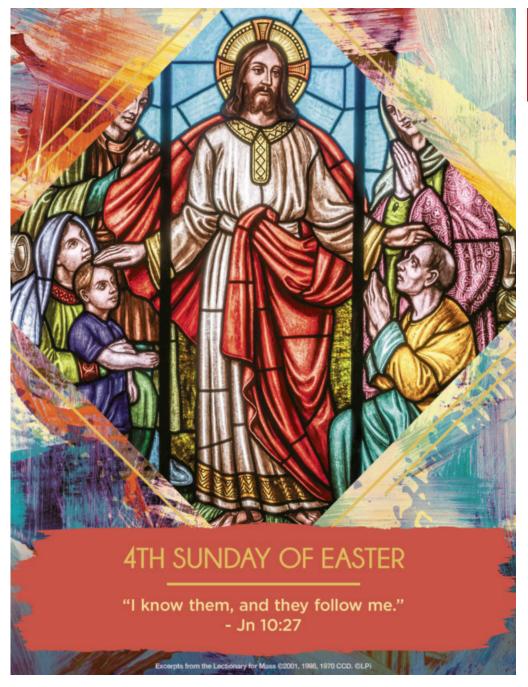


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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5:30pm Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 5:30pm, Church Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00am, Church Fridays through the school year: 9:00am, St. Ben's School

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm, Confessional Sunday: 9:00-9:30am, Confessional Other times, by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to the parish or are moving, please call the Parish Office, 563-382-9631

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all preparation and to make arrangements, call the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Family of Faith: Life in Christ, September-May

CONFIRMATION

Grades 9-11, varying Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Classroom

RCIA

For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, please call the office.

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FINANCIAL REPORT Make your donation online https://www.stbenedictcc.com/donate BUDGET FOR\$61,180 Received May 1-7.....\$6,585 Needed for May.....\$54,595 YEAR TO DATE BUDG......\$615,970 YEAR TO DATE RECEIVE.....\$612,865 YEAR TO DATE SHORT..... -\$3,105 Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HERTGES

A HUGE THANK-YOU is definitely in order to ALL who helped in any way with the recent St. Benedict School Auction of Blessings! Thank-you especially needs to be extended to those who made monetary donations to this crucial fundraiser for our school.

Furthermore, gratitude cannot be expressed enough for our St. Benedict School staff, in addition to all teachers and school personnel everywhere, for your selfless service in the instruction of young people, especially during these past two years! Teaching is definitely a rewarding career but was challenging and demanding enough prior to the pandemic, which has been a tremendous reminder in how interdependent we all truly are, and how easy it is to take essential people and services for granted until they become scarce! Please remember to pray for *all* teachers and students as the 2021-2022 school year reaches its finale in just a few short weeks.

On a totally different subject, this year finds me celebrating two milestones in that April/May marks my twentieth anniversary of me answering God's call to priesthood; in that I finally summoned the courage (with the help of the Holy Spirit in addition to relatives and friends) to ask Msgr. Cletus Hawes to contact the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations on my behalf, which he was more than delighted to do for me.

That August would find me returning to Loras College for a year of minor seminary whereby I began my formation for priesthood and obtained the necessary courses in philosophy prior to being assigned to the St. Paul Seminary-School of Divinity in Minnesota to study theology and continue preparations for priesthood in four years of major seminary.

These four years were quite intense but grace-filled, and through their duration, I was ordained a transitional deacon on May 6, 2006 at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. A little more than one year later, Fr. Robert Gross and I were ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 26, 2007 (Feast of St. Philip Neri) by Archbishop Jerome Hanus at St. Raphael Cathedral in Dubuque. Hence the second anniversary and milestone.

Anniversaries and accompanying celebrations are indeed significant; and earlier this year our Pastoral Council was brainstorming some ways we could have joyful occasions as a means to bring parishioners together. Having stated all that, the thought occurred to me one morning not long ago, that this year marks fifteen years of ordination for me and Fr. Gross.

The month of May always feels like "survival of the fittest" so to speak, with many, many events and activities and I do not like to make last-minute additions to the parish calendar and sudden demands upon staff and parishioners, if I can avoid it.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:00am Mass, School: Richard & Amanda Sensor

SATURDAY, MAY 7

4:30pm Patriotic Rosary, Church

5:30pm Mass, Church: Armella Zweibohmer



SUNDAY, MAY 8

7:30am Mass, Church:

Tom & Doly Lynch and The People 10:00am Mass, Church: Chris Donn

MONDAY, MAY 9

7:00am-8:00pm Adoration, Church 6:30pm Mass, Mediacom Channel 15

8:00pm Benediction, Church

TUESDAY, MAY 10

5:30pm Mass, Church: Norman Bohr, Judy Leueberger, and Ed & Lillian Lenz

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

No Mass



THURSDAY, MAY 12

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 13

9:00am Mass, School: Cyril & Jean Corrigan and Shirlee Neubauer



SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:30pm Mass, Church: Serena & Kathleen Timp and Flberta Huinker

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:30am Mass, Church: Daniel, Pat & Ray Drew and The People

10:00am Baccalaureate Mass, Church: Darlene Elsbernd and Our Seniors

THANK YOU

God bless those who remembered my 97th birthday!

Ann Aschim

FATHER HERTGES' ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Father Hertges was ordained 15 years ago on May 26th.

He would like to celebrate his anniversary with the parish!

A parish potluck will be held after the 5:30pm Mass
on Saturday, June 4th. Coffee Sunday will be held as usual with the
addition of his celebration after the 7:30am and 10:00 am

Masses on Sunday, June 5th.

Please mark your calendars now to help Father celebrate!

AREA NEWS

PATRIOTIC MASS

Please join us in praying the Patriotic Rosary over the souls in all fifty states, this Saturday, May 7th at 4:30pm in the Church.

NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Due to Archdiocesan meetings, there will be no 7:00am Masses.

BLUEGRASS BAND AT MASS

The Bluegrass Band will be providing the music at 7:30am Mass next Sunday, May 15th.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

Including scholarships that Iowa students are eligible to apply for with deadlines ranging from May 18th - August 31st. https://scholarshipguidance.com

BABY BOTTLE FUND DRIVE

The NEIA Pro-Lifers will be hosting their Baby Bottle Fund Drive from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Filling a baby bottle with coins, cash or a check will help provide road signs, baby models, and Pro-Life speakers that will change lives and save babies. Checks can be made to NEIA Pro-Lifers, a 501C(3) organization.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

May 26th, 12:30-5:30, Stone Ridge Church. 800.287.4903

ARCHDIOCESEONE BEGINS HERE THIS WEEK

The ArchdioceseOne special appeal begins this week at our parish. The appeal addresses the needs of our four financial beneficiaries. We're hoping that when we each do our part, our special appeal will produce spiritual benefits as well.

ARCHDIOCESEONE KICK OFF LIVE STREAM

You're invited to join Archbishop Jackels for a live-streamed ArchdioceseOne kickoff on May 10th at 6:30pm.

Archbishop Jackels will launch the parish phase of ArchdioceseOne by showing our appeal video, talking to you about our financial beneficiaries, as well as the spiritual benefits we hope to achieve. At the end, we'll answer questions that come in ahead of time or live through the chat function. Please register for this event now by using this link: www.archdioceseone.org/event-rsvp. Once there, click on the button titled: ArchdioceseOne Kickoff Live Stream - May 10, 2022

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' NEWS

Our next meeting is May 15th, at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. We will have new member initiation, officer elections, share our committee structure, and signup for upcoming activities. With all the new things planned, this is a great time to join CDA! If you've been considering becoming more active in the parish, please check us out. Joining is so simple-a form, \$25, and a brief ceremony-and you decide how active you want to be.

Our quilt cabinet is moving UPSTAIRS to gathering space for several weeks. We have baby quilts for a \$35 donation and you may pick your quilt. We also have table runners, with prices marked. Payment envelopes are on top of the cabinet and can be dropped in the black box in the GS.

These donations are used for our Winneshiek community comfort quilts. To date, we have placed 192 quilts with families in need. A Huge thank you to all you have donated, purchased, or assisted with our touching outreach project! I fyou would like to assist with quilting projects, we welcome all quilters and fabric donations of any size!

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Therefore, the plan as of now is that Saturday, June 4th we will have a potluvk celebration after the 5:30 evening Mass and Sunday, June 5th we will tie in coffee and doughnut Sunday with a joyful "spiel," whereby I can look back with you at fifteen years of priesthood and priestly ministry all within the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Through the course of these soon-to-be fifteen years, I have served in five assignments: consisting of four moves, and thirteen individual parishes! This is counting my current assignment here at St. Benedict's.

The weekend of June 4-5th is also the Feast of Pentecost which ties in beautifully with my anniversary, in that I offered my first Mass in Ossian on May 27, 2007 which also happened to be Pentecost Sunday! In many ways I have come full circle, in that Decorah is obviously not far from my home parish of Ossian and the farm where I spent the first seventeen years of my life prior to moving to the actual town of Ossian with my parents in the summer of 1992. I have found all throughout my life that God certainly does work in mysterious ways and has a sense of humor!

Finally, the month of May is when we pay special tribute to the Blessed Mother and of course, this Sunday is Mother's Day! Though I will be offering the Mother's Day blessing, I am also including the actual text of it here for the benefit of those who may be out-oftown this weekend, ill or otherwise may want to ponder their years of motherhood with the words of the prayer. Happy Mother's Day! Have a great week!

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster, which includes the parishes of St. Peter, Clermont; Holy Name, West Union, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette; and Immaculate Conception in Sumner, has a job opening for a Cluster Faith Formation Director to oversee and coordinate the parish Faith Formation programs.

A full job description is available at www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com. Resumes accepted until May 14th."



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Thank you to our outstanding Auction Committee and everyone who played a roll in making this year's Auction of Blessings such a tremendous success!!!

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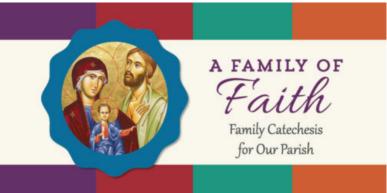


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FINAL FAMILY WEEKEND OF THE YEAR

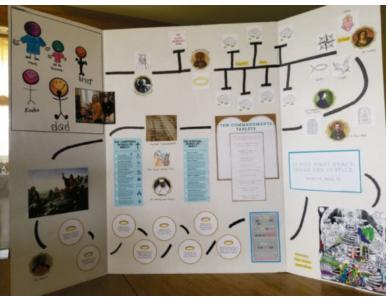
We finished up A Family of Faith: Life in Christ last weekend.
Our year long family project was a Journey Board, illustrating each family's personal journey to heaven. On Sunday, families celebrated together with Mass, coffee & rolls, and four tables full of Journey Boards! Thank you to all who brought theirs in to share.

The beautiful board below belongs to the Tarwater Family.

Since September, we've been learning to recognize the pitfalls of sin and destruction we all encounter in life, while being reminded of God's never-ending love, His ever-present help, and the eternal life-giving salvation He offers to each and every one of us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

This year our families included singles, parents, children, step parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. Thank you for everything you did to grow closer to Jesus in your family!!!!

This fall our journey continues with A Family of Faith: The Sacraments. A Family of Faith is Family Catechesis and is open to anyone in the parish.





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