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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

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He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38



El les dijo: "Vamos a los pueblos cercanos para predicar también allá el Evangelio, pues para eso he venido". - Mc 1, 38

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Questions?

Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.

Wisdom from a Saint

*"I asked you and you would not listen;
so I asked my God and He did listen."*

— *Saint Scholastica*

A Note from Fr. Kevin

Feb. 7, 2021 – St. Josephine Bakhita: from slave to Saint

In 1869, a young girl was born in Darfur to a respected and reasonably prosperous family in her village. She described that her early childhood was “a very happy and carefree life, without knowing what suffering was.” Yet, unfortunately, her happy and carefree childhood, was cut short around the age of 7 she was seized by Arab slave traders and treated very harshly by her slave owners. Due to the trauma of her abduction and harsh treatment, she could not remember her own name, so the slavers called her “Bakhita,” which, ironically, means “lucky” or “fortunate.” Of one of her slavers, Bakhita said, “During all the years I stayed in that house, I do not recall a day that passed without some wound or other. When a wound from the whip began to heal, other blows would pour down on me.”

But after these six years, she eventually ended up with an Italian family who treated her very kindly. She became babysitter and friend to Mimmina, the young daughter of the family. When the parents of the family had to go on a foreign business trip, Bakhita and the young Mimmina were left in the care of a group of nuns, the Canossian Sisters in Venice, Italy. It was here that Bakhita learned about Christianity for the first time. Bakhita said, “Those holy mothers instructed me with heroic patience and introduced me to God who from my childhood I had felt in my heart without knowing who He was.” At 21 years of age, she gave her life to Christ and, received the Sacraments of Initiation, being baptized with the name “Josephine.” Josephine Bakhita did not know how to express her joy that day. Her big and expressive eyes sparkled, revealing deep emotions. From then on, she was often seen kissing the baptismal font and saying: ‘Here, I became a daughter of God!’ When the Italian couple returned, Bakhita refused to go back with them, desiring to remain with the Sisters and when they pressured her, the Italian courts ruled in Bakhita’s favor, saying that she was, in fact a free woman. With her freedom, she then chose to remain with the Sisters, and to freely give all of her life to Christ. At age 27, she took her final vows as a Canossian Sister, where she lived and served for another 50 years living as a true witness of the love of God. When she was on duty at the door, she would gently lay her

hands on the heads of the children who daily attended the Canossian schools and caress them. Her amiable voice, which had the inflection and rhythm of the music of her country, was pleasing to the little ones, comforting to the poor and suffering, and encouraging for those who knocked at the door of the Institute.

Her humility, her simplicity, and her constant smile won the hearts of all the citizens. Her sisters in the community esteemed her for her inalterable sweet nature, her exquisite goodness, and her deep desire to make the Lord known. “Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!” A young student once asked Bakhita: “What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?” Without hesitation she responded: “If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today.” Saint Josephine Bakhita is venerated as a modern African saint and as a statement against the brutal history of slavery. She has been adopted as the patron Saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

Pope John Paul II said of her, “Bakhita...The daughter of Sudan sold into slavery as a living piece of merchandise and yet still free. Free with the freedom of the saints.”

Bakhita's legacy is that transformation is possible through suffering. Her story of deliverance from physical slavery also symbolizes all those who find meaning and inspiration in her life for their own deliverance from spiritual slavery. And Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical letter *Spe Salvi*, said how St. Josephine Bakhita’s life story is an outstanding example of the Christian hope.

Peace,
-Fr. Kevin

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josephine_Bakhita#cite_note-4
www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20001001_giuseppina-bakhita_en.html

SACRAMENTAL RITES & INFORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to any weekend Mass in the linkage or by appointment.

Marriages

Contact Fr. Kevin a minimum of six months prior to the desired date of marriage. The couple will need to meet with Fr. Kevin before either Church or other parish facilities are reserved in the Parish Calendars. This includes those couples who wish to have a visiting Priest as their Celebrant.

Funerals

Please contact Fr. Kevin before setting the time and arrangements for the Vigil and Mass with the funeral director.

