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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

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Friday, March 1st @ 8:30 am - Leo McElmeel

Sunday, March 3rd @ 8:30 am - Doris McElmeel

Scheduled Masses:

All Saints:

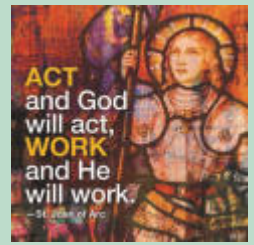
Saturday @ 4 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am

St. Isidore the Farmer:

Saturday @ 6 pm

St. John the Baptist:

Sunday @ 8:30 am



Liturgical Ministers for March 3rd

8:30 am: Sacristan: Dennis Ludwig
 EM: Tom Wieseler Carol Woods Boren
 Pete Bahl Sharon Dendurent
 Kathy Dix Marty Fall
 Donna Herring Sue Schettler

Lectors: Gwen Schimek Christine Tabak

Servers: Aubrey Frey Riley Boots
 Ty Panos Adam Vig

Greeters: Chuck & Marylynn Murray
 Mike & Ruth Clark family
 Tim & Abby Keegan family



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
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a] Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday:
 Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday, February 25th

7:00 pm - Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, February 27th

6:00 pm - FF for grades 4th - 8th

7:00 pm - FF for grades 9th - 12th

2nd Annual Parish Auction

The total from the Parish Auction came to: \$21,155.00

The donations at the Auction for a AED (Defibrillator): \$690.00

Previous donations for the AED (Defibrillator): \$1,300.00

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To the Holy People of St. John:

After a lot of prayer and thought, I have informed the Archbishop that I plan to retire June 30, 2019. I am giving you all a formal notice that my 36 years of work at St. John will come to an end this summer.

The decision to retire has been fueled by the fact that I want and need to spend the next few years with Bill. Some of you know that he has buried three brothers in the last couple of years. He has a fourth brother currently in very serious health. I just woke up one day and said I don't want to wait so long and regret that I didn't take retirement sooner. So, there you have it!

I feel I have done what God called me to do as the PLC since 2002. I am at peace with my decision and confident that God is calling someone else to lead. The Archbishop is the one to appoint the next leader. That information will not be forthcoming for a while.

I think St John is one of the most vibrant and vital parishes in the Archdiocese. I thank you all for this vitality and vibrance as well as all that you have sacrificed and done for this parish. Bill and I plan to remain as members.

I remain yours in Christ,
Sue Schettler, PLC

Plan to attend Marshalltown's first ever

"GOING NATURAL- A Healthy Choice" conference. It will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Marshalltown Community College at DeJardin Hall from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. All are welcome, including engaged and married couples, counselors, teachers, students, clergy, doctors, nurses, pharmacists and social workers. The class objective is to present a scientific analysis of the chemistry of sex, fertility and relationships. Many experts in this field are scheduled to speak. **Class testimonies:** "I am excited and feel empowered to share this information with women I work with", **This conference ROCKED!**" and **"Excellent speakers! They were able to engage the audience and entertain while still teaching something powerful!"** Lunch is included in your registration fee and there will be great door prizes! Look for brochures and poster displayed at your church. This special event is sponsored by Coalition for Life of Iowa, Dubuque County Right to Life, Johnson County Right to life, lowans for LIFE, and the Marshalltown Culture of Life Committee. If you have any questions or to register, please contact Mark/Mary Mauk at 641-750-8412 or coalitionforlife@gmail.com <http://lifeiowa.org/>

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. **"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you ? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."** Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. **"For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"**

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

**Weekly Contribution
February 17, 2019**

Budget, Adults	\$2,342.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$144.00
Up-keep Facility.....	\$40.00
Fuel	\$105.00
Total	\$2,631.00

Thank you for your continued support!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I sometimes spend more money than I should. I make decisions based upon my wants and not my needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because I wanted what I wanted and I got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, I know I am not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. This is why it struck me to listen once again to the words of Jesus when he says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often I would like for others to fulfill my wants instead of needs, and I can seemingly love myself by doing what I already mentioned above.

A stewardship way of life means that I wisely steward what I have, and I cannot give what I do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would I have others give me lavish gifts and shower me with empty compliments or would I have them give to me something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, I need to love myself more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to me in Christ Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, M



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Dear St. John's -

Thank you for the wonderful donations to **Birthright of Cedar Rapids!** We were very low on our baby items and your donations were a beautiful surprise. God bless your congregation!

Deandra Chlystun, Co-Director

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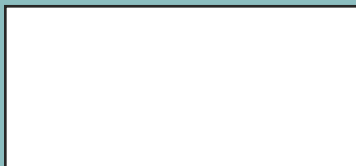
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