When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35
CORONAVIRUS CLOSINGS

We received a message from Archbishop Jackels on March 16, and based on his recommendations, we have made the following decisions regarding the coronavirus:

After consultation and considerable prayer, it has been decided – out of an abundance of caution and with devotion to the common good – to take steps aimed at slowing down the spread of the coronavirus, to flatten the curve, as they say, so as not to overburden the healthcare system. Therefore, until further notice, the following positions have been taken:

- All public celebrations of Mass are cancelled. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- During this time, the Archbishop will live stream a celebration of the Mass each Sunday, as well as the Chrism Mass, and Holy Week services, if the situation has not changed by then, and will lead the Rosary each week on Thursday. Visit www.DBQArch.org for more information about these live streamed events.
- Communal penance services will not be held.
- No hospital or nursing home visits for distribution of communion will be scheduled.
- The parish office will be closed until further notice. All scheduled events or gatherings (except for funerals, baptisms and weddings) will be cancelled or postponed. Updates will be posted on our website www.saintpatrickcf.org.

Pray to God for speedy deliverance from the evil of the coronavirus, for those who are sick or who live in fear of infection, for those who care for the sick and elderly, for those whose lives and livelihood are adversely affected by the spread of the virus, and that we might all remain calm and confident in God’s wisdom, power and goodness.

Conscious of our great need, and confident of God’s loving care, with the above intentions in mind, all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Dubuque are invited to join in a day of fast, abstinence, and prayer on Wednesday, March 25, 2020; this is voluntary, not obligatory.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
APPLY FOR THE MARY WOOD CDA SCHOLARSHIP
The Catholic Daughters are now accepting applications for the Mary Wood Scholarship. Mary was part of the scholarship committee for many years and, along with her family, was very supportive of this project. This year the scholarship will be $800.

Application information is now available on the Parish website at: //www.saintpatrickcf.org/cda. Any high school senior who is a member of St. Patrick Parish and will be continuing their education is eligible to apply. The process includes writing an essay which is due by Wednesday, April 8. Feel free to contact Jane Demmer at: jfdemmer@gmail.com if you have questions.

ONE OF THE WAYS the Catholic Daughters raise funds for the annual scholarship is with your can/bottle donations. If you are unable to place your donations (clean and rinsed) in the container on the south side of St. Patrick School, you may bring them to the parish office. NO GLASS PLEASE.

Young Adult Ministry

SUN. MARCH 22 The Young Adult group held Scripture and Scones over Google Hangout last Sunday night. We had a small group joining, but it was good for reflection and community. We will continue to “hangout” for the rest of the sessions until Easter. If you’d like to join us, contact Diane at diane.v.flaherty@gmail.com.

SIGN UP FOR LENTEN REFLECTIONS to be delivered every day either via text or email. Contact Diane to be put on the list: diane.v.flaherty@gmail.com or 319-230-6651.

DONATE TO PROJECT TO HELP AREA HOMELESS
Three 7th graders at St. Patrick School have started “Rainbows in Sight” to help the homeless in the Cedar Falls-Waterloo area. The students have placed a plastic tote on the Matthew 25 Food Pantry Shelf in the link hallway and are asking for donations they will give to the Salvation Army and Hospitality House. You can bring your donations when St. Patrick opens again. The students are collecting towels, blankets, pillows, twin and full-size sheets, toilet paper, and shower curtains and rings. For the kitchen they are seeking Ziploc bags, aluminum foil, plastic eating utensils, cooking Utensils, and cooking and bakeware. They are also asking for bus tickets, umbrellas, garbage bags, batteries, and detergent. Thank you for your generosity!

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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Little by little, what is next is coming into focus. I think it is safe to assume that we will not return to “normal” CGS for this year. While there is an outside chance we will reconvene before summer it will likely be celebrations and thanksgiving and not work time for our children.

For now I hope you and your families are well and can feel the love of the Good Shepherd through this time.

Settle into this time of waiting and preparation of our hearts for the season of Easter.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH CENTER CLOSED
To be consistent with the rest of our Vincentian and Catholic leadership, the St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo District Council Outreach office will be closed through April 3. Leadership will evaluate the situation later on to decide if the office will reopen on April 6.

HELP WANTED
WATERLOO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES LOOKING FOR WORKERS
The Catholic Cemeteries of Waterloo are seeking part-time workers for the summer to help with grass trimming. Must be at least 15 yrs. old and able to run a gas powered weedwhacker. All equipment provided. Please contact Doug Miller at the Mt. Olivet office to apply. Ph. 319-939-3912.

