

ST. ELIZABETH PASTORATE

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 Catholic Communities of Bankston, Epworth, Farley, Peosta and Placid

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Please welcome our newly baptized:

- Madelyn Kay Berger, daughter of Rod and Sarah Berger to St. Patrick
- *Meredith Mae Bourek*, daughter of Dan and Megan Bourek to St. John the Baptist

A Please Welcome

Welcome to St. Patrick, Epworth: Pat and Ashley Schmidt, Lily and Sawyer



Alvin "Shorty" Hermsen, brother of Dennis Hermsen of St. Joseph.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again. ©LPi

SUNDAY OF EASTER

another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

CEMEMTERY DECORATIONS

Flowers and decorations not attached to monuments may be placed on the grave one week prior and one week past the Memorial Day holiday. Decorations placed directly



in the ground may not go beyond a 10-inch radius of the headstone. All decorations must be removed at the proper times. Items not removed will be discarded.

Decorations are allowed year-round if set directly on the headstone or in the cement foundation. Please make sure items are attached **securely.**

FROM THE PASTOR

He is Risen! Alleluia. We continue to move through the Easter season. Following last weekend, Good Shepherd Sunday, we continue with the reasoning of being a Good Shepherd calls us to love one another. Jesus reminds us that how we treat one another, *with love*, will show to the world that we are his disciples. Words matter, actions matter. Think about how our words and actions impact others.

Other items to note:

- We need ministers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers in particular. Post COVID I am seeing many people who are assigned, but not showing up to fulfill their ministry role. Liturgy is the work of many people, and we need your talents. We need to continually expand our list of those who are willing to be trained, even if you are willing to be back up in case someone needs a sub or does not show up. The liturgy committee discussed this issue and we are working on updating our current list and reaching out to new people who will be willing to share their talents. Please consider doing so.
- Prayers and blessings to all our graduates. We are honoring many of them in our parishes this weekend.
- At the end of May, Casey Flack and Jeff Frieden will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at the Cathedral on May 27 at 7:00 PM. The public is welcome.
- On May 28 at 10:00 AM, Ben Valentine will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese at the Cathedral in Dubuque. The public is welcome.
- There will be May crowning at St. John the Baptist, Peosta at the 9:00 AM mass this Sunday (May 15).
- The Epworth/Placid Knights of Columbus are serving breakfast at St. Patrick in Epworth from 8:00-11:00 AM this Sunday. All are welcome.

The Catholic Daughters Court #1460 will hold Mass and May Crowning on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 PM. A Pot Luck supper will follow. Meat will be provided, but members are asked

to bring a dish to pass. Kitchen chair-ladies are: Bede Willenbring, Kay Heitz and the officers. Members are asked to send in their 2022 dues.

Mark your Calendar

St. Joseph, Farley will hold their annual JulyFest on Sunday, July 10 with a Polka Mass at 9:30 AM. Parade at 11:00 AM.

Omelet and Pancake Breakfast today at St. Patrick Church basement from 8:00-11:00 AM. Sponsored by the Epworth/ Placid Knights of Columbus. Good will donations will go to DWC Tree Project, Bight to Life and KC projects Carry-outs available



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Save the Date

Fr. Michael Schueller 25th Anniversary of his Ordination Sunday, June 26, 2022 Prayer Service at 4:00 PM at St. John the Baptist, Peosta Light meal to follow in Shannon Hall from 5:00-7:30 PM Please **RSVP** by email to <u>I.mcdermott@dbqarch.org</u> or call the Pastorate office at 563-876-5540. St. Elizabeth Pastorate Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a **bake sale** the weekend of May 21/22 after all Pastorate masses. As in the past, profits will be divided between international, national, and local needs. Pies, breads, cookies, bars, candies, and other bake sale items are requested. Please bring your donations to the church you attend



on Saturday or before mass on Sunday. No need to mark anything. If you would rather just make a cash donation, you can do that after mass at the bake sale or make out a check to St. Elizabeth Pastorate Bake Sale and send to the office at P.O. Box 286, 104-1st Street SE, Epworth, IA 52045.



The St. Elizabeth Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a **food pantry collection** on May 21/22 and May 28/29. Bins will be placed in all the pastorate churches. Most needed items

include body wash/bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent/dryer sheets, multipurpose spray cleaner, and sanitizer wipes. Items will be distributed locally.

MONDAY BREAD GIVE-AWAY

Bread and other bakery items are available every Monday from 8:30 AM – noon in the Faith Formation Building, Epworth. All are welcome!



TIME AND TALENT

St. Clement—Six people gave 18 hours of time practicing for Holy Thursday.

St. Patrick—Twelve people (including KC members) gave 30 hours of time cleaning up the cemetery and church grounds.

St. Joseph—Thirteen people spent an hour and a half detail cleaning the Church for Easter.

St. John, Peosta-Two parishioners gave two hours of their time preparing and singing for Craig Knier's funeral.

St. John, Placid-One person gave one hour of time to a Social Justice meeting.

FINANCE

Stewardship Giving for May 8

St. Clement	\$1,294
St. Joseph	\$2,932
St. Patrick	\$3,670
St. John, Peosta	\$4,120
St. John, Placid	\$1,931

Growth & Improvement

for May 8	
St. Joseph	\$150
St. John, Peosta	\$75

Debt to the Archdiocese
as of April 30, 2022

St. Patrick \$92.529.60

WEEKLY ROSARY

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Peosta

May 21 at 4:00 PM—George & Bonnie Heisler May 22 at 9:00 AM-Marge Lehmann



May 22 at 9:00 AM—JoAnn Roberts

St. John, Peosta has a Hearing Loop for hearing aid users. Hearing Loops allow people with hearing aids or cochlear implants to receive the sound from the PA system directly in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device. Check with your audiologist to see if your hearing aid has a T-coil or Telecoil built in. (If you have hearing loss but do not have a hearing aid or if your hearing aid does not have a working telecoil setting to access the hearing loop, there are individual receivers that are available.)

