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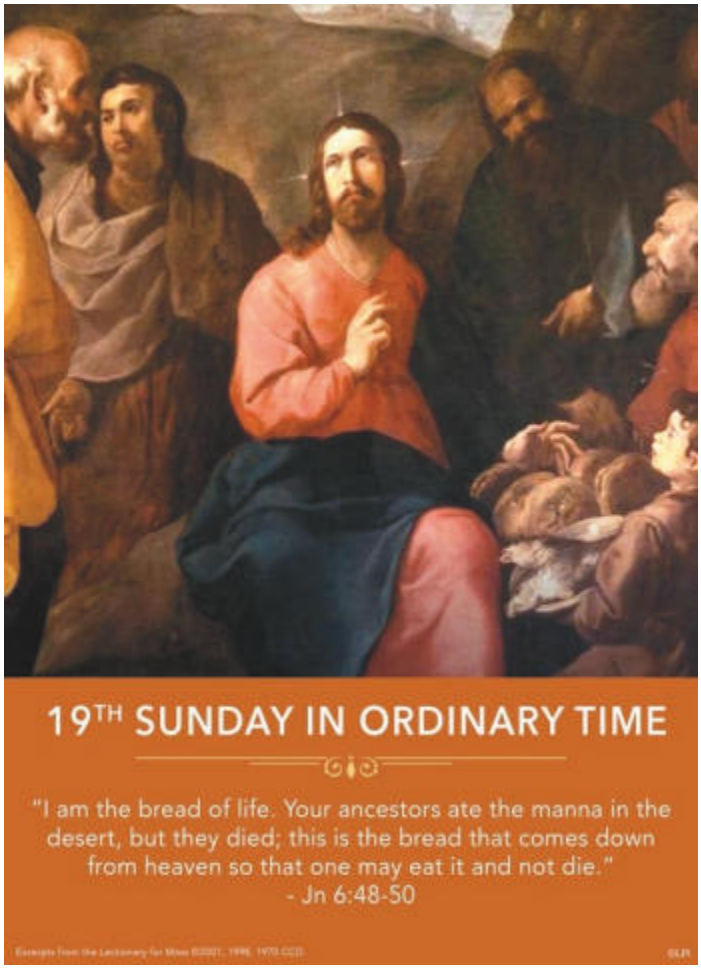

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From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Our baptism enlists us into the priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices of Christ. We reflected on our priestly and prophetic office the past two weeks. Today, we meditate on living our baptismal kingship.

¡Viva Cristo Rey! Jesus Christ is our true king, and he gives us the authentic example of how to exercise power and authority. St. Matthew recounts, "the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Consider how significant it is that God, who is all-powerful, freely chose to become weak for our sake, entering our human condition. The Son did not use his omnipotence for exploitation or manipulation but rather came in vulnerability, in mercy, to save. Jesus emptied himself for our sake (Philippians 2:7). He lived as a gift. Jesus, with full knowledge of the destiny of the Cross, chose to continue stepping forward. The Gospel recounts, "… having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (John 13:1). To the end. With everything. Jesus gave a total gift of himself for our salvation. Jesus, though all-powerful, lived as an absolute gift.

If this is how Jesus exercises his freedom, then how must we exercise ours? He told his disciples, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:42–45). Both Matthew and Mark include this teaching of Jesus.

But it shall not be so among you… Our kingship, the authority that each of us holds in life, is meant for service, in imitation of Jesus. We are especially called to serve the poor, the lowly, and the most vulnerable. Do I use my authority to boost my ego, or do I empty myself? Do I have friendships with those who are lowly in the eyes of this world? Do I love the poor, or do I hold them in contempt?

Let us pray to have our minds and our hearts more converted to the mind and heart of the Good Shepherd, the True King. Let us live not by the agenda of a self-glorifying world, but by the agenda of the Lord Jesus, in faith-filled obedience. Let us exercise our baptismal kingship in imitation of Jesus through being near and caring for those who are lowly in the estimation of the world.

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Congratulations

Gerardo Alexander Martinez. Son of Gerardo and Dacne was Baptized on August 1st. We are glad to welcome him as a son of God.

Offertory for the Needy

Parishes of the Archangels Catholic Cluster will be collecting for:

Seminarians of St. Pius X

All loose change & currency on
Saturday, August 7th, 2021
Sunday, August 8th 2021
will be used for these funds as will your Offertory for the Needy envelopes.

This fund will close August 30th, 2021

God of mercy, You inspired Saint Clare with the love of poverty. By the help of her prayers may we follow Christ in poverty of spirit and come to the joyful vision of Your glory in the Kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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

Monday Aug. 2
ACC Faith Formation Registration Begins

Sunday Aug. 8
G 6:30 pm Free Youth Swimming Party

Tuesday Aug 17
FC 6:30 pm Cluster Council Meeting

Thursday Aug. 26
FC 6:30 pm Faith Formation Commission Meeting

Free Youth Swimming Party

Who: Grades 9-12 Youth of ACC

What: Pool Party

When: Sunday, August 8th at 6:30 PM

Where: Garner Aquatic Center

Bring a swimsuit and towel

Scavenger Hunt Clue #4:

Which Church has a window dedicated to Miguel Pro? If you don't know about his story look it up. He is a very inspirational saint and it is wonderful that we have a window of him in our cluster.

