



# The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

January, February, March 2019

Parish Family,

The coming out of the Christmas Season into the Sundays we note with ordinal numbers and therefore, which bear the title "Ordinary Time" is always more than ordinary and rather variable. The length of this first section of Ordinary Time is always determined by the end of the Christmas Season and the opening of the Season of Lent. The Christmas season closes after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which closes either a 20 or 15 day Season of Christmas. This year the worship calendar noted this lengthiest of Christmas Seasons. Ordinary Time's second section within the Liturgical Calendar comes in June after the Feast of Pentecost. Our return to an Ordinary Sunday will come on June 30th after the doctrinal feast Sundays that also follow Pentecost.

Ash Wednesday itself can be as early as February 4th or as late as March 10th. This year Ash Wednesday is on March 6th with Easter then on April 21st. Should Ash Wednesday fall on the 10th of March then Easter too is as late as it can be falling on April 25th. With Ash Wednesday on the late side on March 6th we will have 7 Sundays of Ordinary Time from January 20th through March 3rd.

These counted Sundays, 2nd, 3rd, 4th ... 8th Sunday will have us moving from the wedding at Cana in Galilee onto the synagogue of Nazareth; on to the shore of the Sea of Galilee and out on to the sea, fishing with Simon, Peter and on into Luke's sermon on the level plain.

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To cast off the dull drums of our Mid-West Winter with St. Mary Oskaloosa Sweet Sunday Social on February 10th and at the St. Mary Pella Spring into Auction on February 23. Throughout Europe these days between the Christmas Season and Lent are great festival days closing out with Mardi Gras as we take off our robes of joy to mark ourselves with ashes proclaiming, "Repent and Believe in the Gospel". Our St. Mary Oskaloosa and St. Mary Pella Knights of Columbus will lessen the harshness of our meatless Fridays with their respective Fish Fry's.

On Lenten Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Pella in the east wing and Lenten Sunday evenings at St. Mary Oskaloosa following the Sunday night 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Fellowship Center, come and share in a time of adult faith formation sharing on the Passion, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost narratives of Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles.

Fr. John



### Welcome, Madonna

As we say good bye to Suzy Lopez, we welcome Madonna Bowie as the new parish secretary. Madonna has been a parishioner since 1983. She has served our parish throughout the years as a Cantor, Eucharistic Minister, Reader, St. Mary Altar Society, and Director of Religious Education, and parish council. She is working out of the Parish Office during regular business hours of 8:30-12:30 Monday through Friday. She had managed her husband's Dental office for over 30 years and is active on community boards.

Stop in and say **Hi!**



## Children's Mass

Luke and Regan  
Abrahamson read  
the readings for  
the Children's  
mass.



### ***Repentance, it's not just about making it to the Confessional!***

**Three Stages of Repentance** - Confess, Forgive, Renounce

**Confess** - Go through your life and confess your sins out loud asking for forgiveness.

**Forgive** - Forgive those who sinned against you. Forgiveness is not permission. True freedom from past wounds can only come from speaking, out loud, words of forgiveness. If you do not allow the mercy of God to go out from your heart, how can you welcome His mercy into your heart?

**Renounce** - Ask for the grace of Jesus Christ to hate your sin! Sin dehumanized us. This is why we need to despise those things that lead us to sin.

**Four Aspects of Repentance** - Interior, Reorientation, Social, Exterior  
(The four aspects should be present in all three stages of repentance.)

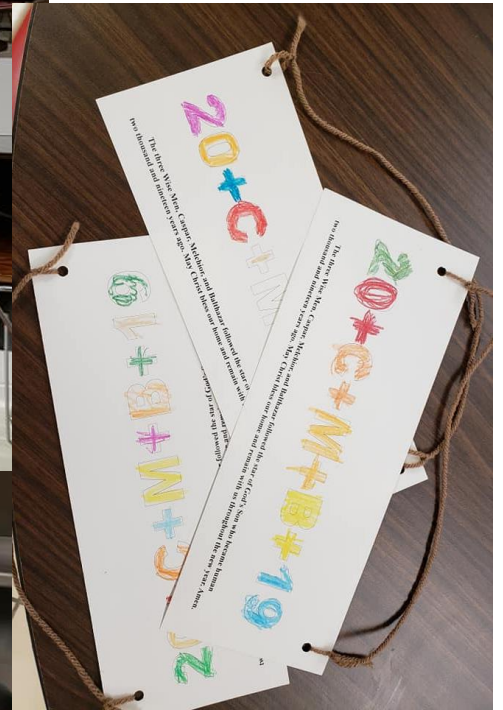
**Interior** - It starts with the heart. Repentance is an *interior* and spiritual affliction of your heart. Your inward disposition has to come first.

**Reorientation** - It is a radical reorientation of your life! You cannot continue to travel down the same path that has/continues to lead you to sin.

