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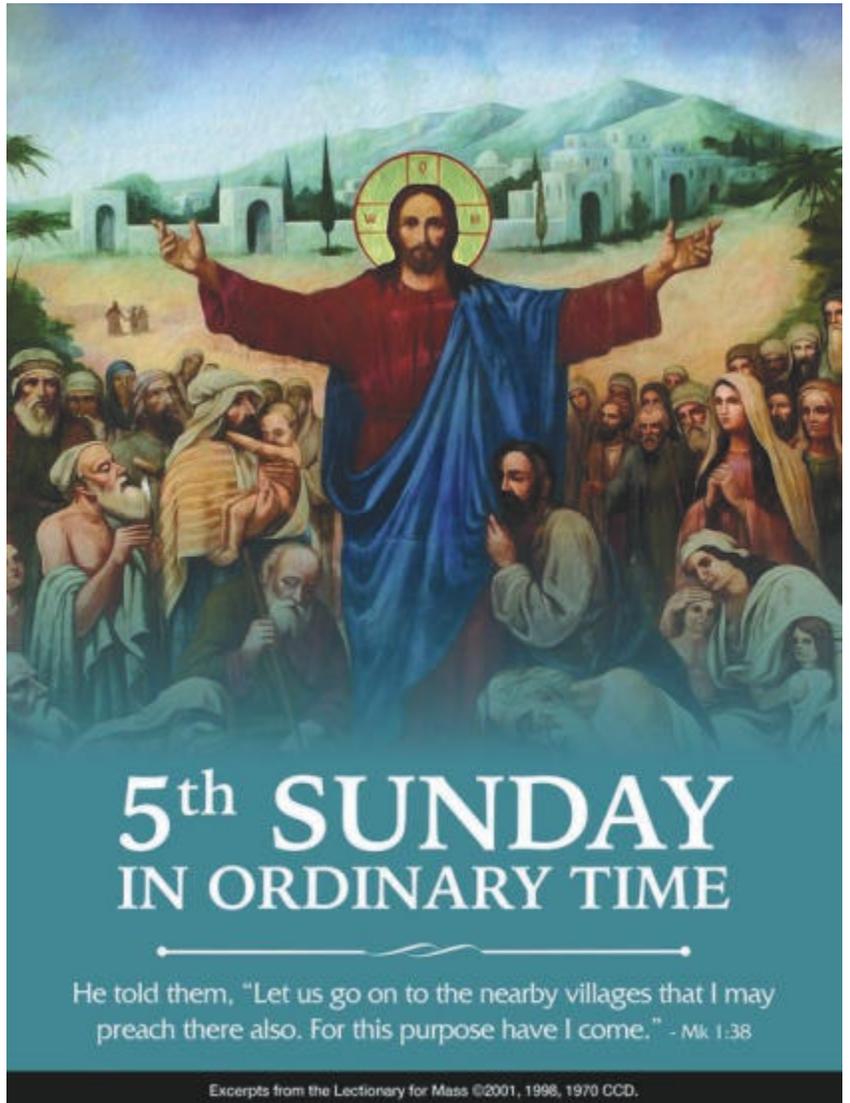
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From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Growing in the Spiritual Life Series with St. Ignatius of Loyola

Ignatius' first two rules reflected on the fundamental direction of an individual's life. Our next step involves understanding spiritual consolation, which will be very important for everything that follows. This third rule examines the effect of God's love working in the heart of a person moving towards God.

Third Rule. "The third is of spiritual consolation. I call it consolation when some interior movement is caused in the soul, through which the soul comes to be inflamed with love of its Creator and Lord, and consequently when it can love no created thing on the face of the earth in itself, but only in the Creator of them all. Likewise when it sheds tears that move to love of its Lord, whether out of sorrow for one's sins, or for the passion of Christ our Lord, or because of other things directly ordered to his service and praise. Finally, I call consolation every increase of hope, faith, and charity, and all interior joy that calls and attracts to heavenly things and to the salvation of one's soul, quieting it and giving it peace in its Creator and Lord" (48).

