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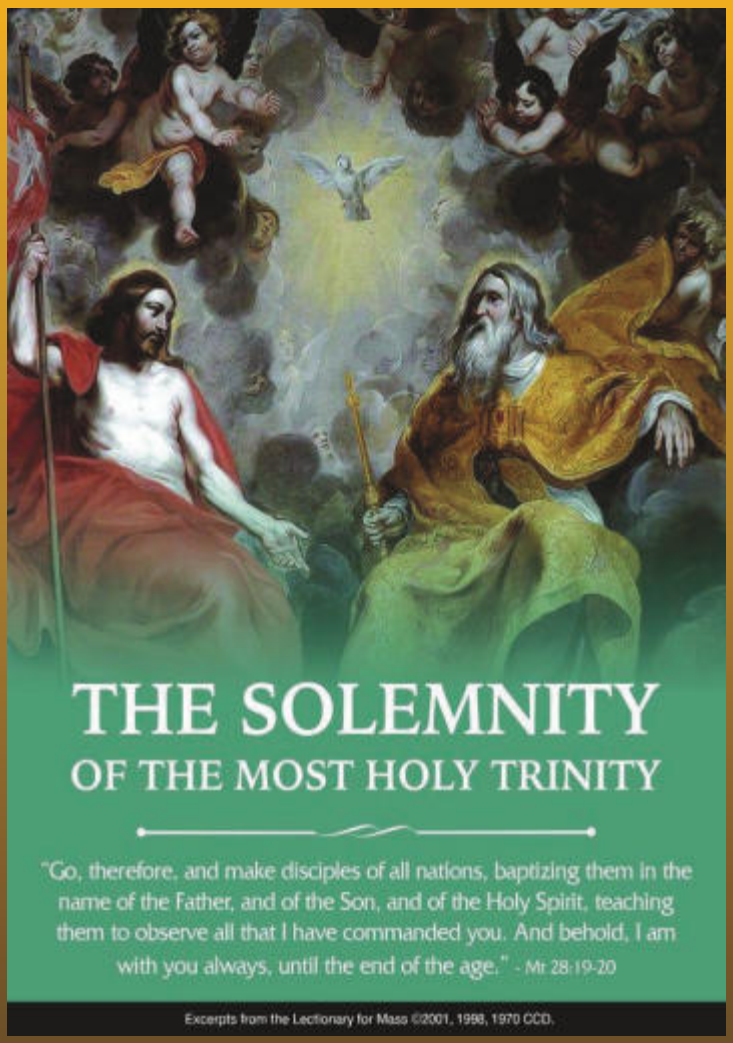

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## From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity! The Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian Faith. From the very beginning, Christians have thought deeply about God in striving to come to a more profound understanding of our faith. Catholicism beckons us to use the fullness of our mind and our heart. God gave us an intellect to know him and a heart to love him, the intellect and the will being the highest faculties of our human nature. In Christianity, we use the word mystery in a particular sense. A mystery refers to a reality, a truth, that God has revealed to us. It is a reality, however, that is inexhaustible. It is so rich, so filled with meaning and truth, that we cannot exhaust its treasures. To ponder the Trinity is no simplistic endeavor.

A mystery of the faith is something that could not be known through purely rational investigation. A mystery is not sub-rational, but more so super-rational. Christian mysteries accord with reason, but are beyond reason. The Incarnation, Ascension, Pentecost, and the Real Presence are some examples of Christian mysteries. They are the highest truths in reality. They shine a supernatural splendor upon the truths that we come to know by natural means. God is the source of the entire universe, and our God, out of his great love for us, has chosen to reveal himself to us much more than many of us dare to hope.

Reason and faith are not in competition. They are distinct, but complementary ways of coming to know the truth. As Catholics, we use both faith and reason. Faith is a response to our God who has chosen to freely reveal himself to us. *Lord, I believe, help me to understand you more.* How could the early Christians make sense of Jesus of Nazareth? He was fascinating and perplexing. When Jesus walked on the earth, he spoke and acted in the person of God himself. "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41). Jesus broke through the natural categories by which we are accustomed to classify people. "And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven' ...'Who can forgive sins but God alone?'" (Mark 2:5,7). We could do the same with the personal presence of the Holy Spirit.

Of many things that could be said of the Holy Trinity, here is one small fragment to meditate upon from St. Gregory Thamaturgus, written around 260 AD: "There is therefore nothing created, nothing subject to another in the Trinity: nor is there anything that has been added as though it once had not existed, but had entered afterwards: therefore the Father has never been without the Son, nor the Son without the Spirit: and this same Trinity is immutable and unalterable forever (Patrologia Graeca, X, 986)."

