

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Sacred Heart
Ss Philip & James

Mission Statement

A family of God constituted
by the Holy Eucharist and
strengthened by the Holy
Spirit to make God known,
loved and served.

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



“COME FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.” MATTHEW 4:19

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Cluster Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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Friday: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Telephone: 563-847-2271

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet...

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Everyone who walks at night appreciates the need to have light on one's path. Without light we stumble and fall. Without light on our path, our journey may be unnecessarily long and winding. In our pilgrimage here on earth, we are reminded of the need to have the light of God's word to shine on our path and help our feet not to stumble. The Word of God illumines our path and provides us with direction in life. St. Jerome said, "ignorance of Scriptures is igno-

rance of Christ". The more we read or hear God's Word and believe in it, the more God's Word enlightens our path and shows us the way. On the journey of life, surrounded by all the different paths and the crossroads of life, with the difficulty of knowing where to turn, God gives us His eternal Word to point us in the right direction. The Word of God does not only show us how to live, but also when and what to do within a given day or a situation. It is possible to never stumble with the Lamp of the Word guiding us. If we turn our backs to God's word we stumble and fall because

our paths remain dark and we cannot see our way clear.

May faith in God's Word enlighten our path and show us the way to eternal life.

To change your attitudes towards the Word of God this year, here are a few suggestions for you to consider:

- Make an altar in your home and keep your Bible on it.
- Dust your Bible often and make the effort to open it everyday.
- Read the next Sunday gospel
- Use a meditation booklet/Practice lectio divina, write down what jumps at you.
- Share what you have learned.

Praying the Bible

On Tuesday, January 20 parishioners from the Holy Family cluster gathered together to practice *lectio divina*. Too often, our prayer life consists of recitation and talking to God without spending time listening to God and resting in His presence. Our God is always inviting us into a deeper relationship, a sacred encounter. Through prayer, we speak to God, and through the Scriptures, God speaks to us.

Lectio divina literally means "holy reading," but it is much more than a way to read scripture. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, and the practice of *lectio*

divina helps us in our mission to grow closer to Christ and to become better missionary disciples. Our evangelization team is planning several gatherings for parishioners in the coming months to meet and learn about this ancient prayer practice.

Each session should take about one hour. If you cannot attend each time, no problem. Come whenever you can. Take that first step!

By Colleen Burke
HF Cluster Evangelization Team

Below is a photo from our first Evangelization Event practicing *lectio divina*. See the bulletin for the next event and join us!



News from the Catholic World



Pope Francis met January 13 and January 16 with U.S. Bishops who were on their 'ad limina' visit to Rome. During 'ad Limina' visits, Bishops present themselves before the Pope to give him accounts of their dioceses. This also affords the Bishops an opportunity to visit the tombs of the Apostles and to show reverence to Peter's successor.

The Pope offers his counsel to the Bishops on their roles as teachers of the faith. This year, the Holy Father emphasized the need to teach the principles of the Christian faith and to walk the talk. We pray for all our Bishops that they may always be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit in their duties as shepherds of Christ Church.

Source: www.vatican.va

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS



Ever Ancient, Ever New: The Art and Practice of Lectio Divina

Plan to join the Cluster Evangelization Team Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm in the hall at Lost Nation for *lectio divina*, a simple, insightful way to hear and experience the Word of God with one another. All are welcome!

Each week, *The Catholic Messenger* reflects the life of the church throughout the world with an emphasis on diocesan news, parishes and our Catholic schools. Learn how other Catholics are living out their faith and the joys and struggles that come with it. Keep up to date on the Vision 20/20 initiative around the diocese. Read about what Bishop Thomas Zinkula is up to and benefit from his columns that educate and inspire. *The Catholic Messenger* is a real value at \$29 for 50 issues, print and/or e-edition. **Subscribe today!**

OLOP February 2020 Events

- *Filling in the Gap: Women in the Bible*, Dianne Prichard, Tues., February 11 - 9:00am-4:00pm, Fee \$20
- *Valentine Evening for Couples*, Fri., February 14 - 6:00pm-9:00pm, Fee \$75 per couple

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olprtreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious home-made meal.

SS Philp & James-Grand Mound

February Ministries

Lector: Jean Maher

Euc. Min.: Maureen Schrader and a volunteer

Ushers: Mark Hahn, Dave Whitman, and Jerry Irwin

Altar Servers for February 2 - Ellen & Olivia Olson & Tynley Boussetlot



*Sunday, February 2, 2020
From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00*

*p.m.
SS Philp & James
Church, Grand Mound, IA*

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY!

*Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.
All-You-Can-Eat
Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup
Adults - \$7.00
Kids - \$3.00*

*Call 563-847-2090 by February 1st to
pre-order deliveries
for Grand Mound elderly/shut-ins.*

Reminder Masses will change for Sunday, February 2 only. 8:00am Mass will be in Oxford Junction and 10:00am Mass will be in Grand Mound.

Religious Education News

Wednesday, January 29

Class 6-7 pm

Bible Study 6-7 pm

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

We are having our winter warmth collection. Items needed are caps, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, etc. These will help with the upcoming colder months!! Toronto items will be taken to the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and Lost Nation items will be taken to the Lost Nation Food Pantry. Thank you!!!

Friends of Faith/Religious Ed students will be collecting Birthday Cake Kit items during the month of January. Things like cake mixes, frosting, sprinkles, fun napkins, Birthday bags to fit a cake mix, candles, etc are some ideas for donations that can be left at OLHR Churches in Toronto and LN.

The kits will be assembled and delivered to Lost Nation Food Pantry and Wheatland Referral Center. Last year we donated 27 kits to each center! Those who use the centers are very appreciative of this project! Thank

The Altar & Rosary will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, February 9 at the Lost Nation Legion.

Sacred Heart—Oxford Junction

Reminder: If Midland cancels school on any given Wednesday, there will be no CCD classes if scheduled.

Are you interested in having your offering donated via ACH? If so, contact a finance council member or call Citizens State Bank in Oxford Junction to fill out your paperwork.

Please pick up your annual contributions and Guild schedule in the mail bins in the church hallway. This will help us save on postage. Thanks!

Cleaning of the church sign-up is on the table in the church hallway. We are asking that four families sign-up per month. This is a job that only takes 1-2 hours per week with posted instructions. Please prayerfully consider signing up. Many hands make light work!

Thanks to those who have removed snow and put salt/sand down at the church. You are very much appreciated!

Parents-Thank you for bringing your kids to church, no matter the age! Here are just a few reasons that you are doing what you are supposed to do: You are helping create a firm foundation, you are helping to show your little one's God's unending love, you are introducing your kids to a lifelong community, and are showing your children how important it is to glorify the Lord. Jesus says in Matthew 19:14, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." So, please keep doing what you do! The future of the church are our children and you are all doing a great job!

REMINDER

Mass times change next week, Sunday, Feb. 2 for Grand Mound and Oxford Junction.

Oxford Junction—8:00 am
Grand Mound—10:00 am

GENERAL INFORMATION 4A



This is a picture of Fr. Francis by Bridget McGonegle, age 4. She was excited to get to draw a picture. Bridget is the daughter of Don and Ann McGonegle.

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. **Our Shepherds:**
Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel
2. **The Aged & Infirm:**
 - Dick Nodurft, Melvin Duwa, Natalie Regan, Elmer & Dorothy Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Betty Forret, Carolyn Schwien, & Greg Schwien
 - Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy, Leonard Lasack.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Bible quotation for the week

Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men . At once, they left their nets and followed him (Matthew 4:19-20)

MASS SCHEDULE 4B

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 1/25/20	05:00 pm	Toronto	Kathy Van Waes
Sunday 1/26/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	Ray Denahy
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Steven Welch & Arnold Curley
Tuesday 1/28/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	Troy Skinner & Randy Reistoffer
Wednesday 1/29/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	Jack & Dorothy Campbell
Thursday 1/30/20	05:30pm	Lost Nation	Crystal Burke
Friday 1/31/20	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday 2/1/20	05:00pm	Lost Nation	Craig & Tom Simmons
Sunday 2/2/20	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
	10:00am	Grand Mound	Jana Palmer

BIBLE QUIZ

(Please help the kids answer them, print their names on the quiz and return it the following Saturday/Sunday. Winners get awards.)

1. After John the Baptist was put into jail, where did Jesus go?
2. What is the name of the lake by which Jesus walked?
3. What were the names of the friends Jesus chose to help him with his work?
4. What did Jesus teach his friends to be?
5. When Jesus would preach, what would he say?
6. What did Simon and Andrew do for a living?
7. According to Isaiah, what do the people who sit in darkness see?
8. What has Pope Francis asked us to celebrate this Sunday?