It's helpful to read the last paragraph several times. The language is dense and precise. Spiritual consolation differs from physical consolation. It may begin with some physical consolation, but then is directed immediately toward God. For example, I may be moved first by the beauty of nature, but then become inflamed with a warmth of gratitude to God because of how He has brought me to this place in life. This is an uplifting joy directed toward God (49).

Spiritual consolation also may be manifested in healing tears when reflecting on what the Lord has done for us, a sorrow tinged with God's healing presence. For example, I might experience the love and closeness of what God has done for me while gazing upon a crucifix. Spiritual consolation also is found when we experience the closeness of God's personal presence leading us to know Him more, trust Him deeper, or act out in love toward others. Finally, spiritual consolation brings about a quieting and deep peacefulness, attracting us to the things of God. We are drawn to holy things, like prayer and the bible. We want to be with Him.

Source: *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide to Everyday Living* by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Isabella #642 has a prayer chain established among its members. A prayer request may be made by any parishioner or family member in our cluster for anyone you know that is in need of prayers. They do not need to belong to our cluster for us to pray for them.

If you have a prayer request, please contact LuAnn Lauters evenings at home 927-4660 or anytime at 515-570-6107.

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STATIONS of the CROSS

at St. Boniface & St. James - 5:30 pm on Fridays during Lent - February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26. There are no Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. We hope you can join us for this immersive experience.

In Loving Memory of

Barbara Michaelsen
December 20, 2020

Daughter of
Dorothy Huinker

Sister of
Pat Book &
Mary Jo Ames

Correction: In the previous bulletin the name of the mother for the baptism below was misspelled. It has been corrected



Congratulations
Faith Noel Lertz daughter of Terrell and Alesha was Baptized on January 24th. We are glad to welcome her as a daughter of God.

Cluster Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 7

11:30 AM **ALL SEEK21 at FF Sites**

Monday, February 8

6:30 PM **G** CDA Court Isabella #642 meeting

Monday, February 15

7:00 PM **B** Knight of Columbus Meeting

Friday, February 19

5:30 PM **G** Stations of the Cross

5:30 PM **FC** Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 25

6:30 PM **FC** FF Commission Meeting

Friday, February 26

5:30 PM **G** Stations of the Cross

5:30 PM **FC** Stations of the Cross

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

HS Wednesday Night FF - Sacraments of Healing

February 10 - Anointing of Sick in local parishes at 7 PM

February 17 - *Third week* - ASH WEDNESDAY - No Class

February 24 - PAC at Duncan at 7 PM

Sunday Youth Nights - "Love You to Death"

February 14, 6-7 PM @ St. James in FC

Prayer Experience for Family & Students

February 21, 6-7 PM @ St. James in FC

NCYC First Meeting

February 26, 6-7 PM @ St. James in FC

From the Pastor

Recently there has been some questionable winter weather. Sometimes it has been bad sometimes it has been predicted to be bad and turned out just fine. We strive to ensure the health and safety of you, our parishioners, and the Archangels Catholic Cluster staff. Fr. Joseph and I are capable and some might say young and stupid when it comes to whether or not we will drive in inclement weather. This being said, we will always encourage someone that if they feel unsafe in anyway, or are uncomfortable driving, walking, or don't know what the weather might do, to stay home. You are always dispensed from Mass on Sunday if you feel that it is unsafe for you to travel. I specifically want to encourage our parishioners that are gifted with many years of wisdom to stay home during these events. This past weekend, while walking to my car at the rectory, I fell. I wasn't hurt, but I know if I was older it could have been a different story. We will cancel Mass when it seems bad for anyone to be out on the roads, but it is harder for us to cancel Mass when we know that it isn't very dangerous for those who are young but can be dangerous for those more advanced in years who will try to make it come hell or high water. We want you to stay safe and be able to make it next week if there is bad weather this week. Let us all practice the virtue of prudence, to understand our own limitations, and courage, to choose to stay home when reason tells us we should.



Court Isabella #642 will meet on Monday, February 8 in the St. Boniface Church Basement at 6:30 PM. Masks are required, social distancing will be followed.



February 7 to 14 is National Marriage Week. This year's theme for National Marriage Week is *To Have, To Hold and To Honor*, a reminder of the promises made on your wedding day.

