

AUGUST 22, 2021 • 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# HOLY FAMILY CLUSTER

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### ST. JOHN PARISH

Physical & Office Address: 608 Second Avenue N.E.  
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### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Physical Address: 1207 Third Street N.E. (no mail delivery)  
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# Well

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"THINK WELL. SPEAK WELL.  
DO WELL. THESE THREE THINGS,  
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,  
WILL MAKE A MAN GO TO HEAVEN."

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

"PIENSA BIEN. HABLA BIEN. HAZLO  
BIEN. ESTAS TRES COSAS, POR LA  
MISERICORDIA DE DIOS, HARÁN QUE  
UN HOMBRE VAYA AL CIELO".

SAN CAMILO DE LELLIS

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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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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XXI DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Inclina tu oído, Señor, y escúchame. Salva a tu siervo, que confía en Ti. Ten piedad de mí, Dios mío, pues sin cesar te invoco. pues sin cesar te invoco.

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 San Juan de Clarion. Los niños desde los 7 años reciben una preparación especial para bautizarse. Requisito: Plática Pre Bautismal para papás y padrinos.

Matrimonio: contactar con el padre Blake, 6 meses antes de la fecha programada.

PLATICA PRE BAUTISMAL: Para papás y padrinos. Lunes 13 de Setiembre a las 7.30p.m. en el Centro Parroquial (San Juan, Clarion).

CAMINAR ES....

Caminar no es pararse, es seguir adelante, aunque nuestros pies descalzos se llenen de ampollas.

Caminar es seguir, es mirar hacia enfrente.

Es decir “adelante”; es acoger la luz que tenemos y saber que cuando llega la noche, Tú, Señor, enciendes miles de estrellas.

Caminar, Señor, es avanzar en valles de tinieblas; es ser buena noticia, es sobre todo, Señor, confiar.

Caminamos Señor, caminamos ligero, con el equipaje suave y la historia de nuestras vidas, que Tú perdonas y olvidas; pues to amor es más fuerte en el camino que todas nuestras deficiencias.

Tu amor tiene más sabor que el mejor vino y embriaga a los que en el camino se fían de ti y no se paran, pues tu amor nos empuja hasta el final. Amén (Compañero de Esperanzas)

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PROGRAMA SEMILLITAS DE FE: Todos los lunes de 7pm. a 8pm. en vivo, MOMENTO DE ORACION: Domingos a las 8.15pm. Ver por Facebook: www. Facebook.com/mhdubuque

SEMINARIO VIRTUAL: EL ACONTECIMIENTO GUADALUPANO EN LA EXPERIENCIA Y TRADICION DE MEXICO. Martes a las 7pm. por Zoom . Inscribirse llamando a los teléfonos: 319 259 2366 (Ariadne Rodríguez), y 515 293 0009 (Beatriz García)

ORACION EN EL AÑO DE SAN JOSE

Ante el rechazo de sus parientes en Belén, San José procura el alimento de su familia, confiando en la Providencia. Que por su intercesión, todas las familias necesitadas encuentren el camino de su Providencia.

LAS MISIONES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

“ La Virgen María, en la cual el Verbo se ha hecho carne, nos ayude s crecer día tras día en la amistad de Jesús, Pan de vida”

REFLEXIÓN: XXI DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

En la liturgia de hoy se nos invita a escoger con claridad el camino del Señor o el de la duda que nos conduce a la ignorancia. Tanto Josué, en la primera lectura, como Jesús, siglos después, invitan a que sus seguidores escojan libremente, por cuál senda deciden caminar.

Hasta en materia de fe siempre tenemos opciones. Josué pedía al pueblo, una respuesta de fe al Dios de Israel que lo libró de la esclavitud, y un rechazo a los” dioses” de los pueblos vecinos. La respuesta del pueblo fue positiva, digna de alabanza, al escoger al Dios de Israel.

Siglos después, Jesús afrontó una situación similar como nos narra el Evangelio. Jesús nota que algunos de sus discípulos no comprenden su lenguaje al presentarse como el “pan de vida” para todos, tampoco cuando les pide asumir la opción del Reino que representa. por ello algunos lo abandonan; pero a su insistencia luego vuelven a El y permanecen en El.

Al preguntarle a los Doce si ellos también lo van a abandonar. En los labios de Pedro podemos escuchar una respuesta de fe nuevamente, la que deberíamos proclamar continuamente: “Señor, a quién iremos? Tú tienes Palabras de vida eterna”. “Nosotros sabemos y creemos que eres el Santo de Dios.”

La fe, que es un regalo de Dios, madura en nuestras vidas cuando la ponemos en práctica en nuestras relaciones humanas, como lo describe San Pablo en la segunda lectura de hoy. El les revela cómo se relacionaban las familias, los esposos los amigos; no imitando las costumbres paganas. Compartamos ese regalo de fe que nos transforma y nos ayuda a madurar como discípulos de Jesús.

## Cluster News and Information

**Caring Pregnancy Center** Project continues through the end of August. Donations of items and money will be delivered in September. Thank you to all who have donated. Please get any additional donations in by the end of the month of August.