Please contact the Parish Offices for:

- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Communion Calls
- ◆ Initiation Sacraments for Adults & Youth
- ◆ Baptisms: Parents are required to complete a Preparation Program prior to their child's Baptism.



Monday, February 8		Saint Jerome & Saint Josephine
8:30 AM	† Jerry Earleywine	St. Mary, Ackley
5:30 PM	† Marie McCormick	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Tuesday, February 9		
8:30 AM	† Clarence & Juanita Yoch	St. Patrick, Hampton
Wednesday, February 10		Saint Scholastica
8:30 AM	† Madeline Gude	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Thursday, February 11		Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30 AM	† Karen Kadolph	St. Mary, Eldora
5:30 PM	† Joseph Hanig	St. Mary, Ackley
Friday, February 12		
12:00 PM	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	St. Mary, Eldora
Saturday, February 13		
4:00 PM	† Jake Brandt	St. Mary, Ackley
6:30 PM	† Art & Neoma Ludwig	St. Mary, Eldora
Sunday, February 14		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	† Dave Rowen	St. Patrick, Hampton
10:30 AM	† Madeline Gude	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
5:30 PM	For the People	St. Patrick, Hampton (Spanish)

 *In Remembrance*

† **Jerry Williams**, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls who entered into eternal rest on January 30, 2021. Please remember his wife, Pat, and their children, Tammy Cooper and DJ Williams, all of St. Mark, and all the family in your prayers.

† **Ray Murray**, of St. Patrick, Hampton who entered into eternal rest on January 23, 2021. Please remember his wife, Trish, and their entire family in your prayers.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

St. Mary, Ackley — 7:00pm

St. Mary, Eldora — 6:30pm

St. Patrick, Hampton — 6:30pm

St. Mark, Iowa Falls — 6:30pm

* Live-streaming available on the St. Patrick and Community of Disciples Cluster (*Mary Mark*) Facebook pages.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK — February 7-14

Marriage takes three to be complete, it's not enough for two people to meet.

They must be united in love by love's creator, God above.

A marriage that follows God's plan takes more than a woman and a man.

It needs oneness that can be only from Christ.

Marriage Takes Three.

Check out:

www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week for resources.

One of the things we share as an ecumenical people in Iowa Falls, is having the opportunity to come together for weekly Lenten services, usually over a meal, served by a participating congregation. With Covid-19 still hanging about, we are going to offer the services in an alternative format this year.

Join us Wednesdays at noon starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17, for prayer, worship, and a meditation led by one of the pastors in Iowa Falls. As we make our journey toward the cross, we are asked to remember that we are all operating under the same beautiful umbrella of Jesus Christ, not as enemies, but friends - united in the eternal love that God has for all of us, regardless of how we engage in our unique flavors of living that out. We hope you will find the threads of hope and grace woven throughout our time together. Please join us . . . (<https://www.facebook.com/IowaFallsMinisterialAssociation>)

St. Mark will be providing the service on Ash Wednesday (February 17).



Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream
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www.facebook.com/MaryMark

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Parish Life.....David Keninger
Altar Society Linda Sudtelgte
Building & GroundsJeff Frazier
Music.....Pam Griffel/Julie Wojick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 13 – 4:00pm

President:
Lector: Jenny Kuper, Cindy Richtsmeier
Ushers: Richard Bloom, Mark & Jodi Uthe
Cleaning after Mass: Nina Schmitz, Marcia Nuss,
Carolyn Groninga
Sacristan: Jim Wessels

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

End of Mass

Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPI

Lenten Prayer Partner

During this Lenten season it is great time to have someone to pray for and pray for you . Pick your partner off the cross at the back of church.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesdays

Preschool - Grade 5 3:30-5:30pm
6th-12th Grade 7:00-8:15pm

Book Club

Our next meeting will be on March 1 at 6:30 PM
We will meet in the parish hall and social distance - masks are suggested
The book for this month is
Long Road to Mercy by David Baldacci
Everyone is welcome to join us!

