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Prince of Peace Cluster



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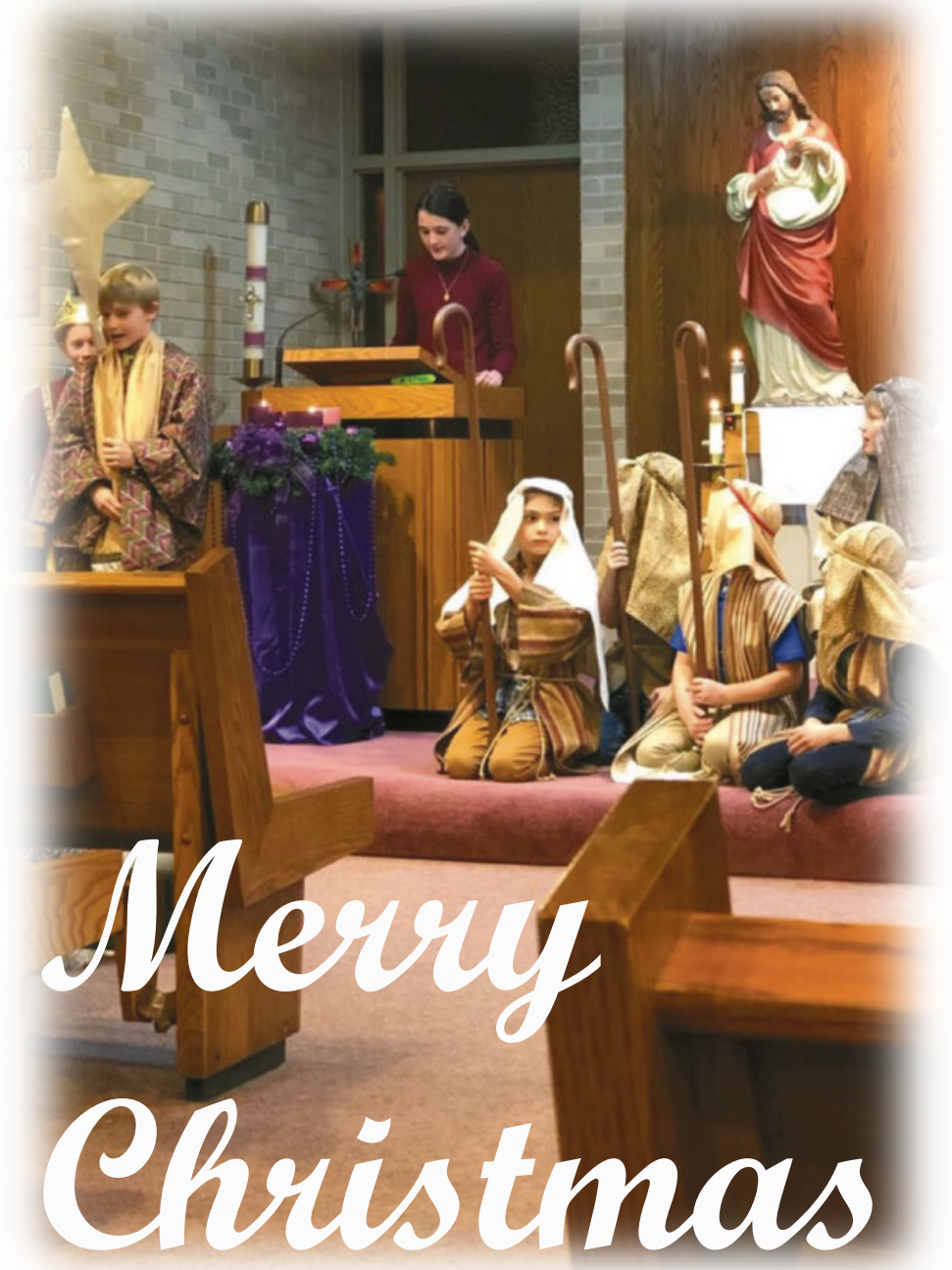


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Purpose Statement:
Our cluster purpose is to welcome and inspire the community to share and nurture our Catholic Faith through prayer, sacraments, service and love of God.



