



# The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

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## Parish Family,

January 8 closes our Christmas Season with the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. The Season of Christmas is a series of celebrations of the manifestation of the Lord come in the flesh: Our Lord's Nativity, The Holy Family, Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus present to Israel at his Nativity; present in the setting of family life; present to the world and present in his ministry. It is a wonder as to how fast the season of Christmas has sped along. I am sure that our elementary and secondary students felt their winter school break was too quickly over. It is but a matter of five Sundays from mid January to mid February and Lent will be upon us: Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 14 February.

While ashes will mark this February 14 Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, I wouldn't encourage the husbands and those single men I know to present ashes instead of roses to their wives and sweethearts. Less, they should find the 20 below zero of New Year's Day a warmer welcome than they might receive from spouse or lady friend at Valentine's Day. The long shadow of the ground hog would be more as light than the darkness that such might find upon them through all of Lent should they give up roses and present but ashes.

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Almost as short as our past Fourth Week of Advent are these days now to Ash Wednesday. One redeeming aspect of this quick arrival of Lent is that the word Lent is derived from Anglo-Saxon word lengthen or lencten meaning "spring". Amid these deep cold minus degree days of January it will be joy to usher in just the thought of Springtime on Ash Wednesday, 14 February. This is a good way to spiritually embrace Lent. Lent calls us to springtime. Like one who tills the soil in garden or field there are task to perform to have all ready for the late spring planting. There is brush to remove, the soil to eventually turn up and fertilizer to apply. We, the baptized, are called to renew our baptismal commitment at Easter and by Prayer (Eucharist and Penance), Self Denial (abstinence, fast, other personal acts of repentance) and Charity to be ready for that renewal of our yes to God, to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected and to one another in our faith community of our Church.

In our Saint Mary Oskaloosa / Saint Mary Pella Lenten Schedule you will find opportunities for prayer in Lenten Masses, in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross and in the Sacrament of Penance. As a Church, we are called to days of abstinence form meat and fasting and other personal acts of self-denial. We are encouraged in Charity to take action for the renew of others as we see to our own personal spiritual renewal and re-commitment. As we have feasted at Christmas let us then deny ourselves in these Lenten days so as to honor the Lord who came in our human flesh and bid us rejoice and who took up the suffering of the Cross and Death so as to impart his Resurrection Glory to us as Daughters and Sons of God.

Fr. John

### **Rite of Acceptance**

Gavin Wilson took part in the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens on December 10th.

Please pray for him as he continues to learn and discover the Catholic faith. He will be attending the Rite of the Elect Feb. 25 at 3:00 pm in Ottumwa.



# Mother Daughter Tea

The Mother Daughter Tea was held on November 11, 2107. Jane Kauzlarich was our speaker. Since this was Veterans Day, she shared how it was started, why we have it, what it means to her and Veteran's organizations she had contact with. We were also blessed to have a group of Veterans come join us to discuss where they served and what being a Veteran means to them.

We had a wonderful buffet of food donated from families in our parish. There were chicken salad and ham sandwiches, trays of fruit, veggies and cheeses and of course wonderful desserts of all kinds.







## Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight was enjoyed by the women of the parish and their friends. A meal of smoked brisket, wild rice and mushrooms, green beans and sherbet was provided by East Side Grocery from New Sharon. Living Water Quartet (minus one due to sickness) entertained us with their musical talents. Debbie Blunt, again, treated us as Mistress of Ceremonies. Church and Family Life committee members plated the meals and provided clean up, while Confirmation students served the meals and waited tables.





## Faith Formation

The Kindergarten class has been having fun celebrating the feat of St. Nicholas and making stables for Baby Jesus.

**Thank you to all the families who participated in the Advent Kickoff! It was great to see so many families preparing for the coming of Christ together.**



## Share the Journey

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Now, Pope Francis is calling us to share a journey with our neighbors – all our neighbors, not only those who live near us, look like us, speak like us or pray like us.