**Social** - The social repercussion, our sin effect people even when we don't see the effects. We need to go ask for forgiveness as well as give forgiveness to others. This rebuilds the bridges that have been damaged, in turn, it also builds up our community.

**Exterior** - A public expression of repentance. Public penance is done through almsgiving (giving of money to charity), fasting, and prayer. Have you ever gone to Confession and then give money to the poor? When one takes the good things of this world and gives them away or fast from them we are saying that God and faith in Christ Jesus is even more important than the good things of this world!

*Repentance is not about guilt, it's about leading us closer to Jesus Christ!*



**Family Day**  
**Epiphany**  
**Celebration!**

### **Family Day - Epiphany Celebration!**

In many cultures, Epiphany is a bigger celebration than Christmas. As Christmas is when Christ was introduced to the Jews and Epiphany is when He was revealed to the world through the Magi. To celebrate Epiphany our Faith Formation students and their families learned about several different Epiphany traditions from around the world.

Students made their own Kings Day Bread with donuts, a tradition from Mexico. They heard 'The Legend of Old Befana' a traditional Italian story about the Magi. House blessings were made to hang on doors. Feet were also frozen as students plunged them into a bucket of ice looking for a marble much like Eastern tradition of jumping into freezing water to retrieve a crucifix. The crucifix is usually thrown into the lake or river by the local Bishop who also blessed the water. The one who receives the crucifix is given a special blessing for the year.

**Lenten Altar Server Training**

**Feb. 17th at 10:15 am.**

## Ash Wednesday Services

A sacramental is a devotional ritual such as making the Sign of the Cross upon oneself and invoking the Name of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and a blessed object such as Holy Water, Cross, Crucifix, statue, medal, etc.. The use of sacramentals follow from the priesthood of one's baptism. They enable one's better cooperation with divine grace. The blessing and imposition of ashes is the primary devotional sacramental of Ash Wednesday. The reception of ashes marks our acceptance of the call of Lent: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

SMO and SMP as two parishes 22 miles apart served by one priest, struggle to schedule worship services in good number and at good times. This is reflected in our schedule of Sunday Masses. It is recognized that two evening Masses of Sunday vigil and day cannot be scheduled at good times for both: one Mass will be too early and the other will be too late. Which is why SMO and SMP have one Mass on Saturday evening at SMP and one Mass on Sunday evening at SMO.

The scheduling of Ash Wednesday Masses is made even more difficult for there is no option for a Vigil Mass the evening before Ash Wednesday. This has required an evening Mass earlier than desired at SMO and latter than desired at SMP.

Ash Wednesday is not a day when participation at Mass is an obligation. The primary sacramental of Ash Wednesday is the imposition of ashes. Ashes may be imposed within Mass or within a Scripture Service without Mass. A lay minister often an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist may lead a service of scripture reading and imposition of ashes blessed previously by a priest or deacon. Lay ministers may also assist a priest or deacon with the imposition of ashes as they do with the Eucharist within Mass. A priest may preside at a Mass in which ashes are blessed and imposed. A deacon may lead a service in which ashes are blessed and imposed within a scripture service.

Given the dilemma that the scheduling two Ash Wednesday evening Masses result with one being too early and the other too late, SMO and SMP will employ a Service of Ashes and Scripture without Mass lead by a deacon and another, a Service of Ashes within Mass presided over by a priest.

The SMO and SMP Ash Wednesday service schedule is: The Imposition of Ashes within Mass at 7:00 a.m. - SMO; at 12:15 p.m. - SMP; 6:00 p.m. at SMO and an Imposition of Ashes and Scripture Service without Mass at 6:00 p.m. at SMP. The 6:00 p.m. hour is a good service schedule time for both SMO and SMP. In future years the 6:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes within Mass and the Imposition of Ashes without Mass services will be in an alternating schedule between SMO and SMP.

Fr. John

Stations of the Cross

March 8, March 22, April 5 St. Mary Oskaloosa 5:30 PM  
March 15, March 29, April 12 St. Mary Pella

Friday Night Masses

March 15, March 29, April 12 St. Mary Oskaloosa 5:30 PM  
March 8, March 22, April 5 St. Mary Pella

Communal Penance

March 23 - 10:30 AM St. Mary Oskaloosa  
March 24 - 2:00 PM St. Mary Pella

**Soup Supper**

**Ash Wednesday**

**March 6**

After 6:00 pm mass  
Tomato Basil soup  
Cheesy Broccoli soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
Cookies

**Social Action Commission**

January 31  
Love INC Meal  
First Christian Reformed Church  
Contact Jeannie Kingma at 641-660-2135 or [jmkingma@pella.com](mailto:jmkingma@pella.com)  
If you would like to volunteer to help serve.