Merry Christmas

Prince of Peace Mass Schedule: September 1 - December 31, 2021	Reconciliation Schedule: September 1 - December 31, 2021
Sacred HeartSaturday, 4:00 pm	St. PaulTuesday, 7:55-8:10 am
St. Mary of Mt. CarmelSunday, 8:00 am	Sacred HeartThursday, 11:30-11:55 pm
St. PaulSunday, 10:00 am	Saturday, 3:00-3:45 pm
	St. MaryWednesday, 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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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Holy Day of Obligation

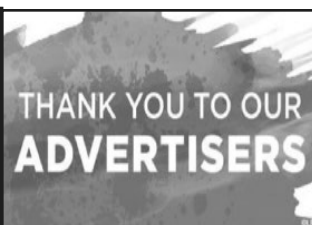
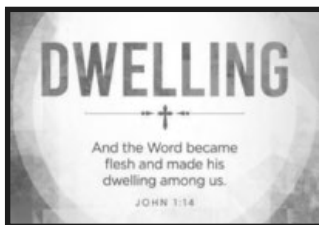
The Catholic Church celebrates Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials, in addition to the Sunday worship. These occur to commemorate special events or persons that are highly revered by the Church. January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass for the Solemnity at 5:00 PM FRIDAY, DEC. 31, AT ST. PAUL; there will NOT be the ordinary 8:15 am Daily Mass at St. Paul, Friday morning. There will also be Mass at 9:15 AM SATURDAY, JAN. 1, AT ST. MARY.

Cluster Mass Time Change

The Prince of Peace Cluster Mass schedule is on a four month rotation. Beginning January 1, the Mass schedule will shift; this will be in effect through the month of April. The schedule is as follows:

5:00 PM SATURDAYS, ST. PAUL
 8:00 AM SUNDAYS, SACRED HEART
 10:00 AM SUNDAYS, ST. MARY





Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. That deserves our attention. Pay attention to Jesus by spending time with Him at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Columbus High School. Available 24/7 to all. Specific needs are Sundays at 1 AM (once a month), Wednesdays at midnight, 2 AM (once a month), and 3 AM, Thursdays at midnight, 9 AM and 3 PM, and Fridays at midnight and noon. If interested call Maria Pranger at 319-429-4920 or email cvadoration@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Men's Conference

Mark your calendar for the 26th Annual Men's Conference! This conference will be held on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph and will highlight the example of St. Joseph as a model for all men. The keynote speaker will be Mark Hartfiel, vice-president of Paradisus Dei, a ministry that produces the "That Man is You!" men's program. The lunch session will be presented by Devin Schadt, the founder of the Father's of St. Joseph men's ministry. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Jackels. For more information and registration, please visit archmensconference.org.

Student Tuition Organization

The Our Faith STO and Catholic school families have reasons to celebrate! Thanks to the support of almost 1,200 donors across the Archdiocese, *the Our Faith School Tuition Organization has reached its 2021 fundraising goal of \$5,391,464*. This total is dramatically higher than what was donated during the pandemic and derecho year of 2020 and will enable us to help many more school families with tuition assistance in the 2022-23 school year! Thank you to everyone who helped make this milestone happen. If you'd like to learn more about making a donation for 2022, please visit our website at www.OurFaithSTO.org, or contact Deacon Brian Zeman at b.zeman@dbqarch.org or 563-556-2580 x296

Family Matters Newsletter

This monthly e-newsletter is intend to provide resources to help families to live their faith. To view the January 2022 issue of the Family Matters e-newsletter, find past issues or subscribe to the newsletter, visit: dbqarch.org/family-matters-newsletter.

Prayer in Honor of the Holy Family

ANT. Jesus went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them..

V/. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord..

R/. They shall praise Thee forever and ever.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who, becoming subject to Mary and Joseph, didst hallow the life of the home by singular virtues, grant by the help of both that we may be instructed by the example of Thy Holy Family, and have fellowship with it forever. Who livest and reignest for all ages of ages. Amen.