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## Memorial Day Weekend

We remember all of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country to protect the rights and liberties we are blessed to enjoy. Take a moment this memorial day to remember someone who died defending and protecting you. God bless our service men and women.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!**

**We Remember.....some of the 100 years of CDA** in St. Boniface. Cross markers are placed on ALL graves of our deceased members on Memorial Day weekend. Look for these attractive handcrafted crosses in area cemeteries.

Please go to the church hall and look over the table of some current projects our Court presently participates in. We have a Prayer Shawl ministry of which members crochet the shawls and they are given to those parishioners experiencing grief or serious illness. LifeSaver candies donations is a State project benefitting domestic violence programs locally and across Iowa.

On the history display table, note that meetings were held in the Tessier Electric building in 1929; also the IOOF lodge (Reed building). Two of the First Communicants in 1933 were Melvin Jones and Ray Young.

St. Boniface Catholic Daughters

## Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus Registration is available online on the website. Totus Tuus is a great opportunity for the youth of our parish to learn about the faith and have fun. This year Totus Tuus will be June 12-19th. We are trying to figure out transportation options for those who might not be able to travel to Garner. 1st-6th grade is in Garner from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and 7th-12th is from 7-9:15 pm, also in Garner. Please check the website for more details. Registration is due by June 1st and the cost is free. Late registrations **will be accepted.**

## Our Fathers Podcast

Tune into a podcast by Fr. Joseph and Fr. Josh of Mason City by going to the homepage of the Archangels website.

**Cluster Calendar of Events**

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| **Monday, May 31** | |
| **All Day** | **Cluster Office Closed** |
| **Saturday, June 5** | |
| **11:00 AM** | **D** Rite of Confirmation w/Archbishop Jackels |
| **Tuesday, June 8** | |
| **6:30 PM** | **G** Cluster Pastoral Council |

## Totus Tuus Volunteers

We are in need of some volunteers for Totus Tuus. If you are interested in helping with Totus Tuus please contact Fr. Andrew by phone or email. Opportunities include: transportation, dinner, classroom assistant, and more. High School students can help during the day with the elementary students.

## BABY BOTTLE TIME!!

**If you missed the opportunity to receive a baby bottle on Mother's Day or would like a second one there are extra bottles in the back of the church. Please help the Knights of Columbus in this pro-life fundraiser by returning the bottles with coins, currency, or a generous check made out to the Knights of Columbus. The bottles can be returned the weekend of June 19 - 20**

**Council # 8610 ( Britt, Duncan )**
**Council # 7897 ( Garner )**
**Council #7896 (Forest City, Lake Mills, & Buffalo Center)**

**Sign up for Flocknote -** To receive messages regarding Mass and other event cancellations, information about when and where Eucharistic Adoration will be held, etc. Sign up by visiting Archangelscc.org and fill out the Flocknote form on the homepage.

## Congratulations

**Lauren Faith Kronemann, daughter of Ethan and Maribel was Baptized on May 22nd..**
**We are glad to welcome her as a daughter of God.**

## Congratulations

Ethan Kronemann made his profession of faith, was confirmed and received his first Holy Communion on May 22nd. We welcome him as he begins his journey as a member of the Catholic Church.

## From the Pastor

This week I celebrated my 4th anniversary of my priestly ordination. We are ordained first as a deacon and then as a priest and I am lucky enough I don't have to remember two dates because I was ordained on the same day one year apart, May 27th. This will be my first summer after ordination that I don't have to move and I am excited about that. Not for the obvious reasons of packing and making unknown amounts of trips up and down stairs, but because it has truly been an adventure throughout this past year. While we are still recovering from the pandemic, we are able to visit more and socialize with people, we have increased our giving, and many more things. There has been so much that has happened in this year that I am amazed and humbled by.

I have spent some time this past week reflecting on my first four years of being a priest. While I don't think there has been as stressful of a year as this past year, I know in my heart that there has not been a better year than this past year. I firmly believe this last year has been the best year of being a priest and I look forward to this upcoming year to surpass it.

