



The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

February March April 2020

Parish Family,

The Sundays after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which closes the Christmas Season are noted with ordinal numbers and therefore bear the title "Ordinary Time" which 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. Ordinary Time's second section within the Liturgical Calendar will come this year on June 21st after the doctrinal feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on June 14.

Ash Wednesday can be as early as February 4th or as late as March 10th. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 26th with Easter then on April 12th. 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 February 26th we will have 5 Sundays of Ordinary Time and the Feast of the Presentation from January 12th through February 23rd. These ordinal numbered Sundays, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th will have us moving from the testimony of John the Baptist on and through Matthew's Sermon on the Mount.

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(Continued from page 1) To cast off the dull drums of our Midwest Winter join us for the SMP Spring into Auction on the evening of February 22 and SMO Sweet Sunday Social on the afternoon of February 23rd. Throughout Europe these days between the Christmas Season and Lent are great festival days closing out with Mardi Gras. Following these days we take off our robes of joy to mark ourselves with ashes proclaiming, "Repent and Believe in the Gospel". Our SMO and SMP Knights of Columbus will lessen the harshness of our meatless Fridays with their respective Friday evening Fish Fry's; The Knights of SMP at SMP and the Knights of SMO at the Oskaloosa Hy Vee Cafe.

On the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 1 all are welcome to the St. Mary's Parish Center, Oskaloosa for a Parish Mission Sunday afternoon presentations and evening meal at the St. Mary Parish Center. Chris McCormick Pries ARNP who works in the area of mental health will share two sessions addressing depression and suicide: **"Not My Kid: What Parents Need to Know About Suicide Prevention"** at 2:00 p. m.; **"More Than Sad, Understanding Teen Depression and Suicide"** at 3:30 p.m. Mass will follow at 5:00 p.m. with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. These presentations are for adults and older youth, parents and teenage youth, all interested parish members at SMO/SMP. Child care will be provided for younger children. Come to one or all the events of this Parish Mission Sunday.

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Center, Oskaloosa, Dr. Micah Kiel PhD., a scripture professor in the theology department at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA will offer a presentation entitled: "Why did Jesus have to die? The political dimensions of Jesus' death". Dr. Kiel notes; "We often think Jesus died only because it was God's will. While this is certainly true, we should also explore within scripture the real political reasons why Jesus died the way that he did. Looking at texts in the Letters of Paul, and the Gospels of Luke and Mark, we can see some real-world reasons why Jesus died a political death." These readings from scripture can provide points for reflection as the Lenten Season bids us to focus on Jesus' Passion." This presentation is a scriptural reflection/study event for the parishes of SMO/SMP for this 2020 Lenten Season.

Both SMO/SMP have had a tradition of working a food packing event. SMO has done so through their Social Justice and Peace Commission and last year the SMP Social Justice Commission worked with Peace Lutheran Church on a common event at The Well. This Lent in the afternoon of The Second Sunday of Lent, March 8th the SMO/SMP commissions will join together in a common food pack event at The St. Mary's Parish Center, Oskaloosa. This is a great time for all; individuals, couples and families of SMO/SMP to come together in this social outreach work of food provision. This event is yet again a combined Lenten event for the parishes of SMO/SMP for this 2020 Lenten Season.

A blessed Lent everyone.

Fr. John

Happenings in our Parish

ST. MARY'S OSKALOOSA & PELLA PARTNER FOR THE LENT 2020 FOOD PACK EVENT

**MARCH 8
1-3 PM**

More Info:
Jeannie Kingma
641-660-2135
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Help Needed:

Volunteer - We will package 20,000 meals at the St. Mary's Oskaloosa Parish Center, on March 8th. Options include set up, meal packing and clean up, between 11:30 am – 4 pm. Sign up using access code: Lent0320 at this Website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.SignupLogin&urlid=4090F4DA8AC2EA5FD0-stmarys>

Donate - St. Mary's Oskaloosa will need to raise \$3100. Each packaged meal is 6 servings with a cost of \$.30. Please prayerfully consider donating, every dollar counts! Give your donations to the Parish Center Office or in collections marked "Food Pack Event".

The meals will go to Food Banks in our local and neighboring communities.

Sweet Sunday Social

Feb. 23, 2-4pm at the Parish Center

Come pre-bid after the 8am Mass, Feb 23.

