



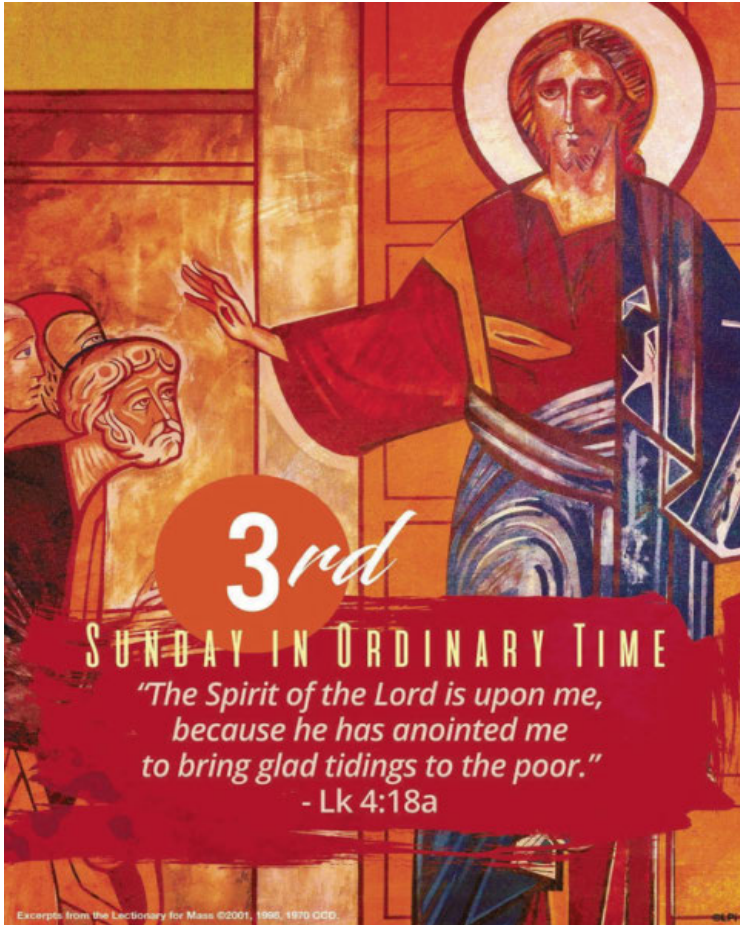
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1986, 1970 CCD.

Welcome

Please welcome to St. John the Baptist:
Owen and Kalli Brehm and Alfred

BAPTISM CLASS—If you are having your first child baptized, please sign up to attend a Baptism class. The next class will be held on **Thursday, February 17** at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center, Epworth. Contact Lynne McDermott at 876.5540 to register.

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

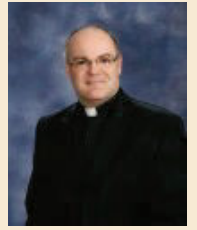
So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



Kurt Richard, brother of Tony Richard
of St. John the Baptist

FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we begin our continuous reading from the gospel of Luke. Luke will be our main focus most of this liturgical year, until Advent begins at the end of November. Luke is believed to have been written sometime between 70-80 AD and is believed to have had access to Mark's gospel as he uses large parts of it in his own text. Luke is one of two gospels that contains a story of the birth of Jesus; and has some unique stories (The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son) that are not in any of the other gospels. This weekend we hear the story of Jesus returning to his hometown, Nazareth, where he joins the community for worship in the synagogue. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and follows it up with proclaiming to the people that "this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



Other items to note:

- The church is beginning a process called a **synod**, a meeting of clergy and laity, to set the future direction of the church, worldwide as well as local. In our local church, the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Archbishop Jackels is seeking input from various groups and parishes to set a course for future direction. The phrase **vitality of parishes** has been used often in communication with the priests to help guide the discussion. Vitality does not simply refer to financial vitality, i.e. can we pay our bills, but how are people engaged with their parish and the missions they support. A survey will be available the first week of February to help guide the discussion. Most will complete this online, but paper copies will be available as well.
- I'm going to Arizona this week to visit my parents, just in time as the weather is turning cold.



