

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Darrell Holder, brother of Irma Bell)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Lenten Weekday (2); *Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service followed by Coffee.
- 6:30 PM—K thru 8 Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM—High school youth meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Lenten Weekday

- 6:00 PM—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM—Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Lenten Weekday

- 6:00 PM—Adoration
- 6:30 PM—Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Lenten Weekday



"Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. Luke 9:28

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Pt 5:1-4
 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6
 Mk 16:13-19

Tuesday:

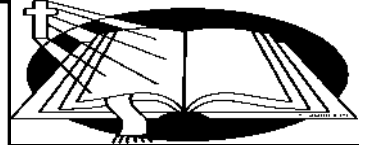
Is 1:10, 16-20
 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23
 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20
 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16
 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10
 Ps 1:1-4, 6
 Lk 16:19-31



Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a. 17b-28a
 Ps 105:16-21
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:15-15, 18-20
 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
 Lk 13:1-9

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Feb. 25—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Feb. 25—Parish Council Meeting
- Mar. 2—Communal Reconciliation

**Last Weekend to Donate
 Medical Mission Trip to El Salvador**

A group will again be going down to El Salvador on a medical mission trip. Your support of them in the past has been most generous and they are grateful. List of Non-medicine Supplies for El Salvador

- * Sunglasses
- * Oral Hygiene: Toothbrushes and tooth paste
- * Toiletries: shampoo (no conditioner please), soap, combs, brushes, etc. (no lotions needed)
- * Educational supplies: Books in Spanish, paper, notebooks crayons, folders, rulers, pencils, sharpeners, glue, etc.
- * Baby bundle supplies: cloth diapers, diaper pins, onesies, t-shirts, receiving blankets, wash cloth/towels, caps, baby outfits, pajamas
- * Recreational items: stickers, bubbles, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, balloons, Frisbees, soccer items
- * Suitcases: medium or large size, sturdy

We will be collecting supplies through Feb 21st. Our departure date is Feb 27th.

HUNGERING TO GIVE BACK

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



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

Collection	\$708.50
(\$77.00 auto-giving)	
Catholic Messenger	\$29.00
Churches in Easter Europe	\$42.00

**Communal Reconciliation
 Wednesday, March 2**

Immaculate Conception will celebrate Communal Reconciliation of Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 PM. Some other celebrations in the area:

- St. Mary, Grinnell, Sunday, February 28, 4:00 PM
- Sacred Heart, Newton, Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 PM
- Ss. John and Paul, Altoona, Thursday, March 10, 7:00 PM

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Knights who worked so hard to make the Dinner, Raffle, and Basket Auction event so successful. Thank you also to those who weren't Knights and to the Alter & Rosary women who also helped. Thanks to all those who donated "Baskets" to be auctioned off. A BIG thank you goes to Leland Braun who spent countless hours shopping for groceries and cooking a fabulous dinner. One last thank you goes to all those who came out to support us.

Bud Wilson



"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." Luke 13:8-9

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Becky Maher)



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Lent is all about baptism. Lent grew out of the 40-day preparation period for those who desired to enter the church through baptism at the Easter season in the early church. As the church lost sight of the RCIA process, we forgot about Lent's connection to baptism. The Second Vatican Council restored the RCIA process (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process by which we bring adults into the church) and re-established Lent's connection to baptism.

Our Lenten tasks include preparing ourselves to fully celebrate the Paschal Mystery at Easter and to renew our baptismal vows at that time. At the Easter Vigil and at mass on Easter Sunday morning, we will as a community renew our baptismal vows. We do this every year. This is a solemn and important event. It should not be taken lightly. When we say we reject Satan and believe in the Trinity, the church, the resurrection, and life everlasting, we must consider carefully what we are saying and we must really mean it. If we do, then we must change our lives, turning ever closer to God and away from sin. We must enter fully into the Paschal Mystery, dying to sin and rising to new life.

This year, we again have no one preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. However, we will still celebrate the vigil (Fr. Thom Hennen will be with us) and we will still bless the baptismal font and renew our baptismal vows. The whole of our vigil celebration centers around the risen Christ who is the light that can never be overcome and baptism. On Easter Sunday morning, we will renew our baptismal vows and bless ourselves from the font.

Our baptismal font has been sealed. As a matter of practice (although not a strict rule) we don't celebrate baptisms during the Lenten season. Since this is the season to prepare for baptism, we wait until we have entered the Easter Season to actually baptize. Once Easter has arrived, we will have baptisms again.

We have entered into the quiet season of Lent where we prepare to renew our baptismal vows. I pray that we all spend the gift of Lent wisely and truly prepare for the Easter season, so that when that glorious Easter season arrives, we can renew our baptismal vows with true conviction and complete conversion.

God's abundant blessings Dc. Joe



Lenten Opportunities

Adoration: Starting on Friday, February 12, we will have a half hour of adoration beginning at 6:00 PM.