Join us for a silent auction, delicious desserts, activities for the kids, and more! This event is an essential part of fundraising for our Faith Formation Household Sundays. **Over the past year, our families have had the opportunity to learn together, serve together, and live their faith together with their parish community.** Through your support, we can continue to support our families through these free family events.

You are all invited!

Mental Health: Beyond the Stigma

Chris McCormick Pries, ARNP

Sunday, March 1, 2020 | Free admission | Free Babysitting

St. Mary's Parish Center — 301 High Ave. East, Oskaloosa

2pm — Not My Kid: What Parents Need to Know About Suicide Prevention

3:30pm — More Than Sad, Understanding Teen Depression and Suicide

5pm — Mass

6:30pm — Dinner

Register for free babysitting and dinner by Feb. 23rd.
Registration can be completed online at www.stmaryosky.com
or by calling the Parish Office at 641.673.6680.



Welcome New Members

Pat Thompson
Valerie Aubry and Jeremiah



Welcome
New Member
Susan Dinsmore

Pay It Forward Christmas Charity Inc.

St. Mary's Church,

Words can't express how much I appreciate your generous donation to my program. Your donation will provide toys, clothing coats and boots to 8 children next Christmas.

This year we gave toys and clothing to over 2300 children in over 10 counties in Iowa. Over 200 from Mahaska County.

We couldn't do this without your help!

Again, Thank you so much!

May God Bless You

Mary Sauter & The Pay It Forward Group



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Join us in the Parish Center after the 6:00 pm Word Service on February 26 for soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. A free will offer will be collected.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Join us at Hy-Vee from 4-8pm on Ash Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday, for a fish dinner.

Guess Who is Coming to Dinner

Save the date for the next Guess Who is Coming to Dinner. It will be June 13. More information will be coming on this popular event. Watch the bulletin.

BAPTISMS

Hanna Jo
Daughter of
Nicholas and Amanda Lusk
January 26, 2019

Gatlin Thomas
Son of
Tom and Jamie Van Renterghem
January 26, 2019

Spring cleanup

Save the date of April 18 for cleanup at the Church and Rectory. More information will be coming in the bulletin. Weather permitting.

Lenten Scripture Study

Sunday, March 29 at 2pm

Join Dr. Micah Kiel as he discusses "Why did Jesus have to die? The political dimensions of Jesus' death." This presentation is a scriptural reflection/study offering for the parishes of SMO/SMP for this 2020 Lenten Season.

