



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

August September October November 2019

Parish Family,

The month of August always goes by too quickly. It opens in the crazy, hazy, lazy pattern of summer days and then suddenly it is a portal to November. Summer opened with an outstanding Diocesan Vision 20/20 Convocation on the expansive St. Ambrose University our diocesan university campus. Our parishes' (SMO/SMP) delegations gathered with folks from across the diocese and from among the 76 parishes of our diocese.

Keynote presentations and breakout sessions all advanced our Bishop's call to a vision of evangelization within one's parish and within all of the parishes and institutions of our diocese. A call to find ways to root ourselves in faith and to flower so as to share a call to faith to others. Our parish delegations have at summer's end shared insights from the convocation with our respective parish councils, to advance opportunities for faith growth and sharing among those of our parishes and reaching out to those beyond our parishes.

While there is no particular work now asked of parishes, it is the want of this Vision 20/20 effort to call parishes to find ways and means to renew and deepen faith within an overall evangelistic out reach. In the face of deadly violence across our nation these past weeks of summer we are encouraged to take action by the phrase: See something. Say something. In the view of Vision 20/20 that encouraging phrase for our good response would be: Believing something: Tell something.

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We need to recognize the value of our faith beliefs and step up to tell others of our joy in life through faith and welcome others to rejoice with us. We are called to awaken others to faith. It may be as we engage others in community works, events and our enterprises of common efforts within various activities and works of faith. Our doing is lead by our believing. We ought not be afraid to share with others our faith.

St. Mary, Oskaloosa celebrates summer at its annual informal weekday Mass in Edmundson Park and within the simple picnic pot luck that follows. St. Mary, Pella did much the same at the evening Mass of the Holy Day, The Assumption of Mary and its picnic supper which saluted the 10th Anniversary of the present St. Mary Church, Pella and the 150th Anniversary of the parish in the community of Pella or as it was known in 1869, "Dutch Settlement". In "The Lord's Supper" and at meal we of Christian faith nourish our faith and the community of our faith. May we be always the welcoming voice and representation of Our Lord's compassion to each other and all others.

Fr. John



First Communion

August 4, 2019

Pictured with
Father John Spiegel

Traition Akers, Jacksen McClure
Leon Medina, John Steinbech,
Jackson Miller,
Omarys Lopez, Isla Curry

Seeking pictures

Cathy O'Rourke Sokup is looking for pictures of the St. Mary's School from the 1960's. If you have any, please drop them off at the Parish Office. Madonna will scan them and send them to Cathy. You will not be giving up your pictures.

Welcome Through Baptism

[Clara Grace Jenkins](#)
Baptized on August 4, 2019
Daughter of
Haley
and
Jake Jenkins

A Student's Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever.

Amen

Upcoming Activities and Celebrations

Parish Picnic following 5:30 pm Mass
August 28, 2019
Edmundson Park

A through G will bring side dishes
H through O will bring desserts
P through Z will bring salad

Save the date for Advent by Candlelight
December 10, 2019

2019 Confirmation Mass
Sunday, November 3rd at 5pm with Bishop Zinkula
Reception to follow in the Parish Center

Readers, Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion, and Sacristan Training
September 15 after the 8:00 am mass.

Altar server training will be held on Sunday, September 22 at 9:15 – 10:15
during Faith Formation Classes.
Anyone 4th Grade and higher as well as adults are welcome.

Sunday, October 27 Praise Band at 8 AM Mass

October 31 Mass for All Saints Day - 6 pm
November 1 Mass for All Saints Day - 7 am
No First Friday Adoration
November 2 Mass for All Soul's Day - 8 am



Members of St. Mary Oskaloosa and St. Mary Pella gathered together to get a picture with Bishop Zinkula at Vision 20/20.

Members of the Vision 20/20 team shared their take aways at a recent Parish Council Meeting.

Madonna-Vision 20/20 stays with me today as I try to find ways to reach out within our church and our community through encouragement and support. Being present for people and listening to their story while validation of their questions or concerns is of utmost importance in Evangelization.

Joann - It reconfirmed the fact that people need to care about each other and know each. We need to feel their happiness and feel their sadness. Vision 20/20 put that into the equation. We can't just preach anymore, we need to go out into the congregation and learn more about the individual. We have so many wonderful people in our parish, we need more fellowship. Fun opportunities to gather, make connections and share in each other's lives.