**Ministry Volunteers Needed at all Parishes:** Please consider taking on a role in the weekend masses. Rosary Leaders, Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at all Parishes.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Who is the RCIA for? Someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Unbaptized children who have reached the age of 7. Youth and adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. Any adults who have been baptized and not been confirmed can also get the formation they need to be confirmed. If you or anyone you know are interested in this process please contact the office.

The **St. John Parish Swiss Steak Dinner** will look a little different this year on September 19. We will be serving entirely carry-out (and as in the past, delivery for those who need it.) Watch the bulletin for more details regarding volunteers, donations, raffle and tickets. If you have any questions, contact Monte or Chris Leichsenring.

**Sacred Heart** Before-Church coffee is back on! Coffee and treats are served before 10:30 mass at 9:30am in the parish hall each Sunday. Come to enjoy fellowship with others in your church community.

### St. Francis Xavier Capital Campaign      God's House of Glory and Holiness



We are so grateful for all of the contributions received or pledged as we have met 56% of our \$345,120.00 goal. Thank you! If you can help with the remaining \$149,513 please do so by putting your donation payable to the "St. Francis Capital Campaign" in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at mass. Please continue to pray for its successful completion.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 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	ST. JOHN PARISH	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
<b>Needed Monthly: \$11,174.00</b>	<b>Needed Monthly: \$15,167.00</b>	<b>Needed Monthly: \$11,484.00</b>
Adult Budget: \$9,865.00    Offertory: \$113.00	Adult Budget: \$11,7653.00    Offertory: \$1,209.00	Adult Budget: \$ 10,352.74    Offertory: \$18.00
Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$9,978.00	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$12,320.00	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: \$10,370.74
(3% to Social Justice: \$299.34)	(3% to Social Justice: \$369.60)	(3% to Social Justice: \$311.12)
Candles \$447.00	Baby Needs \$60.00                      Haiti Fund \$555.00	Capitol Campaign \$2,949.00
General Parish Repair \$255.00	Candles \$84.00                              Holy Day \$47.00	General Parish Repair \$365.00
Haiti Fund \$2,420.00	Elevator \$810.00                      Mass In Spanish \$1,128.00	Haiti Fund \$108.00                      Other Receipts \$110
Mass Intentions \$100.00	Food Pantry \$90.00                      Mass Intentions \$30.00	Holy Day \$5.00                              Hall Rent \$125.00
	Hall Rent \$25.00                              Other Receipts \$10.00	Mass Intentions \$15.00
	General Parish Repair \$510.00	
Total Contributions \$13,087.00	Total Contributions \$16,323.00	Total Contributions \$14,047.74

**June 2021 CLUSTER HAITI CONTRIBUTIONS:** Haiti Fund: \$3,083.00



# Cluster and Parish News

## NCYC Fundraiser

The **Sacred Heart** youth are raising funds to attend the NCYC event in November 2021. They will **WORK** for a donation towards their trip. Light housekeeping, closet organizing, wash windows (1st floor only) Yard work/gardening, lawn mowing, babysitting, pet walking/sitting. Other ideas? Ask! Contact the parents of these kids to hire them:

Denise Axtell 851-5831                      Becky Das 650-445-3894  
Maritza Calles 293-0516                  Margarita Chilel 851-9678  
Carmen Gasper 319-883-9231          Jenny Olson 293-1198  
Dalia Gayton 851-9664                  Kendrick Gearhart 851-0829  
Maria Hernandez 227-9501                Denis Zigrang 851-2673  
Liliana Martinez 851-5298                Karen Kienzle 851-0912

Your donation should be made to the **Holy Family Cluster** and memo the student's name on your check. **Upcoming ways to help these kids go to NCYC: Bottles and cans** for redemption. **THANK YOU** to everyone who bought or sold Scratch Cupcakes.

## Attention Birth Parents:

If you placed a child in an adoptive home and you desire to remain anonymous, please read the following information carefully. Adult Adoptees can now apply for Non-certified Copy of Original Certificate of Birth. Governor Reynolds has signed new legislation that will allow an adopted adult whose original birth certificate was substituted with a new certificate after an adoption, to apply for, and obtain, a non-certified copy of the original certificate of birth, which will include biological parent information. The law also allows biological parents to file contact preference and medical history forms with the Bureau of Health Statistics in the Iowa Department of Public Health. The law will immediately apply to those who were born before 1971. Beginning Jan 1, 2022, anyone over the age of 18 can request the same document. **If the Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Statistics does NOT receive your "Biological Parent of an Adoptee Contact Preference Form", your name MAY BE RELEASED.** If you want to remain anonymous, this requires your immediate attention. Contact the Bureau of Statistics directly at 515-281-7689.

## SCRIP Cards

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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and using the code A8356BD6L651.

