

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Betty Krueger)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

Weekday (21);

Tuesday, August 27 2019

Saint Monica

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service followed by coffee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 2019

Weekday;

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 2019

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

- 8:30 AM—packing meals for Meals from the Heartland



"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Luke 13:24

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8
Ps 139:1-3, 4-6
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13
Ps 139:7-12b
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13
Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17
Mk 6:17-29



Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8
Ps: 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Some Dates to Note

August 31—Packing meals for Meals from the Heartland
Sept. 25—First night of faith formation.



Faith Formation News

Classes will begin September 25. That night will be for parents and students. The family/church life committee will sponsor an ice cream social to end the evening.

Registration packets will be available next Sunday, September 1.

Catechists Needed

Is God calling you to be a catechist. This is a very important ministry—passing on our faith to our youth. Please don't think you don't "know enough". It is not about knowing but about your willingness to share your faith. Peg and Dc. Joe will be calling around trying to line up catechists for the coming year but would love to hear from you if you would be willing to help with this.

Confirmation catechist needed. With the loss of Kathryn McLain, we will be in need of a catechist for our Confirmation class, 8th grade.

Auto-giving

Have you considered signing-up for auto-giving. Your contribution can be automatically credited either monthly or weekly. No hassles writing checks or remembering to contribute if you miss a week. **And it is green—good for the environment.** When you sign-up for auto-giving, we can cancel your envelopes saving paper, the energy to deliver them and the cost to the parish. It is fast, easy, and safe. Consider signing up today. Applications and FAQ are available in the gathering space or on line at www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Envelopes \$1,324.00
(\$65.00 in auto tithing)
Feast of the Assumption \$163.25



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Bernie Flattery)
- 12:00 PM—Coffee and donuts

"My friend, move up to a higher position.' ... For everyone who exalts himself will humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 14:10-11

Help Wanted, Office Manager and Director of Faith Formation

Immaculate Conception is looking for a part-time **office manager**. This is a paid position and would be about 20 hours a week. Computer skills needed. Position will include creating and printing the bulletin, light bookkeeping, and other office duties. Please check out website: immaculateconceptioncolfax.org for an application.

Director of Faith Formation. Responsibilities to run the k-8 Religious Ed program. This is a paid position approximately 6-8 hours per week, nine months a year. Summers off. Applications are available on line at immaculateconceptioncolfax.org.

These two positions could be combined. Applications will be accepted until September 1.

Twenty Volunteers Needed

Meals from the Heartland Meal Packaging Saturday, August 31, 9:30 AM

The social action committee is looking for 20 people to help package meals on Saturday, August 31. We will car-pool and leave the church parking lot at 8:30 AM. We will package meals from 9:30 to 11:30 and return a bit after noon. Youth are welcome to join us. High school youth should be able to get service hours for this. Sign-up sheet in the gathering space or you may call the office or send an email to sign-up. This is the fourth year we have helped package the meals and it has always been a good experience, a blessing, and fun too.



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK The Fifth Commandment: You shall not kill

God's creative action is present to every human life and is thus the source of its sacred value. Each human life remains in a relationship with God, who is the final goal of every man and woman. The Fifth Commandment calls us to foster the physical, spiritual, emotional, and social well-being of self and others. For that reason, it forbids murder, abortion, euthanasia, and any life-threatening acts. We are called to create the culture of life and work against the culture of death. This presents us with three challenges.

1. We need to counter the relativism that imperils human life, by recognizing that human freedom needs to be consistent with God's intentions and the laws that govern moral life.
2. We must witness God's providential presence to all creation and particularly to each human being. "Where God is denied, and people live as though he did not exist, or his commandments are not taken into account, the dignity of the human person and the inviolability of human life also end up being rejected or compromised" (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life* [Evangelium Vitae; EV], no. 96).
3. We need to confront the weakening of conscience in modern society. Too many people fail to distinguish between good and evil when dealing with the value of human life. Moral confusion leads many to support choices and policies that desecrate life. Choices that were once considered criminal and immoral have become socially acceptable. Many consciences that were once formed by the Ten Commandments, Christ's moral teachings, and the Holy Spirit's grace-filled guidance are now swayed by the moral confusion of the spirit of the times. We should deal with the weakening of conscience by helping people to understand the Church's teaching on conscience as the capacity to make judgments in agreement with God's law, to protect human dignity and reject anything that degrades it. This article is an excerpt from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006) 375-377. Copyright © 2006, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission

God's blessing

Dc. Joe

100 Year Celebration, Sunday, Sept. 22

100 Year Celebration for our current location and church building. September 22. The bishop will be here to say mass and help us celebrate. There will be a lunch and program following mass. Be sure to save the date and join us.