**Adult Faith Formation**

Passion, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost  
narratives of Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles.  
**Fellowship Center after the Lenten Sundays 5:00 pm mass**

**Diocesan Chrism Mass**

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
April 15 2:30 PM  
Davenport

Social Action Commission of St. Mary will be hosting  
**End of the Month Meals**  
**February 25, 26 and 27**  
at the Parish Center  
Volunteers will be needed.  
Contact Jeannie Kingma at 641-660-2135 or [jmkingma@pella.com](mailto:jmkingma@pella.com)

**February 3**  
**Feast of St. Blaise**  
**Congregational blessing of throats at Mass**

**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 6**  
**Mass - 7 AM and 6 PM - St. Mary Oskaloosa**  
**12:15 PM Mass - St. Mary Pella**  
**6:00 PM Word Service - Deacons St. Mary Pella**

### **Triduum and Easter Service and Times**

**Holy Thursday**  
**April 18**  
**7:00 PM - St. Mary Oskaloosa**

**Good Friday**  
**April 19**  
**3:00 PM - St. Mary Oskaloosa**  
**7:00 PM - St. Mary Pella**

**Holy Saturday Vigil**  
**April 20**  
**8:30 PM - St. Mary Pella**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 21**  
**8:00 AM - St. Mary Oskaloosa**  
**10:30 AM - St. Mary Pella**  
**5:00 PM - St. Mary Oskaloosa**

# Birthdays

February	March	April
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 21 Isaac Knockel 23 Tyler Hirl Cameron Hirl 27 Xavier Lemke 28 Quinn Krejci Donivan Tighe Cole Younger	4 – Alex Yang 5 – Aubree Kool Sullivan Tighe 6 – Felicity Reddy 9 – Isaiah Vallone 11 – Jamison Ireland 12 – Nolan Miller 29 – Ellie Henry Khydin Yang  Birthdays listed are those of our younger parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office for corrections	3 – Claire Kelderman 4 – Grace Norberg Noemi Rodriguez 7 – Jack Miller 9 – Grayson Bares 10 – Trevor Willett 11 – Casey Baty Brooke Richardson 14 – Nicholas Koenig 19 – Melina Arellano Jenna Appleget 20 – Stella Bares 21 - Wyattte Loner 22 – Aidan Krejci Denaly Moreno-Martinez 24 – Hadley Weber 26 – Traiton Akers Melia Lopez 27 – Nathan Kelderman 29 – Alison Arellano

# Anniversaries

February	March	April
6- <b>Angelo &amp; Rose Dazzo - 47</b> 10- <b>Jake &amp; Elaine Jacquay – 45</b> 13- <b>Kerry &amp; Kyoko Naughton - 14</b> 15- <b>Russ &amp; Beth VanRentergham -32</b> 17- <b>Tom &amp; Mary Rielly – 28</b> 22- <b>Tom &amp; Theresa Sizemore - 29</b>	1 - <b>Douglas &amp; Mary Beth Hunt 39</b> 4 – <b>Robert &amp; Patricia Waters 30</b> <b>Lowell a&amp; Harriet Lenarz 59</b> 7 – Randy & Diane Mick 18 8 – Brian & Amanda Lemke 11 10 – Filiberto & Araceli Arellano 17 <b>Al and Elaine Salanitro 31</b> 12 – Bart and Julie Yachera 7 15 – Chris and Heidi Potot 16 17 – Clayton and Laura Norberg 7 19 – <b>Tom and Madonna Bowie 36</b> 23 – <b>Jerry and Lindy Brandt 28</b> <b>Peter and Virginia Twomey 35</b> 31 – <b>Mike and Molly Sterner 30</b>	8 – Dennis and Mary Parks 19 10 – Mark and Heidi Scholes 17 11 – <b>Lee and Colleen Dennis 38</b> 14 – Nic and Jenni Lynch 12 19 – <b>Ted and Judy Smith 60</b> 20 – Bob & Patti Mitrusin 12 Steven and Annette Wanders 23 24 – <b>Marion and Marj Striegel 26</b> 27 – <b>Doug and Pam Nimtze 28</b>



## Fasting

All Catholic age 18 through 59 are called to Fast on Ash Wednesday (3-6) and Good Friday (4-19). 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.

## Almsgiving

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

## Links for Ideas for Lent

**Your Guide To A Catholic Lent -- <http://bit.ly/2m1beEQ>**

**Best Lent Ever - <http://bit.ly/2mcebBE>**

**Lent (Catholic Bishops)- <http://bit.ly/1AmYycZ>**

**What Should I do for Lent? Pope Francis' 10 tips - <http://bit.ly/2kWTfhS>**

**Rice Bowl - <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>**

**How to Practice Lent at CRS - <http://bit.ly/2m1jSTs>**

## Meal Ideas for Lent

**40 Days of Soup - <http://bit.ly/2lYtgLa>**

**Recipes for Lent: 30 Meatless Meals - <http://bit.ly/2UjZmoX>**