







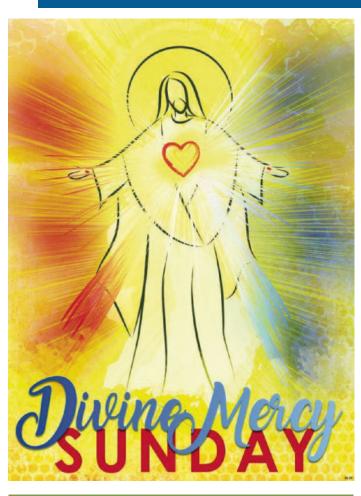


# ST. ELIZABETH PASTORATE

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We extend our sympathy to the family of David Ludwig, brother of Ellen O'Connell of St. Clement.

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question**: Who was the first apostle to perform a miracle in Jesus' name?

Answer: Saint Peter

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!

The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon (sponsored by Knights of Columbus) is on display at St. Patrick Church, Epworth until Sunday, April 24. The St. Joseph Icon is following the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis and inspired by his apostolic letter Patris Corde. There will be a prayer service and scripture rosary at 4:00 PM in St. Patrick Church on Sunday, April 24. All are invited to attend.

#### **Family Adoration**

There will be Family Adoration/Family Holy Hour every Monday from 6:00-7:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta. Bring your families to pray and worship together!





Everyone is invited to attend a Holy Hour for a greater respect for life every 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:00 PM at St. John the Baptist, Peosta. Please join us **April 28** to pray for all life.

#### FROM THE PASTOR

He is Risen! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. The Easter season continues for seven weeks. Easter is not a one day event or even confined to a season; Easter is a daily event. Our gospel this weekend finds the disciples locked in the upper room, afraid they will be crucified next for their association with Jesus. However, fear turns to courage when they encounter the Risen Lord and he offers them his peace. The Second Sunday of Easter is also Divine Mercy Sunday. May the Lord's mercy and peace always be with us.



#### Other items to note:

- First Communion liturgies begin this weekend and will continue for the next several weeks. We are having separate liturgies, outside of the regular Sunday mass, to accommodate the guests and visitors who will join us. Pray for our young people receiving the sacrament for the first time.
- We are cleaning up each cemetery, as moving season will probably begin this week. A reminder to not plant or place anything in the ground in front of a grave. Any decorations must be securely attached to the headstone.
- Greg Lambert, our seminarian, has been officially accepted as a candidate for priesthood in the Archdiocese. Greg will be attending seminary at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL this fall. Greg will be spending the summer working as a hospital chaplain in Mason City, Iowa. A farewell for Greg will be on Friday, May 13 at 6:30 PM in Farley. There will be a mass and reception to follow.
- Projects in some of the parishes we are working on:
  - ♦ Bankston new HVAC system in the church. The boiler in the church has needed several repairs each year and is inefficient to run. The Parish Council decided to replace the system with a forced air system and add air conditioning to the building.
  - ♦ Farley new bathrooms downstairs as well as adding a restroom on the main level of the church. This project has long been needed and is finally being addressed. A solution to the elevator issue is being worked on and will be addressed soon.
  - ♦ Peosta new roof on the church. The current roof is 20+ years old and several shingles are loose and blowing off. A new roof will be installed late spring/early summer this year.

The St. Elizabeth Pastorate Social Justice Committee delivers food every other month to the Dubuque Rescue Mission to feed 80 to 100 people. The same people have been generously donating food for years. If you would like to be added to the list, contact Dianne McDermott at 563-543-3721 or Sherie Kuhlmann at shkuhlmann@msn.com. You only have to donate when you wish. A list of food needed will be emailed to you.

#### **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

#### Monday, April 25

- Bread Giveaway at St. Elizabeth Pastorate Faith Formation Building from 8:30 AM-12:00 noon.
- Family Adoration at St. John, Peosta from 6-7:00 PM

# Wednesday, April 27

• Pastorate social gathering at Epworth American Legion at 1:00 PM for cards and games.

#### Thursday, April 28

- Epworth/Placid Knights of Columbus meet in the Faith Formation Center, Epworth at 7:00 PM.
- Behold Your Child program at St. John, Peosta (Shannon Hall) at 7:30 PM

#### Friday, April 29

- Friday Community Meal at St. Patrick Church Hall, Epworth from 11:15-12:00 PM
- Blood Drive at St. John, Placid from 2:00-6:00 PM



## To St. Joseph Farley:

- Lindsey Massey
- Nathaniel and Baylee Kennicker



A **Blood Drive** in memory of Linda Boffeli will be held on Friday, April 29 from 2:00-6:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, Placid. Sign up at

redcrossblood.org or contact Julie at 563-580-8471.

