



# The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

May June July 2021

Parish Family,

Happy Easter! I love the fact that the Church offers us 40 days of Lenten fasting followed by 50 days of Easter feasting. Easter is, primarily, a season of joy and hopefulness. We rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the new life we have won in Christ. We are hopeful that as Jesus rose from the dead so too one day we will inherit the gift of eternal life.

As we continue to navigate through the COVID pandemic, there are signs that life is beginning to return to normal or at least to a “new normal.” As we have transitioned from seating every third pew to every other pew, the church was the fullest it has been since the beginning of the pandemic on Easter Sunday. There is a vibrancy and positive vibe present during Mass and after as parishioners stay around to share fellowship and build community.

Speaking of community and fellowship, I would like to invite you to be part of a Diocesan wide initiative we are calling the Emmaus program. We do not walk alone on our journey of faith. We need the support, accountability, and prayers of like-minded disciples in order to experience growth in our spiritual lives. By forming an Emmaus group made up of 4-6 fellow parishioners and meeting on a regular basis, you will experience support and encouragement as you seek to live out your faith in Christ. You may already have in mind a group of parishioners you would like to join or invite to form an Emmaus group. Or, if you would like to be part of an Emmaus group but don't have a specific group in mind, we would be happy to place you in a group. All you need to do is contact the parish office. For more information on the Emmaus initiative, you may visit the Davenport Diocese Website; [www.davenportdiocese.org/emmaus](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/emmaus)

Fr. Troy



## Another way to give...Introducing Vanco Online Giving

We are excited to announce that we have an additional way for you to offer your support to our parish that is easy and very user friendly! Vanco is an online platform that is used by the Diocese of Davenport and several parishes in our Diocese to allow parishioners to schedule their regular tithes/sacrificial gifts. Whether you wish to make a one-time gift or you wish to schedule your weekly or monthly tithing, Vanco will allow you do to so by having funds withdrawn from your bank account or debit/credit card. There is a very small fee associated with these withdrawals that allows Vanco to offer their services without charging the parish an annual fee.

Vanco can be quite useful for those who travel often or for those who go South during the winter, to ensure continued and consistent giving to the parish. Whether you wish to give to the Sunday Collection or to another specific area (Church Maintenance, Local Charities, Annual Diocesan Collections, etc...), all you have to do is click on the tile and enter the requested information. Your donation will be automatically deposited into the parish bank account and sent to be recorded so that it appears on your annual giving statement.

Vanco will not be replacing our existing Auto Tithing program. If you already have recurring donations set up, there is nothing you need to do. In order to access our new Vanco online giving page, all you need to do is visit our parish webpage, [www.stmarysosky.com](http://www.stmarysosky.com), and click on the "Giving" link at the top of the webpage. You may go directly to the "Giving" page by visiting [www.stmarysosky.com/giving](http://www.stmarysosky.com/giving). No matter how you choose to support our parish, we are so very grateful to all for your continued sharing of your time, talent, and financial treasure!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights at Mass



Many 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights attended Mass which was followed by an induction of new 4<sup>th</sup> degree members.

## We Welcome New Parish Members

### Through Baptism

Reid Philip Sereg  
Son of  
Grace & Preston Sereg

Joseph Michael Thomes  
Brett Patrick Thomes  
Mary Kathryn Thomes  
Children of  
Jason and Katie Thomes

Aimee & Brandon Keller

Laura Hackworth

Villasenor Andrede Family  
Eleazar, Maria, Amin,  
Eleazar & Shenylee Shan

### Catholicism 101 series

Father Troy's Lenten Series can be found at these links:

#1 - Prayer – [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qii\\_C9VJZ-M&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qii_C9VJZ-M&feature=youtu.be)

#2 – The Eucharist - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ni\\_4TdJ2W-0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ni_4TdJ2W-0)

#3 – Sacraments - <https://youtu.be/AjttmxUzEE8>

#4 – The Bible - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UPntDktc0E>

#5 – Judgement and Mercy - <https://youtu.be/et6EalJ35ZE>

### Directory Volunteers Needed

May 10-15 during directory photos to greet and sign in families

Two hour time slots

Pictures are from 2-8:30 M-F and 10:30-4 on Saturday

Call, text, or email Jeri Lyn Bares if you can help out -- 952-686-3672 [jerilynbares@gmail.com](mailto:jerilynbares@gmail.com)

### Have you signed up for the Church Directory Photo?

Online Sign-ups Are OPEN

Go to - [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com)

Church Code - IA111

Church Password - photos

Picture Settings are May 11, 12, 13, 14

2 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, May 15

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

### Columbiettes

Columbiettes had a meet and greet in April. The first meeting will be at the Parish Center on May 19th at 6:30 pm. All women are invited to join. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Yachera at [jcyachera@gmail.com](mailto:jcyachera@gmail.com).

# Knights of Columbus

Helping Hands



*Installed new doors*



*Kitchen remodel*



*Dry Wall install for Habitat for Humanity*



*Insulation Installation*



*Feature wall installation*

***Knights of Columbus have been working on many Helping Hands Projects.***



Church yard clean up. Thanks to all that were able to help.

