



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

June / July / August 2018

St. Mary Oskaloosa Parish Family,

With the fading sound of taps from our area cemeteries Memorial Day closes and summer opens with the dawn's earlier light. Our parish's Vacation Bible School (June 11-15) will usher us into the out of school days of summer programming for our young. Sacramental Camp (July 23-27) will further our young in faith and experience of God's great presence with us. More distant faith formation events and programs of community service and parish outreach service will involve our older youth. My thanks to our Director of Faith Formation, Samantha and her volunteer assistants for their good work bringing forward these opportunities for faith forming activities and stewardship service projects.

At SMO our adult members look forward to sharing in meal and fellowship with Guess Whose Coming to Dinner on June 23. This meal and fellowship pattern returns at vacation summer's end as on the afternoon of Sunday 26 August we take time as a parish to be with Bo Bonner, Director of Campus Ministry and Assistant Professor at Mercy College. Bo will share a session at 2:00 p.m. that Sunday on Faith, Faith Leadership and Catholic Tradition as these guide and offer direction for Family Life and our lives as Catholics. This session will lead us into 5:00 p.m. Mass with a meal following. The Parish Picnic on August 29 will close out a vacation summer of meal and fellowship. Youth and adult sports, recreation and band concerts opportunities abound through out vacation summer days. In our sharing in these community events may we bring forth the good witness of our Christian fellowship and good interaction with those beyond our faith community.

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Our diocese rejoices in the June 30 ordination to the diaconate of Terry Ball and priestly ordination of Dc. John Lamansky at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Summer days will be far from lazy for our Diocesan Pastoral Council's Vision 20/20 Steering Committee which will be looking forward to early fall Parish Listening Sessions and later fall Regional Listening Sessions as we as a diocesan church respond to Bishop Zinkula's call to observe, listen, ask questions, reflect, and chart out a direction for ourselves as a diocese under Bishop Zinkula's leadership. Our Bishop will note the first anniversary of his episcopal ordination and the completion of his first year as our bishop on June 22. We pray for him many good years in episcopal ministry and like good years of service as the Ninth Bishop of Davenport.

I trust that summer will bring to us as individuals, couples and families opportunities to find rejuvenation in this nature's season of growth. In these days of sunlight's earlier dawning and the lingering light of evening my God nurture us in the love of friendship and family bring us to greater growth in the Spirit.

Summer Blessings

Fr. John



Pictured are the 2018 graduates that attend St. Mary Oskaloosa. L-R - A. Chavez, E. Grahek, Fr. John, I. Feudner, Fr. Tom, S. Katko, S. Carmichael, N. Reiter, J. Kruse, M. Callejo and Samantha Ridder. We are proud to announce that I. Feudner and N. Reiter were Co-Valedictorians for their class.



In Memoriam

Joan Carter April 24, 2017
Jil Veldhuizen June 29, 2017
Terry Bates July 8, 2017
Robert Hammes July 29, 2017
Virginia Sullivan September 10, 2017
Patricia Walker September 17, 2017
Earl Macksey January 3, 2018
Jean Allen February 2, 2018

St. Mary Scholarships

The St. Mary's Parish Scholarship is awarded each May to students who are members of St. Mary's Parish, Oskaloosa, and are currently graduating from a local high school. The various scholarship funds were established by generous church members or by their heirs, as memorials.

Recipients this year are Isabel Feudner, Emily Grahek, Sydney Katko, Jarad Kruse, and Nicholas Reiter.

Memorial Day Mass

The Memorial Day Mass held on Monday, May 28th at 8 am honored those deceased from our Parish or buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. They include Joan Carter, Jil Veldhuizen, Terry Bates, Robert Hammes, Virginia Sullivan, Patricia Walker, Earl Macksey and Jean Allen.

Ice Cream Social

In honor of Samantha Ridder's graduation with her Masters in Theological Studies, ice cream will be served in My Father's House after the 5:00pm mass on June 3.

There will be no masses on June 5 and June 6.

The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday June 6 and **July 4.**

Presence

Formed.Org

The Mystery of the Eucharist

What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

<https://formed.org/study/5ac5564c60ba331000593b39>

Parish Mission

A Parish Mission will take place on Sunday, August 26 starting at 2:00pm and finishing with a dinner after the 5:00 pm mass.

