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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

I am learning that January is a busy time with lots of activities to participate in and sign-up for around the parish. This January the youth will be serving two meals at the Central Iowa Shelter & Services (C.I.S.S.) facility, one this weekend and one on January 30th. I have come to understand that we have been involved in this great cause for 25 years. What a wonderful way to engage our children in the beauty of helping our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than we may be. The youth groups will also be taking orders this month for the annual Super Bowl Snack Packs. They will be available for pick-up the second weekend of February since the big game was moved back a week when the NFL added an 18th week to the regular season.

You may have noticed our new votive candle stand in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary. We have a generous parishioner to thank for this gift so I hope you find some time to pray with, and invoke the intercession of our Blessed Mother to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ. "And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden

censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God." (Rev 8:3-4). It came with a donation box that I found intrusive so we have decided to remove it. The whole idea of the donation box is only to cover the costs of the candles anyway. If this is a way that you like to pray, then add a dollar or so into the collection basket if you think of it.

As we continue our liturgical journey through the year, we have now entered into the season of Ordinary Time, which began on January 10th after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary Time will take us through Tuesday, March 1st, known as Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will then start-up again after the Easter season ends at Pentecost.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Mark



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS

JANUARY 16, 2022

FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

LITURGICAL ROLES

JANUARY 23, 2022

Sat., Jan. 22: 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom Brandt
Teresa Brandt*
Harley Schieffer

Lectors:

Cicily Dennis
Dick Minahan

Servers:

Haley Frank
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Greeters:

Charlie & Jan Hildreth

Usher Coordinator:

Donna Minahan

Sun., Jan. 23: 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers:

Madison Delaney*
Sally Duer
Darlene Huberty

Lectors:

Jim Germann
Michael Wiskus

Servers:

Elizabeth Grier
Evan Huberty

Greeters:

Darren & Janel Huinker

Usher Coordinator:

Bill Huberty

Sun., Jan. 23: 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan Behrens
Bill Ludwig
Joann Maly*

Lectors:

Sarah Bierce
Tom Maly

Servers:

Eleanor Bierce
Mario Calise

Greeters:

Paulette Weir

Usher Coordinator:

Jon Gruber

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR KC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus is selling raffle tickets to fund up to eight scholarships for graduating seniors from Ss. John and Paul Parish. Cost of the tickets is \$25 each or five for \$100. Tickets are available in the gathering space starting this weekend. Find all the details and a link to purchase tickets online at ssjohnpaul.org/k-of-c-raffle. For questions, contact Randy Majerus, 515-262-1623.

CARING HANDS GARDEN INFORMATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 25

Is gardening one of your gifts? The garden team for Caring Hands Food Pantry is looking at expanding their garden operation, but they need more help! If you might be interested, plan to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 25 at 5:30 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Email Mike Kinnear, mikeydawgindm@gmail.com, to RSVP or for more information.

KNIGHTS CHILI COOK-OFF SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Following 5 pm Mass the Knights will host a chili cook-off. Enter your favorite chili recipe in the contest by contacting Bill Ludwig, bill.ludwig@remax.net. Your \$5 entry fee will be given back for a 1st and 2nd prize. Don't want to participate in the contest? Come and eat for a free-will offering! For those who aren't chili aficionados, chicken noodle soup will also be served and LAF will provide desserts for a free-will offering! Go to ssjohnpaul.org/k-of-c-chili-cook-off for details.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Bishop wants to hear from us. Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go here: <https://forms.gle/lmp72lt5b8TfcAid8> or click on the QR code. The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.



Parish Mission at Holy Trinity January 23-24
"Lighten Up!... A Celebration of Faith and Family" is coming to Holy Trinity Parish. Nationally-known Catholic comedian, singer, storyteller, teacher, and author Doug Brummel and his 'cast of characters' will lead the parish community on a unique faith journey on January 23 & 24 with a start time of 6:47 (Yes, you read it right...6:47 pm). Check out his website at www.dougbrummel.com. Contact John Mertes, 515 255 3162 x 224 for more info.

Young Catholic Network: All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, January 25th! Join us at 6 pm for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Sharon Krause of Krause Group (parent company of Kum & Go) and Dalla Terra Ranch will be our featured speaker. Register at www.dmdiocese.org/vcn.

St. Joseph School Information Night: The Pre-school and Kindergarten Information Night for the 2022-23 school year will be held Tuesday, February 1 at 6 pm at St. Joseph Parish Center. Contact the school for more information, schooloffice@stjosephcatholicdsm.org or 515-266-3433.

