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FEBRUARY 9, 2020, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“You are the light of the world. A city set on a
mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14.

MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 10-16, 2020

Mon. 2-10-20  No Mass

Tues. 2-11-20  SJN  5:30 pm  Paul Elsbernd, Ray & Marion Franzen and Herold & Kriener Families

Wed. 2-12-20  SL  8:30 am  Emma Wurzer McGrath, Ron Kruse and Ray Herold

Thurs. 2-13-20  HT  8:45 am  Orville, Betty & Ron Byram

Fri. 2-14-20  OLMC  8:30 am  Alice Reicks, Leona Streif, Paul, Agnes & Bob Galligan and Delores Shileny

WEEKEND MASS

Sat. 2-15-20  SM  4:00 pm  Hugo & Irene Dietzenbach and Ron Nolte

Sun. 2-16-20  SJN  8:30 am  Judy Ott and Leo Kriener

Sun. 2-16-20  ABVM  10:30 am  For all the cluster parishioners

ADORATION –
Tues 4:15-5:15 pm; Wed 7:15-8:15 am; Thurs 9:30-10:30 am; Fri 7:15-8:15 am
RECONCILIATION—Any time by appointment, or Saturday, 3:15- 3:45 pm and Sunday, 7:45—8:15 am before the Mass

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Little Turkey

Holy Trinity
Protivin

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Lawler

St. John Nepomucene
Fort Atkinson

St. Luke
St. Lucas

St. Mary
Waucoma
Friends,

There is a saying that the Church uses in forming priests that goes something like “the humanity of the priest should be a bridge, and not a stumbling block to encountering Christ.”

I’ve often thought that a parish’s secretary serves much the same role- among all of the practical tasks they accomplish, they are meant to be the first face of the Church that those who approach the parish encounter. They should then be able to lead the people who call in or visit deeper by connecting them with the right person on staff.

We are blessed in our Cluster with Sara Harrison’s work that includes being the face (or more often voice) of the Cluster, as well as keeping so many details (and the pastor) in line when balancing six parishes. So please be sure to thank Sara when you call in, and pray that we can continue to facilitate an encounter with Christ for all who approach us!

In Christ our hope,
Fr. Aaron

Homily Highlights

- Jesus’ Presentation is significant because it is God’s return to the Temple after having left centuries earlier.
- God chose to return carried by our Lady, and so it is through her that He desires to enter the Temple of our hearts.
- To draw closer to Jesus we should ask ourselves if we encounter and talk to Mary as a real person and ask her for her help in receiving God unto our hearts.

Notes:

Pray For...

Cluster Prayer Chain
Please pray for Peter Kriener, Dennis Franzen, Evelyn Hruska, Doris Bouska, Deano Kuennen, and Linda Fisher.

Please pray to St. Joseph for the protection of the sanctity of the family.

Rest in Peace
Kenneth Krivachek, whose Celebration of Life will be Sunday, February 9, at Schluter-Balik Funeral Home, Fort Atkinson and burial at St. John Cemetery. His brothers, Donald and Marvin, are members of St. John.

Edmund (Sam) Samec, whose funeral was held Wednesday, February 5, at Holy Trinity. His wife, Connie, is a member of Holy Trinity.

May they rest in peace and may God’s blessings and our prayers be with their families always.

Baptism
Lillian Grace Hensley, daughter of Matt and Kate Hensley, was baptized on Sunday, February 2, at Assumption of the BVM, Little Turkey. May God’s joy and blessings always be with her and her family.

Reflection

Question for Children: What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family, friends, and people you meet?

Question for Youth: How do you feel when Jesus says that YOU are the salt of the earth and that YOU are called to be the light for others?

Question for Adults: What specific efforts do you take to maintain your light? Do you let your light dim? Why?

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Readings for the Week

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<td>1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37</td>
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<td>Saturday Feb 15</td>
<td>1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10</td>
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<td>Sunday Feb 16</td>
<td>Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37</td>
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<td><strong>The next Journey with Christ sessions will be Sun, Feb. 23, 12:30-2:00 pm, and Wednesday, Feb. 26</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Confirmation Class</strong> Wed, Feb 12, 6:00-7:30 pm</td>
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<td><strong>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</strong> Sun, Feb 16, 9:30. Contact the Faith Formation office with any questions.</td>
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<td><strong>OLMC Soup Supper</strong> - Saturday, Feb. 8, after Mass. Free-will supper, serving Turkey Vegetable soup, Tomato Soup, and Cheesy Corn Macaroni Casserole. All are welcome. Hosted by Group 10.</td>
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<td><strong>Catholic Daughters</strong> Ct. Queenship of Mary will meet Monday, February 10, at 1:00 pm at the Waucoma Senior Center. Circle of Love Educational Projects, and bring your favorite apron for afternoon work. Hosts - Mary Kay Ameling, Bernice Dietzenbach, and Barb Schaufenbuel.</td>
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<td><strong>Christ Our Hope Chorale</strong> rehearsal Monday evening, February 10, 7 pm, St. John's, Fort Atkinson. All are welcome! How about some new “young people”? Any questions, call 563-387-0364.</td>
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**February 16 -** Trinity Catholic School Boosters will be hosting a create your own omelet breakfast in the Fort Atkinson Community Center. Serving will be from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Trinity Catholic School students will be ministering at an All School Mass that morning also at St. John’s. We look forward to celebrating Mass and seeing everyone for breakfast or brunch.

