AUGUST 29, 2021 • 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY FAMILY CLUSTER

Sacred Heart Parish
Physical Address: 221 S. Jackson Avenue (no mail delivery)
Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

St. John Parish
Physical & Office Address: 608 Second Avenue N.E.
Clarion, Iowa 50525

St. Francis Xavier Parish
Physical Address: 1207 Third Street N.E. (no mail delivery)
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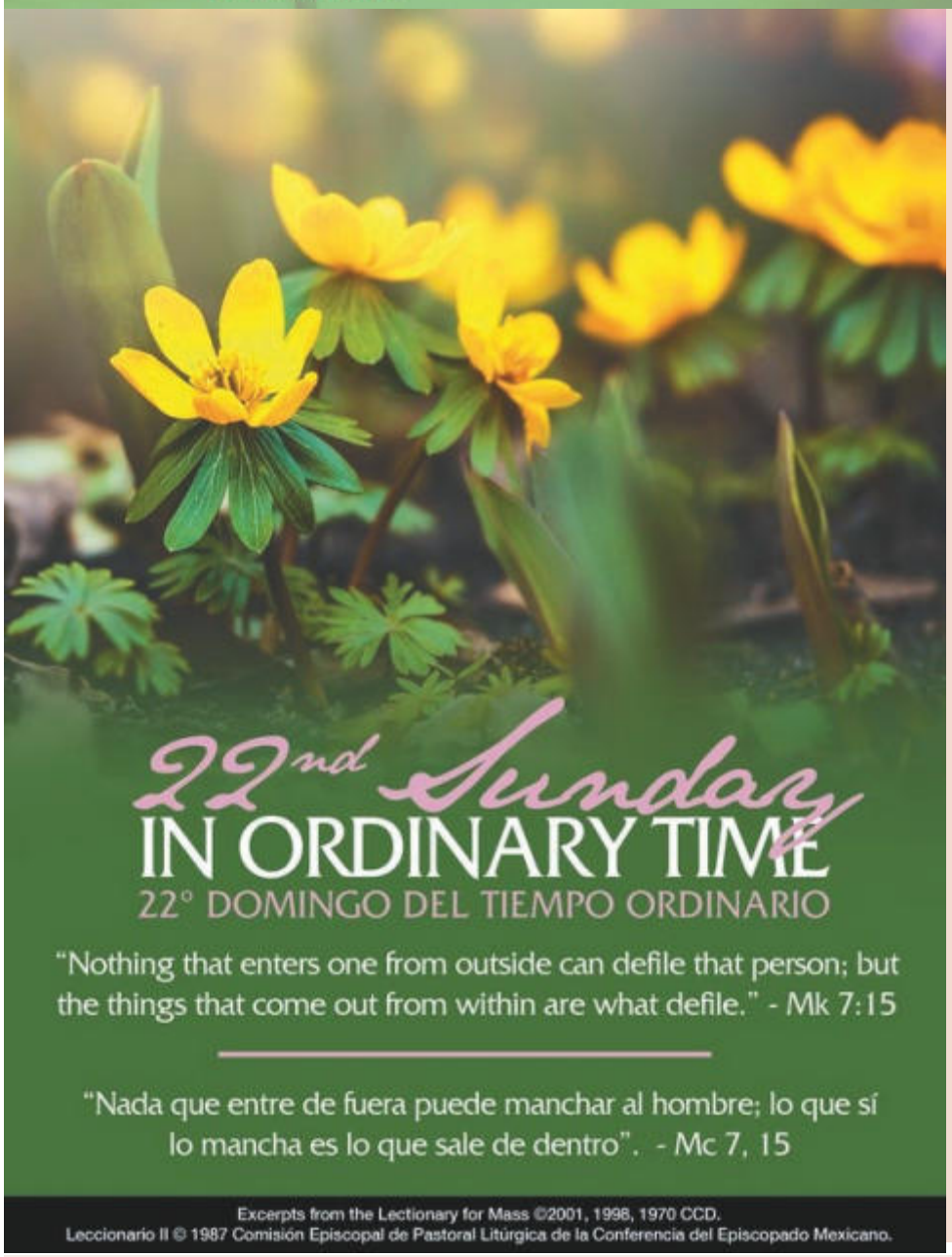

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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XXII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Dios mío, ten piedad de mí , pues sin cesar te invoco: Tú eres bueno y clemente, y rico en misericordia con quien te invoca.

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).

