

Prince of Peace Cluster



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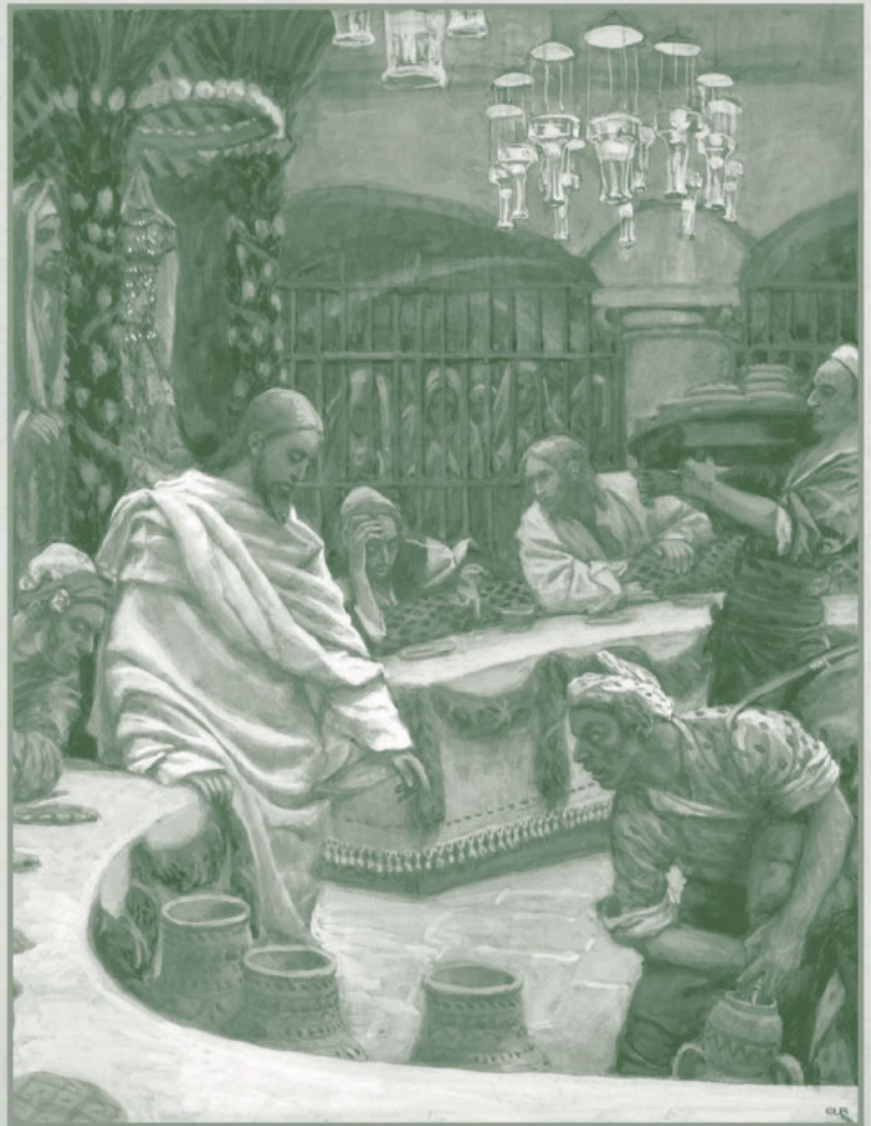
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Purpose Statement:

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.



2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul

Join Father Ivan Nienhaus, pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Falls, on a pilgrimage to Greece, May 13-23. On this pilgrimage to Greece, you will come to truly know the life of St. Paul as we visit the many places he traveled. Because of his writings, we know that St. Paul was in many of the places we will be visiting. We often hear the readings of St. Paul at our daily Masses, in which he starts his letters "to the Corinthians", etc. By being in the places where he preached, walking in his footsteps, Philippe, Thessaloniki, Delphi, Athens (one of the most glorious cities of the world), Ephesus (Mary's House), where so many people were changed, we hope to experience the same. Plan to attend our informational meeting, at 1:00 pm, March 6 in the Commons at St. Patrick Church, 705 Main St Cedar Falls.

Reading the Gospels

Join scripture instructor, Ann Naffziger, as she guides participants through reading all four Gospels in this six-week series. Perhaps you've wanted to read the four Gospels in their entirety but didn't know how to begin? Or maybe you tried but gave up in confusion. Whether you've never cracked open that family Bible on your mantle or you have some background with Bible study groups or scripture classes, this course will have something for everyone. The live video discussion will be Tuesdays or Wednesdays in January and February, starting Jan. 18 and 19. To learn more and register visit: pastoral.center/reading-the-gospels

Waffle Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are hosting an All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Jan. 23 in the Dutcher Gymnasium. Proceeds go to Birthright & Alternatives. Menu consists of giant Belgian waffles topped with butter, your choice of 9 flavored syrups including fruit and nut flavors, sausages, whipped cream and beverages. Tickets for adults are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. Children 6-12 are \$6 at the door. Children ages 5 and under eat free. Carryout's are available. You can buy tickets at the St. Patrick Church Office.

Chicken Dinner

Kiwanis Pot Pie Fund Raiser: The Toledo/Tama Kiwanis are selling 6" chicken pot pies as a fundraiser this year. Cost is \$6 for one or \$15 for three. Orders are due by Jan. 21. Payment ahead of time is welcome. Please make your checks out to Kiwanis and include pot pie in the memo line. Pick up your pies from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Saturday, Jan. 29 at the drive thru carport at Living Faith United Methodist in Tama.



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Know Your Faith Discussion

Please join us for a live video discussion from 7:00 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 this year 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.