Mark your calendar for the annual Great Give Day on Wednesday, May 18 from GRE 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM! This year once again more than 100 area nonprofits. including Seton Catholic, will be trying to raise as much money as possible in just 24 hours. In addition to the donations we



receive, we can also qualify for other cash prizes. So save the date and get ready to make a difference! То donate. go to https://www.greatgiveday.org/ setoncatholicschool.

ST. CLEMENT—BANKSTON NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for April 2022 was \$5,450.00. This income is down by \$3,704.46 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

ST. PATRICK—EPWORTH NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for April 2022 was \$13,035.00. This income is up by \$1,750.33 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

ST. JOSEPH—FARLEY NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for April 2022 was \$32,010.67. This income is up by \$2,382.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

St. Joseph parish will be honoring our high school graduates at the 9:00 AM mass next weekend (May 22).

The Easter Raffle fundraiser made a profit of \$2,934.55. Thanks to all who participated in this event.

THANK YOU—The Fish Fry and Easter Raffle Committees would like to thank the parish for helping to make the Fish Fry a huge success! We served 975 meals and after expenses, had a profit of \$7,799.34. A special thank you goes out the parishioners who attended, Circle 2 and 3 members and the grade school and high school students who graciously gave of their time and talent to volunteer to work! We would like to extend our gratitude to those that generously gave donations to the Fish Fry. Hats off to the the crew who prepared the fish, and all the businesses who supported us through their services and donations!

ST. JOHN—PEOSTA NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for April 2022 was \$39,128,17. This income is up by \$14,770.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS

Our Stewardship Giving for April 2022 was \$4,616.00. This income is down by \$879.00 from the same period last year. Thank you to those who contribute to the parish.

Fr. Tom McDermott's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

...that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith. (Rm 1:12)

Dear friends from St. John's: Today, (Sunday, May 15) at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Columbkille Church, I will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for the gift of my 25 years of priesthood. An open house with lunch from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM follows in the parish hall. You first helped me hear the call, and receive the graces it has held for me. Please know I will be praying for all who made these years rich in blessings. No gifts please. Instead, offer a prayer for me, or consider a donation to Catholic Relief Services.

Church Cleaning—Sandy Fiedler, Megan Bonert, Bernadette Hogan, Gale Ernst, Barb Then and Karen Horsfield.

Bulletin Information: Email office@stelizabethpastorate.com Submission deadline is Tuesday at noon.

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Readings 📃 Wéëk

WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2. 3-4. 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tues: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thurs: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Sun: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 16 8:00 AM Peosta + Ray Hansen RECONCILIATION at Peosta 8:30-9:00 AM ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 8:00 PM Tue., May 17 6:30 AM Peosta **†** Richard Cook 8:45 AM Seton/Peosta † Ted Kalb Wed., May 18 St. John I 6:30 AM Peosta † Albert Trenkamp 8:45 AM Farley + Charles Jasper ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 12:00 noon for vocations ADORATION with RECONCILIATION at Placid 8:30-10:00 PM Thu., May 19 6:30 ÅM Placid + Mary Mormann 8:00 AM Epworth + Henrietta Lehman (Anniversary) RECONCILIATION at Epworth 8:30-9:00 AM ADORATION at Epworth following Mass until 12:00 noon St. Bernardine of Siena Fri., May 20 † Wally Heisler 8:00 AM Bankston 8:00 AM + Larry Scherrman Farlev ADORATION at Bankston 7:00-8:00 AM, RECONCILIATION 7:15-7:45 AM ADORATION at Farley following Mass until 11:30 AM St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions Sat., May 21 4:00 PM Farley † Mike Blazek (Anniversary) 4:00 PM Peosta † Richard Davidshofer 4:00 PM Placid † Jim & Judy Callahan RECONCILIATION at Farley 3:15 PM-3:45 PM Sun., May 22 6th Sunday of Easter, St. Rita of Cascia 7:30 AM For the People of the Pastorate Epworth 9:00 AM Bankston + Henry (Hank) & Lois O'Connell 9:00 AM † Pat McDermott Epworth 9:00 AM Farley † Laverne & Florence Simon 9:00 AM Peosta † Ruben Roberts 9:00 AM Placid † Clem & Jean Mausser



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 Confirmation Families - There are Confirmation Student/Sponsor meetings

scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick, Epworth and Sunday, May 22 at 6:30 PM at Shannon Hall, St John, Peosta. Confirmation students along with their sponsor need to attend 1 of the 2 meetings.

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.

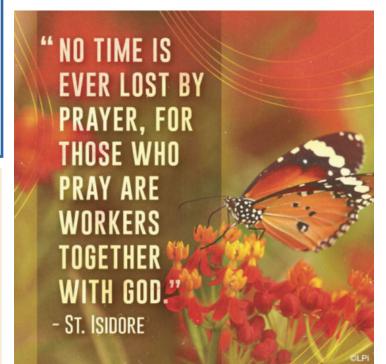
May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month is an opportunity to explore the importance of mental health on one's overall health. Thinking of keeping your brain fit and healthy, similar to the rest of your body can reduce the stigma and normalize the process of seeking treatment for your brain health. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, contact us at 563.588.0558 to be connected to a professional, licensed counselor, or visit our website for more information.



Seton Catholic 8th Grade Graduation

Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta. All are welcome.





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