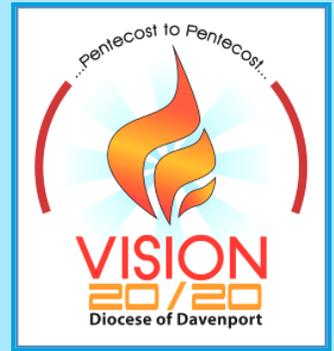


Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of  
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish  
Lost Nation & Toronto  
Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction  
Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound



July 21, 2019— Sow Bountifully — Reap Bountifully

The point is this:

whoever  
SOWS  
SPARINGLY

will also  
REAP  
SPARINGLY,



and whoever  
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will also  
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2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Father Francis  
Lil'O Corner

**Peace of the Lord be with you:** Dear parishioners, thank for you all you do for the Church in our cluster. Let us continue in our service to the Lord, our reward shall be great in heaven!

**Annual Leave:** As you know, I start my annual leave on Thursday, July 26. I will return, God willing, on August 19. My time away provides an opportunity, among other things, to visit my family in Ghana and to be part of some family events. Whiles in Ghana, I will be visiting the *Wells for Ghana project*. I will be part of the official opening of wells that have been completed. Expect to be updated when I return. Another very important thing on my agenda is to visit my Archbishop back home to update him about my ministry and studies here in Iowa. Thanks for praying for safe travels!

**Some cluster arrangements:**

- We will not have Daily Mass and parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at nearby parishes.
- Deacon Mike will have communion service on Tuesday at 8.00am
- In the event of needing anointing of the sick, please call Deacon Mike (for regular sick visits), he'll arrange with deanery priests to administer the sacrament to you.
- For all other very important concerns, please contact our parish secretaries, they'll help you get answers.

**Guest priests to the cluster:** While I am gone, the following priests will be coming to our cluster to celebrate with us, please enjoy them, and appreciate their priestly service in our midst:

- Fr. Bill Kneemiller-for the weekend of July 27/28
- Fr. Denis Hatungimana-for the weekend of August 3/4
- Fr. Bob McAlaar-the weekend of August 10/11
- Food for the Poor preacher-the weekend of August 17/18

**Upcoming events:**

- Grand Mound will host Bishop Zinkula for the 50th anniversary jubilee Mass and rededication of the Church on Sunday, August 25. Please mark it on your calendars!
- Lost Nation is hosting *From Farm to Table fundraiser* event on the Sunday of August 25, please make time to visit us.
- **Save The Date:** Leadership retreat for all cluster leadership teams (Pastoral, Finance, Trustees, Lectors, Eucharistic Minister) is scheduled for Sunday September 8.

**Appreciation:** I thank Russ and Diana Scott for taking care of my air ticket to Ghana and back. A special thank you to the donors for the Wells project currently going on in Ghana.

I wish you God's blessings and peace!

Fr. Francis Odoom

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**The Power of Giving and the Joy of Helping Others:** We all know how great it feels to receive gifts. However, the joy of getting is short-lived. Our lives are richer when we share, and that inner joy comes from helping others to better their lives. Truly giving from the heart fills your life with joy and nourishes your soul. Giving provides an intrinsic reward that's far more valuable than the gift. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "To find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others."

Giving takes you out of yourself and allows you to expand beyond earthly limitations. True joy lies in the act of giving without an expectation of receiving something in return. Mother Teresa is a famous example. She found fulfillment in giving of herself to others. She helped change the expression on dying people's faces from distress and fear to calmness and serenity. She made their undeniable pain a little easier to bear.

When you're focused on giving to others, you're less likely to become consumed by your own concerns and challenges. Giving provides an opportunity to look beyond our own world and see the bigger picture. A great perspective can be achieved by stepping out of our own world and venturing into the world of other people. Your worries and challenges may not seem as significant when compared to other people's situations.

If you find yourself feeling unhappy, try making someone else happy and see what happens. If you're feeling empty and unfulfilled, try doing some meaningful and worthwhile work and see how you feel. The catch is that you must do this work with passion and enthusiasm.

It's the joy and love that we extend to others that brings true happiness or union with God. When we give, we reap the joy of seeing a bright smile, laughter, tears of joy and gratitude for life. We know that if people give just a little more—of their time, skills, knowledge, wisdom, compassion, wealth and love—the world would be a more peaceful and healthier place.