Year End Contributions

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the parishioners for their continued generosity in support of the Cluster. If you would like to know what you have given for the year, please call the Cluster Office at 319-478-2222. If you intend to make a late, year end, contribution, please take note of the following information: according to IRS guidelines, a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check placed in the church offering basket in January 2022 cannot be deducted in 2021 (even if it is backdated in 2021). Checks in the mail must be postmarked 2021.

Cluster Office

Please note, the Cluster Office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31.

Happy New Year!

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.



Saturday, December 25

9:00 am Ernie Podhajsky SP

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am Janet Schaefer SM

10:00 am For the People SP

Tuesday, December 28

8:15 am Edward & Lillian Ruzicka SP

Wednesday, December 29

8:15 am Sergio & Marilyn Fuggiti SM

Thursday, December 30

12:00 pm Rev. Mr. Leo & Mrs. Wilma Brustkern SH

Friday, December 31

5:00 pm Jimmy & Sylvia Podhajsky SP

Saturday, January 1

9:15 am Jim Schmitz SM

5:00 pm Betty Rund SP

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am John & Sally Schmit Family SH

10:00 am For the People SM



♦ *The sick:* Michael Harmsen, Tom Beck, Ted Steimel, Blanche Halupnick, Florence Seda, Roger Paulhus, Jr., Dorothy Pecenka, Theresa Minard, Vi Barge; Sue Schaefer, Anthony Jackson, Lois Schmitt, Richard Schaefer, Edward Wellner, and parishioners for cancer, surgery and continued healing.

♦ *The newly deceased:* Darryl McFarland, Vernon Kopecky, Margaret Wauters, Wilfred Yuska;

♦ *Special Intention:* The needs of the sick and those who care for them: That, all who suffer from illness or infirmity may find relief from their pain, meaning in their struggles, and healing in body, mind, and spirit.

...We pray to the Lord

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Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 2, 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Sadler

Extra. Minister: Diane Caldwell

Ushers: Matt Rosauer, Larry Reiter

Greeters: Joe & Shary Tecklenburg

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Ria Clark, Heidi Corpman

Thank you for your service to Sacred Heart!

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

Collections

December 11, 2021.....\$1,316.00

Hall Rental

Do you need some extra space for your family gathering? Do you wish you could get out of the house but you're not sure where to go? The parish hall is spacious, clean and ready to decorate; the kitchen is open and the fridge is all yours! If you would like to rent the hall for your family gatherings, please contact the Cluster Office three weeks in advanced to provide time for insurance coverage forms to be submitted to the Archdiocese.

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ST. MARY OF MT. CARMEL

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 2, 10:00 am

Lector: Dane Reiter

Extra. Minister: Wayne McGarvey

Ushers: Russ Reiter, Dennis Blunt

Greeters: Wayne & Barb Frost

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Ed & Sara McGarvey

Thank you for your service to St. Mary!

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

Collections

December 12, 2021.....\$2,638.00

Holy Day Mass

There will be Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 9:15 am Saturday, Jan. 1.

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ST. PAUL

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 1, 5:00 pm

Lector: Barb Kopriva

Extra. Minister: John Schrier

Ushers: John & Marilyn Svoboda

Greeters: Scott & Karla Weber

Song Leader: Jenny Hulme

Money Counters: Mary Ann Kucera, Barb Weiben

Thank you for your service to St. Paul!

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Faith Formation News

Jan. 5—Catechist Inservice 6:30-7:45pm.....SH

Jan. 12 — FF Class 6:30-7:45pm.....SP, SH
Confirmation Class 6:30-8:00pm.....SM

Jan. 15/16 — Faith Formation Sunday.....SP, SH

Dear Parents— our Dwell group (Highschool Faith Formation Students) are being provided supper at their Wednesday evening gatherings at St. Paul. Please contact Paige if you would like to be the Chef of the Night.



WORD OF GOD

First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us

that we may be called the children of God.

And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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Weekly Readings

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Sunday: *The Holy Family*; Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday: *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*; 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*; 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*; 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: *St. Sylvester I, Pope*; 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: *Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace*; Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*; Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Stewardship Reflection

Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore Him!

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