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When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

Supo Jesús que lo habían echado fuera, y cuando lo encontró, le dijo: "¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?" - Jn 9, 35

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish
8:00 pm (Spanish) St. John Parish

SUNDAYS: 8:00 am St. Francis Xavier Parish
10:30 am St. John Parish

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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before weekend and daily Masses or by appointment with the pastor

Baptism: Participation in the Baptismal Program required. Contact the Cluster Office.

Wedding: Contact the Pastor before setting the wedding date at 515-532-3586

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions are due Mondays before 10 am. Please watch the bulletin for any early deadlines.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Thank you for visiting our Cluster. If you would like to become a member of one of the parishes, please contact the Cluster office.

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Visit our website at www.holyfamilycluster.org

PRAYER CORNER: Please remember in your prayers the following individuals in need of healing:

Jim Madson, Shirley Freeman

Names are included in the bulletin for four weeks then removed. To add a name or renew requests contact the Cluster Office. Only requests from the individual or family accepted.



Our sympathy to Leo Schoo and family on the loss of his wife, Connie, who returned to the arms of our Lord on March 15. May her soul and those of the faithful departed rest in peace.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of Stacy McVey.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers needed from St. Francis Xavier to help serve Meals on Wheels in the month of April. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet located in the church entry.

Belmond Ecumenical Lenten Service: *For the health and safety of our community, the services have been cancelled.*

SACRED HEART PARISH

Eagle Grove Lenten Luncheon: *For the health and safety of our community, the lunches have been cancelled.*

THANK YOU!

My sincerest thanks to the St. Francis Xavier and Holy Family Cluster parishioners for the many well wishes ahead of my departure from the parish. I am deeply appreciative of the CDA's time, work, and heart of the ladies put into the coffee to mark my time as part of Court St. Francis. Thank you to all who attended. I will forever treasure my time as staff and as a member of St. Francis Xavier, and the many friendships and memories I gained along the way. Your support for my family and me over the years will never be forgotten. Thank you again and God Bless you all! ~ Jan Sly

MINISTERIO HISPANO

IV DOMINGO DE CUARESMA: 22 de Marzo

Colecta: 8 de Marzo \$472.25

Alégrate Jerusalén, y que se reúnan cuantos la aman. Compartan su alegría los que estaban tristes, vengán a saciarse con su felicidad.



SACRAMENTOS: **Confesión, 30 minutos** antes de cada Misa del fin de semana. **Bautismo, en español**, segundos y cuartos sábados de cada mes a las 2p.m., para niños menores de 7 años. Los niños de 7 años y más recibirán una preparación especial. (RCIA). **Matrimonio**, contactar con el Padre Blake 6 meses antes.

Plática Pre-Bautismal: Lunes 13 de Abril, 7.30pm en el Centro Parroquial, San Juan, Clarion.

EL SEÑOR ES NUESTRO MODELO

EN EL AMOR: Amemos unos a otros como Él nos ama. Como prueba de su Amor incondicional, envió a su Hijo, que dio su vida por nosotros.

EN EL PERDON: Actúa como Jesús que perdonó a quienes lo ofendieron. Olvidemos el rencor que genera ofensa.

EN LA VERDAD: Utilicémosla en todo momento pues con ella triunfaremos. Representa la luz, todo lo que está bien. Es la liberación de tus pensamientos y sentimientos negativos que arruinan el cultivo de tu amor a Dios. Recuerda que el padre de la mentira es el demonio.

EN LA HUMILDAD: La empatía, sentir lo que la otra persona siente, ponerse en sus zapatos, es el arma para comprender al prójimo. Todos somos iguales a los ojos de Dios. Recordemos que siempre hay algo que aprender del otro.

EN LA BONDAD: La bondad es la suma de todas las otras. A pesar de ofenderle una y otra vez Él es bondadoso y misericordioso para perdonarnos y aceptarnos.

CAMINEMOS CON EL PAPA EN ESTA CUARESMA

“El Señor llama a la puerta de nuestro corazón. Quizás hemos colocado un pequeño cartel que dice, **NO MOLESTAR**”.

“Cuánto ruido hay en el mundo! Aprendamos a estar en **silencio** en nuestro interior y ante Dios”.

“La fe no es una luz que dispersa toda nuestra oscuridad, sino una **lámpara** que guía nuestros pasos en la noche y que es suficiente para el camino.”

“Que poderosa es la **oración**. No perdamos nunca el ánimo para decir: Señor concédenos tu paz”.

