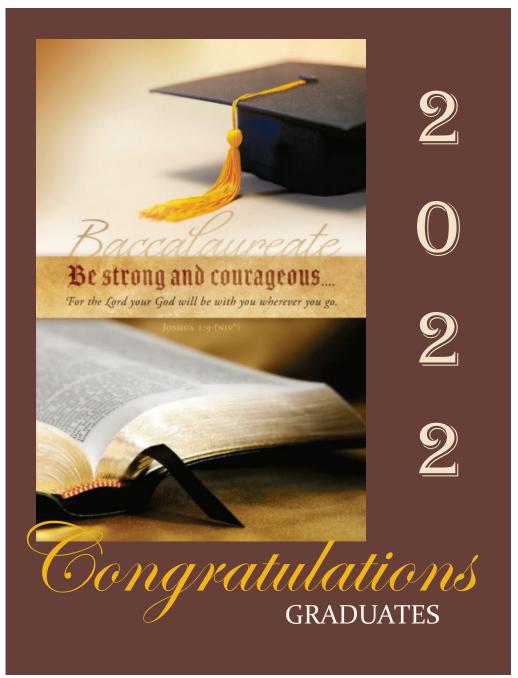


# St. Benedict Parish—





## SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

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#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Counseling: 563-382-1231 Immigration: 319-364-7121

## 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.

#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters-Joan Leuenberger Knights of Columbus (<u>decorahknights.org</u>) -Tom Hartman ACCW-Julie Vulk

#### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING | CREIGHTON MODEL

Christina Teslow: ctimp.fcpi@gmail.com, 319-290-8599

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

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BUDGET FOR MAY	\$61,180
Received May 1-7	
Received May 8-14	\$9,241
Needed for May	\$45,354

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET.....\$629,785 YEAR TO DATE RECEIVED.....\$622,096 YEAR TO DATE SHORT......-\$7,689

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples - and us - a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

#### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HERTGES

MANY prayers, blessings, and continued best wishes to the members of the Class of 2022 that are being honored at this Sunday's 10:00am Mass. May your Catholic faith continue to guide and inspire you to engage our 21st century world as authentic disciples whose lives are characterized by love, truth beauty and goodness. Please rest assured of some extra prayers from me that your graduation parties may be enjoyable and safe for all! My final wish and prayer for you is that you may be open to what God wants you to with your lives.

In reflecting upon almost fifteen years of priesthood, and the factors that helped me to not only realize but answer that call, I must state that a huge part of this was that my parents shaped our home life with Catholic faith that was always present, but not in a self-righteous, overbearing manner. The second aspect of my upbringing that I am just as grateful for, was that my home life was stable. The third element that I credit for my hearing of God calling was that a large part of my childhood and the childhoods of my four siblings was characterized by large segments of unstructured time that sadly for many years now children are just not permitted to have, for a variety of reasons, of course. Granted there was school accompanied by homework and farm chores, but other than that, we had ample time just to be and reflect. Summers were especially glorious because other than helping to bale hay, there were no extra demands placed upon us at all and the three months were totally unscheduled time, except for Sunday and Holy Day Masses, of course.

I am not saying that children should not be encouraged to try and be involved in things, but proper balance is not just for gymnasts or car wheels but applies to us all; the results are just as devastating when life becomes unbalanced and/or over scheduled.

While vocation stories are as unique as the individuals themselves in religious life, there are some common elements that manifest themselves, and time and space to hear and answer God's quiet voice and the stirrings of the heart are fundamental. I have long been convinced that God has been, and continues to, call many to priesthood and all areas of consecrated religious life, but the modern penchant for busyness and distractions, especially imposed upon young children, is a huge reason (but not the only reason) why vocations offices of many dioceses struggle so mightily to attract and maintain suitable candidates for priesthood and consecrated life. Something to ponder as we continue to witness the numbers of active priests within the Archdiocese of Dubuque dwindle, which may have some serious ramifications for parishes and parish structures in the not-so-distant future.

Have a great week. More to come on this and many other issues!

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### FRIDAY, MAY 13

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

#### SATURDAY, MAY 14

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

11:00am KC Exemplification, Chapel

11:15am CDA Meeting, PH

#### MONDAY, MAY 16

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

8:00pm Benediction, Church

#### TUESDAY, MAY 17

5:30pm Mass, Church: Conrad & Ruth Huber and Greg Lonning

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7:00am Mass, Church: Norbert Bohr

#### THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:00am Mass, Church: Wendy Dotzenrod-Ney

#### FRIDAY, MAY 20

9:00am Mass, School: Jim Carolan and Mary Ann Carolan Marsters

#### SATURDAY, MAY 21

2:00pm Valkosky/Naughton Wedding 5:30pm Mass, Church: Floyd Herold

#### SUNDAY, MAY 22 GRADUATION DAY

7:30am Mass, Church: Merlin Imoehl and The People10:00am Mass, Church: Wendy Dotzenrod-Ney

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are planning on attending Fr. Hertges' celebration potluck on Saturday, June 5th and would like to help in the kitchen, please contact Jeanne Casterton at 563-380-5194 by June 3rd.