## This Week

Tuesday, August 24, 10:00am Staff Meeting, Cluster Offices Closed

Thursday, August 26, 7:00pm CPC-SJ

## Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 29, 11:30am Parent/Candidate Confirmation Meeting-SH

Wednesday, September 1, 1:00pm Liturgy-SJ  
7:00pm Catechist In-Service-SJ

Thursday, September 2, 9:00am Bulletin Deadline for September 12 Bulletin

2:00pm Altar Society-SH

Monday, September 6, Labor Day- **Cluster Offices Closed**

Wednesday, September 8, **YFF Classes begin-all parishes**

## CATECHISTS NEEDED

### 2021/2022 Youth Faith Formation Classes.

Training is provided as well as plenty of support and materials to help you share our faith with the youth. We have several grades currently open at each of the parishes. Site Coordinators are a great asset to our Catechists. If you feel you can help with this ministry please contact Gloria Kisor (515-532-3586 or 515-835-8607). We must work to keep the children coming to church. They will not come as adults if we do not teach them when they are young. **The rewards of this ministry are OUT OF THIS WORLD.**

## Sacred Heart Guild News

We want to thank all who helped, donated, and prepared or brought food for our "drive up fair food" days. Wednesday evening was a little hectic because we were learning. Our food disappeared quickly! All in all, it was successful, and it wouldn't have happened without the good workers we had.

Some of you may have heard that Sacred Heart is selling the fair food stand to the Sports Boosters. This is total speculation. Phyllis was told by the Sports Boosters' President that if the church ever decided to sell, they are interested. She told him that something like that had to be discussed by the church members and probably voted on. If our members want to keep running it, it would not be for sale. He understands that, and just wanted to let us know that they have an interest. That is all that was said. Hopefully, there will be an open meeting soon.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SH:** Sacred Heart, **SJ:** St. John, **SFX:** St. Francis Xavier  
**MIS:** Mass In Spanish

### Saturday August 21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 pm Rosary (SJ)  
4:00 pm Mass (SJ): † Pat Forbes  
7:15 pm Rosary (SJ)  
8:00 pm Mass (MIS):

### Sunday, August 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Rosary (SFX)  
8:00 am Mass (SFX): All Parishioners  
10:00 am Rosary (SH)  
10:30 am Mass (SH & ONLINE): † Jay & Sue Zigrang

### Wednesday, August 25

7:40 am Rosary (SFX)  
8:00 am Mass (SFX) † Joey McLaughlin

### Thursday, August 26

11:00am Adoration, Rosary, Benediction (SH)  
12:00 pm Mass (SH) † Tena Skudlarek

### Friday, August 27

7:40 am Rosary (SJ)  
8:00 am Mass (SJ) The Family of Tom Kramer

### Saturday August 28 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 pm Rosary (SJ)  
4:00 pm Mass (SJ): † Bruce Kreitlow  
7:15 pm Rosary (SJ)  
8:00 pm Mass (MIS): † John F. Meyer

### Sunday, August 29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Rosary (SFX)  
8:00 am Mass (SFX): Ernest & Dana Frieden  
10:00 am Rosary (SH)  
10:30 am Mass (SH & ONLINE): † Carl & Angie Gord

## 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. John
- Saturdays at St. John, from 12:30-1:30 pm & 7:15-7:45pm
- Sundays following the 8 am Mass at St Francis Xavier, and following the 10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart.
- Father Blake is always available by appointment.

Protocols are still in place as COVID numbers again rise. Hand sanitizer, social distancing, as much as we can, and masks are still recommended at Mass, especially as more people return and we fill in more pews.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

### St. Francis Xavier Parish

Wednesday, August 25,	Rosary: 7:30 am:	Carol Bailey
Mass: 8:00 am:	Lector:	Jim McVey
Sunday, August 29,	Rosary: 7:30 am:	Lee Holck
Mass: 8:00 am:	Usher:	Volunteer
	Lector:	Diane McLaughlin
	Eucharistic Minister:	Connie Eckhoff
	Music:	Donna VerHelst

### Sacred Heart Parish

Thursday, August 26,	Rosary: 11:30 am:	Volunteer
Mass: 12:00 pm:	Lector:	Volunteer
Sunday, August 29,	Rosary 10:00 am:	Loretta Moon
Mass: 10:30 am:	Usher:	Scott Thul
	Lector:	Denis Zigrang
	Eucharistic Minister:	Bonnie Govern
	Music:	Jenny Zigrang

### St. John Parish

Friday, August 27,	Rosary: 7:40 am:	Volunteer
Mass: 8:00 am:	Lector:	Volunteer
Saturday, August 28	Rosary: 3:30 pm:	Mary Kelch
Mass: 4:00 pm:	Usher:	Dwight Tew
	Lector:	Sue Moss
	Eucharistic Minister:	Craig Martin

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**FORMED Now: The Feast of Saint Monica**

<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-now-feast-of-saint-monica> Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint.

## Cluster Fall Bible Study

The time is now to coordinate Bible Studies for this Fall/Winter Season. If you are interested in being part of a group, or starting a group, we can help you! Contact the Cluster office 515-532-3586. For those groups who have been doing the study based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church "**Drawing Closer to Christ**", the third part of the study will be ordered for those wanting to continue. **St. Joseph Consecration** is another option that groups may want to consider, as we are in the Year of St. Joseph.



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