Susan - In a couple of the sessions I attended, we were reminded that God is Love. Our Baptism calls us to share God's Love with others. We can do this in many ways and one way is by sharing our faith. Sharing our faith doesn't mean standing on a soapbox on the corner, it means to welcome the people around you, care for the people around you, get to know the people around you and share your faith with the people around you.

Samantha - We hear a lot about accompaniment, walking with others, and really listening to peoples stories. This is important, but we also need to reflect on our own story. So we can see where God is working in our lives, understanding why our faith is so important to us, and really knowing the love of God. We were asked at Vision 20/20 to flip the question and stop asking people why they stopped going to church and start asking people why they continue to come week after week? Why do you come to St. Mary's? Why do you volunteer your time here? But how can we ask other people that question if we don't know our own answer?

Fr. John: The mission now of Vision 20/20 is twofold: a call to parishes to root their members into the Gospel; and a call to cultivate within parish members the ability and desire to share the Gospel and an invitation to join the church and their parish with others in the social, community and faith circles of their lives.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will start on **September 8 at 9:15 am.**
Please drop your child off at the classroom. They will catch up with you at breakfast.

Knights of Columbus will be serving a **Faith Formation Kick Off Pancake Breakfast**
on September 8 after the 8:00 am mass

High School Youth Group
September 8
Pizza Kick Off 6:15 - 7:45pm

Fully Rely on God
Junior High Youth Fellowship—Grades 6 - 8th
F.R.O.G. is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month
from 6:30-7:45pm in the Fellowship Center.
Join us for some fun and bring a friend!
First Meeting of the School Year is September 18

Household Sundays!

Household Sundays are an invitation for your entire family to share their faith together with our parish family! The goal of **Household Sundays** is to serve as an opportunity for our parish families to share their faith together in community. Each family is expected to have one adult from their family attend the Household Sunday events with their child(ren).

Household Sundays are held on the first Sunday of each month from 9:15-10:15am in the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parish Band

Any students interested in participating in the Parish Band should contact Jenny Feudner via email jnfeudner@gmail.com or phone 563.537.0123 for more information on practice dates and times.

Parish Council for 2019 – 2020

Susan Knox President
Tony Chavez Vice-President
Debbie Blunt Secretary

Greg McCaulley Maggie Rand Joann Schefers
Shanna Smith Heidi Stefanc Marj Striegel
Tyler Stuerman Perry Thostensen Donna Tylkowski

Please contact a member if you have any concerns.

Birthdays

August	September
<p>3 Aiden Scott 5 Aubree Blanco Kaiden Dressen 7 Andrew Katko 8 Kaitlyn Beuthien 11 Anthony Siebens 13 Sierra Webb 15 Brianna Guild 16 Emily Medina 17 Finn Kelley 21 Cavan Alexander 24 Eric DeRonde 28 Blythe Brummel</p>	<p>1 Tristan Alexander 5 Jazmin Chavez Samuel Nelson Cylee Smith 7 Callen Lynch Ireland McGraw Caroline VanRenterghem 8 Aiden Feist 13 Anthony Chavez 24 Aaron Blom 27 Abigail Hite 28 Oliver Medina 29 Alexa Ramirez 30 Francisco Jr. Ramirez</p>
October	November
<p>2 Noah Lusk 7 Fatima Lopez Ornelas 10 Alexander McCombs Adalein Morrison Genesis Ramirez 11 Lucas Phillips 12 Brett Ingamells 15 Marissa Katko 16 John Krejci Jaxon Peiffer 17 Mathew Phillips 18 Mason McCombs 23 Aylah Curry Autumn DeRonde 26 Lindsay Akers Andrew Nockel</p>	<p>1 Grace Manternach 5 Avery Webb 7 Urijah Curry 8 Carter Peiffer 10 Marianna Arellano 11 Aidan Scholes 12 Sean Knockel 13 Gretchen Krejci 15 Taylor Wickham Carson Abrahamson 18 Warren Feudner 19 Rebecca Beuthien Sarah Phillips 21 Caitleen Potot 23 Shelby Crouse John Phillips 25 Jolie Yang 26 Cristina Rodriguez 27 Nicholas Ingamells 30 Oliver Smith</p>