Your help will be appreciated!!!

#### FATHER HERTGES' ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Father Hertges was ordained 15 years ago on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**

#### CATTLEMAN'S DRIVE THRU CHEESEBURGER MEAL

THIS Friday, May 13th Aase Haugen main entrance lot. \$10.00. All proceeds will benefit the Aase Haugen Annual Fund.

#### **BECOME A MENTOR**

By supporting a youth for a minimum of four hours per month you can make a positive impact. Be a friend! Become a mentor!

Contact Kathy at 563-387-1720, mentoring@helpingservices.org.

#### BLUEGRASS BAND AT MASS

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

#### **NEIA PEACE AND JUSTICE PRESENTATION**

Presenter, student, and non-profit leader, Junita Sangare, will share her project bringing sexual reproductive health education to young women in Liberia, West Africa on May 18th, at 7:00pm.

#### BABY BOTTLE FUND DRIVE

The NEIA Pro-Lifers will be hosting their Baby Bottle Fund Drive from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Checks can be made to NEIA Pro-Lifers, a 501C(3) organization.

#### FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 22nd, 8:00am-noon, All Vets Club, for the 8th Grade D.C. trip. Free Will Donation. All welcome!!!



"I pray that all those young people who have graduated do not carry just a piece of paper with them, but that they carry with them love, peace, and joy. That they become the sunshine of God's love to our people, the hope of eternal happiness, and the burning flame of love wherever they go. That they become carriers of God's love. That they be able to give what they have received. For they have received not to keep, but to share."

Saint Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Theresa)

#### ARCHDIOCESEONE IS HERE!

After hearing about ArchdioceseOne these past two years, the special appeal kicked off in your parish last weekend. Our ArchdioceseOne fundraising goal is \$48 million, and we are confident that Catholic households across our Archdiocese will step up to help. In addition to supporting our financial beneficiaries, we pray this appeal results in the following spiritual benefits:

- to strengthen unity in our Archdiocese,
- to deepen our practice of stewardship as a way of life, and
- to heal the Church with the medicine of charity. We cannot hope to bring this appeal to a successful completion without God's inspiration or His help. Towards that end, over the course of the next ten weeks, we invite you to pray our ArchdioceseOne prayer: God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. Amen.

#### **Priest Retirement**

Part of the compensation we provide our priests is the promise of a monthly stipend and health care when they retire. This is right and just because their salary is too small for them to put much away in savings, or to generate a substantial social security benefit. Plus, our retired priests must pay out-ofpocket for things that are provided to an active priest, such as room and board. Learn more: www.archdioceseone.org/priest <u>-retirement</u>

#### Seminarian Education

The Archdiocese of Dubuque pays for the expenses associated with the education of our major seminarians at Mundelein Seminary (Loras College generously covers tuition for our minor seminarians there). By entering the seminary, a man indicates his openness to dedicating his whole life to service as a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque; that is no small thing. It is therefore right and just for us to pay for their education; if seminarians had to bear the cost themselves, that might deter them from going to the seminary. Learn

more: www.archdioceseone.org/seminary-education

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFICATION

Immediately after 10:00am Mass, in the Chapel. All men over 18 are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Dear St. Benedict Parish, Thank you for your continued support for our Bingo program here at Wellington. We always announce where the prizes are furnished from. We hope sometime in the future we will be back to having all volunteers back inside. Good Bless, Mae Schmitt, Activity Director, Wellington Place

#### TOTUS TUUS HELPERS NEEDED!

SILVER CORD OPPORTUNITY

We could use some helpers for Totus Tuus. Contact Tyler Wheeler (dbq049s@dbqarch.org) or the parish office if interested.

#### **Daytime Session Chaperones** Monday-Friday, 8:45am-2:30pm

Help with classroom management (not teach), lunch room, recess, etc. You do not need to help all day, every day. Whatever assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

> Registration/Attendance 1 per day (but especially Monday). 8:30-9:15am.

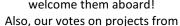
Departure Assistants - 1 per day, 2:15-2:45pm Ensure kids depart safely and with parent/guardian.

#### DATES AND TIMES

- Totus Tuus (Teens): June 19-23rd, Students entering grades 7-12, every night from 7:00-9:15pm.
- Totus Tuus (VBS): June 20-24, Students entering 1st-6th grade, every day from 9:00am-2:30pm.

### **CDA NEWS**

Our next meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup> in Parish Hall at 11:15am. We will be welcoming some new members so please come welcome them aboard!



our past meeting are tallied. We will announce the results, establish committees and let the fun begin!

In need of a gift, Catholic Daughters' quilt cabinet has moved to Gathering space for a few weeks. We are restocking during the whole period so stop and look! We have baby quilts for \$35 and mini quilts are priced as marked. Envelopes are on top of the cabinet, please fill them out and put them in the church drop box. The proceeds go to helping our comfort quilts for people in health or crisis situations. We have given over 192 quilts within the community! If you want to assist or have a name of someone in need, please pass it along.

Please feel free to contact any of the CDA officers for rides, ideas, thoughts, projects, or prayers!

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