There will be a **Blood Drive** held at St. John, Peosta (in Shannon Hall) on Monday, May 2 from 3:00-7:00 PM.

If you have ever experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or any loss of an infant, you are invited to join the Behold Your Child Ministry in a Naming Ceremony. This ceremony will allow you to name your child, celebrate and honor their life, receive a blessing and hopefully, bring you peace and comfort whether you experienced the loss of your baby recently or years ago. The Naming Ceremony is for couples, families, or individuals, and will be held this Tuesday at 7:30 PM at St. John the Baptist in Shannon Hall.

#### TIME AND TALENT

St. Clement—Four people gave eight hours of time practicing (at the first practice) for Easter Vigil.

St. Patrick—Seven people gave 14 hours of time to practicing and singing at Laverne Erdmann's funeral.

St. Joseph—Six people gave twelve hours of time practicing (at the first practice) for Easter Vigil.

St. John, Peosta—Two women gave four hours of time working on mats for the homeless or sending cards to homebound and ill.

St. John, Placid-One person gave six hours of time making and embroidering baptism bibs.

### **FINANCE**

#### **Stewardship Giving** for April 17

St. Clement	\$ 8,619
St. Joseph	\$20,738
St. Patrick	\$ 6,793
St. John, Peosta	\$11,667
St. John, Placid	\$ 7,111

#### **Growth & Improvement** for April 17

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St. Joseph	\$	6
St. Patrick	\$1	,250
St. John, Peosta	\$	20
St. John, Placid	\$	105

#### **Debt to the Archdiocese**

as of March 31, 2022

St. Patrick \$94.166.75

#### **WEEKLY ROSARY**

#### **Farley**

April 30 4:00 PM—Volunteer May 1 at 9:00 AM—Janet Hingtgen



May 1 at 9:00 AM—Kevin & Maria Braun

#### **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy polka music by Mollie B. and Ted Lange featuring the Jim Busta band to celebrate Jim Kluesner's 95th and Carol Kluesner's 81st birthdays on Saturday, April 30 from 7-10:00 PM at the Farley Memorial Hall, Farley. No cover charge, but donations will be accepted for St. Joseph Church and Farley American Legion.

#### ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for March 2022 was \$8,083.00 from 57 out of 203 parishioner families. This income is up by \$634.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

We will be Spring cleaning the church on Saturday, April 30 at 8:00 AM. The list will be set out this week for those who can come during the week.

Church Cleaning—Kara Koopmann, Vicky Coyle, 📢 Colleen Horsfield, Jill Proctor, Jolene Zimmerman, and Geri Kalb



#### ST. CLEMENT—BANKSTON NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for March 2022 was \$12,768.84 from 46 out of 211 parishioner families. This income is down by \$1,948.84 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

Thank you to all who supported our Fish Fry. Our profit was \$9.258.06.

#### ST. PATRICK—EPWORTH NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for March 2022 was \$14,375.00 from 125 out of 521 parishioner families. This income is down by \$1,430.67 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped with the St. Patrick grounds clean up on Saturday, April 9. We had a great turn

out of KC and non-KC members, adults and kids. Thanks also to Rick Nauman for providing a dump trailer and hauling the trash away.

Save the Date: The Epworth/Placid Knights of Columbus will hold an Omelet breakfast on Sunday, May 15. More details to follow.

We will be reprinting the 1986 St. Patrick cookbook. The cost is \$18. If you are interested, contact Mindi McDermott at the Pastorate Office.



#### ST. JOSEPH—FARLEY NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for March 2022 was \$18,828.67 from 158 out of 655 parishioner families. This income is up by \$59.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

#### Winners of the St Joseph Easter Raffle:

\$500 - Jeff Willenborg, \$500 - Brenda Hefel, \$200 - Dan Bourek, \$200 - Madison Simon, \$200 - PJ Hagerty, \$200 -Marty Benda, \$200 - Joe Jasper.

Thank you to all who donated to the collection this past weekend at St. Joseph Church. The donations went to the Caring Servants of Christ.

Thank you to all who came to detail clean the church for Easter. The help was greatly appreciated!

