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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Last weekend at the end of Mass I had a hard time remembering all the additional activities that are available for us to participate in over the first two months of the year. Joe Antonelli and the parish's youth ministry served the first of two meals to our brothers and sisters in need at Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS) last weekend. I have always believed that the most powerful way to stay close to God is to stay close to his poor. They will be going again on January 30th, so please look at the sign-up sheets for ways to continue to help them in this important ministry.

The Knights are also selling raffle tickets to support up to eight of our graduating high school students with a scholarship. This reminds me of my college days eating ramen and mac and cheese for breakfast, lunch and dinner...sure wish I had the Knights to help me in college.

Then there is trivia night in support of our Habitat for Humanity ministry which has been beautifully supported over the years. Do not hesitate to join our crew to help build the house because of lack of experience; there is plenty of

knowledge on the build site to offer you help. If swinging a hammer is not your thing, you can still join us for a fun night on February 5th for our annual trivia fundraiser. I am still in need of seven trivia savants to lead my team to victory!

This weekend we begin "Year C" which refers to the liturgical readings we will follow throughout the year. Year "C" is the Gospel of Luke, which is the third gospel account in the Bible. St Luke's gospel comes in the final year of the Church's three-year cycle of Gospel readings. Although our Liturgical year starts with Advent, the special seasons of the Church are accompanied by specific readings to highlight the season. This means we do not actually start with the new gospel readings until we enter into the order of time, also known as Ordinary time.

Lastly, I am going on a silent retreat next week, so I will not be available from January 24-31. Please pray for me and know that I will be praying for our parish community.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Mark



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS

JANUARY 23, 2022

FIRST READING

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

SECOND READING

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

GOSPEL READING

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

LITURGICAL ROLES

JANUARY 30, 2022

Sat., Jan. 29: 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Maria Freiburger
Chevy Freiburger
Karen Kopecky*

Lectors:

Mary Kenne
Jack Kopecky

Servers:

Valentina Freiburger
Bryce McKinney

Greeters:

Becky & Leon Stidfole

Usher Coordinator:

Ken Barloon

Sun., Jan. 30: 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jan Barton
Kathy Dunbar*
Jeff Shaver

Lectors:

Jenny Peterson
Julie Sparks

Servers:

Kash Fischer
Abbie Fitzpatrick

Greeters:

Michelle & Nathan Allen

Usher Coordinator:

David Fitzpatrick

Sun., Jan. 30: 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers:

Virginia Larimer
Cindy Majerus*
Amy White

Lectors:

Randy Majerus
Rob McFarlane

Servers:

Irina Ahissou
Levi Doe

Greeters:

Carolyn Hanchak

Usher Coordinator:

Thierry Ahissou

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 after Masses, and can also be purchased online. Find all the details and the link to purchase tickets online at ssjohnpaul.org/k-of-c-raffle. For questions, contact Randy Majerus, 515-262-1623.

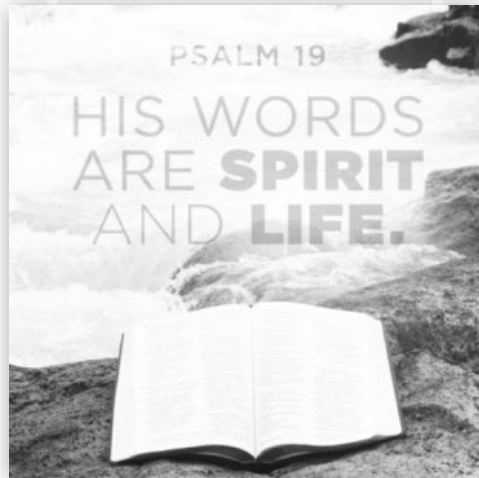
DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR CISS MEAL

Youth Ministry will serve a second meal at Iowa Shelter and Services on January 30th. Donations of meal ingredients and meatloaves, volunteers and chaperones/drivers are still needed. Check out the sign-up sheets in the gathering space when you come to Mass this weekend and see where you can help out. Thank you to all who have donated items and volunteered so far!

WINTER PROGRAMMING AT THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Center for Social Ministry offers poverty awareness, social justice, and JustFaith Ministries programs locally. Our next session starts in February. Registration is required and can be done online at csm.coursesform.com. For more information please visit our website at centerforsocialministry.org or call 515-782-3054.

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



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Young Catholic Singles of the Diocese of Des Moines Board Game Night Friday, January 28:

It's all fun and games at board game night! Catholic singles in their 20s and 30s are invited to bring one of their favorite card or board games to share and enjoy a winter's night in with friends. Pizza dinner, beer, and other drinks provided. Join us from 6:30-9:30 pm at St Augustin Parish Hall, DSM. For details, email YCDMCatholicSingles@gmail.com.