REFLEXION: La seriedad de la liturgia de Cuaresma se ve interrumpida en este domingo porque nos habla de la alegría, domingo “Laetare”. Esta alegría es perfectamente compatible con la mortificación y el dolor de este tiempo. Lo que se opone a la alegría es la tristeza no la penitencia. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús realiza un gran milagro, cura a un ciego de nacimiento. Ayudar a la gente a “ver” fue una parte esencial del ministerio de Jesús. Ayudó a algunas personas a ver la luz del día, pero lo más importante es que Él nos ofrece a todos la vista espiritual para ver la riqueza que significa la belleza de Dios en nuestra vida, la bondad de Dios que nos rodea. En la segunda lectura se nos anima a que si estamos dormidos, al abrir los ojos nos demos cuenta que todo debe cambiar. En lugar de caminar por la vida dormidos se nos llama a despertar y ver con los ojos de Cristo. Nuestra opción es vivir en la luz, como hijos de la Luz. Reflexionemos hoy en cómo podemos ejercitar este don, de “ver” diariamente y cómo podemos abrir bien los ojos para reconocer cuántas bendiciones recibimos que nos convierten en gente que realmente pueda “ver”.



ARCHDIOCESE of DUBUQUE

Message from Archbishop Jackels regarding the coronavirus

After consultation and considerable prayer, it has been decided – out of an abundance of caution and with devotion to the common good – to take steps aimed at slowing down the spread of the coronavirus, to flatten the curve, as they say, so as not to overburden the healthcare system.

Therefore, **beginning on 19 March 2020 and until further notice**, the following provisions have been taken:

- All public celebrations of Holy Mass are canceled. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated, but with only the liturgical ministers present. The oils will be blessed, bottled, and distributed in some way to the parishes. During this time, the Archbishop will live stream a celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday, as well as the Chrism Mass (and the Triduum, if the situation has not changed by then), and will lead the Rosary each week on Thursday. Visit <https://dbqarch.org/coronavirus> for more information about these live-streamed events.
- The existing schedule for Confirmation is canceled (the Archbishop's office will contact the parishes to reschedule).
- Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms may be held, but limited to the immediate family, or at least no more than 50 people present, according to the current CDC guidelines.
- Communal penance services should not be held. The present circumstances do not constitute the grave necessity required for use of general absolution. Private, one-on-one confession can be scheduled by appointment.
- All archdiocesan-sponsored events where 50+ people are gathered are canceled.

Pray to God for speedy deliverance from the evil of the coronavirus, for those who are sick or who live in fear of infection, for those who care for the sick and elderly, for those whose lives and livelihood are adversely affected by the spread of the virus, and that we might all remain calm and confident in God's wisdom, power, and goodness.

Conscious of our great need, and confident of God's loving care, with the above intentions in mind, all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Dubuque are invited to join in a day of fast, abstinence, and prayer on Wednesday, 25 March 2020; this is voluntary, not obligatory.

On that day, people ordinarily bound on Ash Wednesday to fast (only one full meal, taking less at the other meals) and abstain from meat are invited to make those same sacrifices. And as far as prayer is concerned, the Rosary is recommended as a powerful prayer, prayed alone or with others.

God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St. Raphael, patron of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and patron of healing, pray for us.

CLUSTER RESPONSE: *In light of the directive from the Archbishop, all Masses (weekday and weekend) are cancelled until further notice. In addition, Thursday Lenten activities (Stations of the Cross, Soup Suppers, etc) are cancelled. Morning and evening prayer are also cancelled as well as the Lenten retreat. The movie viewing of Power in My Hands is postponed until a later date which is to be determined.*

During this time of caution, we are taking steps to slow the spread of the coronavirus. We do want you to know that each church in the Cluster is still open during the day (use the automatic door) for people to come and spend some time in prayer. Please use safe hygienic practices while here and if you don't feel well please avoid coming to the churches.

Thank you for your patience. We ask that you help us spread accurate details and only trust information that comes directly from the Archdiocese and the Cluster office regarding Masses and other church related events. We will continue to update you as information comes in.

LENT

THE CLUSTER LENTEN RETREAT FOR MARCH 22 IS CANCELLED.

COMMUNAL PENANCES CANCELLED.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES:

The Archdiocese and Cluster continues to monitor the situation. We will post updates and more information on our website, Facebook page and the Cluster app. Please help in minimizing the spread of misinformation by relying only on information that comes directly from the Archdiocese and Cluster office.



