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Diane Wood Carol Swift

David Shepley, son of Deloris

Shepley, Cancer

Raegan Lester: niece of Tracey Wilson, Cancer Leland Braun: husband of Dody Braun, Good Health George Ernst

Jamie Coady, cousin of Fr. Ron, cancer

Peggy Lester, sister of Tracey Wilson, Cancer

Bruce (Dementia) and Mary Jo (Continued Health) Stephenson,

Michelle Rebelsky, friend and former parishioner of Fr. Ron, Cancer

Matt Bell, son of Irma Bell, Recovery from Infection

Michael John Holmes, husband of Michelle Holmes, Cancer Charlene Montgomery, mother of Lisa Bussan, in hospice care Michael John Nelson

Terry Hilker, husband of Lori Colister Hilker

David McDowell, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, lymphoma

JoAnn Bessler, sister of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer

Jen Scheetz, cousin of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer

Suzie Hansen, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, colon cancer Baby Grace Parker, newborn granddaughter of Ed and Kathleen

Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother

Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother-in-Law

Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

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Sunday, March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday

Dave and Liz Birkenholtz Greeters:

Servers: Ryan Braun (Cross)

Delilah Miranda (Book/Candle)

Sharon Jones (Incense)

Readers: Joann Carrothers

Brad Haggerty

Gift Bearers: Ed and Kathleen Parker

EMHC: Claire Williams

Karen VanDusseldorp

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Greeters: Sitzmann Family Servers:

Rylan Edgington

Aubrey Edgington

Readers: Giovanna Rodriguez

Ed Parker

Edgington Family Gift Bearers:



UPCOMING EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS March 31, 2024—April 6, 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

• 9:00AM (+*Pro Populo*)

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

ACTS 2:14, 22-33; MATTHEW 28:8-15

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

ACTS 2:36-41; JOHN 20:11-18

• 10:00 AM, Funeral Mass for Bill Gannon

Wednesday, APRIL 3, 2024

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

ACTS 3:1-10; LUKE 24:13-35

• 8:00 AM (+Timothy Sheaft by the Manley Family)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

ACTS 3:11-26; LUKE 24:35-48

• 8:00 AM (+Sara Cambage by Gordon and Sharon Jones)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

ACTS 4:1-12: JOHN 21:1-14

• 8:00 AM (MICHAEL J. HOLMES BY MARY HOLMES)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

ACTS 4:13-21; MARK 16:9-15

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

ACTS 4:32-35; 1 JOHN 5:1-6; JOHN 20:19-31

• 9:00 AM (Pro populo)









William J. Gannon died March 27, 2024. Known by his aliases Bill, "Mingo," Dad, and Grampa, he was a lifelong resident of Mingo, Iowa. Bill was from the beginning a black dirt farmer growing up on what is now the Gannon Century Farm with his parents Casey and Teresa Gannon, and sisters Mary Alice, Teresa Ann,

Frances, and Joan.

In 1964, the 27-year-old kid from Mingo was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives. He served three terms and was the Democratic Minority Leader during his final two terms. He was especially proud of the investments they made in public schools and ending the death penalty in the state of Iowa. He rode across the state on horseback, which made for great campaign pictures and complicated logistics. Bill traded suit and tie for yellow shirts and green pants, owning and operating the Farmer's Supply Store, the local John Deere dealership for 24 years, before retiring to what his wife Kathleen called the world's most expensive habit – full-time farming. Bill's public service continued throughout his life, serving his community on the Colfax-Mingo School Board for 21 years, proudly handing a diploma to each of his three children.

Speaking of three children, Bill married Kathleen Kennedy of New Hampton on January 3, 1970. Fifty-four years later they have shared more than their fair share of laughs in Mingo, Kona, honky-tonks, and fancy hotel bars. Many of those laughs due to the antics or wit of their children Matt, Tim, and Clare. The family was complete when it was joined with Alissa, Emma, and Isabel; Liz, Lucy, and Grace, and Jano and Finnegan.

