

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 16, 2022

John Paul II Cluster



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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. John the Evangelist
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
St. Patrick
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:

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Sunday 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
St. Patrick
Friday 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

THE WEEK AHEADMonday, January 17, 2022**Nothing listed on schedule/calendar**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**SP Finance/Pastoral Council:** Cluster Office, 5:15**Cluster Council:** Cluster Office, 6:30**SJ Pastoral Council:** Cluster Office, 7:00 pmWednesday, January 19, 2022**Mass:** Prairie Hills, 9:30 am (for Chet Rosauer)**St. John Religious Education:** Grades 1-6, 3:30 pm
Grades 7-10, 6:30 pm**St. Patrick Religious Education:** Grades K-9, 7:00 pm**COF:** Church Hall, 6:00 pmThursday, January 20, 2022**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Cluster Office, 10:00 amFriday, January 21, 2022**Confession at St. Patrick:** 7:30 - 7:50 am, before Mass**2 hour Early Dismissal** - Professional DevelopmentSaturday, January 22, 2022**Nothing listed on schedule/calendar**Sunday, January 23, 2022**Confession at St. John:** 9:15 - 9:45 am, before Mass**ST. JOHN PARISH, INDEPENDENCE****Saturday, 5:30 pm, January 22, 2022****Eucharistic** B Fr. Beckman n/a n/a**Ministers:** B Dc. Post n/a n/a
B Ron Michael**Hospitality** John & Vicki Schultz**Ministers:** Volunteers**Lector:** Diane Williams**Altar Servers:** Jacob & Matthew Holle n/a**Music:** Karen Kremer Michelle McBride**Sunday, 10:00 am, January 23, 2022****Eucharistic** B Fr. Beckman n/a n/a**Ministers:** B Dc. Post n/a n/a
B Kathy Post**Hospitality** Molly Greenley Deb Merfeld Volunteer**Ministers:** Pat Mahoney Mark Merfeld Volunteer**Lector:** Delores Brokman**Altar Servers:** Aiden Svoboda Will Clark n/a**Music:** Bonnie O'Brien Jubilee Choir**ST. PATRICK PARISH, WINTHROP****Saturday, 4:00 pm, January 22, 2022****Eucharistic Ministers :** B Fr. Beckman Dc. Post**Eucharistic Ministers :** W n/a**Hospitality Ministers*:** Volunteers

*Ushers - Please arrive at 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people as they walk into church

Lector: Tricia Zhiss**Gift Bearers:** n/a**Altar Servers:** Volunteers**Music:** St. Patrick Choir**Sunday, 8:00 am, January 23, 2022****Eucharistic Ministers :** B Fr. Beckman Dc. Post**Eucharistic Ministers :** W n/a**Hospitality Ministers*:** Volunteers

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Lector: Joe McIntosh**Gift Bearers:** n/a**Altar Servers:** Volunteers**Music:** St. Patrick Choir**Tuesday, January 18, 2022****Collection Counters:** Lois Loughren Joanice Brace**MASS INTENTIONS**

January 17, through January 23, 2022

St. John Parish, IndependenceTues. 8:00 am Steve Kremppes
Wed. 9:30 am Chet Rosauer (at Prairie Hills)
Thurs. 8:30 am Rick "Rona" Wendling
Sat 5:30 pm Ferreter & Wendling Deceased Family Members
Sun. 10:00 am Parishioners of the John Paul II Cluster**St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop**Mon. 4:30 pm Dick Kinney
Fri. 8:00 am Donna Mitchell
Sat 4:00 pm Craig Kleitsch
Sun. 8:00 am Keith & Corbin Wilgenbusch**Scrip Cash Table Volunteers January 22/23****5:30 pm** Sondra Cabell & George Lake**10:00 am** Jim & Marty Giering**Altar Linen Schedule:** January 16 Jane Gates
January 23 & 30 Denise Hawker**Readings for the week of January 16, 2022**Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**Cluster Finances**

St. John For Sunday, Sunday, January 9, 2022

Budget Envelopes \$9,993.97
Offertory \$81.00
Children's Collection \$0
EFT donations for the month are: \$5,855.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses \$11,814.00**Last week we were short \$1,739.03 to meet our operational expenses!**

This section includes all debt that the church owes to date.

