

Holy Family Parish Cluster



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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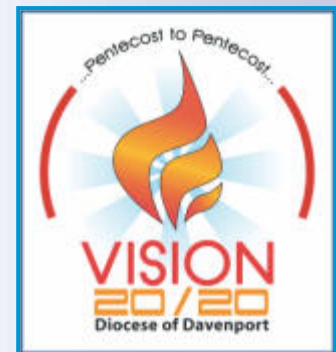
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Bulletin Deadline

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 WIS 12:13, 16-19

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 Reading IS 55:10-11

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

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.
You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.
R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.
All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name.

For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.
You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading ROM 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation MT 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

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

Faithful Heart

Often prayer comes easily. We feel connected to God and experience a spiritual high in our devotion, but other times prayer is difficult. Let's face it, only the most spiritual of people would say that they *always* feel like praying. But the fact is many of us, at one time or another, struggle with prayer. Our state of mind, situations in life, and emotions can all cause us to have very little desire to spend time in prayer.

Sometimes we may be so exhausted that prayer just feels like one more thing to *do*, and we have absolutely no energy to do one more thing. Sometimes our minds feel confused, and we wouldn't even know what to say if we tried. And sometimes, truthfully, we may feel angry at God because of some loss or grief or pain, and we just don't want to talk. But we must not confuse prayer with performance. Even when we cannot pray the way we wish, our prayer still pleases God. We need to be real with Him. When we don't feel like reciting the "normal" prayers, that may be the very time to just let our emotions flood out in His presence: frustration, anger, pain, fear, confusion, excitement, because who better to understand us than Him?

We know that prayer is one of the primary means by which we discover God's plan for our lives and deepen our faith. But we must remember faith is not about feelings, it's about fidelity. It's about praying even when we don't feel like it. Rather than looking at prayer as a trans-

action, we need to remember that prayer is a relationship. Think about our human relationships. We love our family and our friends dearly, but there are times they drive us crazy and we don't want to talk to them. We obviously love them, but it is just manifested differently. So it is with God.

When we do something for someone we love, we may not always have the right words, and we may not always select the perfect gift, but the person knows what is in our heart. In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings." (Romans 8:26) If we do not feel like prayer, all we have to do is try. The Holy Spirit will take it from there.

So yes, there are times when praying is hard to do, but God understands. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) We're invited to come to Him weary, whether confused, numb, anxious, angry, or stressed. Jesus tells us to simply come. As. We. Are. So, the next time we don't feel like praying, we should do it anyway. God will be happy with us when we choose to pray even though we struggle to do it. After all, He isn't looking for perfection; he just wants a faithful heart.

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Events

We are reopening the Prairie on August 1st. One of our first events is our monthly mass on Wednesday, August 5 at 10:00 am with Fr Page from St Joseph in DeWitt. We are planning to have it outdoors, to make it as safe as possible for those who would be attending. We would love to have as many people from the cluster parishes as we can. Refreshment to follow.

Online retreat:

Finding Faith: Past Tense, Present Joy
August 12 from 10:00am - 12:00pm
Dianne Prichard from DeWitt, Iowa

Please register 2 weeks in advance, so Dianne can contact you and send materials for you to prepare for that day's event. Just go to: theprairieretreat.org – click on Retreat Calendar – scroll down to August 12 – click on View Details. **No fee; free-will donation.**

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil, in God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener. LPi

Colleen Burke will be creating the bulletin for July 26 and August 2. All bulletin information needs to be to her by the Tuesday before the Sunday bulletin. Her email is cburke46@yahoo.com.



WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday, 7/21

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice;

your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Wednesday, 7/22

The Lord said to Mary Magdalene:

Go to my brothers and tell them:

I am going to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.

Thursday, 7/23

The woman who fears the Lord will herself be praised.

Her children have called her most blessed,
her husband has sung her praises.

Friday, 7/24

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice;

your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

The voice of the lord is powerful;

The voice of the Lord is majestic.

**NEVER GET TIRED
OF DOING LITTLE THINGS
FOR OTHERS.
SOMETIMES THOSE
LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY
THE BIGGEST PART
OF THEIR HEARTS.**

— ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

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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 07/18	05:00pm	Toronto	John Stevenson
Sunday 07/19	8:00am	Grand Mound	Richard Vens
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	John Stevenson
Tuesday 07/21	08:00am	Grand Mound	Richard Nichols
Wednesday 07/22	05:00pm	Grand Mound	Jessica Vance
Thursday 07/23	05:30pm	Toronto	Betty Marcucci
Friday 07/24	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Glen Regennitter
Saturday 07/25	05:00pm	Lost Nation	Scott Benischek
Sunday 07/26	08:00am	Grand Mound	John Moffit
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter

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 19, 2020

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

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

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