ST. STEPHEN THE WITNESS IS HIRING A BOOKKEEPER
St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center seeks a part-time bookkeeper beginning July 1. Please send letters of interest to 1019 West 23rd St., Cedar Falls 50613, or email to dbq303sec@dbqarch.org by April 10.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS
Out of an abundance of caution and to protect those with underlying health conditions the decision has been made to close the parish office to the public beginning Tuesday, through April 13. Most staff will be working from home and will continue to answer emails and phone calls throughout this period. Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time.

UNEXPECTED GIFTS
During Catholic Schools Week we shared our new Mission Statement developed as part of our strategic planning process. As we work to prepare for this unplanned time away from each other, we would like to share our new Vision Statement with you. As our plans for the coming weeks unfold, know that we are anxious to continue serving our students. God bless you and yours and enjoy the extra family time that is the unexpected gift during this difficult situation.

VISION STATEMENT
St. Patrick Catholic School will provide a cutting-edge curriculum with an emphasis on Catholic values. Through engaging and inspiring learning experiences, students will develop the critical skills needed to excel and become productive leaders who serve God and their communities.

Blessings, Mrs. Lynette Hackett

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CRITICAL CHOICES WORKSHOP
There will be a Critical Choices Workshop on April 29 from 10 AM to noon in the Commons, St. Patrick, Cedar Falls. This workshop examines some of the issues which arise at the time of a serious illness or at the end of life and helps participants consider the type of personal, spiritual, and medical care they wish to receive if they are seriously ill and unable to speak for themselves. The workshop is appropriate for individuals or couples of any age. No fee. Pre-registration required. Information and registration at 319-233-0498 or online at waterloocatholics.org/.

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For more information, please call the parish office (open M-F, 8:30 - 5:00 PM) at 319-266-3523 or visit our website, www.SaintPatrickcf.org.

SAVE THE DATES - MAY 23 AND 24
St. Patrick’s own Deacon Joseph Sevcik stepped in to conduct Eucharistic Services at 9:30 and 11:30 and baptize two babies on March 15 when Fr. Colter was under the weather. Deacon Joseph will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. All are invited to Ordination Mass where four men will be ordained to the priesthood to serve in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Patrick Church on Sunday May 24 at 5:15 PM, followed by a celebration in the Dutcher Gym including dinner, dueling pianos, and an opportunity to receive a blessing from Fr. Joseph.

PRAY FOR
The newly baptized:
Hudson Arthur Lancaster, son of Evan and Laura.
Benjamin James Mueller, son of Michael and Rachel.
Alice Christine Kane, daughter of Jared and Rochelle.

Family and Friends of Shirley Davis and Jean Stachovic:
Shirley and Jean passed away recently. May God’s love and fond memories comfort you. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful receive the mercy of God.

All who work in healthcare:
That God will give wisdom to those working to contain the virus, insight to those searching for a vaccine, and strength to those caring for the sick.
GARAGE SALE

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

APRIL 22-24
Wed 5:30–8 PM
Thur 9 AM–6 PM
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Children’s clothes, toys, household items, tools, books, furniture, and more in the gym and parish center. All items priced to sell!
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT CHS

“Prayer is to the soul what rain is to the soil.” (St. John Vianney) Quench your thirsty soul with participation in the magnificent devotion of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, located at Columbus HS. Committed adorers, substitutes, and drop-ins are needed. If you have any questions about the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, please call William Brandle at (319)939-9000 or email cvadoration@gmail.com.

DONATE TOILETRIES TO MATTHEW 25

Have you been traveling this winter? Don’t know what to do with all those hotel toiletries you have accumulated? Our Matthew 25 food pantry can use all those unopened containers of soap, shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste. This time of year, the food pantry’s supply of toiletries is getting low. Save them up and when St. Patrick is open again, you can drop off containers in the link hallway on the way to Mass or bring them to the parish office.

Stewardship Reflection

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Baptism Information

The next Baptism class will be offered on:
Monday, May 18 at 6:30 PM in the Commons.
Class is required for the first child only.
Parents are asked to contact the parish office at 319-266-3523 regarding your child’s Baptism.

You can schedule Baptisms during the following times:
1st weekend of the month - after 9:30 AM Mass
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