

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 10:40 AM—Rosary recited
- 11:00 AM—Mass (Becky Maher) with second collection for food pantry

**MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019**

Easter Weekday

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

Easter Weekday

- 6:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019**

Easter Weekday 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019**

Easter Weekday



"Come, have breakfast." John 21:12

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**  
Acts 6:8-15  
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30  
Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**  
Acts 7:51—8:1a  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab  
Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday**  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a  
Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**  
Acts 8:26-40  
Ps 66:8-9, 6-17, 20  
Jn 6:44-51



**Friday**  
Acts 9:1-20  
Ps 117:1b-2  
Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday**  
Acts 9:31-42  
Ps 116:12-17  
Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday**  
Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17  
Jn 10:27-30

**Some Dates to Note**

- May 7—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting
- May 16—Finance Council Meeting
- May 21—Social Action Committee Meeting
- May 28—Parish Council Meeting

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019**

Easter Weekday, *Saint Damian de Veuster, Priest*

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019**

Easter Weekday

**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 10:40 AM—Rosary recited
- 11:00 AM—Mass (Duane Clark)



"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

**To the Faithful of Immaculate Conception**

*James Joseph Flattery  
Cordially invites you  
to his  
Transitional Deacon Ordination  
On June 1, 2019  
10:00 AM  
Sacred Heart Cathedral  
422 E. 10th Street  
Davenport, Iowa*

**Last Day to Sign-Up  
Bus to James' Ordination  
Saturday, June 1**

The parish council is looking into chartering a bus for James' ordination on Saturday, June 1. Cost will be \$45.00. The bus will hold 36 but we must have at least 30 to meet expenses. If you are interested, please sign-up in the gathering space. **Reservations must be made by May 5.** If there are not enough reservations by May 5, we will have to cancel. If you can not sign the sheet but want to ride, please send me an email, [imcolfax@msn.com](mailto:imcolfax@msn.com).

**Auto-giving**

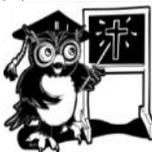
Have you considered signing-up for auto-giving. Your contribution can be automatically credited either monthly or weekly. No hassles writing checks or remembering to contribute if you miss a week. **And it is green—good for the environment.** When you sign-up for auto-giving, we can cancel your envelopes 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](http://www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org)



**Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 7**

Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.  
All men of the parish are welcome.



**Faith Formation News  
Thank you to our catechists**

Thank you to all who worked hard to make our faith formation year a success.

Jodi Bell  
Michelle Holmes  
Irma Bell  
Shelly Wood  
Tina Conrad  
Tracy Spry

Kelly Mosher  
Paige Edington  
Clint Lind  
Kathryn McLain  
Pam Brown  
Meta Hill

Natalie Owens  
Sharon Jones  
Peggy Dvorak  
Parents  
And especially the students



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

Envelopes..... \$1,237.00  
((\$77.00 in auto tithing))  
Diocesan Volunteers..... \$20.00  
Catholic Home Missions..... \$30.00



## FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

We have entered the month of May. (Although I am writing this on Wednesday morning, May 1, and it certainly doesn't look like May outside.) May is a busy month with graduations and the end of school and many things happening. It is also a month dedicated in a special way to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. With all of our busyness and enjoying the spring weather (hopefully, soon) we must not forget to take some time to honor Mary in a special way. We need to take the time to pray to her and ask her for her special prayers and intercessions to help us on our way.

The following is from the Bishop's web site, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org): *As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us*

*"Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved."*

*Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.*

So it is right and good that we honor Mary and pray to her, but always with the understanding that Mary's only desire is to lead us to her Son. She is the God-bearer, the one who brought God into our world and our history in a very special way and she desires to make God present to us. We are all called to be God bearers and make Jesus present in the world.

We will honor Mary by praying the rosary before mass on Sundays of May. Please join us as we pray this special prayer in honor of our blessed Mother.

God's blessing

Dc. Joe



### ***Encounter the Risen Christ***

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl**

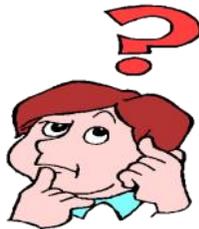


### **May is the Month of Mary The Rosary will be recited before mass.**

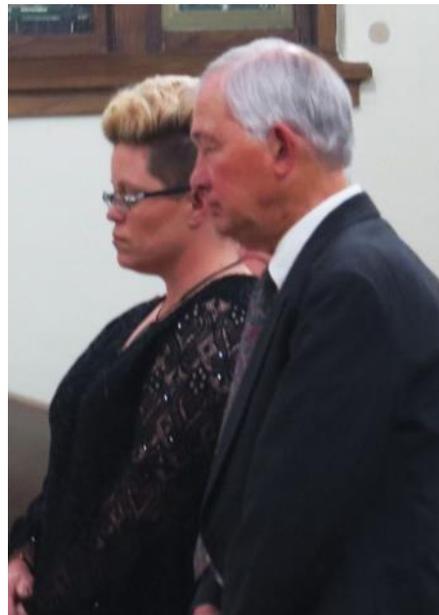
In honor of our Blessed Mother, we will recite a rosary lead by members of Altar & Rosary and the Knights before masses in the month of May. They will begin at 10:40. Please come a bit early and join us in prayer.

## **MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS Q & A**

Come to an Open Forum on Marriage, Divorce and Annulment presented by our Tribunal Staff at 6:30 p.m. on May 7, 2019 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1002 Broad St., Grinnell, Iowa. Bring your questions and learn what our Church teaches about marriage, divorce, and the healing ministry of annulment. No reservation required.



Questions? Call Beth Blough, Tribunal Auditor, (563)888-4236.



### **Welcome**

Welcome to our two newest members, Jenny Bell and Tom Phelps. They were confirmed and received communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil.

May 5, 2019—9:30 AM

**Lectors:** Brad Hagarty & Terri Rosonke  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Claire Williams, John Heggen, Susan Heggen, & Irma Bell  
**Servers:** Mitch Holmes & Sharon Jones  
**Greeters:** Ed & Mary Dell Flattery

May 12, 2019—11:00 AM

**Lectors:** Joe Hayden & Lisa Bussen  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Cathy Hayden, Mackenzie Bussen, Pam Brown, & Mackenzie Brown  
**Servers:** Matthew Rosonke & Rita Krueger  
**Greeters:** Ed & Mary Dell Flattery



## Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Kathleen Faurote, sister of Joanne Carrothers  
Diane Wood  
Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)  
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood  
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan  
Mary Swauger

For all who have died.

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



## A Great Easter Celebration

Thank you to all who worked so hard to create a wonderful Easter celebration: the liturgy committee, the choir, the liturgical ministers, those who helped decorate, the Altar & Rosary Society for the egg hunt, and all members and quest who joined in our worship and of course Fr. Thom.

## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

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

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

## A Stewardship Moment

April 28, The Second Sunday of Easter

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear it proclaimed that many "signs and wonders" were performed in public by Christ's followers, a demonstration that produced two results. First, the people of Jerusalem outside the Christian community were awed by what the disciples were performing. And in the midst of all this amazement, many were being converted. Good stewards know of the evangelizing power emanating from their daily acts of love, compassion, kindness and generosity. They believe that if they stay focused on Christ each day, every act has the power to transform a broken world. What "signs and wonders" will we perform today?

## 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.

