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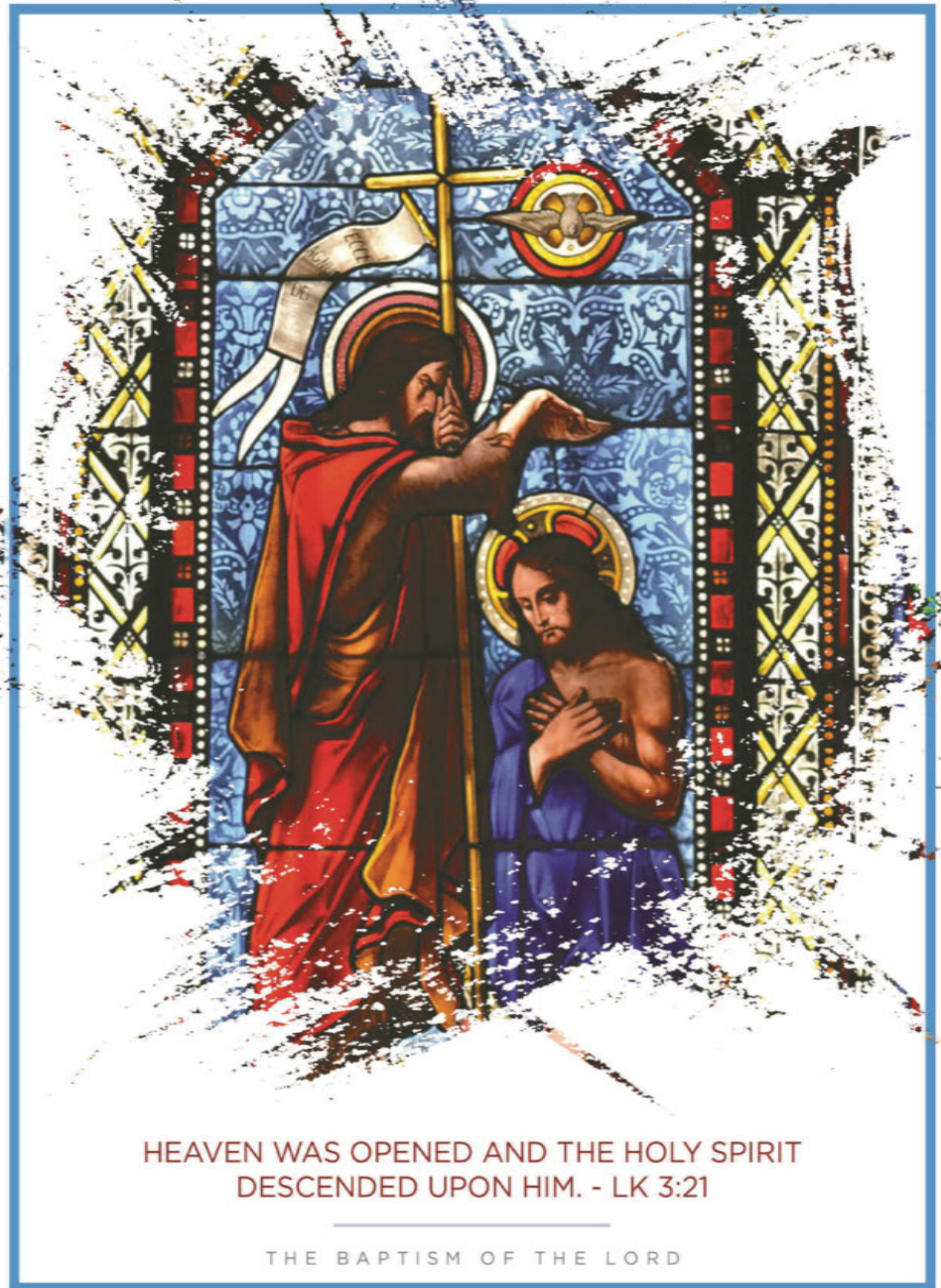


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Purpose Statement:
Our cluster purpose is to welcome and inspire the community to share and nurture our Catholic Faith through prayer, sacraments, service and love of God.



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Prince of Peace Mass Schedule:
January 1 - April 30, 2022

St. Paul.....Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sacred Heart.....Sunday, 8:00 am
St. Mary of Mt. CarmelSunday, 10:00 am

Reconciliation Schedule:
January 1 - April 30, 2022

St. Paul.....Tuesday, 7:55-8:10 am
Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm
Sacred Heart.....Thursday, 11:30-11:55 pm
St. Mary.....Wednesday, 7:55-8:10 am

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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 Baptism of the Lord

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPI

Sunday Prayer Group

Come, join us, at St. Mary Mount Carmel on Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm to pray for our Cluster. We start with the Angelus, continue with the Rosary and other prayers. We conclude with 5 minutes of silent prayer. Everyone is welcome. We meet the first three Sunday's of the month, allowing for participants to attend the "Stay With Us, Lord" Adoration at St. Paul on the fourth Sunday.

