Prince of Peace Cluster

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St. Mary of Mt. Carmel
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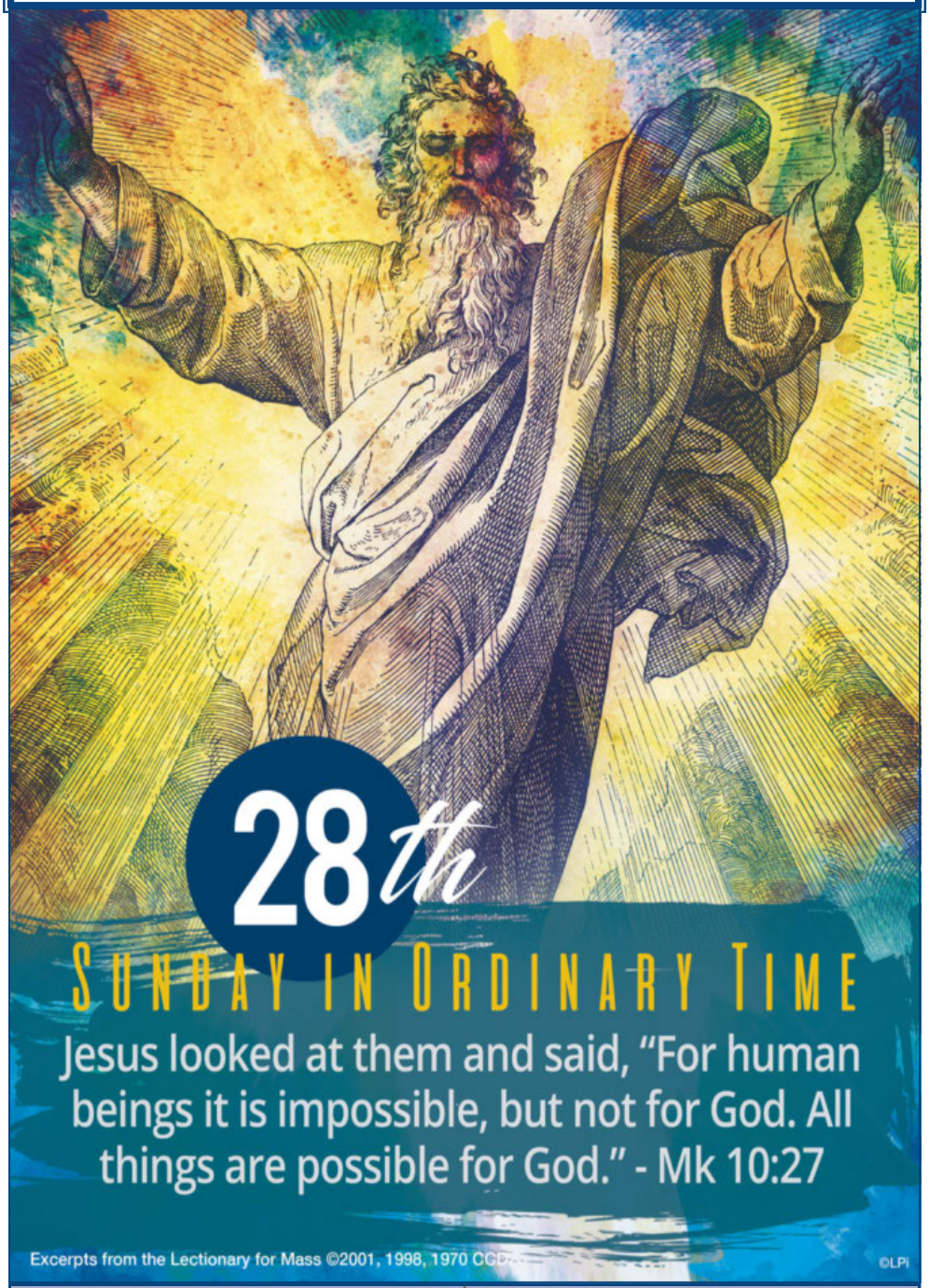
Purpose Statement:
Our cluster purpose is to welcome and inspire the community to share and nurture our Catholic Faith through prayer, sacraments, service and love of God.