Shoe Drive

Youth ministry is collecting gently worn, used or new shoes for the needy. Our goal is 2,500 pairs of shoes. We could earn up to 1,000 dollars if we reach our goal. There will be boxes in the entry ways of our churches starting on Feb. 22nd. Thanks for your donations!



Thank you to everyone who donated a rosary to our Catholic Daughter's Rosary Project. We have been blessed by your generosity. We are still collecting rosaries, so please place them in the boxes in the entry ways. Our collection boxes are White with a Purple Rosary pictured on the front and located in each entry way of St. Boniface in Garner for you to drop your donation in. This is still an ongoing project for our court to support this worthwhile state project to make sure everyone who needs and wants a rosary has one.

A reminder of what CDA COURT ISABELLA #642 Rosary Project is about:

A new policy has been established to collect rosaries which CDA members make or other rosaries they wish to donate to be distributed to Iowa Hospitals, Parishes, Care Centers, Prisons and Funeral Homes around the State.

The rosaries may be new, used or even broken. They will be repaired and given to someone in need. We will not turn down any rosary no matter what the condition is. The repair team can work miracles!!

If you have any questions, please contact Regent LuAnn Lauters evenings at 927-4660 or any Garner CDA member.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 8

Forest City 8:00 AM † Norbert Machacek

Tuesday, February 9

Duncan 8:00 AM † For the Departed
Forest City 5:30 PM † Tony & Ileene Ptacek

Wednesday, February 10

Lake Mills 5:15 PM † For the Departed
Britt 5:30 PM † George & Betty Tlach

Thursday, February 11

Garner 12:00 PM † Jim Reinig

Friday, February 12

Britt 8:00 AM † Margaret Kunkel

Saturday, February 13

Duncan 4:00 PM † For the Departed
Buffalo Center 6:15 PM † David Nolton

Sunday, February 14

Britt 8:00 AM † Ernest & Clara Malek
Lake Mills 8:30 AM For the People
Garner 10:00 AM † Ruth Borcharding
Forest City 10:30 AM † David Plonski
Britt (Spanish) 7:00 PM Culture Partner Volunteers

Mass times, events and announcements can also be found on
www.archangelscc.org/calendar



RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Duncan 8:00 AM
Forest City 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Britt 5:00 PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Garner 11:30 AM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Duncan 3:30 PM
Buffalo Center 5:45 PM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Britt 7:30 AM
Lake Mills 8:00 AM
Garner 9:30 AM
Forest City 10:00 AM
Britt (Span/Eng) 6:30 PM

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FAITH FORMATION

It is a pleasure to work with church staff and students involved in our Faith Formation Program. I know the pandemic has made things more difficult, but our youth are eager to learn about God. Here are some thoughts that I want to share with you; youth want structure and discipline to help form their faith. My favorite definition of faith is that of Paul Tillich, a famous philosopher of theology, who stated "Faith is an attitude of trust in the presence of God. Faith is openness to what God will reveal, do and invite." The presence of God has always been so obvious to me, but to many it is not. I cannot express enough the importance of a strong Faith Formation Program for our youth and to do that all of us must continue to strengthen our faith. I find it challenging to keep up with the new methods that tempt us to sin. Just think of the information on the internet that markets bad choices. Don't get me wrong - technology is great when used correctly and important in modern society.

Here are some thoughts from Bishop Barron that I view as very important for all parishioners to understand. "A recent poll concerning religious attitudes in America showed that most Americans favor a radical tolerance in regard to religious beliefs. It also showed that there was a shocking ignorance in regard to belief systems, dogmas, and the history of one's religion. There is nothing in the world wrong with tolerance, but it can sometimes be a cover for indifference, a conviction that one belief is as good as another. Do we accept that kind of thinking in regard to politics? Religious education programs are falling far behind what they should be." As the "Parable of the Sower" stresses: understanding is a key to Jesus falling on rich soil. THANK YOU for your continued support of Archangels Faith Formation!

Paul Schoneman

[Online FF Model: lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/](http://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/)

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We are Called - Formed - Sent**

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