ENSEÑAME, SEÑOR, A GUARDAR…

TUS MANDAMIENTOS, para que otros no me impongan sus ideas.
TUS PRECEPTOS, para que nadie me cambie el sentido de las cosas.
TUS PALABRAS, para que no me confundan otras totalmente vacías
TUS OBRAS, para que no me seduzcan los que hablan y no hacen nada.
TUS CONSEJOS, para que sepa distinguir el camino cierto del equivocado.
TU MIRADA, para que cuente hasta diez antes de abandonar la fe.
TU LEY, para que sepa diferenciarla de aquellas otras leyes falsas.
TU ESPERANZA, para que no puedan más en mii las dificultades.
TU IGLESIA, para que cuando vuelvas, la encuentres guardando con respeto, vida y veneración la gran joya de tus mandamientos.

AÑO DE SAN JOSE

Te consagro las alegrías y tristezas de este día, mi vida, mi familia, mi casa y mi trabajo.
Intercede en tu sueño por mí, alcanzando la gracia de vivir el Amor como tú.
Cuida de mí y de los míos hoy y siempre.
San José, padre adoptivo de Jesús, ruega por nosotros. Amén.

CAMINAR CON EL PAPA

"¿Cómo vivo yo? ¿En el miedo de que si no hago esto iré al infierno?
O ¿vivo también con esa esperanza, con esa alegría de la gratuidad de la salvación en Jesucristo?
Es una bonita pregunta. Y también la segunda: ¿Desprecio los Mandamientos? No.
Los observo, pero no como absolutos, porque sé que lo que me justifica es Jesucristo."

—Papa Francisco

FIESTA DE SANTA ROSA DE LIMA. DATOS SOBRE SU VIDA.

Nació en Lima, Perú, el 20 de abril de 1586, su nombre era Isabel Flores de Oliva. Su madre, al verle siempre el rostro sonrosado y el cutis hermoso y suave, comenzó a llamarla Rosa. Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo, el entonces Arzobispo de Lima, al confirmarla la llamo definitivamente Rosa.
Fue laica no religiosa, Terciaria en la Orden de Santo Domingo. Se vestía de túnica blanca y manto negro Vivió una vida consagrada a Dios, pero en su propia casa. Vivía en una ermita y sólo salía para ir a la Iglesia a oír Misa y curar a todos los enfermos. Sufrió dolorosas enfermedades. Frente a las pruebas decía: "Señor auméntame los sufrimientos, pero auméntame en la misma medida, tu amor". Murió el 24 de Agosto de 1617.
Antes de ser canonizada fue proclamada Patrona del Perú, del Nuevo Mundo y de Filipinas. Es la primera Santa de América. Canonizada por el Papa Clemente X en 1671

REFLEXIÓN: XXII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Nos preguntamos, especialmente en tiempos difíciles, si Dios nos escucha y nos concede lo que le pedimos. En la primera lectura, escuchamos la voz de Dios en los labios de Moisés, quien exhorta a todos a que, a pesar de su desobediencia, cumplan los decretos y Mandamientos que Dios les ha presentado.
En la Carta de Santiago, se escucha que Dios concede todo beneficio y don perfecto para ser recibido con alegría y esperanza. La Palabra es el don más preciado que nos ofrece. Los que la escuchan bien, la ponen en práctica. (Segunda Lectura.)
El pasaje del Evangelio destaca la actitud que todos debemos reflejar al recibir los dones y regalos del Señor, la Palabra y el Sacramento. En este Evangelio descubrimos que todos tenemos la opción de vivir agradecidos y misericordiosos en nuestra relación con Dios y el prójimo; o vivir con un corazón lleno de prejuicios, resentimientos, celos y envidias. Jesús nos recuerda que lo que entra de afuera no nos puede manchar, sino lo que sale de dentro de nuestro corazón.
El Señor sabe que en Cristo poseemos más de lo que nos podemos imaginar, porque el poder de su gracia nos transforma y nos ayuda a crecer espiritualmente.

Cluster News and Information

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.

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.

Ladies of St John: We are over-run with used plastic containers in the church kitchen. Please keep them at home at this time. We don't have any storage space left for all of this. Please pick up any pans, plates, bowls that you have brought items to church in.

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.

Caring Pregnancy Center Thank you for your donations. Today is the last day for donations.

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.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Daughters of America will meet September 13. 6:00 pm Rosary, 6:30pm Meeting. We will have a speaker from the Caring Pregnancy Center in Mason City. Mark your calendars.

A Women's Bible Study is being planned for St. Francis. It is a 7-week course that will meet on Tuesday mornings, beginning September 21st. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Carol Bailey or Sheri Baum by September 1st, as the books need to be ordered soon.