Walking on Monday - Wednesday - Friday at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Stewardship - Treasure

January 31

Budget.....	\$832.25
Offertory.....	\$66.00
TOTAL	\$898.25
EFTs - January	\$1675.00

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Wednesday-Thursday..... 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

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Stewardship Cecilia Penning
Liturgy Vice Chair..... Judith Andrews
Social Justice.....Mary Nederhoff
Building & Grounds.....Dennis Stickney
Seton Circle.....Diana Stickney

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 13 – 6:30pm

President:
Lector: Marcia Frerichs
Usher: Kenny Schoborg
Offering counters: Donna Lawler, Dianne Faris

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Deacon Rob Writes...

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. -Luke 21:36
“What is this world coming to?” I don’t know how often I’ve said those very words. It seems that every day there’s something new in the news or in my personal life that causes me to lose sleep or pressures me to give up on humanity. All the more reason to take Jesus seriously when he says, “Be alert at all times.” He’s not so much warning us to watch out for the bad in the world around us, but rather, He’s reminding us what really matters. Namely, that the real life-giving question is not “What is this world coming to?” but instead “Who came into the world for us?” That’s what I believe makes for a life that is filled with the possibility of living confidently, trusting in all things, that God will guide our every step in every day.

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Dear Lord, you came to seek and save the lost, and to rescue all of us from sin, death, the devil and despair. Help me to live confidently right now in that glorious truth. Amen - Henri Nouwen



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming FFF events

- ✝ **February 10**—Family Meeting , 6:30pm
- ✝ **February 17**—Ash Wednesday Service , 6:30pm
- ✝ **February 21**—Community meeting, Reconciliation & Recreation , 3:00pm



Lent begins Wednesday, February 17. Stations of the Cross will be at 5:30 pm on Thursdays during Lent.

Mark your calendar for 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 21, for Communal Reconciliation & Recreation

The Eldora Kiwanis Club supports many projects in our community. Help support their Valentine’s Day **drive-thru** breakfast fundraiser. Scrambled eggs, sausage links and pancakes on the menu.

Sunday, February 14—9 :30 am-12:30 pm
Dorothy’s Senior Center, Eldora

FREE WILL DONATION

Reflection from the Saints

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally meeting you. - **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Stewardship - Treasure

January 24

No weekend Mass due to weather.

EFTs - January\$3140.00

Online Giving - January..... \$805.06

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 Liturgy Susan Swart
 Social Justice..... Rose Atkinson
 Parish Life.....Cindy Stalzer
 Women’s Group Sherry Martin
 Building & Grounds..... Kevin Archer
 Knights of Columbus.....Kevin Bredthauer
 Music.....Lisa Barnett

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 14 – 10:30am

Lector: Mark Buschkamp
 Hospitality: Mark Keninger, Laura Hartkopp
 Offering Counters: Rose Atkinson, Kathy Barsness

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Chad Last



My name is Chad Last and live in Alden where I grew up. I have been married to Carrie for 14 years. We have three children: Zander (13), Emerson (9), and Sawyer (4). I work for Martin Marietta underground in Ames. I was married in the Catholic Church and raising our children Catholic it would be nice to be a part of the Catholic Church and to get a closer relationship to God.

Many Lenten activities have been planned to help parishioners grow in their faith during this holy season.

- *Young and Not as Young*
- *As a Family or Alone*
- *Gathered In-Person, Virtual OR Non-Gathered*

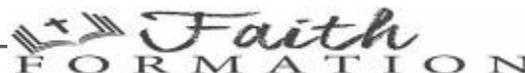
More details coming to your mailbox soon!



Beginning next week Lenten materials will be available in both church entrances.

- *Little Black Books*
- *Lenten Word Among Us*
- *Mary’s Meals collection information*
- *Calendar of activities*

Please help yourself to any resources that will help your family grow during this important time.



YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

- ★ The decision has been made to begin in-person sessions on Wednesday, February 24. Parents check your email.
- ★ All families are encouraged to gather for Ash Wednesday Mass on February 17 (in-person or virtual).

