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LIVE THE LITURGY

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for. ©LPi



Congratulations to Brooke Kluesner and Austin Stelken who were married at St. Clement and to Tess Brehm and John Gulick who were married at St. John, Placid.



- Betty Pins of St. Clement, Bankston
- John Etienne of St. John the Baptist, Peosta
- *Jeanne Studelska,* mother of Mark Studelska of St. Joseph

The Pastorate Office is closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day!



Eli Wayne Schueller, son of Bill and Molly Schueller became a member of the St. Joseph family in the waters of Baptism on June 25.

The St. Joseph Class of 1972 will be holding their 50th class reunion and will be attending the 4:00 Mass this weekend at St. Joseph. Congratulations to all!

FROM THE PASTOR

Our readings this weekend continue the theme of discipleship and our call to be 'laborers for the harvest.' The work is sometimes exhausting, but richly rewarding. I have noticed a trend in recent years of very few people wanting to commit to even simple responsibilities in their parish. They mostly want to leave their options open in case something else comes up. That mindset makes it difficult for those who do step up, as they feel they are always called upon to do the work. I pray that this changes. We need lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, etc. We are all laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, and it is important we all do our part.



Other items to note:

- Fr. Kruse has returned to his home in Peosta. He is thankful for all the prayers, cards and support the past several weeks. Fr. Kruse anticipates being able to celebrate mass in one of the parishes in the next few weeks, with some assistance.
- The latest news of the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* has led to a lot of discussion, as well as misunderstanding. Flipping through cable news, something I should never do, immediately showed the one-sided coverage and near meltdown some are having over this issue. The Court did not "ban" abortion but returned this issue to the local level, the individual states, to decide. The State of Iowa does allow for the procedure with some restrictions. This can change, so it is important we lobby our local elected officials to protect all life in all stages of development. We must also increase our efforts to help those who are pregnant. Crisis pregnancy centers and maternity homes will be vital and must be a part of our ongoing effort. The Court has done a good thing, but our work is just beginning.
- An endowment fund has been established at St. John the Evangelist in Placid for the benefit of children who attend Seton Catholic or Beckman Catholic. There will be two \$250 grants for tuition assistance this year. To be eligible, your family must be a registered parishioner at St. John in Placid, state a financial need, and demonstrate a commitment of service to the parish. Please contact me if you are interested in being considered for one of these grants. As the fund grows, more assistance will be available. Everyone is welcome to contribute to the fund.
- The cemetery in Placid is raffling off a new Can Am UTV to raise money for the new road they are installing through the cemetery. Tickets are available at the pastorate office in Epworth, \$20 per ticket or five tickets for \$100. The drawing will be on September 4th.
- Our nation celebrates its 246th birthday on Monday, July 4! Religious Freedom is one of the essential freedoms we enjoy in this country.
- Julyfest is next weekend in Farley. Mass under the tent at 9:30 am.



Thanks to all who for your support, prayers, visits and goodies, It will still be a long road before I am back at it, but I am on the mend. Special thanks to Fr. Mike, Dave, Donna and Adam.

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Calling on those interested in experiencing a Service Trip with other adults from the St. Elizabeth Pastorate! The Social Justice Committee is planning an adult service trip to Williamsburg, Kentucky. The group



will do construction work, including building stairs and organizational projects in the store of the Friendship Center. The trip is open to men and women. We will drive to Kentucky on Monday, October 3, work Tuesday through Friday, and return Saturday, October 8. There is a cost for each person to pay for food and accommodations. If you are interested and would like to find out more information, please call Alice Vontalge, 563-590-8141 or Jim Koetz, 563-451-9234. An informational meeting will be held at Shannon Hall, St. John Church, Peosta on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 PM.

Synod Survey Report Available

The Synod Survey Report has been posted on the archdiocesan website at <u>www.dbqarch.org</u>.

This report was sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is the report for the archdiocesan family as well. The report summarizes the significant findings, conclusions and next steps in this work to build parish vibrancy.

Also posted are detailed summaries from each section of the survey (including short answer questions), focus groups and copy of the survey used. This information will provide further details and support for the significant findings and conclusions found in the Synod Survey Report. It will also provide much insight into what the nearly 16,000 participants feel.

Thank you to all who provided input to assist in this important planning process.

