

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the students who received the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation on April 15!

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Grace Kluesner

Chloe Lucas

Serena Nelson

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Jack Walsh

John Paul Weber

MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am* & 11:00am

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 Noon
Tuesday: 5:30pm
Thursday: 8:00am

**8:30 Mass Live Streamed on YouTube*

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April 18, 2021



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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/ Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/ Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 19

Noon - Scott Gulyash & Nicole Nees †

Tuesday, April 20

5:30pm - Margaret Vaessen †

Wednesday, April 21

Noon - Rev. Richard Schaefer †

Thursday, April 22

8:00am - Tania McClain †

Friday, April 23

Noon - Dorothy LaPointe †

Saturday, April 24

5:00pm - Mary Norpel †

Sunday, April 25

8:30am - Daryl Seiler †

11:00am - For the People of the Parish

STAFF CORNER



Bill Biver

Deacon

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In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Luke's account of Jesus meeting the disciples in the locked room in Jerusalem after the Resurrection. It is, in some ways, similar to John's account, as we heard in last Sunday's Gospel.

Perhaps the greatest similarity is the fact that Jesus is the one taking the initiative to grace them, unworthy though they are, with the gift of his presence. His greeting is similar: "Peace be with you!" In it, we see Jesus, not at all accusing or condemning the disciples of their past cowardice and abandonment of him, or their present fears. He is joyful to be with them and to re-assure them of his love, mercy, and forgiveness. He could have demanded an apology from them as we so often feel that we need to do before we can totally forgive someone and move on in a relationship in which we have been hurt.

But in extending unconditional forgiveness, Jesus is affirming for us that true forgiveness does not have to depend upon apologies. He's reminding us that when we've been hurt by someone, that our need to forgive is not so much for the sake of the one who has hurt us, but for the sake of ourselves. When we've been hurt by someone, our clinging to anger, bitterness, resentment, and other ill-feelings only adds to what we are already suffering. God desires that we forgive because he does not want us to hurt ourselves even more than we are already hurt. His desire is always to lead us to healing.

In this, we gain a better understanding of what Jesus meant when he told Peter that we must forgive hurt and wrongs seven times seventy-seven times; in other words, limitlessly. In simple terms, holding onto unforgiveness in our hearts only worsens what we have already experienced at the hands of others. Unforgiveness is the biggest obstacle to healing that there is. Thus, God has such a bitter distaste for it in everyone.

So as Jesus continues to reveal his mercy to us for the forgiveness of our sins, may the Holy Spirit give us the grace this week to forgive or at least to will to forgive anyone and everyone who has ever hurt us. In receiving this grace, we will find ourselves feeling more whole, more alive, and filled with more freedom to share the love of Christ with others. As they experience our sharing of the gift of undeserved forgiveness with them, they too will hopefully encounter the risen presence of Jesus and pay forward the gift of healing to others.

The healing touch of Jesus be with you!

Deacon Bill

5 Things to Know This Week

1 First Communion

Saturday, April 24

After All Masses

Please keep our First Communion students in your prayers this week. They will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this coming Saturday!



2 Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, May 2

Food Pick-Up starts at 12:00pm The Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker is May 1! We're celebrating with a \$10 take-out chicken dinner from Morocco Supper Club! If you remember last October's Parish Festival, we'll have things set up the same way. Be sure to call 563-588-1433 to reserve your meal!



3 Earth Day Resources

Thursday, April 22

This Thursday is Earth Day. Each of us is called to care for our planet, our shared home. To learn more, check out the resources at usccb.org/environment



4 Face Coverings

Thank you for wearing your mask! Remember, we wear these not only for our safety but also for the safety of those around us. Please make sure your mask covers both your mouth *and* nose. We ask that everyone over the age of 2 wears a mask when in the church.