YOUTH MINISTRY -

- ★ Next gathering – **Sunday, February 28 (6:45–8:00pm).** Join us virtually to play games, talk, and pray together!

ADULTS

JOINING THE CHURCH -

- ★ We have three people who have been learning about the faith as they prepare to join the church during this year’s Easter Vigil. See the bulletin each week to learn more about them as you keep them in your prayers during these final weeks.

FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Feb. 3 – RE: Group B (6:30–7:30pm)
 Wed., Feb. 10 – RE: Family Activity (6:30–7:30pm)

Stewardship - Treasure

January 31

Budget.....	\$676.00
Offertory.....	\$5.00
Christmas.....	\$150.00
TOTAL.....	\$831.00
EFTs - January.....	\$7095.00
Online Giving - January.....	\$835.00

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 Liturgy Sue Basye
 Social Justice..... Kirk Hovenga
 Parish Life..... Sue Garrett
 Building & Grounds..... Dick Nelson
 Knights of Columbus..... Greg Cavazos
 Music..... Leon Kuehner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 14 - 8:00am

Presider:
 Lectors: Paige Magner
 Offertory Counters: April Markwardt,
 Ryan & Monica WInters
 Ushers: Sue Bayse
 Sacristan: Deb Roberts
 Linen: Lili Alonzo

Domingo, Febrero 14 - 5:30 PM

Presider: Fr. Frantz Augustin
 Lectores: Esther Garcia, Margarita Rincon
 Contadores de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Soiree Lara
 Sacristan: Anabel Alanis
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Thank You

Thank you to the responsible parties for the new refrigerator and getting it installed. It is greatly appreciated!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 7
 8:00 AM - Mass
 5:30 PM - Mass (Spanish)
 Monday, February 8
 9:00 AM - Vaccine Clinic
 Tuesday, February 9
 8:30 AM - Mass
 6:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Mtg.
 7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)
 Wednesday, February 10
 10:00 AM - Food Pantry (Social Hall)
 6:30 PM - Faith Formation Classes
 Thursday, February 11
 1:30 PM - Building & Grounds Committee Mtg.
 6:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
 Saturday, February 13
 2:00 PM - Baptism
 Sunday, February 14
 8:00 AM - Mass
 5:30 PM - Mass (Spanish)
 7:00 PM - High School Faith Formation



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm

High School Youth Group

Will not meet on February 7 but will resume on February 14.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
 Inside the church

Stewardship - Treasure

January 31

Budget.....\$633.00
 Offertory..... \$44.00
 Social Justice.....\$300.00
 TOTAL.....\$977.00
 EFTs - January\$4201.00
 Online Giving - January..... \$780.00

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7 de feb., 2021 – Santa Josefina Bakhita: de esclava a Santa

En 1869 nació en Darfur una niña pequeña, de una familia respetada y razonablemente próspera en su aldea. Ella lo describe así en su niñez “una vida muy feliz y sin preocupaciones, sin saber lo que era el sufrimiento.” Sin embargo, desafortunadamente, su infancia feliz y despreocupada fue interrumpida alrededor de los 7 años, cuando fue apresada por traficantes de esclavos árabes y tratada con mucha dureza por sus dueños esclavistas. Debido al trauma causado por su secuestro y los duros tratos, ella no pudo recordar su nombre, así que los esclavistas la llamaron “Bakhita,” lo que, irónicamente, significa “con suerte” o “afortunada.” Sobre unos de sus esclavistas, Bakhita dijo, “Durante todos los años que permanecí en esa casa, no recuerdo que haya pasado un día sin algún tipo de herida. Cuando una herida de un latigazo comenzaba a sanar, otros golpes caerían sobre mí.”

