

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

Weekday (22);

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

- 6:30 PM—Knight's Dinner and Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Weekday;

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service followed by coffee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

Weekday

- 6:30 PM—Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Weekday;

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 2019

Weekday;



"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

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18
Ps 1, 3-5, 11-13
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8
Ps 52:10-11
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-6
Lk 5:1-11



Friday

Col 1:15-20
Ps: 100:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Col 1:21-23
Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14:25-33

Some Dates to Remember

- Sept. 2—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting
- Sept. 5—Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
- Sept. 25—First night of faith formation.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Darlene Kellogg)

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?" Luke 14:28



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 are in the gathering space. Please pick yours up.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 PM
PARISH HALL (CHURCH BASEMENT)

All women of the church are urged to attend in order to help with the important work of the Altar & Rosary Society

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.

Coffee and Donuts



Thank you to Bill and Meta Hill for hosting donuts and coffee last week. If you would like to host in the future, please let Dc. Joe know.



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

Envelopes \$684.00
(\$65.00 in auto tithing)



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not kill

God created human beings as male and female. In so doing, he gave equal dignity to both man and woman. In his plan, men and women should respect and accept their sexual identity. God created both the body and sex as good. Hence, we do not approach sexuality with fear or with hostility to the flesh. It is a gift of God by which men and women participate in his saving plan and respond to his call to grow in holiness.

The Catechism states that sexuality involves the whole person. "Sexuality affects all aspects of the human person in the unity of his body and soul. It especially concerns affectivity, the capacity to love and to procreate, and in a more general way the aptitude for forming bonds of communion with others" (CCC, no. 2332).

The Sixth Commandment summons spouses to practice permanent and exclusive fidelity to one another. Emotional and sexual fidelity are essential to the commitment made in the marriage covenant. God established marriage as a reflection of his fidelity to us. The vows made by the spouses at their wedding to be faithful to one another forever should witness the very covenant God has made with us.

Chastity: All people—married, single, religious, and ordained—need to acquire the virtue of chastity. "Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being" (CCC, no. 2337). Chastity unites our sexuality with our entire human nature. It approaches sexuality as related to our spiritual natures so that sex is seen as more than a physical act. Sexuality affects the whole person because of the unity of body and soul. Jesus is the model of chastity. "Chastity includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC, no. 2339). The acquisition of chastity depends on self-discipline and leads to an internal freedom, which enables human beings to temper sexual desires according to God's plan for the appropriate expression of love in the marital relationship of a man and a woman

"Self-mastery is a long and exacting work. One can never consider it acquired once and for all. It presupposes renewed effort at all stages of life. The effort required can be more intense in certain periods, such as when the personality is being formed during childhood and adolescence." (CCC, no. 2342; cf. Ti 2:1-6)

"Chastity has laws of growth which progress through stages marked by imperfection and too often by sin." (CCC, no. 2343)

"Chastity presupposes respect for the rights of the person, in particular the right to receive information and an education that respect the moral and spiritual dimensions of human life." (CCC, no. 2344)

Chastity is a moral virtue. It is also a gift from God, a grace, a fruit of spiritual effort. The Holy Spirit enables one whom the water of Baptism has regenerated to imitate the purity of Christ." (CCC, no. 2345; cf. Gal 5:22, 1 Jn 3:3)

"The virtue of chastity blossoms in friendship. . . . Chastity is expressed notably in friendship with one's neighbor. Whether it develops between persons of the same or opposite sex, friendship represents a great good for all. It leads to spiritual communion." (CCC, no. 2347) . 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 Care of Creation "Pledge of Commitment to Protect and heal God's Creation

We have come to renew

our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We have come to help protect God's creation.

We have come as followers of Jesus

to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

We have come to stand together against all threats to life.

We have come to discover

some new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We have come to listen

to the "music of the universe"—water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

We will remember always

that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.

Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting

Tuesday, September 3

Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

All men of the parish are welcome.

September 1, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Linda Barnum & Terri Rosonke
Eucharist Ministers: Irma Bell, Rita Krueger, Joann Carrothers, & Claire Williams
Servers: Matthew Rosonke & Sharon Jones
Greeters: Bill & Meta Hill

September 8, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty & Meta Hill
Eucharist Ministers: Sharon Jones, Lisa Bussan, Karen Van Dusseldorp, & Rita Krueger
Servers: Matthew Holmes & Irma Bell
Greeters: Ed & Mary Dell Flattery



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 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

Sister Barbara

Sitting at the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening. Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture. As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below. Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. Sister Barbara." on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention and tossed it out the window to him. The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down, and found the stranger waiting for her. Without a moment's hesitation, he handed her a wad of \$100 bills.

"What's this?" she asked.

"That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied, "Don't Despair paid off 80-to-1!!!"



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: 800-362-2178 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.