



# The Annunciation

Bringing news of great joy from the parish

August, September, October, November 2021

## Parish Family,

Every now and then we encounter what might be called a “change of course” along the journey of life. Everything is moving in a good direction and then suddenly something happens that wakes us up or shakes us out of our complacency. A few weeks ago, I experienced one of these “course changers” as I was diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. At first the news was devastating as I began to think of all of the enjoyments I would have to give up. No more late-night munching on a bag of Sterzing potato chips, take-out pizza, or a scoop of ice cream for dessert. Yet, as the reality began to sink in, I realized that there was a great opportunity before me to improve my health and overall quality of life. The key to making the best of this opportunity for change is discipline. Through the discipline of healthier eating and exercise and the help of God’s grace I am determined to turn things around for the better, to become the healthiest version of myself possible.

The same is true of our spiritual lives. To become a more committed follower of the Lord while staying on the narrow way that leads to eternal life requires discipline. It is no mistake that the words discipline and disciple are so closely related. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ requires discipline. As we move into the fall and into a new school year, here are some practices or disciplines we can take up in order to grow to become better disciples.

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Daily Prayer: God made us for communion with Him, both here on earth and someday in heaven. We can begin to experience a bit of heaven here by cultivate a deeper friendship with God in prayer. Dedicate a minimum of 15 minutes a day to prayer and you will experience a greater sense of peace even when life gets a bit crazy.

Daily Reading of the Bible: Live by this rule: No Bible no breakfast, no Bible no bed. Before you take that first sip of coffee in the morning open up the Bible and read even a short passage, just a verse or two. Before you go to bed at the end of the day, open up the Scriptures again and take time to allow God's Word to wash over you. After all, the Bible is our Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Daily Devotions: Pick a favorite devotion and commit to praying it daily. Whether it be the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or the Stations of the Cross, commit to spending time daily with a favorite devotion. If time is short, just pray one decade of the Rosary. If you, like me, enjoy exercising, take your Rosary with you to the gym or on your walk.

Daily Acts of Kindness: As disciples we are called to put our love of God into action. This can be done by committing ourselves to doing at least one act of kindness each day. For ideas, consider one of the corporal works of mercy. Think of ways to give "anonymously" so that we will not receive any credit or accolades.

As we make the minor "course change" from days of summer leisure to the structure of fall activities and a new school year, it is my prayer that we will find joy in living a more disciplined life as committed and faith filled disciples of the Lord!

Fr. Troy

## St. Joseph Camp



St. Joseph Camp was held after the 8:00 am Mass on Sundays at Edmundson Park. Kids enjoy making things and learning about the early church.

## 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 for the Parish

#### Parish Picnic

August 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 5:30 pm

Edmundson Park

A-G please bring a salad

H-O please bring a side dishes

P-Z please bring a dessert.

Bring your own table service, flat ware and napkins

Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be provided as well as some drinks.

Check out the Bulletin for  
Men's Group and Women's Group  
Fall Start-up Dates

Young women's group (ages 18-26) held a cookout on August 4th  
This is a group for all young women between the ages of 18-26  
For more information, please contact Thomas Leah.

#### Columbiettes

The next meeting for Columbiettes will be August 18, 2021  
6:30 pm at the Parish Center

This organization is open to all women over 18 years of age  
If you join in August, your name will be added to the Charter.

**50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass**

**Sunday October 24, 2021 at 2 PM**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Davenport Iowa**

**This is a diocesan celebration for all couples who are  
celebrating fifty years of marriage.**

**50 year celebrants this year 2021**

**Angelo and Rose Dazzo -- Jim and Valerie Durian -- Kelly and Debbie Blunt**

**Last year 2020 celebrants not recognized  
due to the pandemic**

**David and Carol Polkowske -- Norman and Carolyn Wellings.**

**Save the Date**

**Confirmation Mass**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

**Save the Date**

**Advent by Candlelight**

**December 1, 2021**

**Watch bulletin for more details closer to the date.**

**FROG**

**First Wednesday of the month**

**Abrahamson's house - 2108 Carbonado Rd**

**6:30 pm**

**The High School Youth Group**

**Meets on Sundays at 6:15 pm**

**Location varies in the Summer and warmer months of fall**

**Reach out to the Director of Religious Education**

**who will add you to a group-chat**

**Guess Who is Coming to Dinner**

**September 18, 2021**

**Watch the bulletin for more details**

**Welcome to our Parish  
Through Baptism**

May 29  
Kaylee Wagamon  
Daughter of Baylee & Nathan Wagamon

June 19  
Grady Brown  
Son of Abbie & Mike Brown

June 19  
Olsen Mart  
Son of Amara & Andy Mart



**First Communion**

After a week of Sacrament Camp 7 second graders made their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

They are K. Collier, W. Hugo, M. Hite, A. Webb, N. Miller, G. Ramirez, O. Martinez.

They are pictured with Father Troy Richmond and Father Tom Spiegel.