I truly love being a priest. We are all unique and have different gifts and talents. We are a varied as the parishes and parishioners we will serve. People always ask me what the favorite part of being a priest is and I can honestly say for myself it is bringing Christ's healing to people. This can be done in confession, through a homily, during Mass, in a conversation, receiving anointing of the sick, or many other ways. My strongest desire for people is that they come to know how much Jesus desires to heal them so that they can know and experience his love for them. This changes how we live and pushes us to live in the Love of God, Father, Son, and Spirit. We relate to each person differently but we are drawn to them through love but we must be open to it and to do that we must be healed.

Thank you for this wonderful year and let us continue to seek how God the Father is calling us to trust in his will for us, how Jesus is uniting himself to us, and how the Holy Spirit is encouraging us as we strive to live as the children of God.

## Deacon Ordination Celebration

Join us in celebration of our two newly ordained deacons on **July 11th at 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in Forest City**. This is the most important event for the Archangels Cluster since Deacon Tom's ordination 4 years ago and we want this celebration to be the best one we've done so come celebrate. The only event bigger will be when we have a native son ordained as a priest.

# Liturgies for the Week

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| **Monday, May 31** | | | |
| Garner | 8:00 | AM | ✝ For the Departed |
| **Tuesday, June 1** | | | |
| Duncan | 8:00 | AM | ✝ Marvin Rayhons |
| Forest City | 5:30 | PM | ✝ Linus Elsbernd |
| **Wednesday, June 2** | | | |
| Lake Mills | 5:15 | PM | ✝ Rose & Alphonse Wihlm |
| Britt | 5:30 | PM | ✝ Ronald Engstler |
| **Thursday, June 3** | | | |
| Forest City | 8:00 | AM | ✝ For the Departed |
| Garner | 12:00 | PM | ✝ Mary S. Schmidt |
| **Friday, June 4** | | | |
| Britt | 8:00 | AM | ✝ George & Betty Tlach |
| **Saturday, June 5** | | | |
| Garner | 8:00 | AM | ✝ Arlene L. Schmidt |
| Buffalo Center | 4:00 | PM | ✝ Jim Wellik |
| Duncan | 4:00 | PM | ✝ Lewis Formanek |
| Britt | 6:30 | PM | ✝ For the Departed |
| **Sunday, June 6** | | | |
| Britt | 8:00 | AM | For the People |
| Lake Mills | 8:00 | AM | ✝ Phillip Bernhard |
| Garner | 10:00 | AM | ✝ Virgie Grunwald |
| Forest City | 10:30 | AM | ✝ Donna Roisen |

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

**RECONCILIATION**

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| **TUESDAY** | |
| Duncan | 7:30 AM |
| Forest City | 5:00 PM |
| **WEDNESDAY** | |
| Britt | 5:00 PM |
| **THURSDAY** | |
| Garner | 11:30 AM |
| **SATURDAY** | |
| Duncan | 3:30 PM |
| Britt (Span/Eng) | 6:00 PM |
| **SUNDAY** | |
| Britt | 7:30 AM |
| Lake Mills | 7:30 AM |
| Forest City | 10:00 AM |

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**3:00 PM, Fridays**
**unless noted on page 2**
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**Low Gluten hosts** are now **available** in the Archangels Catholic Cluster
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# FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation Mission Statement:**
**We are Called - Formed - Sent**

## TO KNOW - TO LOVE - TO SERVE

### Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization Welcome

"Hello, my name is Joel Bittner and I am incredibly blessed to be with you in the Archangels Cluster! I look forward to meeting you as I start as the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization. Thank you to all who have already welcomed my wife, Brenna, and I!

For those I have not met, here is a little about me: I was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. I attended the University of Nebraska (and still cheer for the Cornhuskers despite poor seasons). After graduating with a math education degree, I became a campus missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). I served at Drake University for two years and then one year at Iowa State. Go Cyclones! It was amazing to share Jesus with college students of Des Moines and Ames!

As I mentioned, I am married to my amazing wife, Brenna! She was also a missionary at Iowa State. We met in college at Nebraska and were married last year. After 13 months of marriage, she still wants to be my wife--a miracle.

We love reading, gardening, cooking, and going on walks. I love learning new things and finding new hobbies, so please invite me to join you in your hobbies! I also enjoy golfing and I recently started to brew beer.

Hope to meet you soon and thank you again for your gracious welcome. I am excited to see what Jesus will do in the coming year, God bless you!"

## STAY INFORMED - FF CALENDAR

Parents - we still frequently receive questions about when/where FF events are happening. To stay updated on the schedule of HS & K-8 Faith Formation classes and other events, check out the Faith Formation Calendar under the Faith Formation tab on the Archangels website. Thank you!

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