**Quarterly  
report from the  
Finance  
Committee**

	<u>Jul '20-Mar 21 Actual</u>	<u>Jul '20-Mar 21 Budget</u>	<u>Jul '19-Mar 20 Actual</u>	<u>Jul 20-Jun 21 Budget</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Ordinary Income	180,745	191,605	189,511	241,300
Auxiliary Income	9,037	8,529	13,427	16,300
Development & Capital Campaign	3,095	0	950	0
Investments & Bequest	31,247	778	22,910	1,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>224,124</b>	<b>200,912</b>	<b>226,798</b>	<b>258,600</b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>				
Administration Expense	123,614	135,442	118,886	174,087
Church Life Expense	1,640	5,864	5,078	6,900
Faith Formation Expense	26,813	46,834	44,479	62,520
Social Action Expense	3,881	1,200	3,761	1,500
Liturgy Expense	9,402	13,369	11,050	14,775
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>165,350</b>	<b>202,709</b>	<b>183,254</b>	<b>259,781</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss) before "Other"</b>	<b>58,774</b>	<b>-1,797</b>	<b>43,544</b>	<b>-1,181</b>
<b><u>Other</u></b>				
Gifts/Scholarships	-6,500	0	-5,000	0
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	54,132		-47,182	
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>47,632</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-52,182</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>106,406</b>	<b>-1,797</b>	<b>-8,638</b>	<b>-1,181</b>

As we move into the last quarter of our financial year, the well-being of the parish is in good order because of your charitable support. This is made even more extraordinary due to the challenging times we have been facing with the impact from the coronavirus. We greatly appreciate every gift that has been made and are humbled by the generosity of our parish, especially during this time of uncertainty and social distancing.

Just a reminder that electronic giving is available. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. You may also drop off or mail donations to the parish office.

Finance Committee - Fr. Troy, Kevin Tacke (President), Dave Polkowske (Trustee), Lori Smith (Trustee), Janet Adrian, Joe Bates, James Feudner, Neal Hadden, Katie Rosvold.

**Church & Family Life Trivia Winners**

**1st** – JoAnn & Mel Schefers, Donna Tylkowski,  
Monica & Lynn Harter, Jesse and Steve Philips and family and Tom Leah

**2nd** – Alan & Linda Siebens

**3rd** – Glenn & Susan Knox

Thanks to all that participated!!

# Birthdays

<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>
<p>4 Grace Norberg     Noemi Rodriguez</p> <p>7 Jack Miller</p> <p>9 Grayson Bares</p> <p>10 Trevor Willett</p> <p>11 Brooke Richardson</p> <p>19 Jenna Applegtt</p> <p>20 Stella Bares</p> <p>22 Aidan Krejci     Denaly Moreno-Martinez</p> <p>24 Hadley Weber</p> <p>26 Traiton Akers     Melia Lopez</p> <p>27 Clara Jenkins     Nathan Kelderman</p> <p>29 Alison Arellano</p>	<p>5 – J’Celiia Ireland</p> <p>8 - Caroline Orduña     Macy Moore</p> <p>9 - Charlie Smith</p> <p>14 – Matthew Rosvold     Makenna Schaffner</p> <p>17 – Luke Abrahamson     Linette Ramirez</p> <p>19 – Maryn Scott     Dylan Willett     Easton Denburger</p> <p>23 – John Steinbach</p>
<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>
<p>1 – John Vicente Gomez</p> <p>2 – Nolan Scott</p> <p>4 – Rylee Roop-Scott</p> <p>3 – Molly Hite</p> <p>7 – Graci Hugo</p> <p>8 - Faith Van Mersbergen     Yoselin Rodrigez</p> <p>12 - Tierney Thomes</p> <p>17 – Rachel Frost</p> <p>18 – Chloe Yang</p> <p>20 - Gavin Wilson</p> <p>21 – Leon Medina</p> <p>25 – Layton Van Renterghem</p> <p>28 – Nayeli Nicolas</p> <p>29 - Carter Parks     Cora Snakenberg</p>	<p>5 – Brooks Moore     Amin Villasenor Andrede</p> <p>7 – Regan Abrahamson</p> <p>8 – Eleazor Villasenor Andrede</p> <p>9 – Lynden Scott</p> <p>11 – Jorja Tacke     Addison Terpstra</p> <p>14 – Marcelo Lopez</p> <p>16 – Luis Garcia</p> <p>17 – Ava Hugo</p> <p>19 – Andes Chavez</p> <p>21 – Georgia Smith</p> <p>22 –Carys Snakenberg</p> <p>25 – Brayden Smith     Bailee Smith</p> <p>27 - Grace Phillips</p> <p>29 – Grant Denburger</p>