Please "email" responses to scavegerhunt@archangelscc.org
Week 2 Answer: The window dedicated to St. Patrick which is located at the front entrance is in Lake Mills. All St. Pat's parishes have a window dedicated to St. Pat but only in Lake Mills is it at the entrance.

From the Pastor

This upcoming week I will be on vacation. This vacation is quickly becoming an annual trip I take with 3 of my priest friends from seminary, one of whom is a classmate of mine. The primary thing we do on this vacation is play board games. Some of the games I am taking this year include: Stone Age, Splendor, Villagers, Era of Kingdoms, and many more. This is something the four of us love to do and did almost every Friday night at Seminary. Some people ask how much a game costs and sometimes you don't want to know the answer. However, the amount of time people get to spend playing one game makes the cost, no matter how high, worth it. I won't justify them now but I love board games.

But on to more important topic of discussion. The calendar throughout the year have some magnificent saints. This past week we celebrated the feast day of St. John Vianney. He is a saint that many young priests are encouraged by. He spent up to 16 hours a day in the confessional. One might say they were simpler times back then. Before he got to that stage in his ministry he went out to the local places that the people congregated because they were not congregating at the local parish.

John Vianney was a model for evangelization. He was not a smart man. He was a simple man. Barely smart enough to learn Latin. In his biography it said he was once boxed in the ears by then fellow seminarian Mathias Loras, who became a good friend and mentor through seminary. Loras later became the first bishop of the newly formed diocese in the frontier of the United States which is now the Archdiocese of Dubuque. There are great stories of the saints and how they lived ordinary lives in extraordinary ways.

This week we celebrate St. Clare. Another amazing saint. She was one of the first followers of St. Francis. She modeled her life in the same fashion as Francis, radical poverty, after the life of Christ. She devoted herself to living in such a way that she lived in poverty and she drew many people to Christ and living a similar life. To this day, the order she founded is still around. The Order of St. Clare, also known as The Poor Clares. Let us continue to learn about the saints and be inspired by them to follow Christ our Lord in our daily lives.

Liturgies for the Week

Monday, August 9				
Garner	8:00	AM		Cancelled
Tuesday, August 10				
Duncan	8:00	AM	+	Lewis Formanek
Forest City	5:30	PM		Cancelled
Wednesday, August 11				
Concord Care	10:00	AM	+	John McCormick
Lake Mills	5:15	PM	+	Paul Sorenson
Britt	5:30	PM		Cancelled
Thursday, August 12				
Forest City	8:00	AM	+	Norbert Pint
Garner	12:00	PM		Cancelled
Friday, August 13				
Britt	8:00	AM	+	Jim Wellik
Saturday, August 14				
Buffalo Center	4:00	PM	+	Jackie Joynt
Duncan	4:00	PM	+	Donald Dornbier
Britt (Spanish)	6:30	PM	+	Dcd Hansen & Paca Families
Sunday, August 15				
Britt	8:00	AM	+	Chuck Rudisill
Lake Mills	8:00	AM	+	Phyllis Pederson
Garner	10:00	AM	+	Jo Neal
Forest City	10:30	AM		For the People

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

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY	
Duncan	7:30 AM
Forest City	Cancelled
WEDNESDAY	
Britt	Cancelled
THURSDAY	
Garner	Cancelled
SATURDAY	
Duncan	3:30 PM
Britt (Span/Eng)	6:00 PM
SUNDAY	
Britt	7:30 AM
Lake Mills	7:30 AM
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We are Called - Formed - Sent
TO KNOW - TO LOVE - TO SERVE

Do you believe Jesus is God? This might be an awkward question to ask these days. We live in a time when many people believe this. However, during Jesus' three year ministry, this question was likely asked by many Jews. It would have been quite the headline. For the Jews, there was ONE God and no others. To claim another god or claim to be God was blasphemy. Plus, they did not have the Catholic Church's teaching on the ***Trinity*** (3 persons, 1 God), the ***Incarnation*** (God becoming man) or the ***Hypostatic Union*** (True God, True Man). So, when Jesus started His teaching and claimed to be God, people began to talk. Or rather, in today's Gospel, the Jews 'murmured." They asked "How does [Jesus] now say 'I have come down from Heaven'?" Or in plain language, 'how can Jesus claim to be God?"

FORMED has an awesome video titled:

'Who is Jesus?" You can find it by going to FORMED.org and look up **"The Search, Episode 5, Who is Jesus?"** Or go to this link:

watch.formed.org/videos/thesearch-ep5

Check out the rest of ***The Search*** series! It may help answer any "murmurings" you have. When we know who Jesus is, we can begin to have a relationship with Him. Pray: Jesus, I want to know You!

Begin registering for Youth Faith Formation:

1. Go to archangelscc.org.
2. Under 'Faith Formation'
3. Click on 'Faith Formation Registration'
4. Begin registering your children.
5. Don't forget to fill out and return the waiver and consent form.

Faith Formation classes begin on Wednesday, September 3th at your local site.

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