QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the “Queen of Peace” Community, believe our Mission is to serve God and to worship together.

We are committed to promoting Unity, while bringing Peace, Acceptance and Justice to those we meet.

We seek to live our faith and to become a healing community that is open to change and growth with respect to one another’s heritage.
Readings for the week of January 26, 2020

Sunday: Is 8:23–9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [2a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 ©LPI
Liturgical Schedule

Date February 1-2, 2020
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Lector Kathy Stevens
Communion Ministers Katie Stevens, Diane DeVine, Mary Dunlay, Brad Bauler, Michelle Guzman
Ushers George Sutton, Jason Jensen
Sacristan Jeanie Olson
Musician (open)

Sunday, 4:00 pm
Lector Kathy Stevens
Communion Ministers Kathy Stevens, Joanne Dennis, Mary Dunlay, Brad Bauler
Servers Andy Bauler, Michelle Guzman
Ushers George Sutton, Jason Jensen
Sacristan Jeanie Olson
Musician (open)

Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector Randy Pilkington
Communion Ministers Treese Pilkington, Peggy Gress, Leilani Early, Bill Shimek, Barb Huck
Mass Servers Kaden Morgan, Karlie Morgan
Ushers Don Frost, Randy Schmitz, Dan Schmitz
Sacristan Pat Brown
Musician Jazzin’ for Jesus Choir

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 28
12:05 pm Myers Family

Wednesday, January 29
12:05 pm +Kate, Mark, Russ Califf

Thursday, January 30
12:05 pm Queen of Peace Parish

Friday, January 31
12:05 pm +Mateo Torrez Jimenez

Saturday, February 1
4:00 pm Special Intentions of Josephine & Linda Navarro & Vickie Ecker

Sunday, February 2
9:00 am +Cheryl Waltemeyer
12:00 pm +Petra Lopez
4:00 pm +Joseph & Eileen DeVine

This Coming Week

Sunday, January 26
9:00 am TESTIFY - Columbus Music Group Church
Coffee & Donuts served after the 9:00 am Mass in Scallon Hall
Food Collection Sunday for Community Meals

Tuesday, January 28
8:00 am Quilting Club & Social Grace Rm.
1:00 pm Legion of Mary Mtg. Scallon Hall
1:30 pm Bible Sharing Meet at Bridges Senior Living
4:30-6 pm Community Meals Scallon Hall
6:30 pm Bible Class (Sp) Scallon Hall

Wednesday, January 29
7:00 pm Evening Prayer for the World Scallon Hall

Thursday, January 30
4:00 pm Jazzin’ for Jesus Choir practice Church
6:30 pm Learning English Class Grace Rm.

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Stewardship Week of

Jan. 18-19, 2020 Total of all Masses English & Spanish:

Adult $4,250.00
Loose 1,235.27
Repairs 30.00
Endowment Fund 531.00
Total 6,046.27

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January 26, 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!
Bienvenidos queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús nuestro Salvador.

Hoy, mis hermanos, la segunda lectura del apóstol San Pablo a los corintios nos llama a la unidad. Nos exhorta a estar unidos en un mismo pensar y en un mismo sentir.

Me viene a la mente aquella analogía, muy buena, que, seguramente, alguna vez les conté. Decía que nosotros somos como pedazos de leña que tendemos a alumbrar solos dando una luz tenue y débil, pero todos los pedazos de leña juntos, es decir, todos juntos podemos dar calor y podemos dar luz. Sobre todo, encendidos por la luz del mundo que es Jesús mismo.

De eso, precisamente, nos habla la liturgia de la palabra de este domingo. Isaías nos dice que el pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz y esta misma cita la repite el Evangelio dando inicio a la predicación de Jesús, diciendo: “Conviértanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los Cielos”.

Y, continua el Evangelio, narrándonos como fueron llamados Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan. Ellos eran pescadores y estaban arreglando sus redes y lo dejaron todo, inmediatamente, para seguirlo.

Mis amados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, hoy, me gustaría tocar el tema de la unidad. Recordemos que el mal es resultado de la desunión y donde hay desunión hay conflictos, desavenencias, peleas, conflictos y desconfianzas. Y, todo esto, da como resultado la pobreza de espíritu y, por consiguiente, frustración, depresión y ansiedad.