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.

Catholic Charities Shamrocks & Shenanigans March 12. Save the date and join in the 2022 Shamrocks & Shenanigans supporting Catholic Charities. Buffet, drinks, music, games and prizes are included with the purchase of your ticket. Find more and purchase tickets at e.givesmart.com/events/pc0/.

Creighton University Women's Ignatian Retreat March 4-6, 2022: Join us for a weekend silent retreat, based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be a time to grow in Our Lord's love for us and to deepen your personal relationship with him, preparing your heart for the journey through Lent with Christ. Held at the Creighton University Retreat Center outside Griswold, IA. Begins Friday at 4:30 pm and ends Sunday at 2:15 pm.. Retreat cost: \$225. For more information and to register, visit creighton.edu/curc.

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

SUN 1/23: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
MON 1/24: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
TUE 1/25: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
WED 1/26: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:1-20
THU 1/27: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
FRI 1/28: 2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
SAT 1/29: 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
SUN 1/30: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 4:21-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs, we forget that we really are

meant to listen to Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us. As people fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness. We have to allow God's Word to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that

every day is one that is holy. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us. Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPI



EUCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 24: No Mass
Tues., Jan. 25: 5:30 pm
for +Gary McCoy
Wed., Jan. 26: 9:00 am
for +Tom Duer
Thu., Jan. 27: 9:00 am
for the hungry
Fri., Jan. 28: 9:00 am
for all medical workers
Sat., Jan. 29: 5:00 pm
for +Mark Crawford
Sun., Jan. 30: 8:30 am
for +Richard & Helen Hoagland
Sun., Jan. 30: 10:30 am
for the people of the parish

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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 ssjohnpaul.org/trivia-night.

Welcome New Members!

The Dirkx family, 19th St SW, Altoona
The Ifamilik/Moya family, NE 56th St, Altoona
The Flores family, Morning Dove Blvd, Pleasant Hill
Please welcome these newcomers to our parish family!

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. Order your snack packs this weekend and January 30-31 or online at ssjohnpaul.org/superbowl-snack-packs-fundraiser. Pick up your snack packs the weekend of the Super Bowl, February 12-13.

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon., January 24:

Adoration, 7 pm, day chapel

Tue., January 25:

Holy Hour, 6 am, church

Staff Meeting, 10 am

Wed., January 26:

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:30 am, off campus

Men's Choir, 6:45 pm, church

Track 1 Eucharist parent/child meeting, 6:30 pm, church

Thu., January 27:

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

Faith Formation Core Team, 10 am, FDC social room

Faith Formation subcommittee, 11 am, FDC social room

Kindermusik, 11 am, FDC rooms 3-4

Fri., January 28:

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

Sat., January 29:

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

Lord's Day, January 30:

CISS Meal, 5 pm, Central Iowa Shelter & Services

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



JP KIDZ AND TWEENS MEET THIS SUNDAY
Calling all 3rd through 6th graders! JP Kidz and Tweens meet this Sunday, January 23rd from 6-7:30pm in the FDC. Join us for faith and fun!

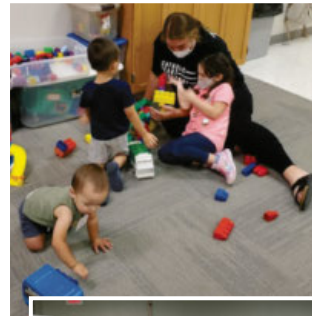


PARENT EUCHARIST RETREAT JANUARY 23
The retreat for parents with children preparing for First Eucharist is Sunday, January 23 from 4-5:30 pm in the church. Both Track 1 and Track 2 parents are to attend. Tom Quinlan from St. Joseph Educational Center will lead parents in prayer, formation and preparation to share their faith with their children. This retreat is for parents only.

TRACK 1 PARENT/CHILD EUCHARIST MEETING JANUARY 26 AT 6:30 PM: Track 1 parents and children preparing for Eucharist will meet in the church. Both parent(s) and children are to attend this meeting. Contact Jenni Lihs, 515-967-3796 or jlhs@ssjohnpaul.org for questions for either of these events.

KITCHEN & CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS

Kitchen volunteers are needed for the meals provided for our intergenerational faith formation gatherings two times each month. You choose a date and help out for all or part of a shift. Find more information and the Signup Genius link to volunteer at ssjohnpaul.org/faith-formation-kitchen-volunteer.



Child care volunteers, especially adults, are always needed for the child care offered to parishioners for faith formation activities. Sign up for training or volunteer to help through Signup Genius. Find the links at ssjohnpaul.org/child-care!



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

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