# *Anniversaries*

## *May*

- 1 Randy & Charlotte Katko - 22
- 2 Jim & Teresa Carmichael – 29
- 4 Chris & Alicia Arkema - 8
- 5 Edward & Melanie Hirl - 31
- 6 Stacey & Jodi Chipman - 26
- 7 Lucas & Teresa Akers – 16
- 10 Mark & Yvonne Mauer - 35  
Jim & Marjie Rinehart - 41
- 11 Matt & Jill Blanco - 19
- 15 John & Maggie Henry - 22
- 16 Kathy Schultz – 34  
Kevin & Charlene DenHartog - 40
- 19 Doug & Joy Greenlee - 49
- 20 Ryan & Kim Tighe - 21
- 21 Dannie & Shawna Gilchrist - 27
- 23 James & Jennifer Feudner - 23
- 25 Andrew & Patricia Frost - 36
- 27 Jason & Kate Thomes - 21  
Wayne & Sharon Hammes - 31  
Antonio & Debbie Diaz - 32
- 28 Art & Marianne Cline - 16  
Gary & Jan Mauer - 61

## *June*

- 1 Jeannie & Ross Kingma – 8
- 2 Brian & Jeri Lyn Bares - 26
- 3 Matt & Shanna Smith – 15
- 4 Roy & Melissa Harwood – 38  
Jose & Baria Ruezga - 54
- 8 Brian & Helen Moore - 25  
Mike & Mary Vogt – 47  
Nick & Arlene Durian – 52
- 9 David & Mary Anderson – 42
- 11 Matt & Shawna Besco – 22  
Mark & Janine Moore – 27

## *June continued*

- 12 Ray & Lorraine Becze – 45
- 13 Jeff & Melissa Beuthien – 12
- 14 Duane & Karen White - 41  
Lee & Merri Hawker – 46  
John & Deborah Besco - 52
- 15 Gary & Lana Wanders –  
Gary & Brenda Smith – 42
- 18 Jake & Haley Jenkins – 5  
Salvador & Bertha Chavez – 10  
Kathleen Fryer – 47
- 20 Luke & Zer Yang – 18
- 21 Mark & Jessica Willett – 17
- 23 Lynn & Monica Harter - 14
- 26 Mark & Mary Jane Sullivan – 28
- 29 Phong & Mai Yang – 25  
Karl & Mary Wisbrock – 47

## *July*

- 1 Mark & Julie Mitrisin – 43
- 2 Kevin & Carolyn Pederson - 16
- 3 Jim & Val Durian – 50
- 7 Norman & Carolyn Wellings – 51
- 9 Jim & Sharon Lanphier – 27
- 12 John & Jane Nicholson – 30
- 14 Mike & Donna Scanlon - 48
- 18 Craig & Kimberly Sytsma – 29
- 20 A. J. & Sarah Kool – 19  
Alan & Linda Siebens – 30
- 26 Gary & Jean Anderson - 6
- 27 Bob & Carolyn Oberhauser – 47
- 28 Gerald & Jodi Curry - 14  
Lloyd & Marilyn Weber – 48
- 31 Dave & Ellen Alexander – 17

## **Sacraments Camp**

Sacraments Camp is going to be held the week of July 26th - 30th and will end with First Communion on Sunday August 1st. This camp will provide all those who are going to be receiving both first communion and first reconciliation with an awesome opportunity to discover in their hearts the wonderful gift of the sacraments! This event is going to be held this summer almost entirely out doors due to the COVID restriction. The details of this event will be further released as we get closer to the date but if you have any questions concerning this event please contact the DRE of St. Mary's. ([oskystmarydre@diodav.org](mailto:oskystmarydre@diodav.org))

## **Sweet Sunday Social**

This year we are looking to try something new with the Sweet Sunday Social. Unfortunately, we are fairly restricted on what we are able to do this year, but that will not stop us from providing St. Mary's Parishioners with the necessities of life (chocolate cake, cookies, auction items, etc.) In order to give people an opportunity to bid on an item we are going to open up the bidding for an entire week! After the 6:00 pm Saturday April 24th Mass, items will be available for review in the Fellowship Hall and during the week the items can be viewed at the Parish Center. Sweet Goodies will be offered after the masses on April 24th and 25th. You will be able to bid when viewing or bid from the Parish Facebook Page where those bids will be collected and placed on the bid sheets for you. Winners will be announced at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 2nd. Please support our faith formation program by participating in this event!

## **Emmaus group**

If you are wanting to grow deeper in the faith and are interested in a becoming a member of this group please contact Tom Leah! This is specifically for men roughly in their 20's and 30's who are looking for a group of guys to share their faith with. Meetings will be held at Tom Leah's House with a 15-minute video inside (masks required) and bonfire after that.

A women's group has not yet been set up but please email Tom Leah and we can hopefully get enough women who are interested in this to start a group!

## **Salvation through the Rosary**

Tom Leah is going to be giving a talk on "Salvation through the Rosary" according to St. Louis de Monfort. (Warning: It will be similar to the last talk) If you would like to join us, the talk will be held in the church on Wednesday the 28th at 6:30 P.M. At the end of the event, we will be handing out free books on the rosary written by St. Louis de Montfort. So far, it is the best book written on the Rosary that Tom has read and potentially that has ever been written!

**Hope to see you there!**

## **Money Counters**

We are short on volunteers to assist with counting weekly collections. We need at least 2 people and if a couple volunteers we need another person to join them. 4 or more volunteers would make the obligation one month a year.

Thank you for considering this service,  
Contact Madonna at the Parish Office if interested or wish more details.