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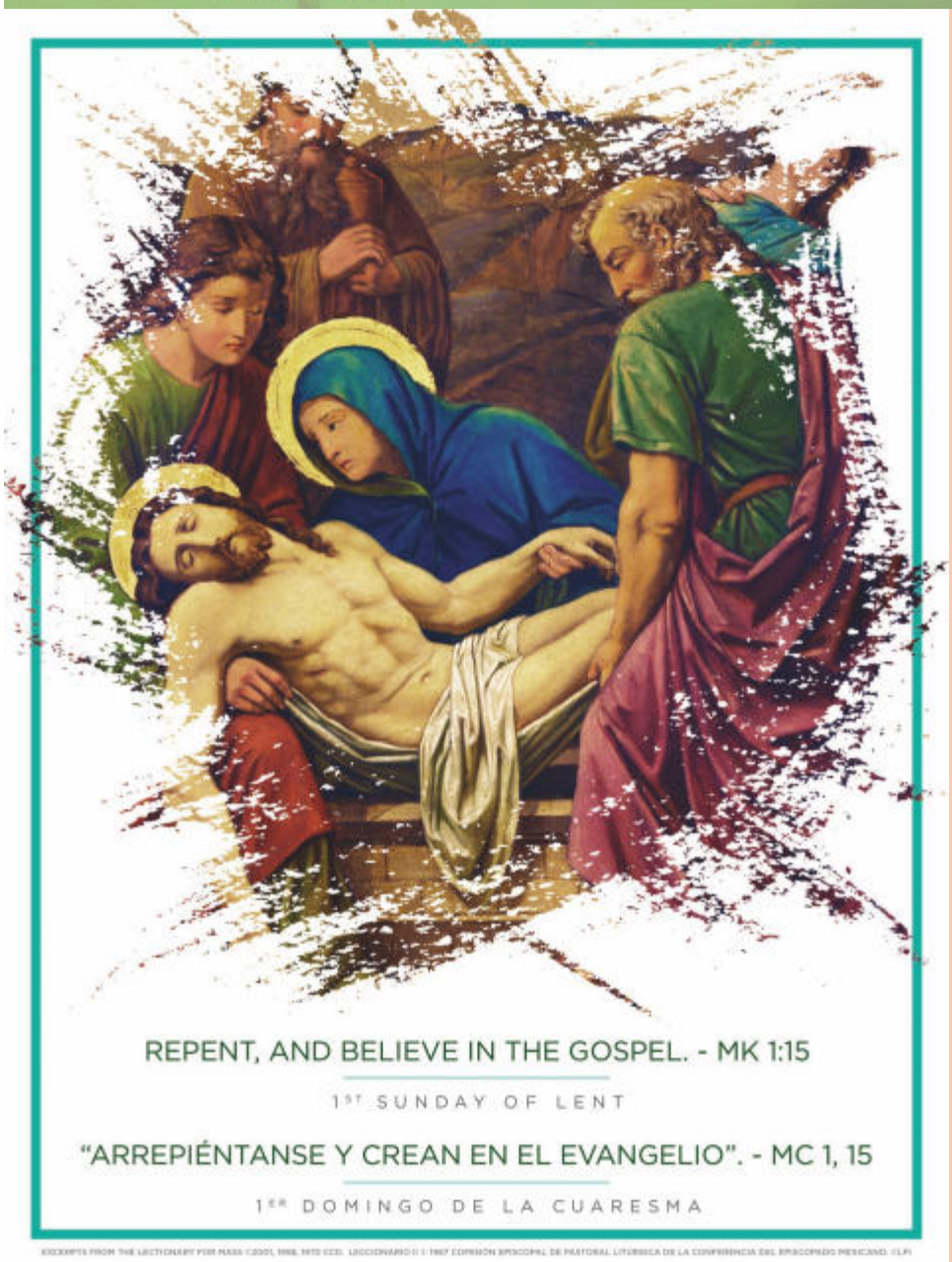

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4 pm St. Francis Xavier
8 pm Mass in Spanish St. John
Sunday: 8:00 am Sacred Heart
10:30 am St. John

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SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation: Following weekday Masses at all locations and by appointment. Please see pg. 5
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.