Pero después de esos seis años, eventualmente terminó con una familia italiana, quienes la trataron con amabilidad. Se convirtió en la niñera y amiga de Mimmina, la hija más joven de la familia. Cuando los padres de la familia viajaban al extranjero por negocios, Bakhita y la joven Mimmina quedaban al cuidado de un grupo de monjas, las Hermanas Cannosianas en Venecia, Italia. Fue ahí donde Bakhita aprendió por primera vez sobre la Cristiandad. Bakhita dijo, “Aquellas madres santas me instruyeron con heroica paciencia y me presentaron a Dios, a quien desde mi niñez había sentido en mi oído sin saber quién era.” Al cumplir 21 años, entregó su vida a Cristo y, recibió los Sacramentos de Iniciación, siendo bautizada con el nombre de “Josefina.” Josefina Bakhita no supo como expresar su regocijo ese día. Sus grandes y expresivos ojos brillaban, revelando emociones profundas. Desde ese momento, se le veía regularmente besando la fuente bautismal y diciendo: “¡Aquí, me convertí en hija de Dios!”

Al retornar la pareja Italiana, Bakhita se negó a volver con ellos, deseando quedarse con las Hermanas y, cuando la presionaron, el tribunal Italiano falló a favor de Bakhita, diciendo que ella era, de hecho, una mujer libre. Con su libertad, eligió entonces permanecer con las Hermanas, y de libremente entregar toda su vida a Cristo. A los 27 años tomó sus votos finales como Hermana Cannosiana, donde vivió y sirvió por otros 50 años como verdadera testigo del amor de Dios. Cuando le tocaba estar de turno en la entrada, ella suavemente ponía sus manos sobre las cabezas de los niños que asistían diariamente a las escuelas

Cannosianas y los acariciaba. Su voz cordial, que tenía la inflexión y el ritmo de la música de su país, era agradable para los pequeños, consolando a los pobres y sufridos y alentando a quienes llamaban a la puerta del Instituto.

Su humildad, simpleza y su constante sonrisa se ganaron el corazón de todos los habitantes. Sus hermanas en la comunidad la estimaban por su naturaleza dulce e inalterable, su bondad exquisita y su profundo deseo de dar a conocer al Señor. “Se bueno, ama al Señor, ora por quienes no lo conocen. ¡Qué tremenda gracia es conocer a Dios!”

Un joven estudiante una vez le preguntó a Bakhita: “¿Qué harías si conocieras a tus captores?” Sin dudar ella respondió: “Si llegase a conocer a quienes me raptaron, e incluso a quienes me torturaron, me arrodillaría y besaría sus manos. Ya que, si estas cosas no hubiesen sucedido, hoy no sería ni Cristiana ni una religiosa.”

Santa Josefina Bakhita es venerada como una santa Africana moderna, y como una declaración contra la brutal historia de la esclavitud. Ha sido adoptada como la patrona de Sudán del Sur y de los sobrevivientes del tráfico de personas.

El Papa Juan Pablo II dijo de ella “Bakhita...La hija de Sudan vendida como esclava es una pieza de mercancía viva y aún libre. Libre con la libertad de los santos.”

El legado de Bakhita es que la transformación es posible por medio del sufrimiento. Su historia de liberación de la esclavitud física también simboliza a todos quienes encuentran significado e inspiración en sus vidas para una propia liberación de la esclavitud espiritual. Y el Papa Benedicto XVI en su carta encíclica *Spe Salvi* dijo cómo la historia de la vida de Santa Josefina Bakhita es un ejemplo excepcional de la esperanza Cristiana.

Paz,
-Fr. Kevin

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josephine_Bakhita#cite_note-4

www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20001001_giuseppina-bakhita_en.html

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Adoración Eucarística
Jueves 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Dentro de la Iglesia

Visite la página de Facebook del Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Dubuque [facebook.com/mhdubuque](https://www.facebook.com/mhdubuque) para informarse sobre recursos durante la Cuaresma.

Nuevo evento: Este lunes 8 de feb. a las 7 p.m. Patrick Madrid estará presentando Semillitas de Fe en la página de Facebook del Ministerio Hispano.

