us, uphold and defend the truth in the word of God. We must not allow modern thinking and political/evangelical theology to water down or pollute our faith.

The Lord will take only those who are ready for His coming into the marriage supper. The door will be shut against those who are not ready after the call has gone out, and it will not be opened to anyone who comes late.

In Matthew 25:6, the bridegroom came when no one was expecting but the wise virgins got up and followed Him in but the foolish were left outside hoping to receive some more oil into their lamps, however, it was too late for them. On the Lord's day, there will be crying and wailing when Jesus will refuse the unbelievers.

Every day of our lives, we should be available by putting on our lamps and filling it with oil as the wise virgins did. We must keep our focus on the message of the gospel as we continue to follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Holy Family Cluster  
Network



**Religious Education**

Religious Ed Cluster Gathering Mass for all students, parents and Godparents will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 5:00pm at OLHR - Lost Nation Worship Center. Food will follow the Mass. Contact your DRE for more details. Please plan to attend.

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.

**“WHICH WAY TO PEACE & JUSTICE?”** In celebration of the International Day of Peace and Campaign Nonviolence, the Sisters of St Francis in Clinton have invited Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey to speak on Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00pm at Clinton Community College in Clinton. The event is free and open to the public. Her talk, “Which Way to Peace and Justice?” is a dialogue about Race, Racism and the work of Repair.

Our Lady of the Prairie

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

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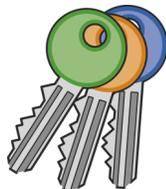
August Financial Statement

August income - \$ 9,314.54  
Expense - 16,078.90  
Deficit - (\$ 6,764.36)\*

\*Priest Aid \$6,037 & Insurance \$1,322.04

Building Fund - \$ 285.00  
Building Fund (Roof) 70.00

Bequests - \$ 1,000.00



**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 NEWS

**FIRST CLASS--this Wednesday:**

**September 18 6-7:00 P.M.**  
**BIBLE STUDY--6:00-7:00 P.M.**

This Bible Study was designed for those parents who are bringing students to RE Classes, but all parishioners are invited to attend. It always is held when there is RE Classes.

**YOUTH GROUP--Meetings will begin Wednesday, September 25th.** Our High School students will be receiving more information.

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.

Please return a black umbrella belonging to Shirley Green; someone took the wrong umbrella and left theirs in the vestibule.

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



We welcome all of our friends, families and guests to Mass this morning, and are thankful you're with us. We're honored to have Archbishop Jackels with us to celebrate Mass. We have worked very hard to make this the best festival ever, and we hope all of us enjoy Mass and the food, fun and fellowship to follow.

Please join in congregational singing accompanied by our local Polka Band and church choir. You'll be familiar with most of the tunes and can follow along with the song sheets. We are looking forward to having a good time with the music.

Let Us Pray for Douglas White, son of David & Karen White and nephew of Richard Kleineck. Douglas was called home to be with the Lord; let us pray for the repose of his soul.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday	09/14/19
05:00pm	Lost Nation/Randall Sander
Sunday	09/15/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Pat Morrissey
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter
Monday	09/16/19 <b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	09/17/19 Grand Mound
08:00am	Hubert & Yvonne Green
Wednesday	09/18/19
08:00 am	Grand Mound/Rosalie Trimble
Thursday	09/19/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm	Scott Benischek
Friday	09/20/19/Oxford Junction
08:00am	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday	09/21/19/Toronto
05:00pm	Kathy VanWaes
Sunday	09/22/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Jana Palmer
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter

### Readings for the week of September 15, 2019

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
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### Observances for the week of September 15, 2019

Sunday:	Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	Sts. Cornelius
Tuesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
Friday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest
Saturday:	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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