Our neighbors include many of the world's most vulnerable people: migrants and refugees fleeing war, poverty and persecution, people who seek nothing more than basic needs and a path forward. Just like us, they are children of God, deserving of dignity and love. We as a church are answering the Pope's call to encounter and walk with these migrants and refugees in support and solidarity.

As part of the Share the Journey the Dioceses of Davenport has a traveling "One on the Journey: A Solidarity Prayer Walk." This prayer walk is accompanied by fourteen images that help us reflect on the journey of our neighbors. The images will be at St. Mary's March 2-4 with different opportunities for parishioners to reflect on our neighbors in need.



# Birthdays

## January

2 Ethan Guild  
3 Alondra Chavez  
4 Jakob Stek  
8 Mary Katherine Norberg  
9 Octavio Moreno-Martinez  
10 Carter Blanco  
12 Sarafina Gituma  
Emma Berry  
17 Amber Knockel  
20 Coy Snakenberg  
Cade Snakenberg  
23 Flavio Velasquez  
24 Skyla Phillips  
25 Andrew Appleget  
29 Isabel Feudner  
30 Elizabeth Berry

## February

1 Cecilia Nicolas  
Benjamin Sherburne  
2 Ashlee Smith  
3 Cole Henry  
4 Garrett Loner  
6 Gareth Stefanc  
9 Ian Rosvold  
Sydney Katko  
10 Andrea Arellano  
11 Dylan Purdum  
14 Grady Kool  
Jace Goodman  
17 Shelby Bower  
21 Isaac Knockel  
23 Tyler Hirl  
Cameron Hirl  
27 Xavier Lemke  
28 Quinn Krejci  
Donivan Tighe  
Cole Younger

Birthdays are of our younger parishioners. If there is a mistake please contact the parish office.



Melina Arellano

daughter

Araceli & Filiberto Arellano

12/09/17

Noah Lusk

son

Amanda and Nicholas Lusk

12/10/17

# Anniversaries

## January

1 David & Ruth Neubert – 39  
4 Jim & Richelle Holle – 26  
7 Nicholas & Amanda Lusk - 1  
9 Davie & Shawn Langkamp – 31  
13 Todd Koenig & Irene Cruz – 22  
14 Kevin & Jeana Tacke - 9  
Andrew & Lynn Stefanik– 29  
25 Robert & Lisa Nelson – 15  
Glenn & Susan Knox – 43  
26 Lawrence & Helene Mitrison – 59  
28 Dennis & Linda Gorley - 34  
29 Jim & Lori Smith – 18  
30 Craig & Mary Akers – 42

## February

6 Angelo & Rose Dazzo - 47  
10 Jake & Elaine Jacquay – 45  
13 Kerry & Kyoko Naughton - 14  
15 Russ & Beth VanRentergham -32  
17 Tom & Mary Rielly – 28  
22 Tom & Theresa Sizemore - 29

## Theology of the Body - All Junior and Seniors in High School are Welcome!

Today's sexual confusion is not caused because the world glorifies sexuality, but because the world fails to see its glory. Join us as we look to St. John Paul II teachings on the beauty of God's plan for human love with insights from Jason Evert, Matt Fradd, and Edward Sri. You were created for more than the selfish, counterfeit love to world offers.

### Theology of the Body                      Wednesday - 6-7pm My Father's House Faith Formation and Fellowship Center

- Jan. 17 -Lesson One: Created For Love
- Jan. 24 - Lesson Two: Naked Without Shame
- Jan. 31 - Lesson Three: Love Defined
- Feb. 21 - Lesson Four: Hope and Redemption in Christ
- Feb. 28 - Lesson Five: Truth and Freedom
- Mar. 14 - Lesson Six: Free, Total, Faithful Fruitful
- Mar. 21 - Lesson Seven: Language of the Body
- Mar. 28 - Lesson Eight: Marriage
- Apr. 11 - Lesson Nine: Priesthood, Consecrated Life, and Celibacy
- Apr. 18 - Lesson Ten: Friendship, Dating, and Family

"Genuine love is demanding. But its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes."  
St. John Paul II



### Christmas Caroling

Hark the Harold Angle Sing and We Wish You a Merry Christmas filled the air as our youth went around spreading the joy of the season. They were able to visit many of our homebound parishioners on the rainy afternoon.

