

Cluster Parishes

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

Mass Intentions

Jan 6 to Jan 10

Wed 8:30am	SJ	Brandon Adam
Thu 8:30am	HT	Alphonse Kleopfer
Fri 8:30am	SM	Gerald, Carl, James Prybil
Sat 5:00pm	SJ	Sandra & Louis Wilson
Sun 8:00am	HT	People of the Cluster
Sun 10:00am	SM	Bob & Mary Duwa

St. Mary's

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,677
Actual	\$ 9,973
YTD* Collection	\$ 37,872
YTD Goal	\$ 43,602
Under/Over	- \$ 5,730

Holy Trinity

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,542
Actual	\$ 8,105
YTD* Collection	\$ 24,880
YTD Goal	\$ 40,092
Under/Over	- \$ 15,212

St. Joseph's

Weekly Goal	\$ 644
Actual	\$ -
YTD* Collection	\$ 3,712
YTD Goal	\$ 16,744
Under/Over	- \$ 13,032

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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

Reflection

*Below is a homily from Fr. Martin Eke, MSP
of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Houston, TX*

The word 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word *epiphania* meaning 'revelation,' or 'manifestation.' It was the Magi who announced the birth of Jesus and from then, the news became public. This is one of the reasons why the visit of the Magi is called Epiphany, meaning the disclosure or revelation of the Lord.

The Magi were astronomers who observed the stars and other celestial bodies. They saw a spectacular star which they rightly interpreted to mean the birth of a great king. The three men were from different parts of the world.

According to tradition, Melchior came from Persia (present Iran), Balthazar came from Arabia and Gaspar from India. Each of the Magi came with a gift: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts further revealed who Jesus was. Gold symbolized Christ our king. Frankincense symbolized Christ our priest and myrrh symbolized Christ, the anointed one, our savior.

We are gifts to one another. In these ways, we give Jesus the best of gifts. I am sure that it was not only the three men that saw the star. Many people would have seen the same star, but it meant nothing to them. Probably too, many people knew that the star signified something different but did nothing.

The wise men's journey took them through hills, deserts, rivers, and months. Not even Herod could stop them from getting to their determined destination. It took perseverance and passion. The level of perseverance and passion determine the level of success.

We are invited to be observant, and let determination and action follow what we observe. Lastly, Herod asked the Magi to return to him after seeing Jesus, but they listened to God's warning and departed by another way.

The Herod of today are our wrong choices, bad decisions, bad associations, our mistakes, our sins and weaknesses that extinguish the light of the Star (Jesus) in us. We must not continue on Herod's way. Let us wise-up and depart by another way, which is God's way.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

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.

Thank You

The Knights of Columbus thanks all of those who donated winter clothes and items.

A Prayer for Vocations

"O Holy Spirit, impart Your counsel so we may know the vocation where we can best serve God. Give us courage and strength to follow God's holy will, and lead us to the vineyards where we will labor in God's holy service. Amen."



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.

With appreciation,
FBI Special Agent in Charge, Eugene Kowel

Reminder

You can't worry about the worst.
You've gotta believe good things
are going to happen.

Okay

My family is my
greatest treasure. We
aren't perfect but I love
them with all my
heart.

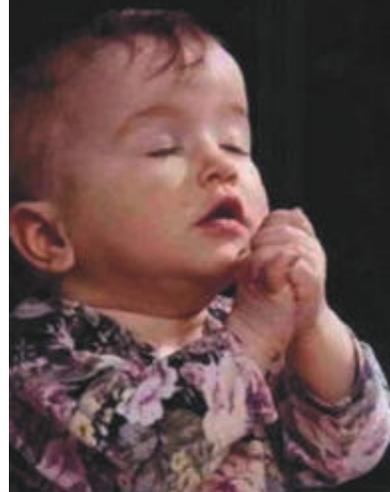


Dear God,

If I am wrong,
correct me.

If I am lost,
guide me.

If I start to give
up, **keep me**
going



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