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6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**BLESSED**

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man."*

- Lk 6:22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

7 am - 3:30 pm

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February 17, 2019  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Friday, February 22nd @ 8:30 am - Steve Horton**

**Sunday, February 24th @ 8:30 am - Annice Lane**

**Scheduled Masses:**

**All Saints:**

Saturday @ 4 pm  
Sunday @ 10:30 am

**St. Isidore the Farmer:**

Saturday @ 6 pm

**St. John the Baptist:**

Sunday @ 8:30 am



**Liturgical Ministers for February 24th**

8:30 am: Sacristan: Irene Leonard

EM: Leona Smith Faoro Nikki Sporrer  
Ann Thuerauf Lisa Thuerauf  
Diane Kimm Mary Weber  
De Wagner Sue Schettler

Lectors: Craig Lynner Erin Moeller

Servers: Mackenzie Ketchen Zach Kolker  
Mark Liberko Laura Swart

Greeters: Dan & Denise Brannaman  
Bernie & Phyllis White  
Jamie & Annalyn Elloren  
John & Stephanie family



Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

**Next Sunday:**

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**Weekly Contribution  
February 10, 2019**

Budget, Adults.....	\$2,890.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$164.50
Facility Up-Keep .....	\$45.00
Fuel.....	\$50.00
Total.....	\$3,149.50

**Meetings and Activities of the Week**

**Tuesday, February 19th**

6:30 pm - RCIA Session  
7:00 pm - FF Commission Mtg.

**February 20th**

9:00 am - St. Anne's Circle  
6:00 pm - FF grades 4th - 8th  
7:00 pm - FF grades 9th—12th  
8 - 10 pm - Adoration



**February 21st**

7:00 am - Finance Council Mtg.

**February 24th**

8:30 am - Preschool FF  
9:30 am - FF K - 3rd grade

**The 2nd Annual Parish Auction** was so much fun! If you missed it, you missed a great time!



Thanks to the following who made this event possible: Marcia & Kevin Driscoll, Kim & Tim Fall, Troy & Tracey Louwagie, Lisa Thuerauf, Jim Kelly, Erin & Mike Downey, Justin Dix, Mike Clark, Tim Keegan, Ryan Crock, Erin & Andy Moeller, Andrew, Mitch, Molly and Betsy Louwagie. Eli Krob, Ryne & Evelyn Moeller, Aubrey Frey, Emma Stevenson, Paige and Shannon Beck and Penelope Vig . All the Sunday morning catechists, Linda Hansmeier and Charlene Vig and anyone we may have forgotten. All the people who donated to the Auction and to all the bidders. One final thank you to Mr. Weasel who came to visit the crew Saturday morning! Total amount made on the Auction will be in next weeks bulletin.



\*Sunday, February 17th, serving 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Tenderloin dinner: \$8.00

Chicken plank dinner: \$9.00

Hamburger or Cheeseburger basket: \$8.00

Shrimp basket: \$10.00

Children's Chicken basket: \$5.00.

All dinners and baskets include choice of French fries or baked potato, salad, dessert, coffee or fountain pop.

Knights of Columbus Club 5677, Mt. Vernon Rd and Highway 13. Phone 247-2000. Public welcome!

**Birthright** is having their annual celebration sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on March 2nd from 5-9 at St. Patrick's, Cedar Rapids.

Silent auction, meal, dance, door prizes, face painting, etc. Proceeds go to Birthright. Tickets are \$8 with 5 and under free.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ? who laugh ? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor ? you who are now hungry ? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "**mystery of Christ**," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "**not about swooning in mystic rapture**." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



We would like to thank everyone who was willing to volunteer to sit in adoration on Tuesday, January 22nd to pray for the unborn and an end to abortion. We were overwhelmed by the response of volunteers signed up and look forward to making this an annual event. We were, of course, disappointed with the weather interfering, but your prayers were heard, nonetheless. We knew that 24 hours of adoration would be difficult to fill, but your outpouring of support made it possible. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

Sincerely,  
Charlene Vig and Sarah Covington



### Catholic Charities Offers Many Services to Families -

Did you know that **Catholic Charities** offers a diverse array of programs and services throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Crisis Pregnancy and Post Abortion Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Ministry, mentoring and support for single parents and Disaster Services? We ask you to consider supporting these services with your gift to the **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal**. Learn more at [www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org).

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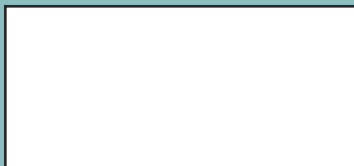
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