Picture left to right: Jessica Gituma, Isabel Feudner, Carson Abrahamson, Nick Ingamells, Brett Ingamells, Phillip Abrahamson, Samantha Ridder, and Sarafina Gituma. Not pictured: Jolie and Khydin Yang.

**Feast of St. Blasé  
February 3  
Fr. John will do a general blessing  
after Masses.**

## 2018 Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14 – Masses

SMO: 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

(Soup Supper follows Mass at the St. Mary Parish Center, SMO)

SMP: 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

SMO: Tues. 7:00 a.m./Wed. 8:00 a.m./Thurs.

See Sunday Bulletin or On Line Calendar for time and location

Fri. 5:30 p.m. Mass weeks 1-3-5 of Lent

SMP: Tues. 8:30 a.m./Wed. 12:15 p.m./Fri. 5:30 p.m.

Friday after Ash Wednesday and week 2 - 4 of Lent

Diocesan Chrism Mass: Mon. March 19 at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, IA

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

SMO: Sat. March 3 at 10:30 a.m.

SMP: Sun. March 4 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Anthony, Knoxville, Sun. March 18 at 4 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

SMO: 5:30 p.m. on Fridays Feb. 16, March 2, 16

(When Stations of the Cross are at SMO Mass is at SMP)

SMP: 5:30 p.m. on Fridays Feb. 23, March 9, 23

(When Stations of the Cross are at SMP Mass is at SMO)

## Triduum and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday

March 29

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Mary, Pella - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

March 30

Passion, Veneration of The Cross  
and Holy Communion

St. Mary, Oskaloosa - 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary, Pella - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

March 31

Easter Vigil

Mass St. Mary, Oskaloosa - 8:30 p.m.

(No St. Mary, Pella 5:00 p.m.)

Saturday Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Easter Sunday Masses

April 1

St. Mary, Oskaloosa

8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Mary, Pella - 10:30 a.m.



## **Fasting**

All Catholic age 18 through 59 are called to Fast on Ash Wednesday (2-14) and Good Friday (3-30). One full meal and two -part meals may be taken and no food is to taken between meals. Water, fruit juices and other beverages may be taken at any time\*.

## **Abstinence**

All Catholics 14 years and older are called to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday\*.

\* One is dispensed from fast and abstinence for reasons of health or demand of labor and are encouraged to practice some other act of penance and self-denial suitable to their circumstances. To ignore the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

## **Scripture Study**

The Resurrection Narratives in MK, MT and LK  
SMO Sun. Feb. 18 - 6:15 p.m.  
SMP Thur. Feb.22 - 7:00 p.m.  
The Resurrection Narratives in JN  
SMO Sun. Mar. 18 - 6:15 p.m.  
SMP Tue. March 6 - 7:00 p.m.

## **Almsgiving**

Collection for the Churches of Eastern Europe on Ash Wednesday  
Collection for the Franciscan Missions of the Holy Land on Good Friday  
Donations to other charities of personal selection.

## **Sunday Masses**

SMO: Sun. 8:00 a.m./5:00 p.m.  
SMP: Sat. 5:00 p.m./Sun. 10:30 a.m.

## **Sacrament of Penance**

SMO: Sat 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.  
SMP: Sat. 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (after 5:00 p.m. Mass until all are served)

## **New Piano**

The new piano has arrived. This was made possible through donations In Memory of Virginia Sullivan, In Memory of Bob Hammes and the McCullough Family Trust Fund. There had been several problems with our old one. The life expectancy was 10 years and we had it for 15 years.

## **End of Month Meals**

January 22, 23, 24 and 25 and February 19, 20, 21 and 22.  
If you would like to help set-up, serve, or clean-up, contact Jeanne Kingma.