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To give, simply make your check out to St. Francis Xavier Parish, label your donation "St. Francis Capital Campaign" and place it in the offertory at Mass. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION



All Youth Faith Formation classes are **CANCELLED** until further notice.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Deadline for all scholarships is Wed., April 1, 2020.

If you need a form, please contact Gloria Kisor ASAP. Applications received or post marked after April 1 forfeit consideration.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

Electronic Fund Transfers and Online Giving are included in the totals. Please note, that only those contributions that stay in the parishes are reported here. Contributions to the other funds that are outside of the parish will appear on a separate report inserted regularly. You may also contact the Cluster office for a more detailed list of fund contribution totals.

SACRED HEART PARISH

ST. JOHN PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Needed Monthly: \$11,050.00	Needed Monthly: \$15,167.00	Needed Monthly: \$11,484.00
Adult Budget: \$8,301.00 Offertory: \$311.00	Adult Budget: \$8,235.00 Offertory: \$95.00	Adult Budget: \$7,825.00 Offertory: \$105.00
Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$8,612.00 (3% to Social Justice: \$258.39)	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$8,330.00 (3% to Social Justice: \$249.90)	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$7,930.00 (3% to Social Justice: \$237.90)
Youth Budget: \$29.00	Mass in Spanish: \$1,135.37	Youth Budget: \$4.00
Ash Wednesday: \$179.00	Youth Budget: \$50.75	General Parish Repair: \$55.00
General Parish Repair: \$300.00	General Parish Repair: \$315.00	Memorial: \$40.00
Candles: \$46.00	Elevator Fund: \$2,215.00	Capital Campaign: \$2,348.00
Rent: \$50.00	Candles: \$63.00	Sit & Chat: \$92.00
Mass Stipends: \$10.00		Mass Stipends: \$45.00 Rent: \$50.00
		Sanctuary Light: \$5.00 Funeral Fund: \$200.00

FEBRUARY CLUSTER HAITI CONTRIBUTIONS: Haiti Fund: \$474.00 Second Collection: \$585.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SH: Sacred Heart, SJ: St. John, SFX: St. Francis Xavier
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Several locations offer streaming of Mass to watch online.

- Archbishop Jackels will stream Mass on the Archdiocese website every Sunday at 9 am.
- Daily Mass streaming at wordonfire.org/daily
- EWTN streams Masses online as well as airs them on their television station and affiliated radio stations. Mass is streamed daily at www.ewtn.com.
 - ◇ 7 am Mass
 - ◇ 10:30 am Rosary with Mother Angelica
 - ◇ 11 am Daily Mass
 - ◇ 6 pm Daily Mass
 - ◇ 11 pm Daily Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

All Masses and activities are cancelled. We will resume the ministry schedule once Masses resume. Please contact the Cluster office if you have questions.

Homebound and care center ministry is currently suspended.

Those on the list greatly appreciate all the work you do to bring them the Eucharist. We encourage you during this time to contact those in need via phone or letter to check on them and offer encouragement. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Strub.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SH: Sacred Heart, SJ: St. John, SFX: St. Francis Xavier

ALL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



HEALTH NEWS



By now many of you have been made aware of the presence of the Coronavirus (COVID 19) in the United States and the glut of information surrounding it. Fr. Blake and the Archdiocese have already taken the lead by instituting measures (see page 3 of the bulletin). The Cluster continues to monitor the situation and will take the recommendations and directives from the Archdiocese in this matter. In addition, the state of Iowa is taking measures to protect people from the spread of the virus. You can also do your part to help lower that risk.

To avoid getting sick, use the most basic and prevalent information about washing your hands. Get your hands wet, use soap, and rub your hands together creating some friction, for 20 seconds. By the way, that's the same amount of time it takes to say the Our Father, you can wash and pray at the same time! Wash your hands if you sneeze, wipe your nose, after using the bathroom, before and after eating, before leaving your house. Sneeze into a tissue if you have one, and into your elbow if none is available. You may use lotion after washing to avoid cracked or dry skin. If you are sick with a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, stay home.

The Iowa Department of Public Health and the local Wright County Health Department are the most reliable sources of information regarding public safety. You can find accurate and up to date information by visiting idph.iowa.gov and wrightcounty.org/departments/public_health.php (follow the prompts for departments, then public health) for the most up to date information. If you think that you are sick from the flu or believe you have been exposed to the coronavirus, stay home and use the phone to call ahead to the doctor's office, the medically trained people who work there can assist you to decide what to do next.

Be well, stay calm, and wash your hands!

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