HOLY FAMILY CLUSTER OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION:
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Visit our website at www.holyfamilycluster.org

I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA
21 de Febrero, 2021
Me invocará y yo lo escucharé; lo libraré y lo glorificaré;

SACRAMENTOS: Confesión, 30 minutos antes y después de cada Misa del fin de semana. También los días sábados, en la Iglesia de San Juan (Clarion), de 12:30 a 1:30 pm. Si deseas una cita en otro horario contacta al padre Blake a través de la oficina de las Parroquias Agrupadas. **Bautismo, en español,** segundos y cuartos sábados de cada mes a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia de San Juan de Clarion.

PLPLATICA PRE BAUTISMAL. Lunes 08 de Marzo, 7p.m. en el Centro Parroquial (San Juan, Clarion

MARCAR EN TU CALENDARIO

Estaciones de la Cruz (Vía Crucis) Viernes 26 de febrero, 5,12, 19 y 26 de marzo a las 730pm: Se trasmitirá en linnea (online – www.holyfamilycluster.org – click en F de Facebook) desde la Iglesia San Juan de Clarion. Acerquémonos para acompañar a Jesús en su camino a la Cruz.

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento: A partir del sábado 20 de febrero, todos los sábados de Cuaresma a las 7.15pm, antes de la Misa de 8pm.

Novena al Señor de la Divina Misericordia del 2 al 10 de Abril, Iglesia San Juan, Clarion, 7.30pm. Se trasmitirá en línea por la misma página ya mencionada.

El Viernes Santo, 5 de abril, la Coronilla será a las 6.15pm antes de la Liturgia de la Pasión.

CUARESMA

Tiempo de Oración: La oración es nuestra comunicación directa con Jesús. Es una práctica que nos lleva a un encuentro con Dios que implica nuestra mente y corazón. Al dedicar más tiempo a la oración durante la Cuaresma, nos dejamos encontrar más fácilmente por Dios. En la oración, Jesús nos muestra el camino. La Cuaresma nos recuerda los 40 días de ayuno que Jesus vivió en el desierto. Privarnos del alimento material hace más fácil que estemos dispuestos interiormente para escuchar a Cristo y su Palabra

Tiempo de Caridad: La caridad es nuestra entrega generosa a los demás. Esto nos ayuda a vencer nuestro egoísmo y a reflexionar sobre la humildad y la pobreza. Por ella nos damos cuenta que dependemos de la bondad de Dios.

MAS DEL AYUNO QUE PODEMOS PRACTICAR

Ayuno de preocupaciones, llénate de confianza en Dios
Ayuno de quejarte, llénate de aprecio por las cosas sencillas de la vida.
Ayuno de tristeza y amargura, llénate de perdón y alegría de corazón
Ayuno de todo lo que te separa de Jesús, llénate de todo lo que te acerque a Él.

MENSAJE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO EN ESTA CUARESMA

El Miércoles de Ceniza comienza la Cuaresma, "tiempo favorable para dar un sentido de fe y esperanza a la crisis que estamos viviendo".

En su mensaje para la Cuaresma 2021 el Papa insistió en esta idea: "Miren, estamos subiendo a Jerusalén" Mt 20:18. También nos dijo: "La Cuaresma es un tiempo para creer, es decir, para recibir a Dios en nuestra vida y permitirle 'hacer su morada en nosotros'". El Papa explicó que "ayunar significa liberar de nuestra existencia todo lo que estorba… para abrir la puertas de nuestro corazón a aquel que viene pobre todo, pero 'lleno de gracia y de verdad': el Hijo de Dios Salvador". "El ayuno, la oración y la limosna, tal como los presenta Jesús en su predicación, son las condiciones y la expresión de nuestra conversión". Además invitó a " vivir una Cuaresma de caridad, que quiere decir, cuidar a quienes se encuentran en condiciones de sufrimiento, abandono o angustia a causa de la pandemia de COVID - 19".

