



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

March April May 2018

Parish Family,

With Easter falling on April First, April's Fools Day, there comes to mind these words of St. Paul in his First Letter to the Church in Corinth (1Cor 1:20d): "Has not God made the wisdom of this world foolish?"; (1:21b): "it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith."; (1:22b): "but we proclaim Christ crucified,". Paul goes on to state (1Cor 4:10a): "We are fools on Christ's account". Finally Paul will share in his letter (1Cor 17,19) "and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. If for this life only we hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all."

Clearly Paul saw Christ crucified and resurrected as the wisdom of faith but without faith as foolishness before the wisdom of the world. Those at Corinth were quick to accept the announcement of the glory of God in Jesus' resurrection but less so to accept the demands of the suffering of the sacrifice of Christ crucified. Our Lenten days seek to take us deep into the suffering and self-sacrifice of Jesus, the crucified.

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It is through our disciple's participation in the cross of Christ that Easter impels us to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ crucified. There is no resurrection without the cross and the shadow of the foolishness of the cross gives way to the glorious light of the wisdom of the resurrection.

In the Lenten Season we took on sacrifice so as disciples to bare the Cross of Christ. At Easter it is for us as church to be about those deeds of fellowship's rejoicing in Our Lord's resurrection. As we struck our breast in sorrowful acknowledgment of our sins let us boldly proclaim with heartfelt joy our "Alleluia!" as we present ourselves in works which announce our faith filled proclamation, "He is Risen!"

The ministries of our parish seek your involvement in Parish and Finance Councils in Parish Commissions: Liturgy, Faith Formation, Social Action (Peace and Justice), Church and Family Life, Buildings and Grounds (Facilities and Property Management) and Stewardship. In the Easter Season take action to place yourself in the service of your parish and throughout Ordinary Time be involved in the various works and projects of your parish. As Paul further notes in his First Letter to the Church at Corinth (1Cor 4:20): "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power."

Fr. John

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jared Kruse and Cole Henry and the Oskaloosa Boys Basketball Team and their endeavors in the State Boys Basketball Tournament this year. A Second Place finish in the Boys 3A Tournament is a great accomplishment.

Congratulations

Congratulations to John Henry and the William Penn Statesmen's Basketball Team and their accomplishments in the NAIA D1 Tournament.

Spanish Retreat

Spanish retreat will be held April 6, 7 & 8

Retiro español El retiro en español se llevará a cabo el 6, 7 y 8 de abril. Tony Chavez es el representante del Ministerio Multi Cultural de la Diócesis Hispana para la Diócesis.

Silver Jubilee

July 24, 2018, there will be a Spanish Celebration honoring the daughter of Daniel and Isidra Chavez, and Tony, **Evangelina, Maria, & Salvador's** sister who will be celebrating her Silver Jubilee as a nun.

Bodas de plata

El 24 de julio de 2018, habrá una celebración española en honor a la hija de Daniel y Isidra Chavez, hermana de Tony, Evangelina, Maria y Salvador que celebrará su jubileo de plata como monja.

Make a Difference This Summer with
Catholics in Action
Middle School Edition

June 25-27, 2018
Solon, IA

Join us for three days of service, prayer, learning, and fun! This is a great opportunity to live out your faith in service others. The cost for the is \$50 which includes meals, lodging, materials, and t-shirt.

We will also be looking for adult team leaders and high school students who would like to serve as small group leaders.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information please, contact: Samantha Ridder, 641-673-0659 or oskystmarydre@diodav.org



May Crowning of Mary!

Join the K-8 Formation Classes
after the 8am Mass
Sunday, May 6th
as they crown Mary in courtyard.

"Jesus was the first to honor her as His mother, and we must imitate Him in this also." -St. John Paul II



FIRST Communion



Sacrament Camp July 23-27, 2018

Do you have a second grade student ready to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion?

If so you should have received an email from Samantha Ridder on this summer's Sacrament Camp, July 23-27, 2018.

If you have not received that email please contact Samantha via email at oskystmarydre@diodav.org or by phone (641)673-0659.