Monday, April 1, a wake and visitation will be held from 5 pm – 7 pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Colfax. The funeral Mass will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, April 2 at Immaculate Conception. Memorial contributions may be made to Colfax-Mingo Scholarships or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. If you really want to honor him, vote for the Democrats this and every fall.

Monday, April 1

Wake and Visitation Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

5:00-7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 2

Mass of Christian Burial Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

10:00 AM









Pilgrimage to France

with Fr. Marty Goetz

Including Lourdes, Lisieux, Normandy Beaches, and Mont-Saint Michel, and Paris

September 30-October 11, 2024



For More Information contact: Ceci Triska

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SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE:

Come along Nov. 4-14, 2024, to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France. We'll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin of Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Io-50548 712-899-6870 call email frdanguenther@gmail.com Fr. Guenther has been leading these pilgrimages for over 25 years!

Please return your Rice Bowls by Sunday, 4/7. A basket will be by the font.



Don't forget to put your names on your rice bowl

St. Patrick Church - Ottumwa Presents:

Liturgical Sewing Workshop

Sat. April 13, 9:00am - 3:00pm

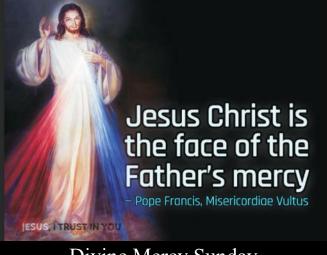
\$10 registration fee includes lunch & all necesary sewing materials. Registration due April 6, fee paid at door.

Come learn how to use your talents & creativity to beautify our parishes & glorify the Lord!



For questions or to register, please call Mary Perry: 641-208-6028 or Mary Bright Hingst: 641-654-1160

222 N. Ward Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations Sunday, April 7, 2024

Ottumwa Deanery Celebration St. Mary, Centerville 1:30-3:00 PM Adoration, Prayers, and Confessions

St. Mary, Sigourney 2:00 PM Adoration and Confessions 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Liturgical Sewing Workshop: St. Patrick - Ottumwa

Looking for a way to beautify your parish? Want to express your creativity in a spiritual way? Have sewing talents you want to share with others?

Then check out the Liturgical Sewing Workshop on

Saturday, April 13 at St. Patrick Catholic Church (222 N. Ward Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501) from 9:00am—3:00pm!

At this workshop, you will learn about the different kinds of church linens/decorations and the basic principles of liturgical design (materials, colors, techniques, etc.) To help you learn, we will also be making one of the most simple, but most important, of all church linens: the purificator.

Lunch and all necessary sewing materials will be provided, for a \$10 registration fee.

If you have questions or want to register for the workshop, please call Mary Perry at 641-208-6028 or Mary Bright Hingst at 641-954-1160. Registration is due by April 6 and all fees can be paid at the door.



Landscaping Project Update

Our project will begin this spring, exact date TBD.

Have you had an opportunity to support the project? If not, there's still time.

Please put our contribution in an envelope marked "Landscaping Project" or use the Capital Improvement envelope in your packet. Just put it in the collection basket.



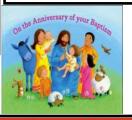
March Wedding
Anniversaries
Mike and Shelly
Wood 3/9
Keegan and Lindsey
Porter 3/19

March Baptismal Birthdays

Rylan Edgington 3/01 Iris Osterhaus 3/21 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/21 Olivia Bell 3/22



March Birthdays Olivia Bell 3/4 Grace Brown 3/5 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/9 Brooke Dross 3/11 Alexis Dross 3/11 Chloe Muck 3/12 Arianna Sitzmann 3/12 Peggy Dvorak 3/15 Santo Miranda (3/18 James Webb 3/18 Kyle Wood 3/18 **Bill Hill 3/21** Miguel Miranda 3/27 Joe Dvorak 3/28 Vince Sitzmann 3/30







ARE YOU CATHOLIC?