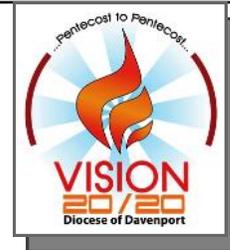
The 100 Year Celebration Committee needs your pictures and memories. Please lend us pictures from the past 100 years. Dig out those pictures of events that took place at the church in years past - weddings, first communion, baptisms, church events/celebrations, pictures of the inside or outside of the church through out the years. Please identify who is in the picture and approximate date if possible. We'll return all the pictures. Also, we'd really like for people to write about their memories of the church throughout the years. We'll put together a booklet of the memories There will be a box in the gathering space to put items or in or you can email items to imcolfax@msn.com. If you have questions you can talk to Peggy Dvorak or Mary Dell Flattery. **Memories and pictures are needed soon.**

Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©2006NCCV www.nccv-vocations.org



No longer collecting cans and bottles

The social action committee is no longer collecting cans and bottles. Thank you to all who donated in the past.

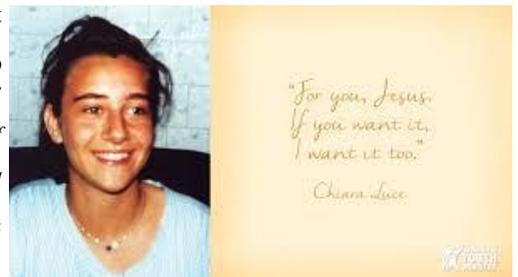
SAINT OF THE WEEK

BL. CHIARA "LUCE" BADANO:

10/29/1971 - 10/7/1990 Feast Day: October 29

Chiara "Luce" Bandano was born in 1971, an only child to parents who had waited long for her arrival. As a child, she was bright, friendly, athletic, and had many friends. At age 9, she joined the Focolare movement and was very inspired by this spirituality. She was struck with cancer at age 17, but never lost her bright spirit. After a two-year battle with the disease, she entered eternal rest on October 7, 1990. Her last words were a message of hope: "Be happy, because I am!" She was beatified by

Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.
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August 25, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Joe Hayden & Meta Hill

Eucharist Ministers: Lisa Bussan, Tom Grimm, Marcia Grimm, & Cathy Hayden

Servers: Irma Bell & Olivia Bell

Greeters: Claire Williams & Bud Wilson

September 1, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Linda Barnum & Terri Rosonke

Eucharist Ministers: Irma Bell, Rita Krueger, Joann Carrothers, & Kathy Williams

Servers: Matthew Rosonke & Sharon Jones

Greeters: Bill & Meta Hill



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

Mary Swauger

For Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum) and all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



Are You Registered in a Parish

If you have not registered with this parish, please do so. It is important that everyone be registered in a parish for the parish is the way the universal church serves the individual. Registration forms are available in the gathering space if you have not yet registered with the parish.

DIOCESAN PRAYER:

Vision 20/20 - From Pentecost to Pentecost

Bishop Zinkula has a new initiative, Vision 20/20. Prayer for the success of this initiative is so very important. Please consider praying the following prayer daily for the success of Vision 20/20

Send your Spirit, O God

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly your gifts and blessings,
Past and present,
And so be filled with gratitude.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly where we have failed to proclaim
The Good News and welcome the stranger,
And so be moved to ongoing conversion.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the signs of the times
And where your Christ lies hidden at the margins,
And so see where and how we are being called to serve.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the vision that you, O God,
have for us, The Diocese of Davenport,
And so answer your summons into a

future together.

Yes, O God, send us your Spirit in a new Pentecost:

Renew our hearts
Renew our Church
Renew our world.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
Psalm 2:4

Honey

An elderly gent was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms — Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years, and clearly they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."



Looking for something different on the radio. Try KWKY, a Catholic radio station out of Des Moines. For a line-up and more information go to www.kwky.com.

A Stewardship Moment

August 25, The Twentieth-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel reading today starts with a question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus offers only a simple reply: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many will try to enter and will not be able. Good stewards know there is only one, narrow gate. Not everything will fit. This narrow gate has no room for our accomplishments. No room for our money. No room for our possessions. No room for anything else but those who've been good stewards of the Gospel. We can't custom build our own gates either. There is only one, narrow gate that happens to be open for a time, but for how long? What is our plan of action to get through that gate?

Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.