Welcome Through Baptism

Nora Rose Elder
Baptized on April 21, 2018
Daughter of
Jessica
and
Bradley Elder

Welcome To the Parish

Shawna, Lori, Dylan
Patzel

And

Lulu, Max, Caroline
Orduña



Thank you to all who helped help with Stop Hunger Now meal packaging and provided financial support. We still have over \$1000 to cover the total cost of \$3183.08.



The end of the Faith Formation year was celebrated with a Carnival sponsored by St. Mary Oskaloosa Knights of Columbus.

'God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family in your name, Amen.'



—St. Mary's Parish Mission—
**Take the Lead in Your
Family's Faith**

Resources from the Catholic Tradition that show us where we need to go and how to help others get there in our daily lives.

Aug. 26, 2018

The mission will start at 2pm with babysitting provided and conclude with dinner after the 5pm Mass. Mark your calendars NOW and plan to join us for a great afternoon!

Guest Speaker: Bo Bonner

Bo Bonner is the Director of Campus Ministry and Assistant Professor at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, IA. He has taught at Newman, Wichita State, Tulsa, and Oklahoma State Universities as well. He converted to Catholicism in the midst of Protestant Seminary at Duke Divinity School, coming into the Church at Easter, 2006.



June

- 2 – Nolan Scott
- 3 – Molly Hite
- 7 – Misty Callejo
- 8 - Faith Van Mersbergen
Yoselin Rodrigez
- 11 – Kenny Settmi
Logan Shipley
- 12 - Faith DeRonde
Tierney Thomes
- 17 – Rachel Frost
Brendan Naughton
- 18 – Chloe Yang
- 19 – Faith DeRonde
- 20 - Gavin Wilson
- 21 – Leon Medina
- 25 – Layton Van Renterghem
- 26 – Josalyn Reddy
- 28 – Nayeli Nicolas
Morgan Reddy
- 29 - Carter Parks
Caleb Septer
Cora Snakenberg

July

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

August

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

Birthdays listed are those of our younger parishioners.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

June

- 1 Jason & Melissa Loner – 22
Mark & Joann Jackson - 43
- 3 Matt & Shanna Smith – 12
- 4 **Roy & Melissa Harwood – 35**
- 5 Vern & Diane Bunnell – 47
- 8 Brian & Helen Moore - 22
Mike & Mary Vogt – 44
Nick & Arlene Durian – 50
- 9 David & Mary Anderson – 38
- 11 Matt & Shawna Besco – 18
Mark & Janine Moore – 24
- 12 Ray & Lorraine Becze – 42
- 13 Jeff & Melissa Beuthien – 9
- 14 Duane & Karen White - 38
Lee & Merri Hawker – 43
John & Deborah Besco - 49
- 15 Chris & Mollie Roach – 17
Gary & Lana Wanders – 28
Gary & Brenda Smith – 39
- 18 Jake & Haley Jenkins – 2
Salvador & Bertha Chavez – 7
Kathleen Fryer – 44
- 20 Luke & Zer Yang – 15
- 21 Mark & Jessica Willett - 15
- 26 **Mark & Mary Jane Sullivan – 25**
Paul & Dede Feist – 33
- 27 Jim & Shelly Kruse - 20
- 29 Mark & Kirsten Stek – 17
Phong & Mai Yang – 22
Karl & Mary Wisbrock - 44



July

- 1 – **Mark & Julie Mitrinin – 40**
- 2- Jason & Stephanie Vallone – 4
Kevin & Carolyn Pederson - 13
- 3 – Kevin & Kim Lowry – 25
Jim & Val Durian – 47
- 7 – Wayne & Lynette Vitzthum – 29
Norman & Carolyn Wellings – 48
- 9 – Jim & Sharon Lanphier – 24
- 10 – **Russ & Deb Reiter – 25**
- 12 – John & Jane Nicholson – 27
- 14 – **Mike & Donna Scanlon - 45**
- 17 – Chip & Lauren Terpstra – 14
- 18 – Craig & Kimberly Sytsma – 26
John & Theresa Grahek – 31
- 20 – A. J. & Sarah Kool – 16
Alan & Linda Siebens – 27
- 26 – Gary & Jean Anderson - 3
- 27 – Bob & Carolyn Oberhauser – 44
- 28 – **Lloyd & Marilyn Weber – 45**
- 31 – Dave & Ellen Alexander – 14