VACUNACION CONTRA EL COVID-19

El Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado Wright está usando las instalaciones de las Parroquias, San Francisco Javier de Belmond (Lunes 9am.) y Sagrado Corazón de Eagle Grove (Martes 9am.) como lugar de aplicación de la vacuna contra el COVID-19, a partir de este mes de Febrero. Nuestras Parroquias son sólo un lugar para aplicar las vacunas pero no tenemos ninguna información sobre ella. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre cómo vacunarse, comuníquese con la oficina de Salud Pública al teléfono 515 532.

REFLEXION DEL I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

La Cuaresma nos conduce a la celebración del Misterio Pascual: la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Hoy, las lecturas nos presentan la meta de nuestra jornada: vivir el compromiso de la Nueva Alianza que en Cristo se ha realizado, por su entrega a la voluntad del Padre. En la primera lectura del libro del Génesis, se enfatiza la Alianza que hiciera Dios con Noé para comenzar de nuevo la obra de la salvación. En la Carta de San Pedro se describe la desobediencia humana y el remedio que Dios le ofrece a la humanidad para dirigirla de nuevo por el camino de la salvación: la Muerte y Resurrección de su Único Hijo, Jesús, y que se actualiza en nuestras vidas por medio del Bautismo. En pocas palabras, el texto de la segunda lectura de San Pedro se convierte en una catequesis bien resumida, para mostrarnos el porqué de nuestro camino cuaresmal. San Marcos, en el Evangelio, destaca la misión de Jesús, quien sufrió las tentaciones del demonio antes de comenzar el anuncio del Reino de Dios, una nueva realidad por medio de la cual todos alcanzamos la salvación. Aprovechemos las lecturas para darnos cuenta de las razones por las que Dios, en su Misericordia, quiso enviarnos al Redentor para establecer una Nueva Alianza con su Iglesia. Podemos reflexionar hoy sobre si los bautizos de nuestros hijos son sólo celebraciones, ritos pasajeros o tradiciones culturales que no parecen tocar el corazón de los fieles?

Cluster News and Information

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: If your child is not feeling well and/or running a fever, please keep them home.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: Saint John: February 24th at 6:30 pm.

Mass Intentions: If you have a specific date in mind for a Mass Intention, please ensure you schedule it early. We need more than a month's notice as these Mass dates do fill quickly.

Someone is needed at each parish to sell SCRIP Gift Cards after Masses the 1st & 3rd Weekends of the month. SCRIP cards benefit our youth. A percentage of each card sold goes directly to our YFF. It costs you no more to use a SCRIP card for your shopping, (grocery & many other stores) or for gas and convenience stores (Casey's cards are a popular one!) Contact the church office for more information.

REMINDER: Sacred Heart and Saint Francis Xavier Parishes **do not** have mail delivery. All correspondence must come to 608 2nd Ave NE, Clarion, IA 50525. It takes about four weeks for your letter to be returned to you from the Postal Service if sent to the other churches with no mail service.

Cluster Lent Retreat: Join us for the Cluster Lenten Retreat, Sunday, March 7, 11:30 pm following Mass at Saint John. We will watch DVD presentations featuring Fr. Frank DeSiono, CSP, President of the Paulist Evangelization Ministries: Washington, DC. "***God's Covenant-The New & Eternal Relationship"*** The retreat will begin with a lunch followed by presentations, discussion, prayer and scripture reading. Sign up sheets will be in the church entries please sign up if you plan on attending.

SACRED HEART:

Sacristans are always in need. If you are not sure about the duties, call the Cluster Office for more information.