If you want to have happiness, you need to give happiness. If you want love, you need to give love. It is only in giving that you receive. No matter what your circumstances in life, you have the ability to give. The gift of joy will come to you when you give of yourself to others.

Fr. Tommy Lane

## PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

### NEWS AND EVENTS



FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE  
Please forward all bulletin information to Colleen Burke beginning July 21. Diana will be gone until 08/15/2019.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Father Francis will be taking annual leave from July 25–August 19. He will be visiting his family in Ghana, meeting the new Bishop of Diocese of Ghana, and oversee the Project of Hope water wells project. Contributions from our cluster parishes have funded the installation of water wells.

During Father's absence, there will be no daily Mass in our cluster parishes.

A priest stands alone before the congregation and sees 150 different faces and personalities. We all sit staring and expect that each of our individual concerns and personalities be fulfilled. Keep in mind that we are not perfect yet expect perfection from Priests. Isn't that what Pharisees did to Jesus when he preached? It is good to appreciate and recognize our priests, especially those who go over and above their parish boundaries to be our Shepherd. May the good Lord continue to bless our priests in their ministry. Gently welcome visiting priests during Father Francis absence.

#### SS Philip & James Church Grand Mound

#### School Supplies Collection

The Social Action committee annual collection of school supplies is underway until Sunday, August 18 as school begins on August 23. These items will be distributed to the Calamus-Wheatland and Ekstrand Community elementary schools. A basket is located in the vestibule.

#### July Landscaping Committee

- Bryan & Heather Whitman
- Terri Fischer



"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared."  
Exodus 23:20

Though we may not see them or know they are there, angels are watching over us, transporting blessings into our lives. **Pat Nichols**, an angel in our midst, who lovingly quietly, and faithfully kept the blessed blue candle burning bright for 3 years, – helped the Forret Family during the illness and passing of Chris Forret. Pat, we are grateful for your gentle presence and kindness; the Forret Family will always be grateful and will remember. God Bless You Pat.



We will celebrate the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, grandparents of Jesus, at 8:00 am Mass on Tuesday, July 23. All Grand-

parents are invited and encouraged to attend Mass followed by a Coffee Cake breakfast in the church hall.

#### Fall Religious Ed Program

All children Ages 4 years thru 8th Grade are invited to attend our Religious Ed Program. Classes will begin in September. In order for us to plan for the year ahead, please call or text Maureen Schrader @ 563-659-9545 and provide the name and grade of your children.



Surely, you have "general photos of past priests, resurrection of the current building, gatherings of our parish in the past

50 years? A church anniversary is a reason to celebrate that focus' on the historical life of the church. Please contact a committee member and forward a copy for them to display on August 25<sup>th</sup> Committee members are Paul Rock, Joe Dierickx, Diane Skinner, and Camilla Lancaster.

If you have not returned your RSVP by now, you must not be reading the bulletin or interested in participating. It is important you return the RSVP by August 1 as an accurate head count for catering purposes is critical.

#### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

We are in need of helpers and food donations for the Farm to Table festival (Sunday Aug. 25, 4:00-6:30) please sign up in back of LN or Toronto location. Please think about what you can donate to the Farmers Market tent (fresh produce, baked goods, home canning, craft items) on Aug.25.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will be collecting school supplies during July and August. Toronto school items will be for the Calamus Wheatland School District and Lost Nation will be collecting for Midland School District.

#### Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

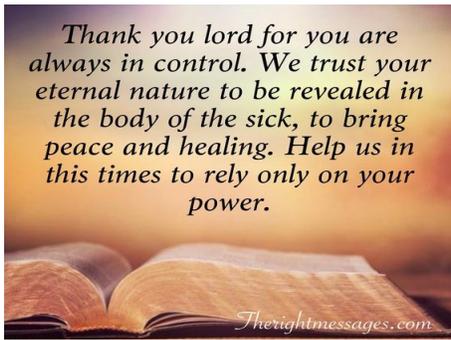
The sign-up sheet for August liturgy ministries is in the hallway. We encourage you to sign up if you have a certain weekend you wish to serve. Karen is working on the August schedule. Thanks for all your help in volunteering and signing up. If there are slots not filled, Karen will be assigning those jobs.

