

Cluster Parishes

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"To Know God and Make God Known Through Word, Worship, Fellowship, and Service"



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Mass Intentions

Dec 30 to Jan 3

Wed 8:30am	SJ	Steve Slaubaugh
Thu 8:30am	HT	Alma Roush
Fri 10:00am	SM	People of the Cluster
Sat 5:00pm	SJ	People of the Cluster
Sun 8:00am	HT	Dean Tucker
Sun 10:00am	SM	Wava Reschly

St. Mary's

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,677
Actual	\$ -
YTD* Collection	\$ 27,899
YTD Goal	\$ 40,248
Under/Over	- \$ 12,349

Holy Trinity

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,542
Actual	\$ -
YTD* Collection	\$ 16,775
YTD Goal	\$ 37,008
Under/Over	- \$ 20,233

St. Joseph's

Weekly Goal	\$ 644
Actual	\$ -
YTD* Collection	\$ 3,712
YTD Goal	\$ 15,456
Under/Over	- \$ 11,744

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Merging

As some of you have read in the Catholic Messenger, we have been contemplating merging in order to be in accordance with the Pastoral Plan of the Diocese. Some things to note:

- Within the next year—out of our 55 active priests in the Davenport Diocese - 12 will be 70 years old and eligible for retirement. That will leave us with 33 active priests
- Within the next 10 years, it is expected there will be only one priest per county
- There are no plans of closing any parish in our Cluster if we merge, and each parish will get the individual attention they have always received
- Our parishes have nothing to lose, but will gain in assets and investment from each other

After we merge, most parishioners will not see any real difference in how we operate, or even recognize that a merger has even taken place.

Please note though:

- “Cluster Parishes” is not a canonical name and we will have to be creative in renaming our Cluster
- Some examples would be “St. Joseph’s of the Holy Family, St. Mary’s of the Holy Family, and Holy Trinity of the Holy Family”, keeping our individual identities
- Another example could be “St. Mary’s and St. Joseph’s of the Holy Trinity” (again, keeping our individual identities)

No names have been decided, but I would like for everyone to contemplate upon this. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We will be three small voices in our Diocese, but one family with a stronger voice. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

May God Bless You
- Fr Bill

Catholic Daily Reflections

www.mycatholic.life/daily-reflections

Today we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life.

Their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus' public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others.

Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite God to make your family a holy family.

Fr Bill's Weekly Reflection will return next week

Congratulations

Congratulations to Flynn Jared Kiefer who was baptized at Holy Trinity last Sunday! Flynn is the son of Anthony & Brittnei Kiefer.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kiptyn Jeffrey Kleopfer who was baptized at St. Mary's last Sunday! Kiptyn is the son of Jesse and Brandee Kleopfer.

Livestream Mass

Will livestream Mass until the end of the year, as we have been doing, and then reevaluate the COVID-19 numbers in January. Thank you for your patience.

Confession

If you would like me to hear your confession, I encourage you to contact me if you would like me to hear your confession. My phone # is (319) 430-6888, and we can meet before or after Mass, or a better suited time. - Fr Bill

Ritzinger Scholarship

Applications for the Marguerite Ritzinger scholarship of the Diocese of Davenport are being accepted now through Feb. 1, 2021. Catholic Individuals who plan to attend a college or university next fall may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. Nontraditional students may apply for the scholarships

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Prayer Intentions

Please continue to contact us if you have a birthday, anniversary, or prayer intention.

Are Your Adult Kids Members of the Parish?

If you have an adult son or daughter, please have them register as parish members. Having them register as separate members helps with record keeping. In addition, the more registered members we have, the more viable a parish we are.

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel can help. They understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: [563-333-4107](tel:563-333-4107) or [1-888-456-HOPE](tel:1-888-456-HOPE).

Scams

Please always be on the lookout for scams. Fr. Bill does not communicate through Facebook nor does he email or text people asking for money.



EMMAUS

Emmaus Groups

Please consider joining a "Discipleship Quad" to participate in an Emmaus Group.

These are four-person prayer groups that are very informal and flexible to accommodate your schedule. Information and videos can be found at clusterparishes.org. Click the "Communications & Resources" tab, and click on "Emmaus Groups".

You may also contact Dcn Derick derick-cranston@gmail.com (319) 936-0927, or Fr Bill roushw@diodav.org (319) 430-6888.



Look Out for Scams this Holiday Season

- Avoid sellers who post an auction or advertisement under one name but ask that payment be sent to someone else.
- Consider canceling your purchase if a seller requests funds be wired directly to them via a money transfer company, pre-paid card, etc. Money sent in these ways is impossible to recover, with no recourse for the victim.
- Verify the legitimacy of a buyer or seller before moving forward with a purchase. If you're using an online marketplace or auction website, check feedback ratings.
- Avoid buyers who request their purchase be shipped using a certain method to avoid customs or taxes inside another country.
- In short, always be wary of deals that seem too good to be true.

If you believe you or someone you know has become the victim of a holiday scam, contact the FBI Omaha field office at 402-493-8688 or file a complaint at IC3.gov.

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FBI Special Agent in Charge, Eugene Kowel

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Faith Formation Event Christmas Traditions

All Faith Formation Families are invited to join Fr Bill via Zoom Sun Dec 27th 6:30pm as he discusses Christmas traditions, including the Feast of the Holy Family and the Epiphany! He will also reveal the three gifts of the Magi!

We also encourage other parishioners to join Fr Bill in this event. Email derickcranston@gmail.com for a Zoom link



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