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Mis hermanos, tenemos mucho que hacer. En nuestra parroquia (nuestra casa) necesitamos unirnos todos, utilizando nuestros talentos. Por cierto, talentos que Dios nos dio), para hacer comunidad, para ayudarnos unos a otros.

Por ejemplo: Permitan que sus niños sirvan como monaguillos en las Misas de Inglés, somos una comunidad, independientemente del idioma; todos los martes, desde la una de la tarde, tenemos Community Meals (se prepara y se sirve comida para la gente que no tiene hogar) y se necesita mucha ayuda...tu, yo y todos unidos podemos, pero sobre todo, debemos ayudar; La parroquia es de todos por lo tanto debemos sostenerla financieramente, especialmente, ahora que está atravesando una crisis; siempre se necesita ayuda para servir en los diferentes ministerios, etc. Y muchas cosas más. Como ven necesitamos unirnos, necesitamos sumar y multiplicar...nunca restar ni dividir.

Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan dejaron inmediatamente sus redes y siguieron a Jesús...¿Cuáles son las redes que no puedes soltar y ser libre en el Señor?...Con cariño...diacono Real

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Servidores para la Santa Misa el 02/02/2020

Monaguillos:

Ministros de Eucaristía:

Hospitalidad Lety calderón, Luis González, José Luis Quinto, Juanita Quinto y Jassive Escobar.

Lectores: Martha Ortiz, Martha Solís, Martin Calderón y Adrián Andrés.

Santo Rosario: Reina de la Paz

Reporte de sus contribuciones En la parte de atrás de la iglesia, tenemos los reportes de sus contribuciones a nuestra Iglesia. Como todos ustedes saben son deducibles de impuestos y los puede usar para sus income taxes.

Fondo especial de la Parroquia Reina de la Paz El Consejo Parroquial aprobó recientemente iniciar un fondo de caridad/ emergencia con la Fundación Católica en la Arquidiócesis de Dubuque. La fundación católica tiene más de 170 cuentas de todos los tamaños. Comenzamos con un monto mínimo de $10,000. A través de esta dotación estamos planeando la sostenibilidad a largo plazo de Reina de la Paz. La cantidad principal no se gasta y continúa creciendo cada año. Podemos reclamar una distribución de 4% cada año y 10% para emergencias. El propósito de este fondo económico es apoyar económicamente a la parroquia. A partir de enero, habrá un sobre adicional en su paquete de oferta para el segundo domingo de cada mes si desea contribuir a este fondo. Gracias por su generosidad.

Retiro para jóvenes Del 14 al 16 de marzo habrá un retiro para jóvenes de la High School de grados 11 y 12 en la escuela Blessed Mother. Para mayor información hable con Vanessa Gómez. Necesitan registrarse antes del 28 de febrero. Es una maravillosa oportunidad para que los jóvenes tengan una experiencia personal con el Señor.

Venta de tacos Los Caballeros de Colon tendrán una venta de tacos el próximo 9 de febrero. Ahora si nos hemos asegurado de tener bastante. Por favor, le invitamos a contribuir a nuestra Iglesia. Habrá tacos de lengua, Barbacoa y al pastor. La ganancia será 100% para beneficio de nuestra parroquia. Les esperamos. Gracias.

Matrimonios Felicidades a Salvador Fredy Escobar y Gilbert y Rosa Elena Sanguino que contraerán matrimonio el pasado 18 de enero. Muchas felicidades y que el Señor les bendiga.

Gran colecta de metales Se esta planeando una gran colecta de metales tales como cobre, aluminio, acero, hierro fundido, etc. Si usted tiene materiales en su garaje y no los usa, puede donarlos. Mas información estaremos dando en los próximo boletines.

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Sobres ............$4,250.00
Efectivo ............1,235.27
Reparaciones ..... 30.00
Endowment fund 531.00

Nuestra Santísima Madre Reina de la Paz es Madre del Adviento. Caminemos con ella de la mano para preparar nuestros corazones y recibir a su Hijo en Navidad

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Próxima fecha para la siguiente preparación pre-bautismal será el 11 de abril. Necesita registrarse con tiempo. Gracias
PASTOR’S MESSAGE

(This article was in the bulletin last month but is being repeated for those of you who did not see it but asked to have us print it again.)

