

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

AS WE PREPARE FOR  
**VISION 20/20...**  
*Let us all pray and call  
on the Holy Spirit to guide  
us and open our minds,  
lips and hearts to the  
Gospel.*



June 9, 2019 - The Holy Spirit is God's Gift To You





Dear Parishioner,

Wonderful wishes to you on the feast of Pentecost! As you know, our Diocese is going through a process of discernment and prayer for a renewed enthusiasm to carry out the mission of Christ to individuals and communities around us. We pray for a renewal of the Holy Spirit in our lives to become active participants of Christ's mission.

In a few days, all Parish Evangelization Teams (PETs) of the Diocese of Davenport would be required to write to the Bishop and detail at least two unique mission oriented activities that we are implementing to actualize the vision 2020 objectives for our parishes. We are to come up with at least two unique actions that will help us reach out to people in our area. It is in the light of this that I am beginning this conversation to elicit your ideas and suggestions. Let us all reflect on the task of bringing Christ's message to people and discern what the Spirit is saying to us as a family of God.

One of many things that have come up recently in our deliberations is creating time with the word of God as a cluster. A few people have expressed their desire to learn more about God's word. They seek a deeper understanding and relationship with the word of God. In the coming days, we'll seek to deliberate on this a little more to discern how this is going to be done.

Let us fan into flame the gift we received when hands were laid on us (2Tim 1:6).

Praised be Jesus Christ!  
Father Francis



The followers of Jesus gathered in the Upper Room fifty days after Easter; -- Pentecost. They weren't there to grieve over the One who had died, risen and ascended. They were there to wait. He told them to wait. Then under the signs of wind and tongues of fire, -- His Spirit filled their being. The Holy Spirit became their life principle. And the Church, the living Church, is born. Today is the birthday of the Catholic Church.

On this day Pentecost Sunday, we are all in the Upper Room, each and every one of us. We call upon the Holy Spirit today. The Holy Spirit is alive and working in the Church, right here, right now. We encounter His presence on a daily basis in every aspect of our lives.

Outside the walls of the Church, outside there are hundreds, thousands, millions of people longing to find meaning, purpose, and fulfillment in their lives. That is where we come in. They are longing for the spiritual which we all need. It is our evangelical purpose as Catholics to help people find Jesus and not keep Him for ourselves.

For one year from Pentecost 2018 to Pentecost 2019, we were there to wait and we waited in our journey of Vision 20-20. We were told to wait and the Holy Spirit is now our life principle as followers of Jesus as we start the journey of evangelization. By our baptism and Catholic faith we evangelize yet Catholics are hesitant to because we feel uncomfortable with our understanding of what evangelization means.

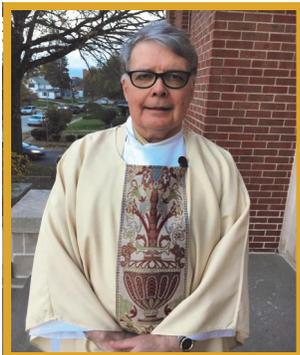
Vision 20-20 is to help people understand Jesus; this is a process, not a moment. Most people look back on their lives and can see small steps that have helped them along the path of faith. Do you look back? All of us are called to continue to grow and develop our faith until God calls us home.

Smothering the Spirit is what happens when we don't listen, when we do what we know is wrong by following our own worldly desires. God sees the end; we don't. We only see what's in front of us and there are consequences by ignoring the leading of the spirit by our decisions. When we obey one leading of the Holy Spirit as following Father Francis Odom, other leadings begin to come. Grace continues, but there is also grace to restore the lives of those who've missed it or are looking for this grace in our community. That is our purpose.

Fr. Joe & Anonymous

# PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

## NEWS AND EVENTS



**Farewell To A Joyful Priest:** Everyone is invited to Holy Family Parish in Davenport on June 29/30 to celebrate the retirement of Father Bob Harness. Father Harness was our beloved parish priest for many years in the DeWitt/Grand Mound parishes. If you know Him, thank God for the privilege that he helped us along our spiritual journey. A farewell reception will be held after each Mass. Mass times are Saturday, 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am.



The Knights of Columbus Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 12 starting at 6:30pm; we are planning a cookout in Lost Nation.

Thursday, June 20 is the Pastoral Cluster meeting in Lost Nation at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.