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 JULY 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
Needed Monthly: $11,174.00	***Needed Monthly: $15,167.00***	***Needed Monthly: $11,484.00***
Adult Budget: $8,378.00 Offertory: $148.00	Adult Budget: $6,645.00 Offertory: $29.00	Adult Budget: $4,116.00 Offertory: $50.00
Total Adult Budget & Offertory: $8,526.00	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: $6,674.00	Total Adult Budget & Offertory: $4,166.00
(3% to Social Justice: $255.78)	(3% to Social Justice: $200.22)	(3% to Social Justice: $124.98)
Candles $141.00	Baby Needs $70.00 Candles $34.00	Capital Campaign $2,625.00 Easter $10.00
Hall Rent $50.00	Elevator $1,273.00 Food Pantry $125.00	General Parish Repair $60.00 Haiti $108.00
General Parish Repair $355.00	Hall Rent $50.00 Haiti $5.00	Holy Days $10.00 Mass Intentions $245.00
Haiti Fund $1,557.00	General Parish Repair $195.00 Holy Days $25.00	Missions $134.00 Other Receipts $271.00
Mass Intentions $5.00	Mass in Spanish Offertory $897.00	Rent $1000.00
Other Receipts $301.00	Mass Intentions $155.00 Stole Fee $75.00	
	Missions $295.00 Other Receipts $712.00	
Total Contributions $10,935.00	Total Contributions $10,585.00	Total Contributions $8,629.00

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.

Thank you

A simple act of kindness has a beauty all it's own. Thank you so much for all the prayers and get-well wishes for both my mother and I. We are blessed to have all of you in our lives.

— Jo Ohlerking and Laura Thomas

This Week

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

Looking Ahead

Monday, September 6, Labor Day- **Cluster Offices Closed**
Tuesday, September 7, 6:00pm KC-SH
Wednesday, September 8, **YFF Classes begin-all parishes**
Thursday, September 9, 8:00am Sewing Circle-SJ
Sunday, September 12, 11:30am Confirmation-SH

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. **NEED: SH**—3rd, 7th, 8th Grades, Site Coordinator. **SJ** — 3rd, 5th & 7th Grades. **SFX** — 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th grades. 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**.

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Philip Johnson (**Brooke Allen**) who were married at Sacred Heart on Friday, August 6, 2020. *May your marriage always bring **glory to God**, **joy to one another** and **blessings to your family** for many generations to come*.

Coffee & Connection

Monday, September 13, 9:30am-11am
Ewing Funeral Home, Belmond

Each month, Ewing Funeral Homes will be hosting a grief connection group. All are welcome to join. Provided will be breakfast, connection and education. Plans are to rotate locations between Belmond, Britt & Clarion Funeral Homes and different speakers will be scheduled each month to discuss topics related to the bereavement process. The first speaker will be by Nicole Hoag (LMSW Hospice Social Worker). She will be discussing what you may experience and what to expect while navigating through the grief process. Future dates and locations are October 11 at Britt and November 8 at Clarion.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

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

Wednesday, September 1
7:40 am Rosary (**SFX**)
8:00 am Mass (**SFX**) † Jim Barrett

Thursday, September 2
11:30am Rosary
12:00 pm Mass (**SH**) † Angie Spangler

Friday, September 3
7:40 am Rosary (**SJ**)
8:00 am Mass (**SJ**) † Alice Trausch

Saturday September 4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:30 pm Rosary (**SJ)**
4:00 pm Mass (**SJ**): † Roger & Bonita Staudt
7:15 pm Rosary (**SJ**)
8:00 pm Mass (**MIS**)

Sunday, September 5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am Rosary (**SFX**)
8:00 am Mass (**SFX**): Stacy McVey
10:00 am Rosary (**SH**)
10:30 am Mass (**SH & ONLINE**): † Andy Ramaeker

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.

Deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Ron Harms,** who returned to the arms of our Lord on August 17, 2021. May perpetual light shine upon him and all of the faithful departed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Wednesday, September 1	Rosary: 7:30 am:	Carol Bailey
Mass: 8:00 am:	Lector:	Carol Bailey
Sunday, September 5,	Rosary: 7:30 am:	K of C's
Mass: 8:00 am:	Usher:	
	Lector:	Dianne McLaughlin
	Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon
	Music:	

Sacred Heart Parish

Thursday, September 2,	Rosary: 11:30 am:	Volunteer
Mass: 12:00 pm:	Lector:	Volunteer
Sunday, September 5,	Rosary 10:00 am:	Bonnie Govern
Mass: 10:30 am:	Usher:	Mark Bohne
	Lector:	Bill Ristau
	Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon
	Music:	

St. John Parish

Friday, September 3,	Rosary: 7:40 am:	Volunteer
Mass: 8:00 am:	Lector:	Volunteer
Saturday, September 4	Rosary: 3:30 pm:	Pat Staudt
Mass: 4:00 pm:	Usher:	Jim Larick
	Lector:	Denny Mraz
	Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon

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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.

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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