**Assumption** Parish will have a breakfast following 10:30 am mass on February 16.

**Assumption Card Party** - Sunday, February 16, at 1:30, Assumption of the BVM, Little Turkey. Your choice of Euchre or 500. Cost is $5 and includes lunch. Everyone is welcome. We are asking for raffle items from our parishioners as a donation.

**If you are a caregiver** 24/7 or a few hours a week, you are special. If you feel the need, please join our fellowship on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 10-11:00 am for prayers and sharing and caring.

**CDA Court Mt. Carmel** will meet Monday, Feb. 17, at The Hole in the Wall for lunch @ 1 pm. Business meeting to follow.

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| **2020 Budget Envelopes** - Are now available in all parishes. Please pick up your envelopes in the back of church. |

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**Vatican 2: What it was and what it accomplished.**
Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable - Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget – every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52001 or by going to www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.


Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course – Faith Community Nursing is a recognized specialty practice that combines professional nursing and health ministry, with emphasis on health and healing within a faith community. Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids is offering this course March 31, April 2, 14, 16 4:30-8:30, April 4 & 18 8-4:30; 35 contact hours, $100 registration fee. For questions or to register contact Melissa Cullum, at (319) 221-8568 or mcullum@mercycare.org

Evening for the Divorced, Separated, & Those Who Love Them Whether you're divorced, separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet, Friday, Mar. 27, 6:30-8:30pm at St. Pius X Church, Cedar Rapids. Free event, learn more & RSVP at www.DBQArch.org/Divorce.

Franciscan Common Venture - 2020 Service Opportunities - Give a gift of service this year! Share your time and talents with others – for a day, a week (or longer). Your heart will never be the same! Join Franciscan Sisters and others in community, service and prayer. If interested, contact Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF: balekm@osfdbq.org or 563- 583-9786. Visit our website for a listing of opportunities and a downloadable brochure and application materials: www.osfdbq.org/commonventure

Sister Water Project - seeking volunteers for a service trip to Honduras July 17-25, help make potable water accessible to the rural village of Mejocote. Must be 18 and healthy and strong enough to perform activity at higher altitudes. Fees are $1,100 (includes travel, food, lodging). To apply for the service trip visit www.osfdbq.org or email francoiss@osfdbq.org by April 10.
World Marriage Day - Sunday, Feb 9, 2:00 pm Mass at Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, Dyersville. All are welcome to celebrate their commitment to the sacrament of holy matrimony. Reception with refreshments will follow in the church hall.

Valentine Breakfast—Sunday, Feb 9, 8:30am - noon at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Festina. Sausage Links, Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls & Toast. Adults $9, Kids 6-11 $5, Kids 5 & Under Free. Carry outs available.

Accepting Applications for the Permanent Diaconate - The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is recruiting married or single men between the ages of 32 - 58. Attend the informational meeting at St. Benedict, Decorah, Tues, Feb. 11, 2020, 6:30-8:00pm. For more info, contact Deacon John Stierman, 800-867-3546 ext 252 or DBQCPD@dbqarch.org

Monthly Caregiver support group— at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fireside Room (223 S. Water Avenue) New Hampton, facilitated by NEI3A. Wed, Feb. 12, at 2 pm. Everyone welcome. Contact Kelly Kuennen at 563-277-6024 for more information.

Notre Dame February Dinner - Thurs, Feb 13, 4:30-7:00 pm, Serving Swiss Steak meal, Adults $10, 6-12 $5, 5 & Under Free. Carry outs available, held at Notre Dame Parish in Cresco.

Life-Serve Blood Drive Monday, Feb 17, 12:30-5:30 pm, at the Fort Atkinson Comm. Center. Sandwiches for the canteen provided by Mihm Brothers Inc.

Masopust 2020- Czech Heritage Partnership invites you to Masopust on February 22, at the Protivin Community Center. Barefoot Becky, Ivanhoe Dutchmen, and Czech Dancers as entertainment! Pork Roast Meal will finish the day. Tickets are available for $35 each at The Fast Mart or contact Audrey Novak at 563.380.3015 or Ken Zajicek at 563.379.4100. Doors open at noon. This year Coat of Arms is Neplachov where the Jirak's family originated from.

Winter Breakfast Sunday, February 23 at St. Teresa of Calcutta School, Ossian! Serving 8:30-11:30 a.m. Scrambled Eggs with Toppings, Cubed Potatoes, Sliced Ham, and more. Adults $9; Children 6-11 $5; little people eat free. Tickets are available at Fidelity Bank, Luana Bank, Tracy’s Hairstyling, and Two Trees Pizza in Ossian or at the door!

Come Play Euchre for a Good Cause! Sundays, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, Card Parties start at 1:30 pm at the St. Lucas Comm Center. Cost is $5 per person, lunch included. All proceeds benefits the St. Lucas Little League Program.

St. Wenceslaus Winter Gala - Saturday, Feb. 29, at Chihak Hall, Spillville. 5:30 Social & Silent Auction, 7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Comedian Jeff Shaw, Live Auction, Door Prize. Tickets $40 before Feb 15, available at Spillville Citizens Bank & Farr Side.

1st Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Annual Breakfast & Raffle - Sunday, March 1, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, at St. Wenceslaus Chihak Hall, Spillville. $8 in advance, $8.50 at the door, Kids 4-11 $4, 3 & under are free. Eggs, Sausage, Toast, & Cinn Rolls