

Holy Family Parish Cluster

March 14, 2021



4th

SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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Due to the pandemic the office has limited hours. Please call or email if you need anything.

Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday 12:00 noon
(unless otherwise noted).

Mission Statement

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

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ORDER OF MASS

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.
On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us
the lyrics of our songs,
and our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
“Sing for us the songs of Zion!”

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the Lord
in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
if I place not Jerusalem
ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen

Concluding Rites

God's Grace

There's an old saying, "there but for the grace of God go I." We may have said it ourselves, or at least thought it, perhaps when we heard someone had a debilitating disease or died in a fatal car accident. It's a well-meaning phrase but consider the implications if it really was God's grace that saved us. Where was God's grace for those other unfortunate people? Why weren't they spared by the grace of God?

In today's second reading, we're told, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." (Eph 2:8-10) Here we are told that grace cannot be earned. No matter how hard we try, how faithfully we pray, how many good deeds we do, there's nothing we can do that will elevate us in God's good favor.

Grace, according to the dictionary, is unmerited favor. In biblical terms, it is a gift from God. We are saved, forgiven, and loved by God with nothing demanded of us in return. That is amazing! The dispensing of grace is purely at God's discretion, and each and every one of us are the lucky recipients. Through no doing of our own, we are already saved. Saved from sin, saved from sorrow, saved from suffering.

Now before we sit back and put our feet up, basking in this wonderful knowledge, we need to remember by the nature of our birth, we are all sinners, and for that reason we deserve to be separated from God. We are truly unworthy of His gift. But we're also told that we are His creation, made for the good works that He has prepared for us. Our good works, our actions, are the way we express our gratitude for this loving gift.

Because we are such a self-focused people, we often center our thoughts on what we don't have than on what we do have, and because of that we often miss the graces God is pouring down on us every day. We need to spend more time focusing on what God *has* given us and done for us, and then thank Him for those blessings.

Lent is the perfect time to turn more towards God and pray for the grace to transform our lives, recognizing that we cannot save ourselves. We need God's grace. We can study God's Word, worship at Mass together, pray, and serve others. These are the things that will help us reshape our lives and transform us, becoming who we *can* be...by the grace of God!

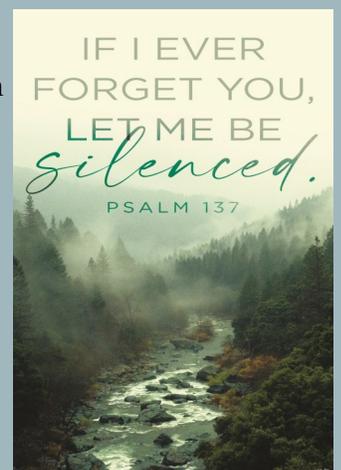
Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Announcements and Reminders

1. Perpetual Adoration will be held from 9:00 am—4:30 pm at SSPJ. Stations of the Cross and Mass will follow. Sign up sheet is in the entrance of the church in GM. Please contact the office if you want to sign up and do not get to GM.
2. Stations of the Cross will be said on Wednesdays in Grand Mound, Thursdays in Lost Nation and Fridays in Oxford Junction before the masses. Also, an online Stations of the Cross will be on Facebook live at 3:00 pm on Fridays.
3. Communal Penance will be held on Sunday, March 21 at SSPJ starting at 4:00 pm. Also, you may receive the sacrament of Penance before mass at OLHR and SSPJ and following mass at SH. If these times do not work, you may contact the office to set up a meeting with Father.
4. **The Evangelization Team meeting has been moved to Monday, March 22 at 7:00pm via zoom.**

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

The Pregnancy Center in Clinton celebrates 35 Years of faithfully serving women and children in the Gateway area. The Pregnancy Center is a Christ-centered ministry that exists to preserve the life of the unborn and offers compassionate support and direction to women during pregnancy and beyond. A celebration will be held on Tuesday, March 16 from 4-6 pm at 240 N Bluff Blvd., Ste 105 in Clinton. All are welcome to stop in for a cupcake to celebrate our 35th birthday and tour our center! We wish to thank our community for their support for the past 35 years.



SSPJ Lenten Baby Shower

The baby bassinet in the church is for the Lenten collection of baby items. After Easter, these items will be donated to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton.

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 3/16

All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord.

Though you have no money, come and drink with joy.

Wednesday 3/17

I pray to you, O Lord, for a time of your favor. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your salvation that never fails.

Thursday 3/18

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Friday 3/19

The waves of death rose about me; the pains of the netherworld surrounded me. In my anguish I called to the Lord, and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

As for me, I trust in the Lord. Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my affliction.

From Words Among Us

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Website -<https://www.chmiowa.org/retreat> and click on the Retreat Calendar on the left-hand side for more details, or call 563-336-8414 or email olpretreat@gmail.com. Make sure to register to receive the zoom link.

Wed, Mar 10-7:00pm-8:30pm Free Online:

Wed. Nights with Barb Arland-Fye & Deacon Dan Freeman

Mon, Mar 15-6:30pm-8:00pm Free Online:

Retail & Restaurant Workers Telling Their Story of Covid-19

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. **Our Shepherds:**

Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel

2. **The Aged & Infirm:**

- Melvin Duwa, Dorothy Hasenmiller, Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Stevenson

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 3/13	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Robby Gilroy
Sunday 3/14	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Sandy Crosthwaite
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Glen Regennitter
Tuesday 3/16	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday 3/17	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Pat Morrissey
Thursday 3/18	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Otto Benischek Sr
Friday 3/19	6:00 pm	Oxford Junction	Glenn Regennitter
Saturday 3/20	5:00 pm	Toronto	Dennis Burke
Sunday 3/21	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Richard Schwienn
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter

Pope Francis Prayer Intention For March

Sacrament of Reconciliation
**Let us pray that we may experience
the sacrament of reconciliation with
renewed depth, to taste the infinite
mercy of God.**

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

- Sunday** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
- Monday** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Saturday** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33