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Mass Times:

4:00 PM Saturdays at St. Joseph in State Center
8:30 AM Alternating Sundays for St. Mary, Colo and St. Gabriel, Zearing
10:30 A.M. St. Patrick in Nevada
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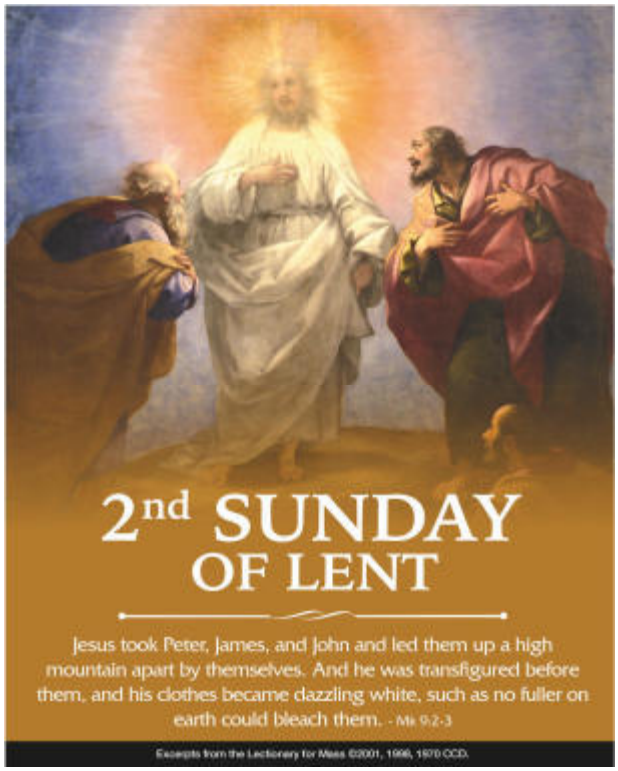

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February 28, 2021

St. Patrick's News

St. Patrick Events:
Mar. 3rd, Faith Formation Classes, K-5th, 6:30-8 PM
Mar. 10th, Faith Formation Classes, K-5th, 6:30-8 PM
Mar. 17th, **NO** Classes/Spring Break
Mar. 24th, Faith Formation Classes, 6-12th, 6:30-8 PM

This Lent, Jim Kurtenbach and Jenny Angus are inviting **everyone** to participate in an Alpha Film Series. This event will take place on Wednesday evenings starting February 24th, from 6:45-8:00 PM in the social hall.

You will watch a short film and then have a discussion time following the viewing. This is a wonderful opportunity to renew and grow in our own faith. There may be a Zoom option available. Please contact Jenny or Jim for more information. We hope to see you there!

MIDWIFE KITS: Sunday, March 14, 2021 is the first workday for the Midwife Kits, beginning at 1:00 PM in the social hall. Please come and be a part of this meaningful service project. The other date for the workday are planned for March 21st, 2021.

Items needed are:
Thin regular size bath towel- if new pre-wash
Thin washcloths - if new pre-wash
Baby t-shirts
bath size bars of Ivory soap
quart size zipper bags
2 or 2 1/2 gallon zipper bags
receiving blankets or flannel sheets or piece of flannel (hemmed or serge) approx. 30" x 30"
ground cover (torn or unfinished edges is okay) approx. 36" x 36"
newborn stocking caps (keep hand-knit caps very small) or old T-shirt to make baby hats
Contact Pat Anderson with any questions at pat-anderson1@mchsi.com or 515-291-6523

Save local lives!

Nevada Community Blood Drive
Wednesday, March 10, 2021,
12:30 PM 6:00 PM
Nevada Gates Hall, 825 15th Street
Schedule your lifesaving appointment online at *www.lifeservebloodcenter.org*
or call 800-287-4903 or Text LIFESERVE to 999-777.
Appointments are required.
This Blood Drive is sponsored by Nevada -American Legion Auxiliary.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE HUGE WOODEN CROSS IN THE SOCIAL HALL?

This is a wonderful gift to our church from *Cole and Mackenzie Hopkins*. We are so grateful to have this handmade cross in the social hall, ready for people to gaze upon it and get ready to become filled with the wonderment of the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
Thank You Very Much!!

St. Mary's News

St. Mary Events:
Mar. 3rd, Faith Formation Classes, 6:45 PM
Mar. 17th, **NO** Classes/Spring Break
Mar. 24th, Faith Formation Classes, 6:45 PM

The family of ***Pat Carmody*** would like to honor her with a card shower in celebration of her 95th birthday on March 17th. Please send cards to:
710 Michelle Road. Colo, IA 50056

St. Joseph's News

St. Joseph CCW will be meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 4th. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Please join us on Sunday, March 7th at 1:30 PM in the social hall as we continue to plan our year of *St. Joseph/150th Anniversary Celebration*. Find out how you can help make this a great event!

