



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

July August 2017

Parish Family,

"The Catholic Messenger", our diocesan weekly newspaper is printed on Tuesday and published on Thursday, so it went to press before the June 22nd Ordination and Instillation of then Bishop-elect now Bishop Thomas R. Zinkula had taken place, so the 22 June Messenger contained no direct coverage of this grand event for our diocese. Bishop Zinkula shared in his homily that was part of an Evening Prayer Service on the Wednesday vigil of his ordination, at which Bishop Amos blessed the miter, ring and crozier of our new bishop, how he took time at the home of his brother near Mt. Vernon, Iowa which overlooks the family farm site on which he was raised to reflect on his call upon the retirement of Bishop Amos to be our bishop. I was impressed by his willingness to share an introspective look at his person and life as spoke. He shared how the vista about him from the deck at his brother's home enable him to connect with the present totality of his life: As a child, son and brother he matured on the family farm. He grew in faith at his home parish; shared in his elementary and secondary education (first team all conference in football - valedictorian) and on to college all in Mt. Vernon. Cornell College equipped him to further mature as a person, an athlete, lettering in football (First Team All Mid-West Conference) and a student, (B. A. Summa cum Laude) within the disciplines of mathematics and economics and business, to being a career as an actuary within the Life Investors Insurance Company, Cedar Rapids in 1979. (continued on Page 2)

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(continued from page 1) The view also provide a look off to Iowa City and The University of Iowa's Law School where he was formed as a lawyer and was the managing editor of the Iowa Law Review earning his law degree in 1983. He returned to Cedar Rapids joining a law firm there. Then while practicing law he felt a strong call to priesthood as a diocesan priest for his home diocese, The Archdiocese of Dubuque. Theology studies at the Theological College of Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. would lead to ordination as a priest in 1990 for the Archdiocese. Parish vicar ministry and ministry within the metropolitan tribunal of the archdiocese would give way to Canon Law studies at St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada with a canon law degree in 1998. Priestly judicial ministry within the archdiocesan tribunal and as a parish pastor and parish sacramental priest would lead him to the assignment as the episcopal vicar of the Cedar Rapids Region of the Archdiocese and then to the office of Rector of the St. Pius X College Seminary at Loras College, Dubuque. While rector of the seminary came the call to be bishop of our diocese. Through family, social and dating relationships, through graduations, athletic recognitions and academic degrees, careers and ordinations and ministerial assignments, the Spirit of God has been leading Bishop Zinkula on within life and faith and as he has grown, matured and increased in knowledge, grace and experience, blessing has been provided to all he has served in the selfless love.

He spoke of the nuptial relationship of spouse's as an image of the relationship of a bishop with the people of his diocese. I recall a conversation that was shared with one who came out of an eastern culture where marriage is one of a family decision more made for the individuals than the individuals' sole decision. The one whose marriage was much more of arrangement when asked by another in disbelief, how was it for one to come to love the one chosen for him, shared in dialogue: Did you chose your brothers or sisters? No. And yet you love them? Yes. So it has been for us as spouses. Bishop Zinkula was not asked if he wanted to be a bishop but was rather called to be the Ninth Bishop of Davenport. His yes and our yes is now beginning.

Fr. John

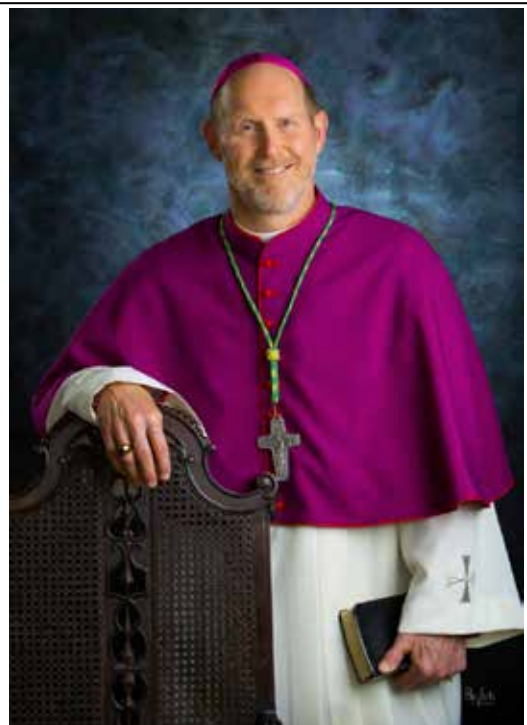
Welcome

Bishop Thomas Zinkula

Ninth Bishop
of Davenport Diocese

Ordained
June 22, 2017

His ordination can be viewed at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=471&v=3WBy_QaBoCs