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

SUN 1/16: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
MON 1/17: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
TUE 1/18: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
WED 1/19: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
THU 1/20: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
FRI 1/21: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
SAT 1/22: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
SUN 1/23: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. 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 when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here!" 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 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 always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until

last. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find 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, 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. ©LPI



WEEK OF
PRAYER
FOR
**CHRISTIAN
UNITY**

EUCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 17: No Mass
Tues., Jan. 18: 5:30 pm
for Ann McDonald
Wed., Jan. 19: 9:00 am
Margaret Murphy
Thu., Jan. 20: 9:00 am
for those serving our country
Fri., Jan. 21: 9:00 am
for Ron Griggs
Sat., Jan. 22: 5:00 pm
for James Birchmier
Sun., Jan. 23: 8:30 am
for the parish community
Sun., Jan. 23: 10:30 am
for Laura Stefani Wharff

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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am
	10:30 am
Online: 1st Sunday/mo.	8:30 am
Tuesday	5:30 pm
Wednesday - Friday	9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday	8:30-9:30 am
Saturday	4:00-4:30 pm

and by individual appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

every Monday	7:00 pm
every Tuesday	6:00 am
Wednesday-Friday	6 & 8 am

Prayer Chain: 967-3796 or
ssjohnpaul@ssjohnpaul.org

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

SSJP'S TRIVIA NIGHT FEBRUARY 5TH

Plan on attending this great night of trivia fun to benefit Ss. John and Paul's Habitat for Humanity projects! Register your team of eight, or sign up individually and we will place you on a team. Cost is \$25/person, \$200/team of eight. There will be food, drink, prizes, 50/50 raffle and more! Look for the registration table in the gathering space or register online. Find the link to register and more information at <https://ssjohnpaul.org/trivia-night>.

Welcome New Members!

The Brincks family, Landon Dr NW, Bondurant
The Kinney family, 8th Ave NW, Altoona
The Chester/Espeset family, Findlay Dr, NW, Altoona
Please welcome these newcomers to our parish family!

K OF C BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

Join the Knights this Sunday, January 16th for a hot breakfast, serving from 8:30 am-12 noon. Back by popular demand, breakfast burritos with sausage, cheesy potatoes, pancakes and fruit. Free will donation will go to SSJP's Capital Campaign.

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon., January 17:

Adoration, 7 pm, day chapel

Tue., January 18:

Holy Hour, 6 am, church

Faith Formation subcommittee, 10 am, FDC social room

Baptism Prep Session, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

K of C Officers meeting, 7 pm, FDC social room

Wed., January 19:

Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel

Mass at Prairie Vista, 10 am

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:30 am, off campus

*Track 2 Reconciliation Parent/Child meeting,
6:30 pm, church and Founders Hall*

Mixed Choir, 6:45 pm, church

JYM, 7 pm, FDC social room

Teen Group, 7 pm, FDC "The Rock"

Thu., January 20:

Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel

Kindermusik, 10 am, FDC rooms 3-4

Fri., January 21:

Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel

Sat., January 22:

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am, FDC room 10

K of C Chili Cook-off, 6 pm, Francis Hall

Lord's Day, January 23:

First Eucharist parent retreat, 4 pm, church

JP Kidz, 6 pm, FDC social room

Tweens, 6 pm, FDC "The Rock"

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



JYM AND TEEN GROUP MEET JANUARY 19

Calling all 7th and 8th graders! Juniorhigh Youth Ministry meets on Wednesday, January 19th from 7-8:30 pm in the FDC social room. Join us for a question and answer session with Fr Mark and Paulette Chapman. **Teen Group** also meets at the FDC in "The Rock." Both groups are invited to come early for food and fellowship at 6:30 pm.

TRACK 2 PARENT/CHILD RECONCILIATION MEETING JANUARY 19.

A meeting for Track 2 parents and children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, January 19th at 6:30 pm in the church. Both parent(s) and child are to attend this meeting.

PARENT EUCHARIST RETREAT JANUARY 23

The retreat for parents with children preparing for First Eucharist is Sunday, January 23 from 4-5:30 pm in the church. Parents of both Track 1 and Track 2 children are to attend. Tom Quinlan from St. Joseph Educational Center will lead us in prayer, formation and preparation for parents to share their faith with their children. Childcare is available if reserved in advance.

For either of these upcoming events, contact Jenni Lihs, 515-967-3796 or jlihs@ssjohnpaul.org for questions.

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of childcare volunteers for upcoming events in January. Please check the SignUp Genius for dates and volunteer where you are able. Contact Jenni Lihs, 967-3796, with any questions. [signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45a5ae2aa0fd0-ssjp2](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45a5ae2aa0fd0-ssjp2).

***Masks are strongly encouraged for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at all parish functions.
Thank you for caring for others.***

SNACK PACKS FOR THE BIG GAME

Support Youth Ministry by purchasing Super Bowl Snack Packs! Each pack cost \$15 and will contain a variety of popcorn, nuts, cookies, chips and more. Look for the table to order your snack packs starting January 22-23. Watch for an online option to purchase coming soon!



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MEETING TIMES
 First Thursday of Month
 6:00pm Rosary
 6:20pm Dinner
 7:00pm Meeting

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