INTERESTED IN FIGHTING POVERTY?

> THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

- Provides grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities.
- Works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S., educates about Catholic social tradition, and builds bridges between poor and non-poor communities.



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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Working to find Priverty and Injustice
in the United Stetes

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2024 CCHD Intern Application Form 2024-2025

Who? Any U.S. Catholic with an interest in solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic Social Teaching. Spanish-speaking preferred but not required.

What? Intern will work with one local CCHD funded group: Quad Cities Interfaith, Davenport, Center for Worker Justice, Iowa City, Escucha Mi Voz, Iowa City. Tasks will vary but may include: parish education, training and outreach, letter and article writing, research, and developing relationships with community organizations and the Hispanic Community. The internship is 16-20 flexible hours per week for 24 weeks during the school year paid at \$17/hr.

When? 2024/2025 school year. Intern must be able to attend the National CCHD training in DC May 29-May 31, 2024. (all expenses paid)

Where to apply? https://www.davenportdiocese.org/cchd-internship-opportunities



2023/2024 INTERN

Julissa Govea, is the 2023/2024 CCHD intern. She is a student at the University of Iowa, majoring in Political Science. Julissa is fluent in Spanish, she will be working with the Center for Worker Justice of Easter Iowa. She helps in the department of wage theft and has has participated in successfully resolved wage theft cases.

For more information contact: Deacon Kent Ferris Tel 563-888-4211 Email: ferris@davenportdiocese.org OR guerrero@davenportdiocese.org

Mail your Application to: Diocese of Davenport 780 West Central Park, Davenport IA 52804-1901



In recent months, parishioners have asked what may be done, for the parish, in the way of memorial gifts given in memory of loved ones. After some thought we've composed a list of idea.

- Due to some deaths and canceled pledges fulfilling our capital campaign pledges is going to fall \$3,200 short.
 A gift to decrease or eliminate that shortfall could be given.
- 2. A gift could be given toward the completion of the land-scaping project.
- 3. Our holy water bucket and aspergillum need to be replaced.
- 4. We have a number of candlesticks and candelabra that need to be replated.
- 5, Our white cope and humeral veil need to be replaced. A good deal of the color of the applique is gone and the stains around the neckline no longer come out.

Future items:

- 1. Installation of a hearing loop system might be useful as as our parish continues to age
- 2. At some point we will need to look at the stabilization of our stained glass windows.
- 3. It would be nice to have an automated bell ringing system like the Baptists have.

These are just some things we've thought about as a starting place. If you are interested in providing a memorial for a loved one and have other ideas, please speak to Fr. Ron.



We Need Liturgical Ministers, please help!

As much as we need funds to operate the parish we need people to fill the needed liturgical roles in the liturgy.

- We have 3 altar servers that serve most of the time. Two of them are over 70.
- We have 6 readers
- We have 5 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- We need 19 ministers each Mass not counting the priest, deacon, and choir.

We need your help. We don't really have the luxury of "retiring" from ministry. S T R E T C H yourself. It's entirely possible you find a gift or talent your didn't even know you had!

Answer, YES, when asked!

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Centerville and St. Patrick's, Melrose are pleased to present



Steve Angrisano and Francesca La Rosa



3pm, Sunday, April 21, 2024

Simon Estes Auditorium Centerville

An afternoon of music, faith sharing and entertainment for Youth and Family. All are invited. Visit: stmaryscenterville.org for more information.

Tickets: \$10 each

For Tickets: visit: stmaryscenterville.org

call: St. Mary's, 641-437-1984

or scan the QR code



Group ticket availabe - Call St. Mary's



Go 2 Confession

If you had inteneded to go to Confession during Lent and time got away from you, please send me, Fr. Ron, an email or give a call. I will be happy to arrange a time with you.