St. Joseph JulyFest is Sunday, July 10. There will be a Polka Mass at 9:30 AM outside in the tent with Mollie B and Friends. They will also play in the tent from 10:30 AM until noon. A parade at 11:00 AM

and auction at 12:30 PM. There will be children's rides and games and a tractor and vehicle display. Serving pulled pork, hamburgers, brats, hot dogs and homemade fries.



TIME AND TALENT

St. Clement—Two people gave two hours of time to a Social Justice meeting.

St. Patrick—Five people gave six hours to transition environment out of the Easter season.

St. Joseph—Every week, one person gives 20 minutes of time to praying the rosary before Mass on Sunday.

St. John, Peosta—Six people gave six hours of time to a Social Justice meeting.

St. John, Placid—Four people give about six hours of time to ushering at the two weekend liturgies.

FINANCE

Stewardship Giving for June 26

St. Clement	\$3,010
St. Patrick	\$6,787
St. Joseph	\$11,506
St. John, Peosta	\$15,223
St. John, Placid	\$2,960

Growth & Improvement

for June 26	
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St. Clement	\$10
St. Joseph	\$75
St. John, Peosta	\$125
St. John, Placid	\$25

Debt to the Archdiocese as of June 30, 2022

St. Patrick \$89,210.30

WEEKLY ROSARY



Farley

July 9 at 4:00 PM—Joan Gaul July 10 at 9:00 AM—Am &Dorothy Klostermann

Peosta

July 10 at 9:00 AM-Mike & Ann Fagerlind

Continuing Education Program

All area residents are welcome to enroll in any classes offered at Divine Word College in Epworth. High school graduates who want to enrich their lives can register for a theology, psychology, art, music, or any other class which is offered at Divine Word College. For more information, go to <u>www.dwci.edu/continuingeducation</u> or contact Mr. Len Uhal at <u>luhal@dwci.edu</u> or by phone at 563-876-3332.

ST. CLEMENT—BANKSTON NEWS

THANK YOU – We would like to express our sincere thankfulness for the generosity of the parishioners of St. Clements and the St. Elizabeth Pastorate. As we go through this difficult time, we want to thank the CDA ladies for saying the rosary, the music ministers for the beautiful music sung at the funeral Mass, the people who brought food to the funeral home, the parishioners who brought desserts and helped at the funeral dinner. Your kind actions will not be forgotten. The Betty Pins Family

ST. JOSEPH—FARLEY NEWS

JulyFest is Sunday, July 10 on the St. Joseph Church grounds beginning with a **Polka Mass at 9:30 AM** under the tent. Following mass, there will be a parade, dinner and live auction along



with games and fun for all. Please refer to the work schedule for your scheduled times to work, if your name was omitted it was unintentional and you may help out by contacting Stephanie Lake 590-6451 or Jenna Maiers 451-6516. If you are unable to work your scheduled time, please try to trade with a friend or find your own replacement. Donation items can be brought to the church grounds from 7:30-12 on Saturday July 10th or from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday July 10th. Contact Karl Wilhelm 563-542-2726, Kevin Rahe 563-590-0694, Jenna Maiers 563-451-6516, Tracey Gruhn 563-590-7169, Stephanie Lake 563-590-6451, or Steve Demmer 744-3941 regarding auction donations. Auction donations may be dropped off at the church garage this week.

ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS

Pie making for the parish auction will be held on Saturday, July 16 starting at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to join in on the fun! If you

have fruit to donate, it can be dropped off in the church freezers. If you have questions, contact Helen Koopmann at 563-513-1409.

Church Cleaning—Ronna Brown, Tricia Mausser, Phyllis Mausser, Melody Coyle, Diane Wolbers, Jerica Schockemoehl



Question of the Week	The next Women of Service gathering is Wednesday, July 13 from 11 AM to 1 PM at St. Patrick Church's Hall. We will focus on teachers returning to their classrooms by putting together a bag with sweets and useful teaching items. We will also cut out wall and bulletin board quotes. We are asking that everyone bring scissors and any of the following: colored card stock paper, colored or designed duct tape, or letter templates.
Where do I need to sow peace	Building on our Little Library project from last time, for our Women Helping Women collection we will be collecting "small" stuffed animals for the Little Libraries. A ribbon and note will be tied to each one. Please wash any stuffed animals you have collected.
this week? What will I do in order to labor for the harvest?	Cindy Recker, who helps with <i>Open Closet</i> in Dubuque talked to us at our last gathering. If you have any items to give to her, you can bring them to our gathering. 'How's your closet look? Do you have a plain-colored long or a flowery skirt that you have not worn in years? Is there a purse, sandals, dress, or sports shoes that no longer match your style? And those maternity items in the corner, really?! At The <i>Open Closet</i> in Dubuque, we have new clients locally, as well as from Guatemala, Marshall Islands, Afghanistan, Clinton, Chicago, and Rockford. The needs are great for new and slightly used clothing, shoes, purses, and basic necessities like diapers, wipes, and toiletries.'
	As always, Women of Service is open to women of any age and any town. Our mission is to use our time and talents to help those in need by recycling our resources.