**JOY:** *On a beautiful Sunday morning, a pastor announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$1000 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$500 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$100 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver." JOY of Humor*

### SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

The weekend of June 15-16, 2019, Bishop Thomas Zinkula will celebrate Mass at each of our cluster parishes; Grand Mound, Lost Nation, and Oxford Junction.

Sign up sheets for Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers for the months of July, August, and September will be available in the vestibule on June 2nd & 9th

### May Income Statement

Income -	\$9,195.69
Expense -	\$12,626.06
Deficit -	<u>(\$ 3,430.37)</u>
Building Fund -	\$190.00
Building Fund (roof) -	\$95.00



Mark your calendar for our Parish Ice Cream social on Sunday, June 23rd from 3:30 to 5:00 at church. Fun, games, & ice cream. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

### Landscaping 2019 Committee

June - Bob & Mary Syslo & Julius & Lori Michel

### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

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His Coat of Arms shares his motto, adopted the phrase from The Lord's Prayer, "Fiat Voluntas Tua," which translates to "Your will be done." He appreciates the gentle, yet profound guidance this phrase offers for living a faithful life in obedience to the Father. Let us reflect on his motto and appreciate his presence as a blessing.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary parishes will be collecting personal needs items for residents at Wheatland Manor. Suggested items are body wash, tooth brushes and tooth paste, deodorants Word Search Crossword puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles. These items will bring them much joy.

Sunday Aug. 25, "From Farm to Table" fun and fundraiser. Serving pork and pie! 4:00-7:00pm. All parishioners will be asked to help. Watch for details in June.

### Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

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June Refreshments after Mass is postponed from June 9 to June 16. Committee is: Patty Manuel, Sue Ellison, Carolyn Zaruba and Kathy Mizaur.

If you wish to volunteer for a certain Sunday in July, please sign your name on the sheet in the hallway. Karen will be working on July's schedule the week of June 23. She'll be assigning jobs as she has in the past if the slots aren't filled. Remember, if you have signed up for a job and can't make it, please trade with someone or let Karen know at 563-452-3209 or [wlbach@netins.net](mailto:wlbach@netins.net), so that a replacement can be found.

Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time and talent to these important ministries. Our goal is to have every member helping out with a ministry. If you would be willing to help out, please let Karen know. Eucharistic ministers and servers need a bit of training, but the other jobs are easily learned.

Nadine Ruley, our church caretaker, is retiring from her job at the end of June. We are in the process of working out a plan to have members help clean the inside of the church.

Nadine is working on a list of cleaning jobs she does on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. We will have a sign-up sheet for all of our members to sign up for a certain month, and if those slots aren't filled, we'll be assigning families.

This is going to be a work-in-progress, so if you have comments or suggestions that would help, please talk to a council member. The Guild will be cleaning during the month of July.



## MASS INTENTIONS 4A

Saturday	06/08/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Betty Marcucci
Sunday	06/09/19/Pentecost Sunday
08:00am	Grand Mound/Dennis Schrader
10:30am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter
Monday	06/10/19 No Mass
Tuesday	06/11/19/Grand Mound
08:00am	Richard Nichols
Wednesday	06/12/19
10:00am	Wheatland Manor/Residents of Manor
05:00pm	Grand Mound/Rueben Montanez
Thursday	06/13/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm	Esther Benischek
Friday	06/14/19
08:00am	Oxford Junction/Mary Kleineck
Saturday	06/15/19/Toronto
05:00pm	Dean Schneider
Sunday	06/16/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Maher Family
10:00am	Oxford Junction/ Monk&Marguerite Coon

### The Pilot and the Priest And the Holy Spirit

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in aviator sunglasses, Hawaiian shirt, leather bomber jacket, cowboy boots, and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, 'Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven ?

The guy replies, 'I'm Jack, retired airline pilot from Chicago.' Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, 'Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom.' The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out in his sermon voice, 'I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's in Florida for the last 43 years.

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, 'Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom. 'Just a minute,' says the Priest. 'That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?

'Up here - we go by results,' says Saint Peter. 'When you preached - people slept. When the Pilot flew an airliner jet, people prayed.'



- **Our Lady of Holy Rosary:** Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek.
- **SS Philip & James Church:** Austin Flammang, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Chris Forret, Betty Forret
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, John & Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy.



### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES Readings for the week of June 9, 2019

- Sunday: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,341 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23
- Monday: Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Mt 5:33-37
- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/ Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

### Observances for the week of June 9, 2019

- Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
- Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua
- Friday:
- Saturday:
- Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day