St. Athanasius Breakfast

Please join us for the most delicious, St. Athanasius Parish Breakfast & Bake Sale from 8:30 am to 11:30 am Sunday, Jan. 9. The menu includes Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Cup, Rolls, Juice, Milk, & Coffee. It is a free will donation and everyone is welcome. Carryout's will be available.

December Weather

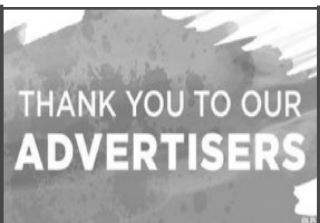
A "serial derecho" storm on Dec. 15, 2021 brought damaging winds and tornados across Iowa. This type of derecho is produced by thunderstorms with high winds that push the front in a wide, sweeping curved shape. Currently, 17 counties in the Archdiocese of Dubuque have disaster proclamations. Prince of Peace Cluster's own Holy Trinity Cemetery in Elberon received mild damage from the storm. The sign over the driveway will need repaired or replaced but no gravestones were damaged.

Prison & Jail Ministry

Anyone interested in jail or prison ministry, or in aftercare programs, is invited to attend an "Information Meeting" on Thursday, January 13 at the Catholic Charities Office, (St. Edward Parish, 1423 Kimball Ave., Waterloo) at 6:30 p.m. This free meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn about Jail and Prison Reentry Ministry and discover ways to help those in need. Men and women are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Deacon Tom Lang at 319-883-8154.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. The weekend is scheduled to be held in Ankeny, on World Marriage Day. This day, is designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in Feb. The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, LA, in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, governor, and Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day." The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. Please join us, Feb. 11-13, by registering at Iowa-wwme.org.



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

"Believe that Jesus Christ is in this sacrament as truly as He was nine months in the womb of Mary, as real as He was nailed to the Cross." (St. John Vianney) The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Columbus High School is available 24/7 to all. Specific needs are Wednesdays at 12:00 am, 2:00 am (once a month), and 3 am, Thursdays at midnight, 9:00 am and 3:00 am, and Fridays at 12:00 am and 2:00 am. If you are interested, call Maria Pranger at 319-429-4920 or email cvadoration@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Women's Conference: *Beauty in Christ*

Mark your calendar for this teleconference event, Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, designed to gather women in your parish/cluster for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation!!! Liz Kelly has been confirmed as one of our speakers. She is a noted speaker, retreat leader and award-winning author, whose works include short stories, arts and music reviews, books on prayer and worship, and meditations on faith, spiritual struggle, and Christian womanhood....More information to come.



St. John Theology Webinar

Enjoy a live video presentation, titled: "The Garden of Eden and the Human Condition" Nostalgia or Anticipation? Fr Michael Patella, OSB from St. John School of Theology in Collegeville, MN will explore the questions science raises for our concept of sin, as well as pose an alternative framework for twenty-first century Christians to employ in their thinking about redemption. The story of Adam and Eve, originating over two-and-a-half millennia ago, arose at a time when the anthropological worldview was vastly different from our own. While we now stand under the light of the Big Bang Theory and evolutionary biology, the Genesis account of the human condition is still the basis for Christian salvation history. From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday, Jan. 14. Pre-registration required. Learn more or sign up at: bit.ly/theology-day-5

Employment Opportunities

Looking for a job in the Archdiocese of Dubuque? Visit dbqarch.org/jobs for details on the openings listed below. *Parish Positions:* 1 Faith Formation Director, Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus Church, Cedar Rapids; 2 Adult Faith Formation Director, St. Joseph Church, Marion; 3 Discipleship Coordinator for High School, Young Adult Formation and RCIA, St. Mary Church, Waverly; 4 Coordinator of Parish Life, St. Edward Church, Waterloo; 5 Business Manager, Church of Resurrection, Dubuque; 6 Communications Coordinator, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Dubuque; 7 Admin Assistant/Bookkeeper, St. Isidore Parish, Springville; 8 Director of Worship, Church of Resurrection, Dubuque; 9 Music Coordinator, Epiphany Parish, Mason City. *Pastoral Center Positions:* 1 Mental Health Counselor, Catholic Charities.