The family of Deacon Jim Kean wishes to extend sincere gratitude and appreciation for all that his parish community has done in support of him and his family over the years, and during this difficult time of loss. We can't thank you all enough for making his send off a true celebration of his life. God Bless you all!

We're hiring! St. Elizabeth Pastorate and Seton Catholic School is looking for a full or part-time cleaning person. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, cleaning bathrooms, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, and taking out trash. Full-time position offers flexible hours and benefits. No nights or weekends! Please contact Chad Lukes for more information at 563-876-5540 or c.lukes@dbqarch.org.



Sr. Benjamin Duschner has recently retired from her position as Minister of Care at the St. Elizabeth Pastorate. Sr. Benjamin has worked many years as a teacher and principal at Seton Catholic School. Sister has been visiting and bringing communion, as well as making phone calls to the homebound and sick. Her vibrant personality and compassion has brought joy and comfort to many. It has been a blessing to have Sister in our community. We wish you many blessings and good health! Enjoy your retirement!



Join us as the **That Man is You!** program continues on Saturday mornings through April 16. **That Man is You!** is a popular Catholic Men's program that we have hosted in our pastorate for eight years running. The program is ideal for men who have a desire to constantly improve in their roles as husbands, fathers, grandfathers, and single men in the church. Men who want their marriages, family and church to be superabundant! Join us for a weekly boost in faith and a helping hand if needed. Join us on Saturday mornings from 7:00 - 8:30 for a hot breakfast followed by video presentation and small group discussion. For more information, contact Ron Brosius at 563-590-7310, Mike Capek at 563-542-7740 or Mike Sullivan at 563-495-2262.

The next collection sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Social Justice Committee will be the Baby Bundle collection. This will be held on the weekends of January 22/23 and 29/30. Bins will be available at the entrances of all five churches. The products donated will be given to Clarity Clinic and Mary's Inn, both in Dubuque. Items needed include boys clothes--newborn to 18 months, boy coats size 2 and 4, formula of any kind, diapers and wipes, baby socks, girls clothes size 2, and gift cards to Walmart or Walgreens. For more information, contact LaVonne Wilgenbusch at 563-876-3157 or Sue Webber at 563-590-9190.



TIME AND TALENT

St. Clement—Three circle leaders spent 16 hours preparing and cleaning for Jim Wolf's funeral dinner. Many other people helped at the dinner and helped clean-up after.

St. Patrick—Seven people gave 15 hours of time practicing and singing for Coletta McDermott's funeral.

St. Joseph—Four people gave a total of 10 hours taking down and putting away Christmas decorations.

St. John, Peosta—Each week three people give 3.75 hours to counting the weekend collection.

St. John, Placid—Each month, one parishioner gives one hour of time to picking up and delivering Seton Scrip.

FINANCE

Stewardship Giving for Jan. 16

St. Clement	\$1,807
St. Joseph	\$4,147
St. Patrick	\$3,715
St. John, Peosta	\$7,783
St. John, Placid	\$2,811

Growth & Improvement for Jan. 16

St. Patrick	\$ 40
St. Joseph	\$1,000
St. John, Peosta	\$ 40
St. John, Placid	\$ 40

Debt to the Archdiocese as of December 31, 2021

St. Clement	\$57,556.40
St. Patrick	\$99,418.20

ST. CLEMENT—BANKSTON NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for December 2021 was \$14,110.00 from 58 out of 219 parishioner families. This income is up by \$1,870.12 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

ST. PATRICK - EPWORTH NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for December 2021 was \$17,200.00 from 143 out of 530 parishioner families. This income is down by \$18,738.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.



We all have so much to pray for, and Eucharistic Adoration is the perfect time to be one-on-one in Jesus' presence and feel His peace and love. It would be wonderful if we could have more people sign up for

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday mornings at St. Patrick! We are so blessed to have this opportunity available to us. Anyone wanting to sign up for an hour can contact Judy Lester at 876-3000.