SAINT JOHN:

Please help keep the front entry of the church neat and tidy. **Food Pantry items:** We would appreciate if the items are **not left** in the front entry of the church. First Lutheran Church (420 1st Street NW) does accept these donations, and can be reached at 532-3440 to find out when and where you can drop off these items. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Religious articles/books: We also receive many of these items and when they are found in the front of the church, we usually recycle them. We appreciate the thought that these items can be used again, but we are over-run with books/ magazines.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

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

Needed Monthly: $11,050.00

Adult Budget:$10,041.00 Offertory: $93.00
Total Adult Budget & Offertory: $10,134.00
(3% to Social Justice: $304.02)
Candles $75.00 Christmas $300.00
General Parish Repair $200
Haiti Fund: $599.00 Holy Days: $255.00
Mass Intentions $65.00 Initial Offering $170.00
Total Contributions $11,798.00

ST. JOHN PARISH

Needed Monthly: $15,167.00

Adult Budget: $14,106.00 Offertory: $53.00
Total Adult Budget & Offertory: $14159.00
(3% to Social Justice: $424.77)
Elevator: $750.00 Haiti: $10.00
General Parish Repair: $285.00
Baby Needs: $60.00 Candles: $54.10
Mass Intentions: $5.00 Food Pantry: $110.00
Stole Fee $25.00 Christmas $1,270.00
Memorials $ 18,500.00 Holy Days: $240.00
Mass in Spanish $298.00
Total Contributions: $35,766.10

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Needed Monthly: $11,484.00

Adult Budget: $6,191.00 Offertory: $12.00
Total Adult Budget & Offertory: $6,203.00
(3% to Social Justice: $186.09)
General Parish Repair: $20.00
Capital Campaign: $3,060.00
Holy Days: $80.00 Initial Offering: $30.00
Christmas $835.00 Mass Intentions: $85.00
Haiti: $20.00 Memorials $485.00
Religious Education $30.00
Total Contributions $10,848.00

DECEMBER CLUSTER HAITI CONTRIBUTIONS: Haiti Fund: $7,855.00

Cluster and Parish News

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE (WEDNESDAYS)

St. John Parish: 6:30 pm, all grades
Sacred Heart Parish: 6:30 pm, all grades
St. Francis Xavier Parish: 6 pm grades K-5, 7:30 pm grades 6-12

25th *Annual Catholic Men's Conference.* A Parishioner will pay for the registrations for anyone who wants to participate. Contact the church office to register or for more information. Participants can attend virtually from home, gather with other men at their home parish and watch on the 70" TVs or attend in person. If you are interested in any of these options and to get free registration call Karen in the office to register.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of a weather related late start or cancellation at one of the Wright County schools, morning Mass is cancelled. If school is cancelled or released early due to weather, all parish meetings and other scheduled activities are cancelled. Meetings and events will still be held if there is a late start that day. Please tune in to your local TV stations and/or radio stations for cancellation of Mass on the weekend. Your safety is of utmost importance.

Get the parish app (WeConnect Parish App) and get notified on your smart phone as soon as the decision to cancel has been made.

This Week

Tuesday, February 23
12:00pm Offices Closed for Staff Meeting
Wednesday, February 24
6:30pm Adoration **(SJ & SH)**
6:30pm First Reconciliation **(SJ)**
6:45pm Adoration **(SFX)**
Thursday, February 25
8:00am Sewing Circle **(SJ)**
5:30pm Stations of the Cross at SFX and SJ followed by Mass at St John*
7:00pm CPC **(SJ)**
*St John Friday Masses will be moved to Thursdays after Stations during Lent.

Looking Ahead

Monday, March 2
6:00pm KC (SH)
Sunday, March 7
11:30 am to 4:00pm Cluster Lent Retreat
Sunday, March 14
2:00 pm Power in My Hands DVD at SFX
Sunday, March 21
2:00 pm Power in My Hands DVD at SH
Sunday, March 28
2:00 pm Power in My Hands DVD at SJ

Catholic Charities Offers Many Services to Families—Did you know that Catholic Charities offers a diverse array of programs and services throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Reentry Services, Post-Adoption Search, Disaster Services, and Crisis Pregnancy and Post Abortion Counseling? We ask you to consider supporting these services with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at: **www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate**.