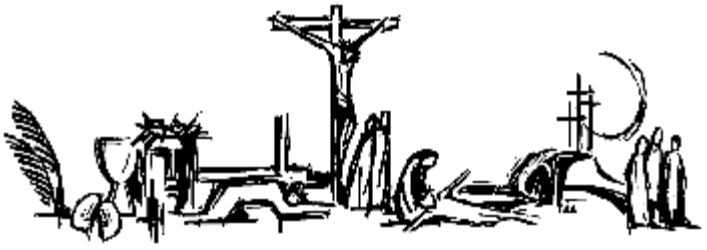
St. Joseph's Table

We're calling our weekly bulletin item during the Year of St. Joseph/150th anniversary "St. Joseph's Table", but did you know that St. Joseph's Table is a real thing? St. Joseph's Table is a *shared* community celebration where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor. Traditional etiquette is that *no one* can be turned away from this table.

Origin of St Joseph's Table

Legends from the Middle Ages say that there was a time of drought & famine in Sicily, Italy. Food crops for both people & livestock withered & died. The people prayed to St. Joseph for help. When the clouds finally opened & desperately-needed rain poured down, there was much rejoicing! After the harvest, to show their gratitude, the people prepared a table with special foods to thank & honor St. Joseph. Afterwards the food was distributed to the less fortunate.

This celebration is now an annual tradition in Italy. Each year, wealthy families prepare huge buffets. All people of the community, especially the homeless & sick, are invited to share in the buffets. Any remaining food & proceeds are given to the poor.



St. Gabriel's News

WAY OF THE CROSS: St. Gabriel Church will be doing The Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent. beginning on February 24th. Al Conrad will be our leader for March 3rd.

Masks will be required.

ADORATION: Eucharistic Adoration will be available at St. Gabriel church Sunday, February 28. Adoration will start at the close of our 8:30 Mass and continue until noon. *"Could you not watch one hour with me?"* - Mark 14:37

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT? 10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON:

1.Give up sin: Show your love for God by keeping His commandments. Turn away from sin.

2.Fast: An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.

3.Pray: Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4.Do good works: Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.

5.Give alms: Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.

6) Abstain. Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

7) Do meditative reading. Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

8) Control desire for possessions. Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself - your time and your talents - with others.

9) Control desire for entertainment. Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10) Carry out duties in life. Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ.

-from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living Lent".

General News

Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable

Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget-every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to: ***Catholic Charities, 1229 Mount Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001*** or by going to: www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate

Hunger In Our World: Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of His, we did it for Him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger-it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Look around your home, how many plastic bottles do you see? Probably a great many - plastic pop bottles, milk containers, cleaning supplies, laundry and dish detergents, liquid hand soap and hand sanitizers, food containers, just to name a few. Many of these can be recycled, but many fill landfills which take many years to decompose. Many other can be found tossed onto roadways or on the streets.

There is hope on Material Recovery for the Future (MRFF) in which they turn two plastics into other useful products. Agilyx is partnership with Exon Mobile to create join venture with Cyelyx International to recover and sort more used plastic to recycle. Since 2017 Shell, Chevron, and Phillips 66 project that have more potential to direct 40 million metric tons (9 billion pounds) out of the landfills.

See recycle plastic bottles on Google for further info.

Ethiopia in Dire Need! In 2020 conflict broke out in the northern Tigray region of Ethiopia between the federal government and the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front sparking ongoing violence and instability. At the same time, Ethiopia has been suffering from the largest locust outbreak in recent history, the deadly effects of climate change, and the COVID 19 pandemic. As 2021 unfolds, vulnerable communities in Ethiopia who are already stretched too thin struggle to access necessary food and resources, driving up the need to the second highest in the world. Your help is desperately needed. If you can help go to 54971.thankyou4caring.org to ensure your donation goes directly to the people of Ethiopia. Thank you.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

General News cont.

All caregivers, the ill and homebound, Maxine Harms, Harold Heil, Kim Hancock, and all special intentions. Please also remember our service men and women in your prayers.

Let us support one another in prayer.

Bible Quiz

Today the Transfiguration is told and Peter, James, and John saw and heard this tremendous miracle. We all know quite a bit about St. Peter, but who exactly were St. James and St. John, who also witnessed this miracle?

Answer: To put it bluntly, scholars are not all in agreement. Their mother maybe was Salome who may have been a sister to the Virgin Mary, making them cousins of Jesus. No one knows for sure. James and John probably were disciples of John the Baptist before becoming apostles of Jesus. Also, James and John were brothers, and sons of Zebedee, their father.

Liturgical Ministers for March 6-7

4:00 P.M. Saturday, (March 6th), at State Center

Eucharistic Min.	Donna Barry, Andy Smith
Greeters/Ushers	Robin Edler, Tub Buffington
Sacristan	Sharon Smith
Lector	Jeff Barry
Money Counters	Lisa Hemesath, Nicki Christianson

8:30 A.M. Sunday, (March 7th), at Colo

Lector	Patty Trowbridge
Ushers	Matt Gruhn, Bob Meller
Euch. Ministers	Leanne Beaver, Sarah Grover

10:30 A.M. Sunday, (March 7th), at Nevada

Lector	Beth Caple
Euch. Ministers	Sandy Dittmer, Tasha Vorm, Derek Thomas,Lynn Scarlett
Ushers	Paul Malsom, Kevin Bane, Bryce Caple, Robb Schmidt
Sacristan	Lynn Scarlett
Money Counters	Paul and Deb Malsom

Father Dagit requests that all Liturgical Ministers wear a mask. Thank you!

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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