Bible School will be held at our church, July 29-July 31, 6:00-8:00 pm. We encourage our kids, grades K-6 to attend and invite their friends from the other churches. We would appreciate it older kids and families could help. Contact Stacy Agnitsch or Cheri Ruley if you would be interested in helping.

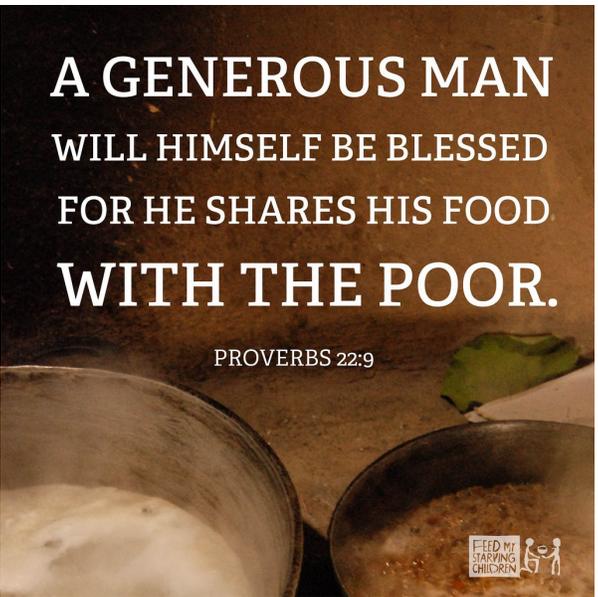
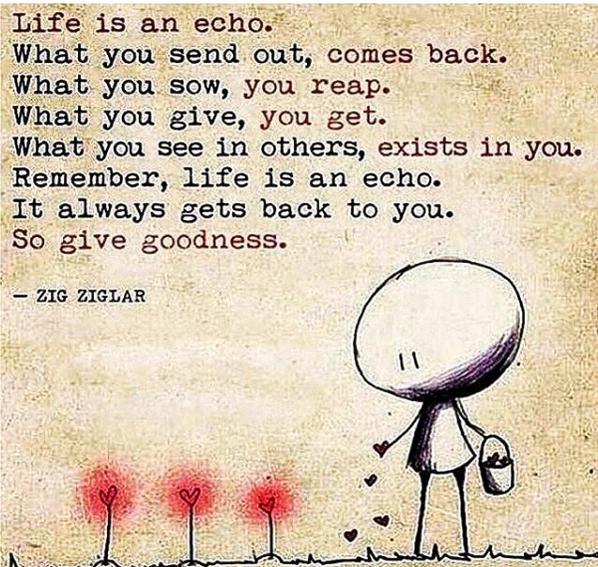
Fr. Francis will take his annual leave from July 26th to August 19th. This allows him to visit his family in Ghana, visit the Diocese of Ghana in addition to supervise work on the Wells project which were funded with donations from our cluster.

In his absence, let us warmly welcome other guest priests from the diocese. Priests are the hardest working members of the church. Please take time to wish Father Francis safe travels and pray for his safe return. For your information, a schedule of priests is on each door of the church.

Our annual church festival is coming up September 15 at the Legionnaire. It's not too soon to begin thinking about silent auction items, as this has really been a popular segment of the day. Kolaches will be baked on September 14. This is a very important money-making project for our parish.



- **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
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, John & Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy and Barb Denniston



## MASS INTENTIONS 4A

Saturday	07/20/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Daniel Lange
Sunday	07/21/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Viola Syslo
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter
Monday	07/22/19 No Mass
Tuesday	07/23/19/Grand Mound
08:00am	Holy Name Society
Wednesday	07/24/19
10:00am	Wheatland Manor/Residents of Manor
05:00pm	Grand Mound/Richard Nichols family
Thursday	07/25/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	07/26/19/Oxford Junction
08:00am	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	07/27/19
05:00pm	Toronto/Dean Schneider
Sunday	07/28/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Ray Denahy
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter

### COME TO THE QUIET: The Way of Patience:

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat at 2664 145th Avenue in Wheatland is offering a one day program by Pat Shea on Tuesday, July 23rd from 9:30am to 3:30 pm. In the dark times, when we are mourning a loss, (Blessed are they that mourn) it is through the way of patience we shall be comforted. Fee is \$20 and includes a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To register, please call 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com.

### Readings for the week of July 21

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