Winter Mini-Retreat

The source of the Sunday readings during Ordinary Time this year is the Gospel of Luke. Join us for an online discussion, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm Sunday, Jan. 23. Professor John Waldmeier will divulge the major themes of Luke's gospel. After Christmas, we first read Luke's Gospel at the Feast of the Holy Family. That account introduces a theme: everyone seems to be trying to understand Jesus—even Jesus himself. His parents don't understand why he stays behind in the Temple talking to the Rabbis; the Rabbis don't understand where his insight comes from; Jesus questions the Rabbis in order to understand. During our session together we will talk about what it means to "understand" God's word, and we will focus on the way Luke delivers it. Dr. John Waldmeier is Professor of Religious Studies and Theology at Loras College, where he also edits the publication series "Spiritual Life in the Upper Mississippi River Valley" for the Archbishop Kucera Center for Catholic Intellectual and Spiritual Life. To learn more, visit: waterloocatholics.org/winter-mini-retreats.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have Masses said for your loved ones or for any special intention, please send donations to the Cluster Office. "The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross." - St. Thomas Aquinas

Faithful Departed

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2 each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes laborious efforts. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not yet worthy to enter under His roof. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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 15

5:00 pm For the People SP

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Robert & Kathryn Keegan SH

10:00 am John Schaefer SM

Tuesday, January 18

8:15 am Suzanne Svoboda SP

Wednesday, January 19

8:15 am Bill Schaefer SM

Thursday, January 20

12:00 pm Patty Allen SH

Friday, January 21

8:15 am Robert Greiner SP

Saturday, January 22

5:00 pm Ernest & Blanche Mannel SP

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Mary Lou Oberhauser SH

10:00 am For the People SM



◊ *The sick:* Margaret Babinat, Julia Babinat, Tom Beck, Ted Steimel, Blanche Halupnick, Florence Sedą, 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

◊ *Special Intention:* For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one; That they may be drawn closer to the Lord's infinite tenderness.

...We pray to the Lord

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Liturgical Ministers
Sunday, January 23, 8:00 am

Lector: Shary Tecklenburg

Extra. Minister: Matt Corpman

Ushers: Mike Weisert, Trey Clark

Greeters: Trey & Samantha Clark

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Amy Paulhus & Joe Tecklenburg

Thank you for your service to Sacred Heart!

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

Collections

January 2, 2022.....\$1,277.00
 January 9, 2022.....\$918.00

Beauty in Christ

The St. Paul Women's Society is excited to host the ACCW teleconference *Beauty in Christ* from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Saturday Jan. 22, in the Parish Center. Brunch will be provided. We hope to make this an outstanding morning for you, filled with inspirational talks by national speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly. Please plan to come and connect with other members from our cluster, as we reflect on the Visitation between Mary, our Blessed Mother and Elizabeth. Please call the Cluster Office to sign up.

Coffee & Rolls

Please join us, every Sunday, for coffee and rolls immediately following the 8:00 am Mass.



ST. MARY OF MT. CARMEL

Liturgical Ministers
Sunday, January 23, 10:00 am

Lector: Stephanie Beenken

Extra. Minister: Kim Reiter

Ushers: Steven McGarvey, Nate McKenna

Greeters: Wayne & Becky McGarvey

Song Leader: Karen Dillavou

Money Counters: Dan & Kim Reiter

Thank you for your service to St. Mary!

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

Collections

January 2, 2022.....\$1,598.00
 January 9, 2022.....\$732.00

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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.



ST. PAUL

Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, January 22, 5:00 pm

Lector: Linda McDermott

Extra. Minister: Bev Colvin

Ushers: Dennis & Nancy Yuska

Greeters: Warren & Bev Colvin

Song Leader: Jenny Hulme

Money Counters: Lawerance & Karen Podhajsky

Thank you for your service to St. Paul!

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

Collections

January 1, 2022.....\$1,176.00
 January 8, 2022.....\$1,890.75

Beauty in Christ

The St. Paul Women's Society will not hold a regular meeting in January. However, we are excited to host the ACCW teleconference *Beauty in Christ* from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Saturday Jan. 22, in the Parish Center. Brunch will be provided. We hope to make this an outstanding morning for you, filled with inspirational talks by national speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly. Please plan to come and connect with other members from our cluster, as we reflect on the Visitation between Mary, our Blessed Mother and Elizabeth. Sign up in the back of church.

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. 15/16 — Faith Formation Sunday SP, SH

Jan. 19 — Faith Formation Class

6:30-7:45pm.....SP, SH
Dwell 6:30-7:45pm....SP

*Father of Mercy,
In your most tender love for us, protect those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life, against the wickedness of the devil. Touch with pity the hearts of these women pregnant today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life. Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother alone can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever Amen.*



*I am
a Child
of
God*

As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.

ST. JOHN PAUL II



Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

January 22nd

**Archdiocesan Women's Conference:
Beauty in Christ** Mark your calendar for this teleconference event, designed to gather women in your parish/cluster for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation!!!

The St. Paul Women's Society is excited to host the ACCW teleconference *Beauty in Christ* from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Saturday Jan. 29, in the Parish Center. Brunch will be provided. We hope to make this an outstanding morning for you, filled with inspirational talks by national speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly. Please plan to come and connect with other members from our cluster, as we reflect on the Visitation between Mary, our Blessed Mother and Elizabeth. To sign up, please call the office or find the sign up sheet in the back of church at St. Paul.

ARCHDIOCESE of DUBUQUE | 2022 Women's Conference

*Holy Women
of the
Visitation*



January 29, 2022
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

WORD OF GOD

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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Weekly Readings

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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

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot; 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr; 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

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