Prince of Peace Mass Schedule: September 1 - December 31, 2021

Sacred Heart.....Saturday, 4:00 pm
St. Mary of Mt. Carmel.....Sunday, 8:00 am
St. Paul.....Sunday, 10:00 am

Reconciliation Schedule: September 1 - December 31, 2021

St. Paul.....Tuesday, 7:55-8:10 am
Sacred Heart.....Thursday, 12:30-12:55 pm
Saturday, 3:00-3:45 pm
St. Mary.....Wednesday, 7:55-8:10 am

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Prince of Peace Website:
www.princeofpeacecluster.com

Anointing of the Sick

If you will be hospitalized during the week and would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Tony. If you wish to receive a visit, notify Fr. Tony at 319-478-2222.

Bulletin Announcements

Due to a change in our bulletin deadline bulletin announcements are due by 3:30 pm on Monday, for the following Sunday, at the Cluster office. Email items to: DBQ199SEC@dbqarch.org or call the office at 319-478-2222. Announcements may be edited.

Area Communion

Anyone who would like to have communion brought to them on Sunday should call *Rosilee Beck* - 342-3093 for Eagle Center, *Charles Cranston* - 476-2241 for Dysart area, *Peg Mangrich - 342-2584* for La Porte City, *Pat Kubik* - 478-2439 for Traer, and *Camilla Dostal* - 479-2537 for Clutier.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 10 at Sacred Heart. Archbishop Michael Jackels will preside. Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Catholic Women Annual Meeting

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting/Convention will take place at Holy Trinity Parish in Protivin Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Keynote speaker will be Virginia Pillars, who will speak about her life experiences as shared in her book, *Broken Brain, Fortified Faith: Lessons of Hope Through a Child's Mental Illness*. Holy Mass will be celebrated by ACCW Spiritual Advisor Rev. Daniel Knipper, with guest priests concelebrating. The business meeting will provide the opportunity for members to vote on changes to the bylaws. Presentations will be offered by the Spirituality, Service, and Leadership Commissions. In addition, there will be a silent auction, door prizes and displays. Items for the silent auction (baskets and single items) will be accepted. You are encouraged to wear masks for the day. Additional information and registration for the Convention can be found at: https://dbqarch.org/events-1.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming date is November 19-21 in Holstein. Register at Iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

Annual Beef and Pork Dinner

Immaculate Conception Church, Van Horne, is holding their Annual Beef and Pork Dinner Sunday, October 17. Meal will be carry out only serving from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Menu includes beef, BBQ beef, pork, BBQ pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and pie. Adults: $10; children 5-12: $5; under 5, free.

Harvestfest Breakfast

Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville is holding their Harvestfest Breakfast Sunday, October 17, St. Mary Center, All you can eat, 8:00 am – noon. Menu includes Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Cinnamon/Caramel Rolls, Coffee, Milk, and Juice. Adults, $10; Children 5-10, $6, Under 5, free. Activities at St. Mary Center between 8:00 am – 12:30 pm include Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Used Book Sale, and Children's Games. Raffle drawing at 12:30 p.m.

Men's Faithful Companions Group

A Faithful Companions small group for men is forming for this fall. This group will meet weekly online to examine how they experience God's presence and challenges in daily life. For information contact Dave Cushing at dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org. Learn more about Faithful Companions at waterloocatholics.org/faithful-companions.

No Matter How Small

Every year, Guiding Star Cedar Valley, partnering with Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup Funeral Services takes time to acknowledge the lives that have been lost due to miscarriage/infant loss by providing opportunities for communities to support those around them who have been through such a loss. In honor of these women and families affected, a Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 am, Friday, Oct. 15, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 3912 W. 4th St., Waterloo. Anyone who has been touched by miscarriage or infant loss are welcome to join the memorial service. Guiding Star continues to encourage so many to open up their hearts to this conversation.