Know Your Faith Discussion

Please join us for a live video discussion from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Monday, Jan. 17. Our monthly "Know Your Faith" discussions are designed for adults and young adults who want to learn or review basic components of the Catholic Faith. This month's topic is The Incarnation. The dates and topics for 2022 are: Feb. 21, Faith & the Meaning of Life; March 21, Who is God?; April 18, God's Revelation—Scripture; May 16, God's Revelation—The Sacraments; June 20, The People of God—Community of Faith; July 18, The People of God—Structure of the Roman Catholic Church; Aug. 15, Prayer—Our Relationship With God; Sept. 19, The Communion of Saints--Mary and the Saints; Oct. 17, The Last Things--Judgment, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory; and Nov. 21, Living As a Catholic. Learn more at: waterloocatholics.org/know-your-faith.

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, January 8

5:00 pm Dr. Rudy Kubik SP

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am For the People SH

10:00 am Ray Bovy SM

Tuesday, January 11

8:15 am Larry Dvorak SP

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 am Jami Clutz SM

Thursday, January 13

12:00 pm Earl & Frances Connors & Cae Connors Shima SH

Friday, January 14

8:15 am Frank Kriz SP

Saturday, January 15

5:00 pm For the People SP

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Robert & Kathryn Keegan SH

10:00 am John Schaefer SM



♦ *The sick:* Margaret Babinat, Julia Babinat, 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:* David Siebel, Jolene Cibula, Lawrence "Larry" Miller, Darryl McFarland, Vernon Kopecky,

♦ *Special Intention:* Those struggling with drug abuse: That the new born King will come to rule their heart, mind, body, and soul, setting them free from the imprisonment of addiction.

...We pray to the Lord

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Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 16, 8:00 am

Lector: Faith Formation Students

Extra. Minister: Greg Slick

Ushers: Faith Formation Students

Greeters: Faith Formation Students

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Denise Clark, Ria Clark

Thank you for your service to Sacred Heart!

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

Collections

Christmas 2021.....\$5,552.61
 December 25, 2021 online giving \$935.00

Coffee & Rolls

Please join us for coffee and rolls immediately following Mass.



Food Pantry

The La Porte City food pantry is in need of canned soups and meals like spaghetti O's or ravioli beef stew. They're also requesting hats and gloves for kids and teens. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of church. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Send funds to the Prince of Peace Cluster Office; checks must be made out to Heartland Community Church with "Food Pantry", on the memo line.

ST. MARY OF MT. CARMEL

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 16, 10:00 am

Lector: Barb Frost

Extra. Minister: Nancy Meier

Ushers: Ed McGarvey, Wayne McGarvey

Greeters: Bob & Diane Jorgensen

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Matt & Stephanie Ollendieck

Thank you for your service to St. Mary!

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

Collections

Christmas 2021.....\$6,073.00
 December 26, 2021.....\$1,720.00

Mats for the Homeless

We will be having our first Mat Meeting of the new year at 6:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 13 at St. Mary. Bring a friend and join us as there will be discussion of a few good changes to our mission! See you then!

Lectors

Are you a lapsed lector thinking of returning to duty? Are you interested in lectoring but never signed up before? Please, consider signing up to be a lector. Call the Cluster office or send an email.



Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Harmony House Giving Tree project. The Harmony House Residents wish to say thank you - "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! The gifts were amazing and we appreciate everything. You made our Christmas very special! It meant a lot!" Harmony House Residents

ST. PAUL

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 15, 5:00 pm

Lector: Faith Formation Students

Extra. Minister: Toni Whannel

Ushers: Faith Formation Students

Greeters: Faith Formation Students

Song Leader: Jenny Hulme

Money Counters: Mary Boldt, Karlene Cochran

Thank you for your service to St. Paul!

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

Collections

Christmas 2021.....\$8,480.00
 December 26, 2021.....\$1,640.00

Sing, Sing to the Lord

Choir and cantors are now being scheduled at St. Paul. Please let Jenny Hulme know if you are interested in singing. All are welcome!

Nativity Scene

This Christmas, St. Paul has a beautiful, new, out door, Nativity Scene! A creche will be built for next year. If you would like to make a contribution toward the cost of the nativity scene, please send donations to the cluster office.



Faith Formation News

Jan. 12 — Faith Formation Class
6:30-7:45pm SP, SH

Confirmation Class
6:30-8:00pm SM

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

"The chief service I
owe you, O God, is that
every thought and
word of mine should
speak of you."

— St. Hilary —

SAINT OF THE WEEK - EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Hilary of Poitiers | Feast Day January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who designed the dome of the cathedral of Florence?

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony, when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are *spiritual* are presented with a *physical* symbol so that we might better grasp and understand them. Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." ©LPI

WORD OF GOD

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and
was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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Weekly Readings

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Sunday: *The Baptism of the Lord*; Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*; 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*; Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

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