Anniversaries

August	October
<p>1 Dustin & Kate Hite – 11 Nick & Michelle Smith – 21 Jim & Nancy Spry – 55 3 Randy & Sheila Denburger - 45 4 Felix & Suzy Lopez – 7 5 Michael & Suzette Striegel – 30 8 Greg & Molly McCaulley – 32 Andy & Diane Davis – 38 David & Carol Polkowske – 49 10 Tom & Minnie Richardson – 23 12 Dave and Patricia Fagen - 53 13 Ben & Carol Douglas – 54 Marvin & Nancy Feist – 59 15 Brant & Laura Brummel - 10 20 Frank & April Gorski – 37 22 Rick & Sharon McCombs – 27 24 Tim & Kathy Boyle – 28 Gary & Ellen Greene – 51 27 Mark & Robin Anderson – 16 28 Jodi & Rich Krejci – 20 Kelly & Debbie Blunt – 48 30 Jake & Leisa McGee – 28 Bruce & Cyndi Peiffer – 34 31 Phil & Pat McFadden - 62</p>	<p>1 Tom & Megan Essary - 3 Robert & Tina Schnaffner - 25 3 Duane & Theresa McClure - 11 Bernard & Virginia Janssen - 27 4 Chase & Kaallie Weber – 5 Walter & Judy DeSelm - 44 5 Tony & Kathy Sedrel - 45 8 Jack & Julie Newport - 37 9 Stephen & Cecilia VanGorp - 50 11 Scott & Heidi Stefanc - 22 12 Joel & Vincenz Lobberecht - 6 15 Jay & Michelle Blom - 25 17 Tom & Kathy Donohue - 38 18 Brett & Wendy Bares – 11 Brent & Hillary Svenby - 16 19 James & Diane Sutton - 56 21 Kurt & Susan Kollasch - 30</p>
September	November
<p>5 Curtis & Cindy Paulsen - 26 Steve & Mary Job – 49 6 Larry & Becky Ingamells – 22 Dick & Mary Barnard – 44 7 Mark & Dorothy Mich – 45 9 Neal & Marcia Hadden – 41 10 Tom & Reba Gaughan – 53 11 Paul & Becky Falck – 17 John & Jeanne Porter – 69 12 Scott & Tiffany Snakenberg-21 14 Roger & AnnaMae Wolver – 64 18 Ryan & Michelle Purdum – 20 20 Tom/Jamie VanRentergham-5 21 Andy & Amber Denburger - 6 25 David & Melissa Bower– 9 28 John & Margaret Plate – 60</p>	<p>8 Joe & Sue Durian 50 10 Ron & Kris Mitrisin – 40 13 Paul & Jean Knockel – 20 16 Bill & Linda Snakenberg - 51 19 Jay & Debbie Guild – 12 22 Jeff & Lori Smith – 33 Philip & Mary Jo Hebert 44 23 Ed & Jane Playle – 19 27 Chuck & Joyce Webb – 45 28 Bill & Jan Durian – 60 30 Alan & Linda Adams – 39 Robert & Diane Fuller - 55</p>

Totus Tuus

The energy and excitement the week of Totus Tuus only grew as it reached its conclusion. That Friday was a cloudy, cool, day after a morning of storms. But one could not tell as nearly 30 students lined up at the doors of St. Mary's, Pella ready for water games. After spending a week together the group of grade school students from Oskaloosa and Pella was ready to end on a high note and have fun with their friends new and old.

Totus Tuus is a catechetical program offered through the dioceses, where four college students come to teach the youth from the parish for a week. During the day the team works with the grade school students and then offer a middle and high school program in the evenings. The focus this year was on the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Seven Sacrament. Totus Tuus, however, is more than just a catechetical program, it is a powerful witness. Our youth were able to meet college student so in love with their faith that they gave up an entire summer to be missionaries throughout the diocese. The students also had the chance to learn about vocations, from college students who are activity discerning their vocation. They witnessed their Catholic faith alive in the young people who came to sever them.

Offering the program between the two parishes in Oskaloosa and Pella also gave our youth the change to get to know each other. What started as a group of students a little apprehensive and unsure of what the week would hold, turned into something wonderful. So many farewells included the line, 'I can't wait until next summer!'