#### ST. JOHN—PEOSTA NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for March 2022 was \$32,195.17 from 235 out of 762 parishioner families. This income is down by \$19,603.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

Thank you to all who supported our Fish Fry. We made a profit of \$10,852.14.

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# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### **WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022**

Mon: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20 Tues: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21 Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3:31-36

**Fri:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 **Sat:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 **Sun:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

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# MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Apr. 25 St. Mark the Evangelist

8:00 AM Peosta † Coletta McDermott

RECONCILIATION at Peosta 8:30-9:00 AM

ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 8:00 PM

Tue., Apr. 26

6:30 AM Peosta † Jim & Pat Angstman 8:45 AM Farley † Dorothy Meyer

Wed., Apr. 27

6:30 AM Peosta † Lois Smith 8:45 AM Farley † Vince Greenwood ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 12:00 noon for vocations ADORATION with RECONCILIATION at Placid 8:30-10:00 PM

Thu., Apr. 28 St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignion

6:30 AM Placid † Richard & Etta Kluesner

8:00 AM Epworth † Fred Kramer

RECONCILIATION at Epworth 8:30-9:00 AM

ADORATION at Epworth following Mass until 12:00 noon

Fri., Apr. 29 St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 AM Bankston † Rita Riniker

8:00 AM Farley † Gene Breitbach & Joyce Koster

ADORATION at Bankston 7:00-8:00 AM, RECONCILIATION

7:15-7:45 AM

ADORATION at Farley following Mass until 11:30 AM

Sat., Apr. 30 St. Pius V

2:00 PM Peosta Costello/McGovern Wedding ... 4:00 PM Farley † Larry Scherrman (Birthday)

4:00 PM Peosta † Ray Hansen

4:00 PM Placid For the People of the Pastorate

RECONCILIATION at Farley 3:15 PM-3:45 PM

Sun., May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Epworth † Clarence & Stella Kluesner 9:00 AM Bankston † Jim Daly

9:00 AMEpworth† John & Janaan Theisen9:00 AMFarley† Leon & Kathryn Ludwig9:00 AMPeosta† Joan & Kevin Lawler &

Steve Barton

9:00 AM Placid † John Fagerlind

#### **SACRAMENTS**

BAPTISM: For pre-baptismal preparation or to schedule a baptism, contact Lynne McDermott. At least one parent should be a registered 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.

#### PASTORATE PRAYER LINE

Direct prayer intentions to: Donna Gibbs at 563.744.2006 or email step.prayerline@gmail.com, Kim Koetz at 563.451.4024 or email kkoetz@yousq.net or Mary Rauen at 563.581-1828 or email rickandmaryr@aol.com.



2022 Summer Faith Formation has two opportunities for classes—June 6–16 at Seton Catholic School in PEOSTA OR July 11-21 at Seton Catholic School in FARLEY. Registration forms are available on the pastorate website by clicking on "Online Forms" under the General Information section on the Home Page or contact the Pastorate Office.



1st Eucharist Parents - 1st Eucharist Mass practices are as follows: Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM at St. 🏸 🗽 🏲 John the Baptist Church in Peosta, Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Church in Farley and Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 PM at St. John, Placid. Practices are not mandatory but are encouraged.

Beckman Catholic students, along with Mr. Broxson and Mrs. Derr, spent a morning at Seton Catholic in Farley with 6th-8th grade students. Beckman students served as retreat leaders for the Lenten retreat, "The Passion of Christ." Mimes, relays, talks, and activities reflected on various aspects of Christ's passion and death, with special emphasis on the crown of thorns and the cross. Our students enjoyed going back to their middle school and seeing their former teachers! Thank you for supporting Catholic education, which makes these retreats and faith-sharing possible.



April 22, 2022, marked the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day. This year's theme is 'Invest in our Planet'. The St. Elizabeth Social Justice Committee offers some tips that you can easily do to save earth's resources.

- Did you know that if you leave a cord plugged in after you remove what it was charging, it is still using electricity? Unplug those cords!
- Overcharging also wastes electricity; unplug a device that is fully charged.
- Shut off lights when you leave a room and shut off electronics that no one is using/watching.
- Wash full loads of dishes or clothes to better manage energy and water.
- Plant a shade tree. Shading your house will provide energy savings in the summer.
- And as always, recycle and reuse as much as possible.

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Remember, we are stewards, not owners, of this earth. Always think ahead to those who will use it when we are gone. What have we left them?



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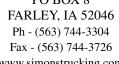














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