Vacation Bible School
June 11-15,2018 - 8am-Noon

God has a message for you!
Can you hear it?

Samuel heard it during the middle of the night. Mary heard it through an angel. The disciples were hard at work when they heard it. They all heard God's special message just for them! *Message Received: Hearing God's Call* lets children know that God continues to call all kinds of people—including them! People are called to love God and follow Jesus every day. Those who hear God's message and respond are forever changed.

**MESSAGE
RECEIVED**

HEARING GOD'S CALL

Mark your calendars now!
More information and registration
will be coming soon!

Treat yourself

A K-8 Faith Formation Fundraiser

Sunday, April 29th 2-4pm

The afternoon will include:

A SILENT AUCTION **KIDS GAMES**

THE PRAISE BAND

DELICIOUS DESSERTS **AND MORE...**

Your help is needed:

Donations for the silent auction and bottles of wine are needed. If you would be able to help please contact Shanna Smith at shannagr45@yahoo.com or (641)673-0409 or Samantha Ridder at oskystmarydres@didodav.org or (641)673-0659.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND SUPPORT OF OUR
K-8 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM!**

John Denney Memorial Scholarship Award

\$1,000 per year Perpetual scholarship established in 1987 through a gift from the family of Indian Hills' graduate John Denney. • Must be enrolled full-time • First preference will be given to a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa • Second preference will be given to a new graduate of North Mahaska High School • Must complete the John Denney Memorial Scholarship application available through Indian Hills' Foundation. <http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/scholarships.php>

Save the Date

The Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner of March 10 was successfully attended and enjoyed. Since many asked to do this again, Church and Family Life has set the date of June 23 as the next Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for further details.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic of August 2017 was well attended and well enjoyed. We will be having the next Parish Picnic with Mass on August 29. Plans are the picnic will be held at Edmundson Park, again. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for further details.

Stop Hunger Now

April 16

More on this activity will be coming in the bulletin. Mark your calendars to help at this event.

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

Mar. 28 - Lesson Eight: Marriage

Apr. 11 - Lesson Nine: Priesthood, Consecrated Life, and Celibacy

Apr. 18 - Lesson Ten: Friendship, Dating, and Family

Building and Grounds Commission

Projects that will be completed this fiscal year -- Front door to My Father's House will be replaced -- removing bushes and planting new plants on the east side of the church, similar to what has been done in front of My Father's House and Church. Recently had the Church roof inspected and 2 trees were removed at the Rectory.

From the Catholic Messenger **March 15, 2018**

Stewardship Day, St. Mary Riverside

Father John Spiegel, pastor of St. Mary parishes in Oskaloosa and Pella, observed that "When we hear the word 'Stewardship' within the church, its reference is often limited to financial support." It is "commonly only spoken of in Catholic parishes in connection to annual parish and diocesan financial support appeals. If the fuller sense of the word as a ministry of calling parish members to active parish service in and beyond the parish is to be known, then the word must be spoken in connection to the various ministries and works of the parish."

As a pastor, Fr. Spiegel found it helpful "to hear of the work and experiences of those within parish stewardship commissions and that of our Diocesan Stewardship Commission going about the ministry of stewardship." Finally, Fr. Spiegel said, "the bishop's personal stewardship witness presentation resonated with me and affirmed my own stewardship story as he spoke of his coming to his own commitment in the areas of time, talent and treasure as a priest."

<http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/03/stewardship-grateful-disciples/>

What are your time and talents that you can share with your Church community? Think about where you can assist your Parish. See Fr John's note for areas you can volunteer.