August

- 1 - Nick & Michelle Smith – 20
Jim & Nancy Spry – 54
- 2 – Dustin & Kate Hite – 10
- 3 – Randy & Sheila Denburger - 44
- 4 – Felix & Suzy Lopez – 6
- 5 – Michael & Suzette Striegel – 29
- 8 – Bobby & Jane Opheim – 21
Greg & Molly McCaulley – 31
Andy & Diane Davis – 37
David & Carol Polkowske – 48
- 10 – Tom & Minnie Richardson – 22
- 13 – **Wes & Ruby Johnson – 35**
Ben & Carol Douglas – 53
Marvin & Nancy Feist – 58
- 15 – Brant & Laura Brummel - 9
- 20 – Frank & April Gorski – 36
- 22 – Rick & Sharon McCombs – 26
- 24 – Tim & Kathy Boyle – 27
Gary & Ellen Greene – 50
- 27 – Mark & Robin Anderson – 15
- 28 – Jodi & Rich Krejci – 19
Kelly & Debbie Blunt – 47
- 30 – Jake & Leisa McGee – 27
Bruce & Cyndi Peiffer – 33
- 31 - Phil & Pat McFadden - 61

Vacation Bible School

You can register online at www.stmaryosky.com for VBS. VBS will be held from 8 am until 12 noon during the week of June 11 to June 15. There are, also, opportunities for older youth to volunteer.

Catholics in Action

Registration for CIA ends on May 30, 2018 and will take place June 25, June 26 and June 27. This is for Middle School students.

Sacrament Camp

Sacrament Camp will be held for those in second grade from July 23 and July 27.

Christ Our Life

Mark your calendar for September 29 & 30, 2018 Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. More information can be found at the website www.christourlifeiowa.com.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be August 29 at Edmundson Park. Mass will be at 5:30 pm with hotdogs and hamburgers to follow. Stay tuned for more information in the bulletin.

Please contact the Parish office on any updates to your street address, email address, phone number or family. If your name is missed in an anniversary or younger parishioner birthday, it might be because we don't have current information. Thank you.

Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner

We had such a good time doing this in March that we've decided to do it again. On Saturday, June 23 we will again celebrate our parish by meeting at each other's homes for a meal. The dinner party hosts don't know who is coming for dinner and the dinner party guests don't know where they are going until the night of the meal. The hosts will provide a main course and the guests will bring a dish to share. All parishioners over the age of 21 are invited, SINGLES or couples and babysitting will be provided.

Some join us for a fun evening. See for yourself what everyone is talking about. You can sign up after mass on June 3 and June 10 or you can contact Susan at 673-9669 / gsknox@mahaska.org or Marianne at 673-5707 zavacki@outlook.com.

The last day to sign up will be June 11.

Stewardship

Stewardship means appreciating the gifts we have been given and growing those gifts before we pass them on. This applies not only to farmland and forests but also to our faith. We have received a great gift and as true disciples, we must nourish it and pass it on. It is our duty as human beings and as Catholics.

Many think of giving money when they hear the word “stewardship” in relation to Church, but treasure is not the only way to pass on the gift of faith; time and talent are also wonderful means of giving. Even those with abundant treasure to share should also consider giving of themselves.

Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,
Teach me to be generous as You have been generous with me.
Teach me that all I am and have are gifts from You
and that these gifts are meant to be shared.
Revel to me the joys of generosity.
Help me to understand that others,
perhaps unknown to me, depend on my assistance.
Keep me ever mindful that as Your disciple,
I am called to be a “Good Samaritan”
and to share the “Good News” with the world.
Make me a gift to others in Your name.
Amen.

Vision 20/20

The time is NOW for the Diocese of Davenport to move forward and fill every life with the joy of the Gospel through a fresh encounter with Jesus Christ! Join Bishop Zinkula in opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit through ‘Vision 20/20’: From Pentecost to Pentecost. This diocesan-wide effort will begin with Listening Sessions in all parishes, school and ministries in the Fall of 2018, followed by Regional Conversation, and then a two-day Convocation in the Spring of 2019. At the Convocation, we will celebrate our unity in the joy of the Gospel and identify effective ways in which to share the Good News with others. In the Fall of 2019, we will take the next steps in our parishes, schools and ministries. Finally, there will be a diocesan celebration during Pentecost of 2020 to keep the momentum going. Please prayerfully consider your participation in Vision 20/20.