Bulletin Information: Email <u>office@stelizabethpastorate.com</u> Submission deadline is Tuesday at noon.

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Readings Week

WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

Mon: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 9:18-26

Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/ Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7 Thurs: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15 Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23 Sat: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Sun: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., July 4 8:00 AM	St. Elizabeth o f Peosta	f Portugal † Don & Theresa Roepsch			
RECONCILIA	RECONCILIATION at Peosta 8:30-9:00 AM				
Tue., July 5	St. Anthony Za	ccaria			
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Janann Heinze Laird			
Wed., July 6	St. Maria Goret				
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Our beloved Priests & Religious			
8:00 AM	Farley	† Lyle & Jennie Green			
		g Mass until 12:00 noon for			
vocations		GORETTI			
	ADORATION with RECONCILIATION at Placid 8:30-10:00 PM				
Thu., July 7					
6:30 AM	Placid	† Lois Smith			
8:00 AM	Epworth	† Jim, Anita, Jason McDermott & Bill, Mary Deann Ostwinkle			
RECONCILIA	ATION at Epworth	8:30-9:00 AM			
	ADORATION at Epworth following Mass until 12:00 noon				
Fri., July 8					
8:00 AM	Bankston	† Betty Pins			
8:00 AM	Farley	† CP & Helen Georgen			
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ADURATION	at Farley Ioliowing	g Mass until 11:30 AM			
Sat., July 9	Ss. Augustine	Zhao Rong & companions			
2:00 PM	Peosta	Barnwell-Johll Wedding			
4:00 PM	Farley	† Norma Schemmel (Anniv.)			
4:00 PM	Peosta	† Ruth Lehmann			
4:00 PM	Placid	† Clarence Urbain			
RECONCIL	RECONCILIATION at Farley 3:15 PM-3:45 PM				
Sun., July 10	15th Sunday in	Ordinary Time			
7:30 AM	Epworth	† Coletta McDermott			
9:00 AM	Bankston	For the People of the Pastorate			
9:00 AM	Farley	† JoAnn Schmitt			
9:00 AM	Peosta	† Fred McGovern			
9:00 AM	Placid	† Adrian Vaske			
	SACRAMENTS				
contact Lynne N	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 <u>kimkoetz3@gmail.com</u> or Mary Rauen at 563.581-1828 or email rickandmaryr@aol.com.

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

We are still taking registrations for summer faith formation, which runs from July 11—July 21 from 8:00 AM-12:00 noon at Seton Catholic School in FARLEY. Contact the Pastorate office at 876-5540 to register.



Would you like to be a Catechist? Contact Jim Hammerand or Mindi McDermott for more information!

Summer Camps at Beckman Catholic

Soccer—July 5-7, grades 3-8 Wrestling—July 13, grades 1-6; July 14, grades 7-12 Girls Basketball—July 18-22, grades 9 - 12; July 20 - 22, grades 5-8 Boys Basketball—July 18-21, grades 7-12 Football—August 1-2, grades 3-6; August 3-4, grades 7-8; August 3-5, grades 9-12 Volleyball—August 3-5, grades 5-12 *Visit our website: <u>beckmancatholic.org</u> for registration forms and deadline information.

Tom Burds, Ginny Delaney, Max Elliott, Richard Heitz, Kathy Kean, Joe Kopp, Dave Kress, Betty McPoland, Nancy Petsche, Bud Steppan, Brian Ties, Elise Wishmeyer, Susan Zapf

Please note: In an effort to keep this list up to-date, names will

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be left on for 30 days.

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Monday Bread Give-Away—Bread and other bakery items are available every Monday from 8:30 AM – noon in the Faith Formation building, Epworth.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: Charles Carroll of Maryland, also the longest-lived signer (1737 – 1832) ©LPi



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