# Birthdays

August	September
<p>3 Aiden Scott                      5 Aubree Blanco                          Kaiden Dressen                          Vriel Gonzalez                      7 Andrew Katko                      8 Kaitlyn Beuthien                      11 Anthony Siebens                      13 Sierra Webb                      16 Gwen Maples                          Emily Medina                      21 Cavan Alexander                      24 Eric DeRonde                      28 Blythe Brummel</p>	<p>1 Tristan Alexander                      5 Jazmin Chavez                          Samuel Nelson                          Cylee Smith                      6 Josie Foster                      7 Callen Lynch                          Ireland McGraw                          Caroline Van Renterghem                      8 Aiden Feist                      16 Misael Gonzalez                          Yoselin Gonzalez                      17 Dario Gonzalez                      18 Lyndi Mart                      24 Aaron Blom                      27 Abigail Hite                      28 Oliver Medina                      29 Alexa Ramirez                          Joseph Thomes                      30 Francisco Jr. Ramirez</p>
October	November
<p>2 Noah Lusk                      7 Hudson Polito                          Fatima Lopez Ornelas                      9 Shennylee Villasenor Andrede                      10 Alexander McCombs                          Adalein Morrison                          Genesis Ramirez                      11 Lucas Phillips                      12 Brett Ingamells                      15 Marissa Katko                      16 John Krejci                      17 Clare Norberg                          Mathew Phillips                      19 Mary Thomes                      18 Mason McCombs                      23 Autumn DeRonde                      24 Wyatt Hugo                      26 Lindsay Akers                          Andrew Nockel</p>	<p>1 Grace Manternach                      5 Avery Webb                      9 Elizabeth Chavez                      10 Marianna Arellano                          Jaxson Walker                      11 Aidan Scholes                      12 Sean Knockel                      13 Gretchen Krejci                      15 Carson Abrahamson                      18 Warren Feudner                          Mason McCombs                      19 Rebecca Beuthien                          Sarah Phillips                      21 Caitleen Potot                      23 John Phillips                      25 Jolie Yang                      26 Cristina Rodriguez                      27 Nicholas Ingamells                      29 Grant Brown                      30 Oliver Smith</p>

# Anniversaries

August	October
<p>1 Dustin &amp; Kate Hite – 13            Nick &amp; Michelle Smith – 23  <b>Jim &amp; Nancy Spry – 57</b>            3 Randy &amp; Sheila Denburger - 47            4 Felix &amp; Suzy Lopez – 9            5 Michael &amp; Suzette Striegel – 32            8 Greg &amp; Molly McCaulley – 34            Andy &amp; Diane Davis – 40  <b>David &amp; Carol Polkowske – 51</b>            10 Tom &amp; Minnie Richardson – 25            12 <b>Dave &amp; Patricia Fagen - 54</b>            13 <b>Marvin &amp; Nancy Feist – 61</b>            15 Brant &amp; Laura Brummel – 12            18 Timothy &amp; Kate Foster - 9            20 Frank &amp; April Gorski – 39            22 Rick &amp; Sharon McCombs – 29            24 Tim &amp; Kathy Boyle – 30  <b>Gary &amp; Ellen Greene – 53</b>            27 Mark &amp; Robin Anderson – 16            28 Jodi &amp; Rich Krejci – 22  <b>Kelly &amp; Debbie Blunt – 50</b>            30 Jake &amp; Leisa McGee – 30            Bruce &amp; Cyndi Peiffer – 36            31 <b>Phil &amp; Pat McFadden - 64</b></p>	<p>1 Tom &amp; Megan Essary - 5            Robert &amp; Tina Schnaffner - 27            3 Duane &amp; Theresa McClure - 13            Bernard &amp; Virginia Janssen - 29            4 Chase &amp; Kaallie Weber – 7            Walter &amp; Judy DeSelm - 46            8 Jack &amp; Julie Newport - 39  <b>9 Stephen &amp; Cecilia VanGorp - 52</b>            11 Scott &amp; Heidi Stefanc - 24            12 Joel &amp; Vincenz Lobberecht – 8            14 Christopher &amp; Denise Rausch - 25            15 Mike &amp; Abbie Brown - 5            Jay &amp; Michelle Blom - 27            17 Tom &amp; Kathy Donohue - 40            18 Brett &amp; Wendy Bares – 13  <b>19 James &amp; Diane Sutton - 58</b>            21 Kurt &amp; Susan Kollasch - 32</p>
September	November
<p>5 Curtis &amp; Cindy Paulsen - 28            6 Larry &amp; Becky Ingamells – 24            Dick &amp; Mary Barnard – 46            7 Mark &amp; Dorothy Mich – 47            9 Neal &amp; Marcia Hadden – 43            10 <b>Tom &amp; Reba Gaughan – 55</b>            11 Paul &amp; Becky Falck – 19  <b>John &amp; Jeanne Porter – 71</b>            12 Scott &amp; Tiffany Snakenberg-23            18 Ryan &amp; Michelle Purdum – 22            20 Tom &amp; Jamie VanRentergham - 7            21 Andy &amp; Amber Denburger - 8            25 David &amp; Melissa Bower– 11            27 Mark &amp; Robin Anderson - 18            28 <b>John &amp; Margaret Plate – 62</b></p>	<p>2 Brandon &amp; Aimee Keller - 2            8 <b>Joe &amp; Sue Durian 52</b>            10 Ron &amp; Kris Mitrisin – 42            13 Paul &amp; Jean Knockel – 22            16 <b>Bill &amp; Linda Snakenberg - 53</b>            22 Jeff &amp; Lori Smith – 35            Philip &amp; Mary Jo Hebert 46            23 Ed &amp; Jane Playle – 21            27 Chuck &amp; Joyce Webb – 47            28 <b>Bill &amp; Jan Durian – 62</b>            30 <b>Robert &amp; Diane Fuller - 58</b></p>

Columbiettes form First Iowa Auxiliary  
With Installation of Officers

Marion  
Columbiettes

July 21, 2021, Marion Columbiettes became the first auxiliary in the state of Iowa. Father Troy was installed as Chaplin for the Auxiliary. Other officers installed were D. Franck, S. Knox, MJ. Sullivan, J. Yachera, C. Abrahamson, and L. Siebens



What a happy group of women! – just some of the new Columbiettes as they gathered at their reception.



The Supreme Council of Columbiettes were here to Install the new Auxiliary – the first in Iowa.