Readings of the Week BLP

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

- Sun:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Mon:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/
Mk 6:53-56
- Tues:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wed:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk 7:14-23
- Thurs:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Fri:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- Sat:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sun:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Please Pray for Our Sick:

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- St. Mary, Ackley: Jolene Harms at stmary.stpatrick@yahoo.com.
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Pray and Advocate for Pro-life Concerns: A message to the faithful of the archdiocese from Archbishop Michael Jackels

The March for Life was held 28-29 January 2021, praying and advocating for the life and dignity of all, from womb to tomb. Catholics are known for praying and advocating for pro-life concerns, for example: Opposition to things like abortion, physician-assisted suicide, death penalty, IVF, and embryonic stem cell research. As well as advocacy for the poor, especially single parents, for those things needed to live in dignity, and care for the earth, our common home – where else will we live? We are a both/and people, not either/or – we are concerned about all of the above. Our pro-life concerns don't correspond entirely to any political party. And while it's not entirely irrelevant, whoever is President hasn't seemed to make a lasting difference. It is a shame that our President (a Catholic!) has once again flopped the flip: taxpayer monies are untied to abortion under Republican presidencies, but retied by Democrats. What does make a difference? What will one day make the difference? Certainly prayer, but not only. As the saying goes: pray as if everything depends on God, and act as if everything depends on you. What action? Voting, and voting conscientiously. Not practicing pre-marital sex. Not shrugging parental shoulders, saying it's better that children be safe, providing them with contraceptives and privacy. Care about the dignity of all persons, regardless of gender, race, color, creed, or if they are imprisoned, or with questionable immigration status, or... whatever. Care for all persons, helping them to obtain those things needed to live in dignity, and welcoming them as immigrants if they can't find those things in their homeland. As the saying goes: you be the change you want to see in the world. If we do all that, then eventually the scale will be tipped.





Mark your calendars!

Many wonderful opportunities are being offered both in-person and virtually in our linkage this Lenten season. We hope you will take advantage of as many as possible.

Stations of the Cross & Prayer

- St. Mark, Iowa Falls—
Mondays @ 5:00pm, Mass following
- St. Patrick, Hampton—
Tuesdays @ 5:00pm, Mass following
Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays
@ 6:00-8:00pm
Fridays @ 7:00pm (Spanish)
- St. Mary, Ackley—
Thursdays (6:00pm), after Mass
- St. Mary, Eldora—
Thursdays @ 5:30pm



Scripture & Book Studies

- St. Mark, Iowa Falls—
Rejoice & Be Glad book Study - virtual
Thursdays (10:00am & 6:30pm)
Embracing His Passion Bible Study -virtual
Tuesdays (6:30pm) &
Wednesdays (10:00am)
Blessed is She: Set a Fire journal -
non-gathered
Foundations of Faith Talks (Fr. Kevin)
Mondays @ 6:30pm, following Mass
(March 1, 8, 15, & 22)



Friday Fish Fry Carry-Outs



- St. Mary, Eldora— Under discussion
- St. Patrick, Hampton—
Each week during Lent (5:00-7:00pm)
February 19 - March 26
- St. Mark, Iowa Falls—
March 26 (5:00-7:00pm)

And more....



Communal Reconciliations

- February 21 @ St. Mary, Eldora (3:00pm)
March 6 @ St. Mary, Ackley (10:30am)
March 10 @ St. Patrick, Hampton (6:30pm)
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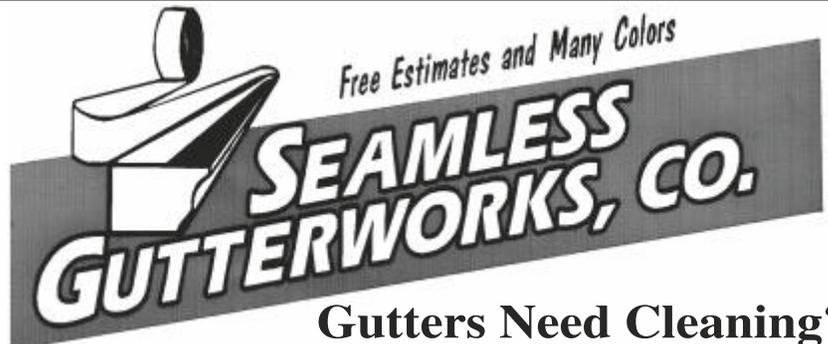
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