5 Year of St. Joseph Resources

Pope Francis has made 2021 the Year of St. Joseph! For some resources to help you celebrate this special year, check out the following reflections!



usml.edu/bishop-joseph-perry-year-of-saint-joseph/

usml.edu/jennifer-reid-year-of-saint-joseph/

usml.edu/cardinal-blase-cupich-year-of-saint-joseph/

AROUND THE PARISH

Vacation Bible School

VBS is in the works! Mark your calendar for July 12-16 when kids will become **Geologists for Jesus: Dig into St. Joseph!** Since Pope Francis declared this year to be the Year of St. Joseph, we thought we'd dig a little deeper into Joseph and his family tree. We'll find about Joseph and Mary, Boaz and Ruth, King David, and of course, Jesus. We'll hear great bible stories, sing some songs, dabble in making some crafts, and have snacks. Registration forms are now available at theworker.org/vbs/



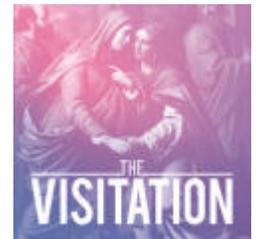
Spiritual Adoption Prayer Cards

Spiritual Adoption Prayer cards from Dubuque County Right to Life are in the back of the church with a prayer that Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote to help save babies from abortion. Simply take a card, choose a name for the baby you adopt and pray for this baby for nine months. You may never meet your spiritually adopted baby, but God knows who you are praying for. This is a beautiful prayer to pray each day with your family. Imagine all the babies we could save from abortion if we all pray this prayer daily.



Gifts of the Visitation Project

Sign up today for the Gifts of the Visitation Project! The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) have designed this wonderful program for women in the parish based on the bond between Mary and Elizabeth that we read about in Luke 1:39-45. We'll be forming small groups to go through this 8 week program, which will begin immediately after Easter and go through Pentecost. This is also a project that you can do on your own if you choose. It is easily accessed through the Archdiocesan website and can be found on the ACCW page. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Sirianni at the parish office (588-1433 or a.sirianni@dbqarch.org)



JOIN US IN WELCOMING

Newly Baptized

Jade Michelle Hamilton child of John & Michelle

If you would like to have your child baptized or would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation as an adult, call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433.

IN OTHER NEWS

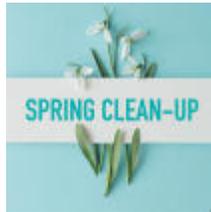
Rose Bouquet Sale

Make this Mother's Day extra special for someone you care about! On this day we remember all the sacrifices mothers have made throughout their lives to help their children grow and develop into adulthood. What a beautiful way to honor your mother, wife, or a special woman in your life with a beautiful bouquet of roses that she will love! Rose bouquets (12 roses) can be purchased from Dubuque County Right to Life for \$25. Please stop by DCRTL (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque) or call (563-556-5960) by 3:30pm on Tuesday, April 20 to order a bouquet. If ordered, you can pick up your bouquet on May 7 from 11:00am-4:00pm at the DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Rd.)



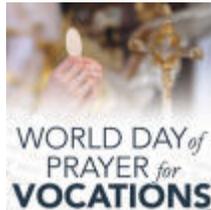
Spring Clean-Up for Mr. Calvary & Mt. Olivet Cemeteries

The annual Spring Clean-up will begin on Monday, April 19, and run through Friday, April 23. Please remove all items and decorations you wish to save no later than Sunday April 18. All items not removed will be discarded. Cemetery Management requests that no decorations or plantings be placed on grave sites until Saturday, April 24. Check Cemetery Regulations before placing decorations to avoid losing items that do not conform.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 25

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is coming up Sunday, April 25, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



Join the Holy Family Team

Holy Family Catholic Schools are seeking first- and second-shift custodians, early childhood associates, coaches and teachers. If you are interested in joining a welcoming and supportive community, consider a career with Holy Family Catholic Schools. Benefits available to full-time employees include generous paid time-off, benefit dollars and tuition remission for K-12 programming. Group insurance plans are also available. Please consider joining in this very important mission. You can explore Holy Family's variety of opportunities at holyfamilydbq.org/careers.



Where in your life is repentance needed?



Spring is a time of new beginnings. Plants start growing, songbirds start singing, and the air seems abuzz with new life.

Easter marks a new beginning as well. When He rose from the dead, Jesus gave us the promise of new life with God.

We are approaching another new beginning now. As more people get vaccinated, a new post-pandemic life is getting closer.

What will we do with this new life? How will we be different than we were before?

Join us this Easter as we celebrate new beginnings and learn to embrace opportunities to live our lives renewed in Jesus!

We'd love to reconnect in person or, if you're unable to gather with us in church, join us online for 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass live on our YouTube channel.

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Our New Normal

WORSHIP AID - SELECTED PRAYERS

Gloria

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.

Nicene Creed

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.

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