Father Tom celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination on June 4th.



Shown here are Fr. John, Fr. Tom and Msgr. Bob after the 8:00 mass.

Fr. Tom celebrating mass

2017 High School Graduate



Front row: Julie Wanders, Elizabeth Moore, Mallory Lanphier, Nicholas Schaffner, John Hammes
2nd Row: John Hirl, Cassie Nimt, Aaron Bowie, Jose Chavez, Andy Sterner – Not pictured Morgan Reddy and Ben Sherburne

16 Make Their First Communion

First Communicants



Lindsey Akers
Alondra Chavez
Jace Goodman
Xavier Lemke
Elysa Loner
Ireland McGraw
Denaly Moreno-
Martinez
Kevin Nguyen
Carter Peiffer
Mathew Phillips
Erica Robinson
Yoselin Rodriguez
Lynden Scott
Charlie Smith
Cylee Smith
Sierra Webb

Up Coming Youth Activities

Wiffle Ball Tournament
July 7th

Middle School and High School
And Older Parishioners
VIRTUS & Background check
compliant

Adventureland Outing
July 12th
Middle School and High School

If you haven't signed up or have
questions, please contact
Donna DeJode at
the Parish Center.

Welcome to St. Mary

Clayton & Laura Norberg

and daughters

Grace & Mary Kate



Have you listened to our own Catholic
Radio station?

Tune into My Father's House
On 95.7 FM
To check it out

Vacation Bible School

43 Youth and about 35 volunteers attended Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School. A big thank you to those that attended and to those that volunteered their time to make this a success.



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Parish Info

- Easily contact our parish
- Helpful list of parish staff
- Connect with staff at the touch-of-a-button

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Parish App

St. Mary pushed out a Parish App on June 25th. Keep up to date on Mass Times, Parish Info, and the Parish Calendar. Check out the Daily Readings and Prayer reminders. If you need help getting this downloaded to your Apple or Android Phone, contact Suzy at the Parish Office - 673-6680.

Education Center Remodel

The Ed Center has undergone a major remodel on the main floor. Pictured on the right is the main seating area and the kitchenette. The picture below is the Ed Center in use during Fr. Tom's Reception. Two restrooms round out the floor plan, with a ramp entrance at the front door.



Birthdays

July

- 1 – Braden Abbott
- 4 – Sierra Gleason
- 5 – Brooks Moore
- 6 – Riley Webb
- 7 – Regan Abrahamson
- 9 – Lynden Scott
- 10 – Olivia Shipley
Addison Terpstra
- 11 – Jorja Tacke
- 16 – Luis Garcia
- 19 – Andres Chavez
- 20 – Madeline Holle
- 21 – Georgia Smith
- 22 – Grace Phillips
Carys Snakenberg
- 24 – Spencer Van Mersbergen
- 25 – Brayden Smith
Bailee Smith
Julie Wanders

August

- 3 – Aiden Scott
- 5 – Aubree Blanco
- 7 – Andrew Katko
- 8 – Kaitlyn Beuthien
- 11 – Anthony Siebens
- 12 – Dylan Shipley
- 13 – Sierra Webb
- 15 – Brianna Guild
- 17 – Emily Medina
- 20 – Maria Settimi
- 21 – Cavan Alexander
- 23 – Gabriel Gituma
- 24 – Eric DeRonde
- 28 – Blythe Brummel
- 29 – Connor Gituma

Birthdays are of our younger parishioners. Please contact the Parish office for any corrections.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage with Anniversaries