Lenten Activities 2020

Oskaloosa

February 26

7am Mass
6pm Word Service
6:30pm Soup Supper

Pella

Ash Wednesday

12:15 Mass
6pm Mass

FRIDAY NIGHTS OF LENT

5:30 pm

Stations

February 28
March 13
March 27

Mass

March 6
March 20
April 3

5:30 pm

Stations

March 6
March 20
April 3

Mass

February 28
March 13
March 27

COMMUNAL PENANCE

March 21, 10:30 am

March 22, 2:00 pm

Triduum and Easter Service and Times

Holy Thursday April 9

7:00 PM - St. Mary Pella

Good Friday April 10

3:00 PM - St. Mary Oskaloosa

7:00 PM - St. Mary Pella

Holy Saturday Vigil April 11

8:30 PM - St. Mary Oskaloosa

Easter Sunday April 12

8:00 AM - St. Mary Oskaloosa

10:30 AM - St. Mary Pella

5:00 PM - St. Mary Oskaloosa

Anniversaries

February	March
<p>6- Angelo & Rose Dazzo - 49 13- Kerry & Kyoko Naughton - 16 15- Russ & Beth VanRentergham -34 17- Tom & Mary Rielly – 30 22- Tom & Theresa Sizemore - 32</p>	<p>1 - Douglas & Mary Beth Hunt 39 4 – Robert & Patricia Waters 30 Lowell & Harriet Lenarz 59 8 – Brian & Amanda Lemke 11 10 – Filiberto & Araceli Arellano 17 Al and Elaine Salanitro 31 12 – Bart and Julie Yachera 7 15 – Chris and Heidi Potot 16 17 – Clayton and Laura Norberg 7 19 – Tom and Madonna Bowie 36 23 – Jerry and Lindy Brandt 28 31 – Mike and Molly Sterner 30</p>
April	May
<p>8 – Dennis and Mary Parks 20 10 – Mark and Heidi Scholes 18 11 – Lee and Colleen Dennis 39 14 – Nic and Jenni Lynch 13 19 – Ted and Judy Smith 61 20 – Bob & Patti Mitrisin 13 Steven and Annette Wanders 24 24 – Marion and Marj Striegel 27 27 – Doug and Pam Nimtz 29</p>	<p>1 Randy & Charlotte Katko - 21 2 Jim & Teresa Carmichael - 28 Brent & Christine Williams - 33 4 Chris & Alicia Arkema - 7 5 Edward & Melanie Hirl - 30 6 Stacey & Jodi Chipman - 25 7 Lucas & Teresa Akers - 15 8 Gary & Sandra Davis - 44 10 Mark & Yvonne Mauer - 34 Jim & Marjie Rinehart - 40 11 Matt & Jill Blanco - 18 15 John & Maggie Henry - 21 16 Kathy Schultz – 33 Kevin & Charlene DenHartog - 39 19 Doug & Joy Greenlee - 48 20 Ryan & Kim Tighe - 20 John & Ruth Sherlock - 48 21 Dannie & Shawna Gilchrist - 26 23 James & Jennifer Feudner - 22 25 Andrew & Patricia Frost - 35 27 Daniel & Hunter Diaz-Barry - 3 Jason & Kate Thomes - 20 Wayne & Sharon Hammes - 30 Antonio & Debbie Diaz - 31 28 Art & Marianne Cline - 15 Gary & Jan Mauer - 60</p>

Birthdays

February	March
<p>1 Cecilia Nicolas Benjamin Sherburne</p> <p>2 Ashlee Smith</p> <p>3 Cole Henry</p> <p>4 Garrett Loner</p> <p>6 Gareth Stefanc</p> <p>9 Ian Rosvold Sydney Katko</p> <p>10 Andrea Arellano</p> <p>11 Dylan Purdum</p> <p>14 Grady Kool Jace Goodman</p> <p>17 Shelby Bower</p> <p>21 Isaac Knockel</p> <p>23 Tyler Hirl Cameron Hirl</p> <p>27 Xavier Lemke</p> <p>28 Quinn Krejci Donivan Tighe Cole Younger</p>	<p>4 – Alex Yang</p> <p>5 – Aubree Kool Sullivan Tighe</p> <p>6 – Felicity Reddy</p> <p>11 – Jamison Ireland</p> <p>12 – Nolan Miller</p> <p>16 – Alan Gonzalez</p> <p>29 – Ellie Henry Khydin Yang Salvador Gonzalez</p> <p>31 – Jacksen McClure</p> <p>Birthdays listed are those of our younger parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office for corrections</p>
April	May
<p>4 – Grace Norberg Noemi Rodriguez</p> <p>7 – Jack Miller</p> <p>9 – Grayson Bares</p> <p>10 – Trevor Willett</p> <p>11 – Casey Baty Brooke Richardson</p> <p>14 – Nicholas Koenig</p> <p>19 – Melina Arellano Jenna Appleget</p> <p>20 – Stella Bares Connor Miller</p> <p>21 - Wyatte Loner</p> <p>22 – Aidan Krejci Denaly Moreno-Martinez</p> <p>24 – Hadley Weber</p> <p>26 – Traiton Akers Melia Lopez</p> <p>29 – Alison Arellano</p>	<p>3 – Nicholas Thomes</p> <p>5 – J'Cellia Ireland</p> <p>4 – Emily Grahek</p> <p>8 – Macy Moore Caroline Orduña</p> <p>9 – Charlie Smith</p> <p>14 – Matthew Rosvold Makenna Schaffner</p> <p>16 – Alan Carmichael</p> <p>17 – Luke Abrahamson Linette Ramirez</p> <p>19 – Maryn Scott Dylan Willett Easton Denburger</p> <p>23 – Elysa Loner Jon Steinbach</p> <p>28 – Alexandra Knockel</p> <p>29 – Andrew Scholes</p>

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

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>

Lenten Devotions - <https://watch.formed.org/lenten-reflections>

Meal Ideas for Lent

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

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