

# Holy Family Parish Cluster



SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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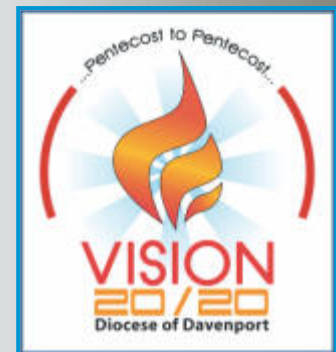
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A family of God constituted by the Holy Eucharist and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to make God known, loved and served.



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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

# ORDER OF MASS

## Introductory Rites

### **Entrance Antiphon PS 17(16):15**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### **Glory to God**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

### **First Reading IS 55:10-11**

#### **Responsorial Psalm PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14**

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it;  
greatly have you enriched it.

God's watercourses are filled;

you have prepared the grain.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,

breaking up its clods,

Softening it with showers,

blessing its yield.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;

The untilled meadows overflow with it,

and rejoicing clothes the hills.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

The fields are garmented with flocks

and the valleys blanketed with grain.

They shout and sing for joy.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

## Second Reading ROM 8:18-23

### **Gospel Acclamation MT 11:25**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.

All who come to him will have life forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel MT 11:25-30**

#### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### **Prayer after Communion**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me;  
Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen

## Concluding Rites

## Are you listening?

The pain caused by the current pandemic is profound, and it looks like it will not ease any time soon. Everybody has had plans and events disrupted. As every day passes, the suffering mounts: tens of thousands of innocent lives lost, millions of jobs and businesses gone, confinement for months, financial erosion. So we may be tempted to ask this question: where is God?

As Catholics, we are called to live according to God's law, but sometimes in the midst of life and our own shortcomings, we have trouble hearing God's voice. Times of crisis, like this pandemic, should provide us an opportunity to reflect on what God might be saying to us. How might He be seeking to get our attention? In today's second reading, it says, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." (Romans 8:18)

As we struggle to understand this 21st century plague, the facts are what they are, and we cannot turn our eyes aside. The extremely poor have been the most frequent victims. The racial disparity in the diagnosed cases and deaths is real. The elderly account for an appalling percentage of those who have died from complications of the virus, and most of them died alone, without so much as the dignity of a familiar face as they drifted into eternal rest. These are the weakest among us.

Throughout the Bible there are many references to God's command that the faithful pay attention to the needs of the poor and the weak. The faithful who receive God's blessing are those to whom God can say, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36) The passage ends with God saying, "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." (Matthew 25:45) It's a harsh text, but these words should open our eyes to the challenges facing those of us who call ourselves people of faith.

We can no longer pretend we "didn't know." The pandemic has definitely shown us the dark side of our society, one that has been intent on a good life too often painfully borne on the backs of others. So when we are tempted to ask: where is God? We need to realize He's right here speaking to us. The question is, are we listening?

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team



Lead us to silent places where Your word can be heard.  
Give us open hearts in which Your word can be planted.  
Send our souls nourishment so that Your word can grow.  
Give us courage to act on Your word.  
Strengthen us to join You in harvesting Your word.  
Finally, grant that we may be counted among

those who have borne fruit and have been found worthy of Your Kingdom where You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Colleen Burke will be creating the bulletin for July 26 and August 4. All bulletin information needs to be to her by the Tuesday before the Sunday bulletin. Her email is [cburke46@yahoo.com](mailto:cburke46@yahoo.com).

The **St. Philip & James** Social Action Committee would like to thank the parishioners for their generous donations to our yearly Lenten Baby Bassinet collection. We did another Thrivent Action Team this year and received a sizable donation which allowed us to purchase diapers, baby thermometers and other baby items for our collection. Thank you Michele Traver of Thrivent Financial for helping make the Action Teams funds possible! The items were recently given to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton and will be put to good use for the new moms, babies and toddlers. Thank you again, your donations are very much appreciated!

The **Sacred Heart Parish** Council and Sanctuary Guild have set a meeting date for all parishioners on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm on the west lawn of the church (where we have been holding Mass). On the agenda:

- Discussion on the Fall Festival which is set for September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion on Mass location (inside vs outside)

While everyone has their opinions on what should happen, PLEASE keep everything civil and respect everyone's feelings and fears. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to submit your thoughts, please contact a council or guild member, or reply to this email. So bring a chair, bug spray, and your ideas to the meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>.



Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched and lifeless. When God's seed is sown it does not always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?



## Cluster Parish Prayer List

- 1. Our Shepherds:**  
Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop  
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,  
Deacon Mike Shiel
- 2. The Aged & Infirm:**
  - Melvin Duwa, Elmer & Dorothy Hasenmiller,  
Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, Dick Nodurft, &  
Natalie Regan
  - Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck,  
Wendy Larive, Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack &  
Marilyn Stevenson

## MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 07/11	05:00pm	Lost Nation	Tom Simmons
Sunday 07/12	8:00am	Grand Mound	George Green
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Monk & Marguerite Coon
Tuesday 07/14	08:00am	Grand Mound	Joseph Green
Wednesday 07/15	05:00pm	Grand Mound	Pat Morrissey
Thursday 07/16	05:30pm	Toronto	John Davis
Friday 07/17	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday 07/18	05:00pm	Lost Nation	John Stevenson
Sunday 07/19	08:00am	Grand Mound	Richard Vens
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	John Stevenson

### **Dope Francis Prayer Intention** **For July**

#### **Our Families**

**We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.**

### **DAILY READINGS**

#### **Readings for the week of July 12, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

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