July

- 1 – Mark & Julie Mitrusin – 39
- 2- Jason & Stephanie Vallone – 3
Kevin & Carolyn Pederson - 12
- 3 – Kevin & Kim Lowry – 24
Jim & Val Durian – 46
- 5 – Ben & Kayla Peiffer – 9
- 7 – Wayne & Lynette Vitzthum – 28
Norman & Carolyn Wellings – 47
- 9 – Jim & Sharon Lanphier – 23
- 10 – Russ & Deb Reiter – 24
- 12 – John & Jane Nicholson – 25
- 14 – Mike & Donna Scanlon - 44
- 17 – Chip & Lauren Terpstra – 13
- 18 – Craig & Kimberly Sytsma – 25
John & Theresa Grahek – 30
- 20 – A. J. & Sarah Kool – 15
Alan & Linda Siebens – 26
- 26 – Gary & Jean Anderson - 2
- 27 – Bob & Carolyn Oberhauser – 43
- 28 – Lloyd & Marilyn Weber – 44
- 31 – Dave & Ellen Alexander – 13

August

- 1 - Nick & Michelle Smith – 19
Jim & Nancy Spry – 53
- 2 – Dustin & Kate Hite – 9
- 3 – Randy & Sheila Denburger - 43
- 4 – Felix & Suzy Lopez – 5
- 5 – Michael & Suzette Striegel – 29
- 8 – Bobby & Jane Opheim – 20
Greg & Molly McCaulley – 30
Andy & Diane Davis – 36
David & Carol Polkowske – 47
- 10 – Tom & Minnie Richardson – 21
- 13 – Wes & Ruby Johnson – 34
Ben & Carol Douglas – 52
Marvin & Nancy Feist – 57
- 15 – Brant & Laura Brummel - 8
- 20 – Frank & April Gorski – 35
- 22 – Rick & Sharon McCombs – 25
- 24 – Tim & Kathy Boyle – 26
Gary & Ellen Greene – 49
- 27 – Mark & Robin Anderson – 14
- 28 – Jodi & Rich Krejci – 18
Kelly & Debbie Blunt – 46
- 30 – John & Leisa McGee – 26
Bruce & Cyndi Peiffer – 32
- 31 - Phil & Pat McFadden - 60

Weddings

Daniela Diaz

and

Hunter Barry

May 27, 2017



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please contact the parish office
for corrections.

News about our Stop Hunger Meal Prep

Dear St. Mary Oskaloosa,

Thanks for joining us in the fight against hunger. We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event on 4/8/2017 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Kansas City warehouse. ***Your meals have gone to impact multiple partners.***

The meals will be received by our in-country partner Convoy of Hope in Honduras. COH holistic approach includes interventions that are nutrition-specific, addressing immediate needs, nutrition-sensitive, supporting long-term food security initiatives such as agricultural training and access to clean water, and that build an enabling environment for sustainable development such as micro-enterprise initiatives. Rise Against Hunger meals will serve 6,500 beneficiaries in Honduras in 60 different feeding centers such as public and private schools in areas where food insecurity is greatest as determined by annual needs assessments.

We appreciate your dedication and commitment to the vision of a world without hunger.

Gratefully,
Joe Falter
Program Manager
Rise Against Hunger Kansas City
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FORMED coming to a Screen Near You

We have purchased a gift for every family in our parish! That gift is a subscription to FORMED, a wonderful website that has been called a “Catholic Netflix.” FORMED has inspiring movies and video based studies, audio presentations and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors. Most, if not all, of us would like to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Many of us know someone who has fallen away from the Church, perhaps a friend, a family member, a co-worker, and we want reach them but we just don't know how. This is why our parish has invested in FORMED so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us. With your free access to FORMED, 24/7 on your television, phone, laptop, ipad, or Kindle, you can:

- *Prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful five-minute video on the Sunday Readings;*
- *Enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining;*
- *Enrich your marriage with the award winning video program Beloved; and*
- *Help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children's materials.*

When we get our Church Code, each family will register for their personal password.