Stations of the Cross. Starting on Friday, February 12, we will pray the stations of the cross at 6:30 PM and closing with evening prayer. (You may come for adoration, for the stations, or for both.)

Communion Service: We will have our regular communion service on Wednesday morning at 9:00.

Communal Reconciliation: Communal reconciliation service will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 PM. (Other opportunities in the area will be listed in the bulletin in the future.)

The Word Among Us, Five Minutes with the Word, and The Little Black Book: These daily meditation books are in the gathering space for you to take. They each offer a different daily meditation.

Rice Bowl: The rice bowls are available in the gathering space. Rice bowl is a perfect way to observe the three practices of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Feast—February 22

While the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, celebrated on June 29, focuses on the martyrdom of St. Peter, this celebration draws attention to his role in the Church. The "Chair of St. Peter" is an image of his seat of authority—an authority that was given not for his own personal gain but so that he could be a source of unity for the Church. Jesus told Peter, "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (Lk 22:32). Today, this feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps. Copyright © 2016, Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission



Chair of St. Peter (Various Handouts)

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WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU DIDN'T READ *THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER* THIS WEEK.

- ⇒ Four priests to retire June 30; 10 priests get new assignments.
- ⇒ ADA update, includes chart on parishes, goals and pledges.
- ⇒ Lindsay Steele reflects on the miracle of becoming a mother-to-be.
- ⇒ Pope commissions missionaries of mercy (including two of our priests).
- ⇒ Surge in Zika virus rekindles abortion debate.
- ⇒ Fr. Rolheiser reflects on reading difficult passages in Scripture.
- ⇒ Fr. Bud Grant writes about Laudato Si and implications for Lent.



The Iowa Catholic Conference is the political arm of the four bishops of Iowa. For information on local, state and national issues and calls for action, please visit the web site www.iowacatholicconference.org. On the web site, you will also find the newsletter and you can sign-up to have it delivered to you by email. You can also sign-up to have action-alerts delivered to your email box. There is a link on our website, www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org to the ICC website.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Ministers: February 21, 2016—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty & Phil Webb

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Bussan & Joann Carrothers

Altar Servers: Dane Owens & Rita Krueger

Greeters: Ed & Mary Dell Flattery

Ministers: February 22, 2016—11:00 AM

Lectors: Rita Krueger & Lisa Bussan

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Heggen &

Elizabeth Birkenholtz

Altar Servers: Mackensie Brown & Taylor

Shepley

Greeters: Van Dusseldorp Family



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Greg Ernst, nephew of Rita Krueger

Julia Jorensen, niece of Mary May

Wes and Donna Koebrick (parents of Linda Barnum)

Jeannette Weldon, mother of Irma Bell

JoAnn Besler, sister of Karen Van Dusseldorp

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

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and
Claire Gillan

For our parish and our faith formation program.

For all who have died and for vocations.



Youth Ministry News

The high school will meet on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 as usual. All high school youth are welcome and urged to attend.

A Stewardship Moment

The Second Sunday of Lent

In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?

Cathedral Sunday: February 14

Last week we was Cathedral Sunday when the Bishop asked all of us to support the renovation of our cathedral, Sacred Heart in Davenport. If you were unable to contribute last week but would like to, you may do so at anytime. Envelopes are available in your packet.

Blest Art: This Sunday, February 21

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

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

Windows

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Hellloooo,.....I am stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves! Helllooooo? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

When someone you love cannot get to church because of illness or bad weather, "My Sunday Mass on TV" offers spiritual comfort and hope. Compassionate homilies, an inspirational prayer for spiritual communion during distribution of the Eucharist, and closed-captioning for the hearing impaired enable the homebound to experience the blessings of Sunday Mass. Heart of the Nation, a nonprofit Catholic ministry, provides the weekly TV Mass on broadcast, cable, and satellite channels. For a complete channel guide, visit www.HeartoftheNation.org or call toll-free 1-(855) 855-MASS (6277).

Des Moines Area: all times are 8:30 AM

Broadcast:	KFPX	Ch. 39
Cable	Mediacom	Ch. 10
	Minburn Communications	Channel 96
	Telenet South	Ch. 10
	Vision Systems	Ch. 10
Satellite	DirectTV	Ch 305
	Dish	Ch. 216
	Dish-Des Moines	Ch. 39
Radio	KWKY	AM1150 12 noon & 6pm

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting invites all Catholic Scouts, leaders & their families to

THE BISHOP'S MASS FOR SCOUTING

Sunday, February 28, 2016

2 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

422 East 10th Street Davenport, Iowa

This Mass will celebrate Scouting: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls & Boys, & American Heritage Girls. Please come in uniform. There will be an acknowledgment of Scouts who have earned Catholic Religious Emblems. A brief reception will follow in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please join us to celebrate Scouting & the gift it is to our Church.

Please RSVP to Denise McMonagle at dccs@diodav.org

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.