Images or statue or icons: What does the Bible say about this?

Some weeks ago the Statue of the Blessed Mother, our Patroness, got vandalized. That was a shock for everyone. Worse, to make sure, let’s put it that way, they were doing us a favor; they leave us a note quoting the book of Exodus and the book of Revelation. Maybe, let us assume, it is for them a way to evangelize us, we Catholics. FYI these two books they quote talk about idols and images among other things. So, as you can see, we Catholics are in the spotlight of a lot of “groups” out there because of our position on images or statues and so on. I’ve never paid too much attention to these kinds of details or I would never see myself using the Bible for such a purpose, but now that we are personally attacked, I think it is convenient to clear this topic up by asking the question: What does the Bible say about this? Now, for the sake of precision and conciseness, I will need you to use your Bible while reading this article, for I only put the biblical references along with some necessary clarifications.

We are accused of adoring images. We Catholics do not adore images. We adore only God and simply venerate the images we consider sacred, like the statue of Our Blessed Mother. And this is not prohibited by the Bible at all. The big mistake of these “anti-Catholic” groups” is that they confuse image and idol. The Bible prohibits clearly the use of idol; the books of Exodus and of Revelation are very firm about that. An image or statue or icons is not equivalent to an idol. We all agree that an image represents a thing or and individual and an idol represents a false god that is adored in the place of the real and only God. There is an example of idol in Ex 20:3. Lack of adequate interpretation or by choosing deliberately to con people, some folks will tell you that it is biblically forbidden to have any kind of images in the Temple of God. I am afraid that it is not true. God doesn’t prohibit the possession of images; on the contrary there are passages in the Bible where God orders that images be made. Let’s see some examples: Exodus 25:1; Exodus 26:8; Ex 25:18 and Numbers 21:8-9: God speaks with Moses to construct the temple. Here the Bible clearly speaks on how God sent for images of angels to be made and placed in the temple.

What about the point regarding the kneeling before images and people. There are critics in this area too. Is that idolatry? In the sacred scripture, on some occasion Saint Peter and St Paul didn’t want the people to kneel before them, because they were viewing them as ‘gods.’ For this reason, kneeling in front of an image or person with the intention of adoring them is wrong. But, if it is for a simple act of respect and gratitude, there is no problem in that at all. Take a look at Joshua 7:6. When Catholics are praying and before them there is an image, they are not praying to or asking the image for anything. We just want to remember that individual through the memory that this image brings of him.

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Now, if we do not have an image of a saint in front, that doesn’t mean we will stop praying, that doesn’t make any sense. We pray by faith, not by what our eyes can see.

But images are part of our tradition, so we keep them. For the sake of the argument, let’s see what the Bible says about King Solomon who made images for the temple, a King considered very wise. 1 Kings 6: 2 Solomon constructs the temple of God, 1 Kings 6:23; 1 Kings 7:29. To put it in a human way, God was happy and thankful that his temple was filled with these images. It is said in 1 Kings 8, 10-12 that the priests could not continue with the ceremony, being that the glory of Yahweh had filled the house. And there is nowhere in the Old Testament Solomon is accused of idolatry.

What about the processions with images that we Catholics do, does that conform to the Holy Scripture? It is said in 2 Samuel 6: 5 that the king and the people took the Ark of the Covenant with the images of the Cherubims from one place to another. Would that be considered a procession? Some folks would probably say they were moving it, that’s it. But, no, this was a procession, and we can add, with images. The passage states that the people were singing, playing instruments and dancing. For instance here at Queen of Peace we have a beautiful procession with the statue of Our Lady during the Patron Feast we celebrate every August 22nd.

Did the New Testament say something about images? Jesus didn’t speak badly of images. At times he just mentions them and then moves on. (John 3: 14-16) Jesus referred positively to Numbers 21 that talk about the bronze serpent that Moses made. Jesus speaks of the image that is on the hill. (Mark 12:16-17) He directly speaks of it without mentioning the theme of idolatry. This would have been an excellent moment to speak of it, don’t you think? But he did not think that way. What he had in his hands was an image and that was it.

And FYI these biblical references can be found in any Bible. I make this precision for some folks can say: maybe Fr. Pierre is using a Catholic Bible.

