March 21, 2021

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:24

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MASS INTENTIONS

St. Luke and Sacred Heart
Week of March 22-28, 2021

Mar 22			**No Daily Mass**
Mar 23	**7:30 AM**	**SH**	**Eldon Funke**
	5:00 PM	**SH**	**Alvina Grief**
Mar 24	**8:00 AM**	**SL**	**Alice Russ**
Mar 25	**10:00 AM**	**SH**	**Joseph & Germaine McElmeel**
	5:00 PM	**SL**	**Michael Mahoney**
Mar 26	**8:00 AM**	**SL**	**Harold & Selma Schlimmer**
Mar 27	**5:00 PM**	**SH**	**Linda Schatz**
Mar 28	**8:30 AM**	**SH**	**Evelyn Reuter**
	10:30 AM	**SL**	**For the People of St. Luke & Sacred Heart**

Reconciliation
Contact Father Paul for an appointment

Matrimony & Baptism
Contact Father Paul

New Members
Call parish secretaries to register.

Thoughts from Fr. Paul

I had some questions posed to me this past week about the Johnson and Johnson vaccine so I thought it appropriate to share the statement from the Archbishop. This is also posted on the Archdiocesan website at dbqarch.org and on our joint website and Facebook page.

Fr. Paul

March 4, 2021

Originally, it didn't seem necessary to make a statement about the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine; any message would be essentially the same as what was said in December 2020 regarding the other vaccines.

However, some Catholics are a little confused about whether they may receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. So, some clarification is called for:

If Catholics are given a choice about which COVID vaccine to receive, they should choose the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines over the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Why?

Because Johnson and Johnson used cell lines from the fetal tissue of an aborted baby in the production of its vaccine, whereas Pfizer and Moderna used them only for lab testing.

It's a subtle distinction. All three companies used those ethically compromised cell lines; it's just that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, because they made only limited use, are further removed from the evil of abortion than is the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

However, if Catholics are not given a choice about which vaccine to receive, it is morally acceptable for them to use the Johnson and Johnson vaccine against the serious health risk of the coronavirus.

In this regard, it appears that, at present, and for the foreseeable future, no one is being offered a choice of vaccines.

Besides, as stated above, right now there isn't a COVID vaccine available that didn't use those abortion-derived cell lines in design, development, production, and/or lab testing.

So, if Catholics have the opportunity to get vaccinated, and aren't given a choice of vaccines, they should gratefully receive whatever is available; the sooner, the better.

The common good of protecting the public health against a contagious and potentially deadly virus takes precedence over any reservations Catholics might have about being treated with any of the available vaccines.

Most Rev. Michael O. Jackels
Archbishop of Dubuque

Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tues: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31 42

Thurs: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Observances for the week of March 21, 2021

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

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School News

***Scrip cards** are still available by call or text to Kristy Hoeger @ 563-564-1166. Since we are unable to have Scrip Mass sales at this time, orders will be due the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month by 8pm. Orders can also be placed online www.shopwithscrip.com with easy, no contact pick up in Monticello. Thank you for your continued support of Sacred Heart School through our Scrip program.*

Dates To Remember

March 15 – 19	Spring Break
March 25	Birthday Mass & lunch for March & July Birthdays

Looking Ahead

March 30	Parent Teacher Conferences

BINGO – *and Bingo is our name oh!!* The Booster club has had to cancel several of our fundraisers this year so --- **Sunday, March 28 – Noon – 2:00 p.m. – BINGO @ the Eagles Club – open to all** – tell your family & friends – safety guidelines followed - Lunch will be available – FUN for all ages!! More details to come. **Mark Your Calendars!**

Lenten Stations of the Cross: Grades 4, 5, & 6 will pray the Stations of the Cross in church at 2:30 on Friday March 26 and on April 10 at 10:30 a.m. This is not open to the public.

ACovid-19 status update @ Sacred Heart School

Below is our weekly COVID-19 update. In regard to reporting, please note that we are no longer allowed to report the number of students or staff in quarantine or self isolating if the number is between 1-5. If we have between 1-5 students or staff in one of those categories you will see the following symbol, ***. If there are 0, 6, or more staff or students in a category then an actual number will be given.

Current # of students quarantined: 0
Current # of students isolated: 0
Current # of staff isolated: 0
Current # of staff quarantined: 0

Volunteers Needed!