Monies borrowed from DBQ
for building projects: \$0
Monies borrowed from
Embrace Our Future/Debt Elimination: \$0

St. Patrick For Sunday, January 9, 2021

Budget Envelopes \$5,171.00
Offertory \$103.00
EFT donations for the month are: \$880.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses \$3,376.00

Nicene Creed

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.

Gloria in excelsis

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.

Remember in prayer: Lillian Hemmen,
 Emmett & Bernadette Schumann, Eileen
 Barreca, Starla Himebaugh, Carolyn Er-
 ickson, Ken Magsamen, Darrell Stortz,
 Tex Pentecost, Cheryl Mills (sister of Peg
 Short), Rafael Saumell (son-in-law of Bill & Pat Offerman),
 Patricia Ehr



VOCATION VIEWS

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Ask For Your Budget Statement

Your 2021 statements for the amount you donated to St. Patrick Parish and St. John Parish will be available around January 20th. If you need a copy for your taxes, call the cluster office at 319-334-7191, drop a note in the collection, or email us at sjparish@indytel.com. We will mail your statement to you or you may stop in to pick it up.

St. John Rosary Society Meeting

Please plan to attend the Rosary Society meeting, January 20, 2022, at 6:30pm. Discussion will be held on the Fall Festival Meal and St. John's School Bazaar. Are you interested in having the turkey and dressing meal, again? Are you interested in changing the menu of the meal; suggestions could be pork or beef, from the Pork or Beef Producers? Thoughts on combining FF Meal with St. John's School Bazaar? Are you interested in having the meal, or would you prefer to donate, without any meal?
ALL are invited to attend.



Dad's Belgium Waffles

Please join us on January 23, 2022 at St. Patrick Church Hall in Winthrop from 8:00 am - 12:00 (noon) for Dad's Belgium Waffles. Free Will Donation.



- St. Patrick's Parishioners

Fellow St. Patrick's parishioners please join us for a 4-course Italian meal, fellowship, and Spiritual Growth (fun St. Patrick's Trivia with prizes) February 20, 4:30-7:00 at our Parish Hall in Winthrop. To reserve your seats, please call or text George Aberle at 563-920-5404. Limited number of seats; therefore, please do not delay in registering with George for this fun night. The meal is \$20/person. You can mail your check to George Aberle 2372 Racine Avenue, Independence, IA 50644 after calling or texting to register. Business casual attire.

Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

School News

Preschool Registration

St. John School will conduct its preschool registration event for the 2022-23 school year on Tuesday, February 8, from 6 - 7pm. Enrollment in the 3 and 4 year old programs is limited so it is highly recommended that you register that evening to secure your spot. SJS offers wrap-around daycare, so our daycare supervisor will be in attendance as well.

Haiti Raffle — Every year we conduct a fundraiser for our adopted sister parish, Sainte Anne, in Anse a Foleur, Haiti. This year the fundraising raffle will be conducted during Catholic School Week, on Friday, February 4. If you have any items that you would like to donate; items that our students would be interested in purchasing raffle tickets to win, please drop the item(s) off at school no later than Wednesday, February 2nd.

Zumba

It's a new year and a great time for new opportunities! Did you know that Ms. Liddle is a certified Zumba instructor? She is offering a Zumba class here at St. John School on Mondays. It is a dance class specializing in Latin rhythms (Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, and Reaggeton). No judgement here, just come and move! Suggested donation is \$5 a class, but a punch card can be acquired for six classes for a \$20 donation. A portion of your donation will go to the school. The class will meet from 5:30 - 6:15pm on Monday nights in the Multipurpose room. Hope to see you there!

STO —The online FACTS application for STO award consideration will be open on January 1st and can be found at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. The application deadline is April 15, 2022. If families applied through FACTS last year, they should use their same user name and password. Families must upload a completed 2021 federal tax return and related tax documents if they are required to file a federal return. Other forms may also be required for families with business income/loss. If a family needs assistance with their application they can call the FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262 Monday - Thursday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Friday 7:00 am to 5 pm.



EFT Opportunities....