My main point with this article it is to say that we will be placing back the statue of Our Blessed Mother as soon as we finish with the construction of a beautiful grotto in order to manifest our utmost respect and devotion to her. Now, this goal will not be achieved without your contribution. It is not a secret that we need around $14,000 for that. So, hurry to be one of the privileged ones who will be gifting Our Lady this grotto. Call the church office to give your donation.

Our Lady Queen of Peace… pray for us! - Fr. Pierre

Parish Update—please pray for:

Death:  Zola Podarel January 17, 2020
May her soul and all the souls of the dearly departed rest in peace.

2 Marriages: January 18, 2020
Gilberto Sanguino & Rosa Elena Sanguino
Salvador Escobar & Fredy Escobar
Congratulations and God Bless You!
Parish Happenings

QUEEN OF PEACE SCRAP METAL FUNDRAISER
Save your scrap metal, for our spring fundraising event. Collect and donate your scrap metal for a good cause. Start saving everything from steel, cast iron, copper and aluminum, just to name a few. This fundraiser will be in the spring with the date to be determined later. A dumpster will be provided for the scrap metals. Tell your family and friends and help make this a big success. Watch the bulletin for more details.

TESTIFY - MUSIC GROUP
On Sunday, January 26, at the 9 am Mass, the music group from Columbus called TESTIFY, will be leading the music. This group has been ministering at various parishes in the metro area. Come to participate in liturgy with them, and welcome them to our parish.

QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH WINTER HOURS
Starting Monday, Jan. 13 the church office hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—8:00 am—2:00 pm Thursday & Friday—8:00 am—12:00 Noon

2019 OFFERING CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
The year-end offering statements are ready and available for pickup starting this weekend. Statements are located in the boxes on the tables at the entrance to the church. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry
Sunday, February 2nd. 6:30pm-8:00pm in the youth office at Columbus.
Topic Night: "Dealing with Peer Pressure". Being a high school student is hard, especially when there is pressure to live in a way that conflicts with our faith. Come talk about ways to deal with that pressure. Snacks and drinks provided! Please use the parking lot doors to enter (21).

Community News

Franciscan Common Venture – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. There are multiple service opportunities from a Native American Retreat Center in MT to a food bank’s community garden. Long-term service is also available. If interested, contact Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF; 3390 Windsor Ave; Dubuque IA 52001; Phone: 563-583-9786; e-mail: balekm@osfdbq.org; OR visit our website for a listing of the 2020 opportunities and a downloadable brochure and application materials: www.osfdbq.org/commonventure

Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those Who Love Them
Whether you’re divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet, for “An Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those who Love Them” on Friday, March 27th from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids. Learn more and RSVP for this FREE event at www.DBQArch.org/Divorce.

Adult Formation

Young Adult Ministry (age 18-39)
1. Open Tea & Scripture - Monday, January 27, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Ellen Kuchera's residence
All are welcome to join for tea and reflection on the Sunday readings. Text/call Ellen (319-349-6710) for her address if interested in attending.

2. Super Bowl Party - Sunday, February 2, 5 to 10pm @ the Brandle’s house, 2615 Heather Ln, Waterloo. Main dish of sub sandwiches or pizza and beer provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Children are welcome to attend. Contact William Brandle with questions, 319-939-9000.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE LOSING YOUR FAITH?
Like physical and emotional growth, faith grows and changes over time. Adults and young adults often feel like they are "losing their faith" when in fact they may be growing into a new phase or stage of faith. You can learn more about stages of faith by contacting Dave Cushing at dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org or visiting our website at: waterloocatholics.org/faith-losing-my-faith

CATHOLIC READERS BOOK CLUB – Monday, February 3. 6:30-8:00 pm:
For information contact Bev Byford at 319-232-8277 (email: byfordbev93@gmail.com).

WINTER FORUM 3 – Tuesday, February 4. 6:30-8:00 pm:
Information online at: https://waterloocatholics.org/winter-forum

ALPHA FOR CATHOLICS
Starts February 5 at Blessed Sacrament Parish
Starts February 6 at Sacred Heart Parish
Information at 319-233-0498 and online at waterloocatholics.org/alpha
• Register online at waterloocatholics.org/alpha-registration

Learn More
More information about opportunities for adults is available online at: waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-board
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