Birthdays

March

- 4 – Alex Yang
- 5 – Aubree Kool
Sullivan Tighe
- 6 – Felicity Reddy
- 11 – Jamison Ireland
- 12 – Nolan Miller
- 19 – Jarad Kruse
- 26 – Ellie Henry
- 29 – Khydin Yang

April

- 3 – Claire Kelderman
- 4 – Grace Norberg
Noemi Rodriguez
- 5 – Jose Chavez, Jr.
- 7 – Jack Miller
- 9 – Grayson Bares
- 10 – Trevor Willett
- 11 – Casey Baty
Brooke Richardson
- 13 – Tanner Lanphier
- 14 – Nicholas Koenig
- 19 – Melina Arellano
Jenna Appleget
Nickolas Schaffner
- 20 – Stella Bares
Connor Miller
- 21 - Wyatte Loner
- 22 – Aidan Krejci
Denaly Moreno-
Martinez
- 24 – Hadley Weber
- 26 – Melia Lopez
- 27 – Nathan Kelderman
- 29 – Alison Arellano

May

- 3 – Nicholas Thomes
- 4 – Emily Grahek
- 8 – Macy Moore
- 9 – Shea Besco
Charlie Smith
- 12 - Ikalka Opheim
- 14 – Makenna Schaffner
- 16 – Alan Carmichael
- 17 – Luke Abrahamson
Linette Ramirez
- 19 – Maryn Scott
Dylan Willett
- 23 – Elysa Loner
- 25 – Gracie DeRonde
Jaden DeRonde
- 26 - Alison Wickham
- 28 – Alexandra Knockel
Devan Welch
- 29 – Andrew Scholes

Birthdays listed are those of our younger parishioners.



February 3

Carter Thomas

Son

*Derrick and Morgan
Younger*

Anniversaries

March

- 1 - Douglas and Mary Beth Hunt, 38
- 4 – Robert and Patricia Waters, 29
Lowell and Harriet Lenarz, 58
- 7 – Randy and Diane Mick, 17
- 8 – Brian and Amanda Lemke, 10
- 10 – Filiberto & Araceli Arellano, 16
Al and Elaine Salanitro, 30
- 12 – Bart and Julie Yachera 6
- 15 – Chris and Heidi Potot, 15
- 17 – Clayton and Laura Norberg 6
- 19 – Tom and Madonna Bowie, 35
- 23 – Jerry and Lindy Brandt, 27
Peter and Virginia Twomey, 34
- 31 – Mike and Molly Sterner, 29

April

- 8 – Dennis and Mary Parks, 18
- 10 – Mark and Heidi Scholes, 16
- 11 – Lee and Colleen Dennis, 37
- 14 – Nic and Jenni Lynch, 11
- 16 – John and JoAnn Severin, 52
- 19 – **Ted and Judy Smith, 60**
- 20 – Bob & Patti Mitrisin, 11
Steven and Annette Wanders, 22
- 24 – **Marion and Marj Striegel, 25**
- 27 – Doug and Pam Nimitz, 27

May

- 2 Jim and Teresa Carmichael 26
Brent and Christine Williams 31
- 5 Edward and Melanie Hirl 28
- 6 Stacey and Jodi Chipman 23
- 7 Lucas and Teresa Akers 13
- 8 Gary and Sandra Davis 42
- 10 Mark and Yvonne Mauer 32
Jim and Marjie Rinehart 38
- 11 Michael and Jessica Gituma 13
Matt & Jill Blanco - 16
- 15 John & Maggie Henry – 19
Mark & Janice Sullivan – 42
- 16 Kathy Schultz - 31
Kevin & Charlene DenHartog – 37
- 19 Doug & Joy Greenlee – 46
- 20 Ryan & Kim Tighe – 18
John & Ruth Sherlock – 46
- 21 Dannie & Shawna Gilchrist – 24
- 23 James & Jennifer Feudner - 20
- 25 Andres & Patricia Frost – 33
- 27 Barry and Daniela Hunter - 1
Jason & Kate Thomes – 17
Wayne & Sharon Hammes – 28
Antonio & Debbie Diaz – 29
- 28 Art & Marianne Cline – 13
Gary & Jan Mauer – 58

CHRIST OUR LIFE

Mark your calendar for September 29 & 20, 2018

Wells Fargo Arena Des Moines

<http://www.christourlifeiowa.com/>

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 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.

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)

Almsgiving

Collection for the Franciscan Missions of the Holy Land on Good Friday
Donations to other charities of personal selection.

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.**