We have many ways you can contribute to your individual parish. Besides bringing your envelope to church or mailing it to our office, you can consider automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account. This option is available for both St. John's and St. Patrick's. If you are interested in EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer), please contact the parish office at 319-334-7191.

~~AREA EVENTS~~

Aurora Legion & Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast

Carry-outs available!

All you can eat pancakes, biscuits/gravy, ham, scrambled eggs, milk, juice or coffee.

Adults \$10 5-8 years \$5 Pre-school Free

1st & 3rd Sundays from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm


January 16

February 6 & 20

Monti Community Center Breakfast –

Sunday February 13, 2022 from 8:30 – 11:00am at the Monti Community Center. Serving: Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Donuts, Juice, Coffee and Milk
Free Will Donation

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Find out what you've been missing by attending one of these upcoming experiences. February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.



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THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to the St. Patrick's Choir for providing the uplifting music and singing on December 17 for my husbands Roy's funeral Mass. God Bless each one of you for the giving of your time and talents.

Again, Thank you -

The Family of Roy Weydert

Independence Area Food Pantry

Thank you for the generous donation of \$570 plus 1.7 lbs of non food and 5.2 lbs of food to the Independence Area Food Pantry. We truly appreciate your generous donation and continued support to help those local families in need.

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John Paul II Cluster*

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&
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WEEKDAY MASSES:

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Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

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St. Patrick - 97.3 FM

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Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

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St. Patrick

Friday 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

BAPTISM:

Arranged after Pre-Baptism Classes.

Contact the cluster office.

MARRIAGE:

Please contact Fr. Beckman to arrange marriage preparations twelve to nine months in advance of the wedding date.



Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 30, 2022
Serving from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
St. John Church Hall

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls,
Milk, Juice & Coffee**
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From the Desk of Fr. Beckman:

We are now back into ordinary time in the Church's liturgical year and the second half of the fiscal year. I simply want to mention and give a big SHOUT of THANKS to all of our bulletin sponsors who so faithfully, year after year, place an advertisement for their business. **What your ad means to the parish:** This sponsorship covers the cost of our bulletins each week which helps our overall budget. It's one expense we don't have to budget for. Your ad's been helping to ensure that every parishioner has access to a beautiful, full color, content rich document every week in hard-copy and online, while protecting church donations from bulletin costs. **For our sponsors:** I encourage every parishioner to support the businesses who support us through these ads. I pray and trust that your own income goals are exceeded for helping make our bulletin possible for us, bless you! May this new year bring you prosperity, peace and joy.

On another note, those businesses who participate in our SCRIP program also support us greatly. If you are not in the habit of using SCRIP, especially for food, gas, restaurants, Amazon, Mennards etc. I encourage you to do so. It is so easy. It just takes a little forethought and planning. It's just like cash so I always keep SCRIP cards in my wallet instead of cash, so I have them when I go shopping. Not to use SCRIP is like throwing money away. It costs you nothing up front other than a little time to drop by the school to pick it up. Ask for an order sheet to take home and then you can look over all of the participating businesses and the percentage of their contribution. Once you are in the habit of using it you will wonder why it took you so long to get started. I get upset at myself if I run out and have to pay for something without using SCRIP. That rarely happens any more for me because of my fore planning You may think what is 2 or 3 percent going to help out with, anyway. If you spend \$100 for groceries a week and 3% goes to our SCRIP program, we receive \$3. With \$800 families in our parish and everyone used SCRIP that would be \$2,400 a week, times 52 that's \$124,500 in a year. That is just one small example of food, not to mention gas cards, Amazon, restaurants and possibly large purchases at Mennards, etc. Would you throw away that kind of money on items that you are going to purchase anyway. Well, that's what you are doing. SCRIP has the potential to become a 2nd source income as opposed to a 3rd source income, but we all have to use it to take full advantage of its benefits. Please talk to me about it if you have doubts, concerns, or a lack of understanding of what it actually is. Once you understand, and if you care at all, then, like prayer, you will get into this wonderful habit. So, RUSH over to St. John's School during the week, or stop by the SCRIP table by the staircase to the choir loft in church after any of the weekend Masses to pick up or order your SCRIP and support our parish budget in this simple and easy, no cost to you, crucial way.

Fr. David



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