NOTE: Mass times will not be changing until restrictions are lifted. Contact the church office if you have questions. 515-532-3586

Please let the church office know if your group plans to use the building for any reason. We need to communicate to the custodians so that they may sanitize the area.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, February 20: 1st Sunday in Lent
3:15 pm Adoration (**SFX**)
4:00 pm Mass (**SFX**): All Parishioners
7:15 pm Adoration (**SJ**)
8:00 pm Mass in Spanish (**SJ**):

Sunday, February 21: 1st Sunday in Lent
7:15 am Adoration (**SH**)
8:00 am Mass (**SH & ONLINE**): All Members of the Rohrback Family
9:45 am Adoration (**SJ**)
10:30 am Mass (**SJ**): † Evelyn Corbin

Wednesday, February 24
7:15am Adoration (**SFX**)
8:00am Mass (**SFX**) † CDA Members, Living & Deceased
6:30pm Adoration (**SH & SJ**)
6:45 Adoration (**SFX**)

Thursday, February 25
11:00am Adoration, NO Stations of the Cross (**SH**)
12:00pm Mass (**SH**) † Anna Balint
5:30pm Stations at **SJ** and **SFX**
Mass (**SJ**) † Don Rieman

Saturday, February 27
3:15pm Adoration (**SFX**)
4:00pm Mass (**SFX**) † Joe McLaughlin
7:15 pm Adoration (**SJ**)
8:00 pm Mass in Spanish (**SJ**):

Saturday, February 28
7:15 am Adoration (**SH**)
8:00 am Mass (**SH & ONLINE**): † Kent Gearhart
9:45 am Adoration (**SJ**)
10:30 am Mass (**SJ**): † Robert Corbin

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Father Blake is currently hearing Confessions by appointment and during the following times:

- Weekdays after Masses
- Saturdays before & after the 4pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier in the SFX library
- Saturdays at St. John, from 12:30-1:30pm (note this change) & 7:15-7:45pm
- Sundays following the 8 am Mass at Sacred Heart, and following the 10:30 am Mass at St. John.
- Father Blake is always available by appointment

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Wright County Public Health will be using our facilities for a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic location on Mondays beginning in February at St. Francis Xavier and Sacred Heart. **We are a location only, and do not have information regarding the vaccine**. If you have questions about getting your vaccine, please contact the Public Health office at 515-532-3461.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

USHERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT WEEKEND MASSES.
IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL THE CLUSTER OFFICE.

St. Francis Xavier Parish
Wednesday, February 24, 8:00 am: Karen Newman
Saturday, February 27, 4:00 pm: Volunteer needed

Sacred Heart Parish
Thursday, February 25,12:00 pm:
Sunday, February 28, 8:00 am: Bill Ristau

St. John Parish: *Volunteers needed to lector.*
Contact Kathy Lester (515-532-2775) if you can help.
Thursday, February 25, after Stations of the Cross
Sunday, February 28, 10:30 am:

FORMED: The Catholic Faith on Demand

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation. https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka/season:1/videos/the-spirit-and-the-desert. *Now! The Next Pope* https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-now-the-next-pope As we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter this week, join Tim Gray and George Weigel as they discuss the past, present, and future of the papacy!

Are you available to sell SCRIP Cards after mass on the 1st & 3rd Weekend? A volunteer is needed. Please call the church office. Don't forget that you can order your gift cards from us and give to your Church at the same time. Contact Gloria for more information or to order your cards. With gift cards from over 750 top brands to choose from, you can do all of your gift giving while raising funds for our Youth Faith Formation program! You can also order online by visiting www.shopwithscrip.com and using the code AA8356BD6L651.

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