2022 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: *Beauty in Christ*

Do you desire the company of holy women? Then invite your friends to the 2022 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference*, Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation,* Saturday, January 29, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Whether you join from the comfort of your own home or gather with other women from your parish, you'll experience all the great features of our annual women's conference: Archbishop Jackels, two national speakers, music, prayer, and worship! Speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly will focus on the beauty of the Visitation between Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and Elizabeth, as well as our visitation as sisters in Christ! Invite your daughters, sisters, and friends to this extraordinary conference!! To read more about our speakers and to register (group discounts available) go to https://www.archwomensconference.org/.

What Are You Looking For?

Whether it's a desire to deepen your prayer life, connect more deeply to a faith community, discover your spirituality, or identify areas of the Catholic faith you'd like to understand better, let's talk about what *you* might be looking for. Contact the Faith Formation office at 319-233-0498 to set up an appointment or email dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org. Learn more at: https://waterloocatholics.org/spiritual-growth.

Our Core Values

Community: *Understanding, caring and addressing the needs of individuals, couples and families.*

Encouragement: *Giving hope, inspiration, and support to others.*

Excellence: *Maintaining the highest ministry standards that bring glory to God in Faith Formation, sacred liturgy and community service.*

Prayer: *Communicating with God in words, in song and in the silence of one's heart.*

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 9
4:00 pm For the People SH
Sunday, October 10
8:00 am John Schaefer SM
10:00 am Jimmy & Sylvia Podhajsky SP
Monday, October 11
No Mass
Tuesday, October 12
8:15 am For Vocations SP
Wednesday, October 13
8:15 am Joanne Schrier SM
Thursday, October 14
1:00 pm Madeline Wellner SH
Friday, October 15
8:15 am Bonnie Kopriva SP
Saturday, October 16
4:00 pm Donna DeNeut Everett SH
Sunday, October 17
8:00 am Eileen McKenna SM
10:00 am For the People SP

SH-Sacred Heart • SM-St. Mary • SP-St. Paul
TNH-Sunrise Nursing Home-Traer
LPCNH-La Porte City Nursing & Rehab

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR

◇ *The sick:* Gladys Maas, Ted Steimel, Blanche Halupnick, Florence Seda, Roger Paulhus, Jr., Ed Stoakes, Dorothy Pecenka, Theresa Minard, Vi Barge; Sue Schaefer, Anthony Jackson, Lois Schmitt, Richard Schaefer, Edward Wellner, and parishioners for cancer, surgery and continued remission;

◇ *The newly deceased:* Frank Kriz, Lois Pfeifer, Rudy Kubik, Don Nie;

◇ *Special Intention:* For our young people receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend…That they may continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God . . .

. . . We pray to the Lord.

SACRED HEART

Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, October 16, 4:00 pm

Lector: Mary Sadler

Extra. Minister: Jenny Hoover

Ushers: Ron & Peg Mangrich

Greeters: Larry & Georgia Reiter

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Janel Ruzicka, Diane Caldwell

Thank you for your service to Sacred Heart!

If unable to serve at Mass, please find a replacement. Thank you!

Collections
September 25, 2021.....$938.00

Soup Supper Sign-up

Anyone that is interested in helping with the Election Night Soup Supper please call Sheri Steffen at 319-290-2284 or sign up on the sheet in the hall.

Finance and Pastoral Council

The Finance and Pastoral Councils will meet Thursday, Oct. 21 in the parish hall. Finance meets at 6:00 pm, Pastoral Council meets at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at Sacred Heart for various church duties. Please call the Cluster office at 319-478-2222 to schedule your time and talents.

La Porte City Food Bank

The La Porte City Food Bank is low on all supplies. During the month of October the following supplies are needed: paper towels, toilet tissue, toothpaste, shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap and Kleenex. All items may be left in the church hall. Thank you for your support!

ST. MARY OF MT. CARMEL

Liturgical Ministers
Sunday, October 17, 8:00 am

Lector: Deb Yuska

Extra. Minister: Nancy Meier

Ushers: Dan Reiter, Hal Reiter

Greeters: Bob & Diane Jorgensen

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Mary Lynch, Stephanie Ollendieck

Thank you for your service to St. Mary's!

If unable to serve at Mass, please find a replacement. Thank you!