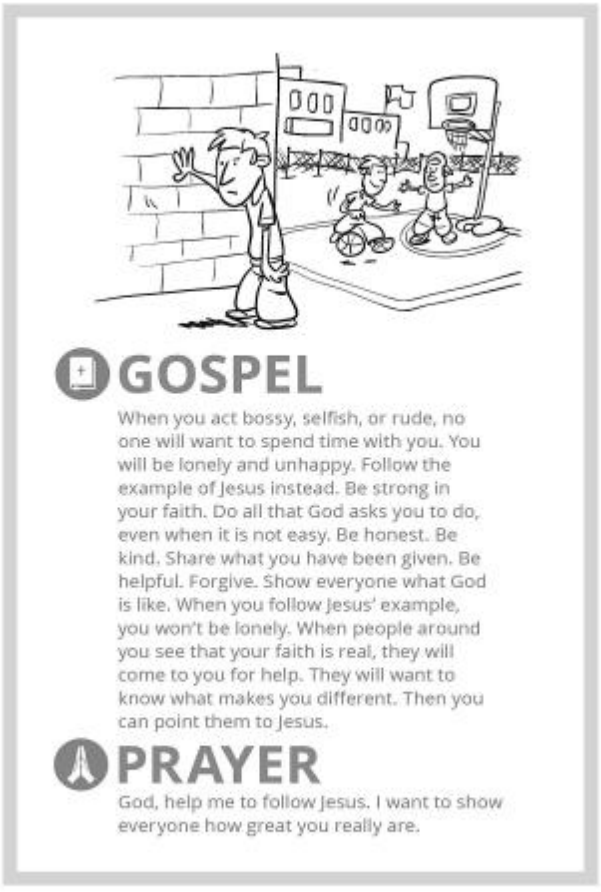
The parish guild needs volunteers for the Drive Thru Fish Fry on March 26th.

March 24th Wednesday 1pm- Prep
March 25th Thursday 1:30pm- Prep
March 26th Friday 1:30pm- Set Up
Friday 4:30- Fish Fry
Friday 7pm- clean up
Newman Hall

Please call the parish office and leave a message or email Leah Kremer at leah.kremer@aol.com with any help you are able to offer.

Sacred Heart Church
FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR
Week of March 7 Week 36

Adult Sunday Budget	$ 8,894.00
Youth Envelopes	$
Offertory	$ 110.00
TOTAL	$ 9,004.00
Weekly Budget	$ 5,894.00
WEEKLY SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**$ 3,110.00**
FYTD Budget	$ 212,184.00
FYTD Actual	$ 217,527.65
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**$ 5,343.65**
Easter	**100.00**
Church Renovation Debt	
Loan Balance as of 3/1/21	$ 159,083.89
Payments	$
Current Loan Balance	$ 159,083.89
Duplex Debt Duplex	
Loan balance as of 3/1/21	$ 93,732.43
Payments	$
Current loan balance	$ 93,732.43



ST. LUKE CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR

Week of March 7 Week 36

Adult Sunday Budget & ACH	$	813.00
Offertory	$	30.00
Total	$	843.00
Weekly Budget	$	1,086.54
Surplus (Deficit)	$	(243.54)
FYTD Budget	$	39,115.38
YTD Actual	$	42,075.99
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	$	2,960.61

Thank You from Catholic Charities *- These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2021 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to http:// www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.*

Lets Face the Facts & Tell the Truth about Abortion

* We are told that we should not tell a woman when to have a child. Abortion is not about children who might come into the world, but it is about children who are already in the world, living and growing~ in the mother's womb. When a woman is pregnant she already has the child. The only thing to be decided is whether she will have a live or a dead baby.

* We are also told that we should not interfere with a woman's "relationship" with her doctor. The fact is that in the vast majority of abortions, the expectant mother meets the abortionist for the first time about five minutes before the abortion. There is no relationship!

* Abortion is not about "a woman making a decision about her own body". The child in the mother's womb is a separate, human being with its own heartbeat, DNA, blood type and finger prints. About 50% of the time; the child is not even the same gender!

* The vast majority of abortions are done as a form of birth control because the baby is "inconvenient", "too expensive" or a "burden", Very few abortions have anything to do with the health of the mother and less than 1 % is performed as a result of rape or incest**.** Pro-Life Articles

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Calendar for Sacred Heart Religious Education

Grades First, Third, fourth & Fifth

March 31st

Grades: Seventh, Eighth & Ninth

March 24th

Easter Memorial for deceased relative or friend

Would you like to remember a deceased relative or friend with a contribution of $10 for the purchase of Easter flowers or green plants? The Easter Memorial maybe placed in an envelope marked EASTER MEMORIAL FOR _____ Then dropped in the collection boxes or sent to your parish office no later than Wednesday March 29th to be included in the bulletin insert the weekend of Easter Sunday.

Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land, many who depend on this collection for their lives. The annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peas and also to help protect the Holy Places. Please be generous.

Sara Bradley from Sacred Heart passed away on March 10th. Please keep her husband, Marc in your prayers.

Dennis Russell, father of Eric (Jane) Russell from Sacred Heart passed away on March 13th. Please keep his wife Patsy and their family in your prayers.

Paul Jamieson from Sacred Heart passed away on March 14th. Please keep his wife Luanus and their family in your prayers.

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