ST. JOSEPH - FARLEY NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for December 2021 was \$39,531.05 from 180 out of 654 parishioner families. This income is up by \$1,615.05 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

ST. JOHN - PEOSTA NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for December 2021 was \$42,538.17 from 260 out of 774 parishioner families. This income is up by \$5,827.50 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for December 2021 was \$13,539.00 from 65 out of 209 parishioner families. This income is down by \$2,089.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

Church Cleaning—Abby McDermott, Donna Strief, Sarah Hosch, Daniella Dupont, Molly David and Jessica Young.



WEEKLY ROSARY

Farley

Jan. 29 at 4:00 PM—Volunteer
Jan. 30 at 9:00 AM—Volunteer



Peosta

Jan. 23 at 9:00 AM—Kevin & Kelly Clemens

The Dubuque Area Vocation Association (DAVA) invites EVERYONE, particularly students in grades 6-12 and their families, to our biennial *Faith on Fire* program with Fr. Tim Anastos at the Kehl Center, Clarke University on Wednesday, February 2 at 6:45 PM. **Faith on Fire** is a program to help young people recognize the importance of "being on fire" with their Catholic faith as they consider various vocational choices and the direction their lives will take in the future. Students must be accompanied by parents and/or religious education teachers. The presentation is open to the public and there is no admission cost. For more information contact: Mr. Len Uhal (luhal@dwci.edu)



Please pray for: Duane Ostwinkle, Bud Steppan, Pat Simon, Jolene Stelken, Mike Vandermillen, Jeff Maiers, Oliver Schmitt, Jan Connolly, Amy Niemer, Mark Klostermann, Don Hermsen, Tom Coyle, Pat Kennedy, Elise Wischmeyer, Cindy Mueller, Kenneth Neumann, Laverne Erdmann, Helen Clemens, Mary Mormann, Betty McPoland, Kathy Kean, Joan Demmer, Max Elliott, Esther Brehm, Joe Kopp, Nancy Petsche, John Smith and Brian Ties.

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WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022



Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tues: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thurs: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/
 Mk 4:21-25
Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7,
 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Jan. 24	St. Francis de Sales	
8:00 AM	Peosta	† Joseph & Margaret Waddick
		RECONCILIATION at Peosta 8:30-9:00 AM
		ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 8:00 PM
Tue., Jan. 25	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Joan & Kevin Lawler & Steve Barton
8:45 AM	Seton School- Peosta	† Rita Riniker
Wed., Jan. 26	Sts. Timothy and Titus	
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Betty Dolter
8:45 AM	Farley	† Verna Greenwood (Birthday)
		ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 12:00 noon for vocations
		ADORATION with RECONCILIATION at Placid 8:30-10:00 PM
Thu., Jan. 27	St. Angela Merici	
6:30 AM	Placid	Special Intention
8:00 AM	Epworth	† Fred Kramer, Vince & Mary McDermott Family
		RECONCILIATION at Epworth 8:30-9:00 AM
		ADORATION at Epworth following Mass until 12:00 noon
Fri., Jan. 28	St. Thomas Aquinas	
8:00 AM	Bankston	† Rev. Tom McAndrew
8:00 AM	Farley	† Steve "Punk" Georgen
		ADORATION at Bankston 7:00-8:00 AM, RECONCILIATION 7:15-7:45 AM
		ADORATION at Farley following Mass until 11:30 AM
Sat., Jan. 29		
4:00 PM	Farley	† Leona Wegmann
4:00 PM	Peosta	† Clem Schmitt (Birthday)
4:00 PM	Placid	For the People of the Pastorate
		RECONCILIATION at Farley 3:15 PM-3:45 PM
Sun., Jan. 30	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM	Epworth	† Fred & Delores Hosch
9:00 AM	Bankston	† Larry Clements
9:00 AM	Epworth	† Dutch Nauman, Melvin & Irene Casey
9:00 AM	Farley	† Gerald Kluesner (Anniv.) & Chris Hefel
9:00 AM	Peosta	† Don Dougherty
9:00 AM	Placid	Esther Brehm



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: For pre-baptismal preparation or to schedule a baptism, contact Lynne McDermott. At least one parent must be a registered and practicing member of the pastorate.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastorate office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. At least one of the parties must be a registered member of the pastorate.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is considering joining the Catholic Church or inquiring about the Faith, please call the pastorate office.

PASTORATE PRAYER LINE

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