Collections
September 26, 2021.....$1,756.50

Mat Goal

We will be meeting at 6:30 pm, Thursday, Oct. 14 at St Mary's for the last mat meeting of this year. Please bring all mats that need to be turned in as we will be delivering these to the homeless at the end of October. Thank you for all of your sacrifices and talents used for the homeless.

Finance and Pastoral Council

The Finance and Pastoral Councils will meet Wednesday, Oct. 27 in the parish hall. Finance meets at 6:00 pm, Pastoral Council meets at 7:00 pm.

ST. PAUL

Liturgical Ministers
Sunday, October 17, 10:00 am

Lector: Teresa Lowe

Extra. Minister: Janice Halupnick

Ushers: Martin & April Kucera

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Lowe

Song Leader: Jenny Hulme

Money Counters: Jeanne Beenken, Marilyn Steven

Thank you for your service to St. Paul!

If unable to serve at Mass, please find a replacement. Thank you!

Collections
September 26, 2021.....$1,955.00

Thank You

Thank you again to Mary Boldt for more hard work painting the Religious Ed entryway. The area is much brighter.

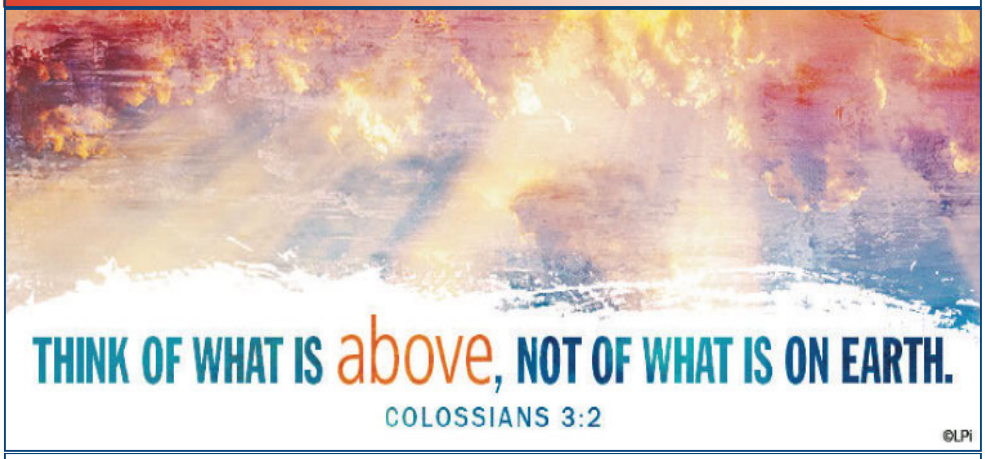
Finance and Pastoral Council

The Finance and Pastoral Councils will meet Tuesday, Oct. 26 in the parish hall. Finance meets at 6:00 pm, Pastoral Council meets at 7:00 pm.

Faith Formation News

Congratulations to Confirmandi!

Madison McKee
Sam Fehl
Mason Mullen
Jared Dvorak
Preston Poppe
Mackenzie Nelson
Adam Brehm
Matthew Medina
Brock Ruzicka
Clara Carlson
Wyatt Hoy
Emily Hulme
Case Monat
Sydney Anton
Ava Raub
Dena Robb
Alexa Keegan



Prayer for Priests

O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them by your intercession to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen.

By St. Charles Borromeo

Please consider stepping up and volunteering for ministries at your parish.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

St. Raphael Prayer

St. Raphael, of the seven angels who stand in the glorious presence of the Lord, ready to serve as the bearer of God's healing. The Lord has filled your hand with balm from heaven. We beg you, therefore, to help us in our needs and in the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels. Soothe our pains, cure our sickness, both physical and spiritual, make us fit to be temples of the Holy Spirit, and guide our steps when doubtful of our ways! Amen.

Readings for the Week
October 10, 2021

First Reading:
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)

Psalm:
Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)

Second Reading:
No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)

Gospel:
"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21)

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Weekly Readings:

Sunday: *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;* Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: *Weekday; St. John XXIII, Pope;* Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: *Weekday;* Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: *Weekday;* Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: *Weekday; St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr;* Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: *St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church;* Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: *Weekday; St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, BVM;* Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;* Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

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