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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

7 am - 3:30 pm

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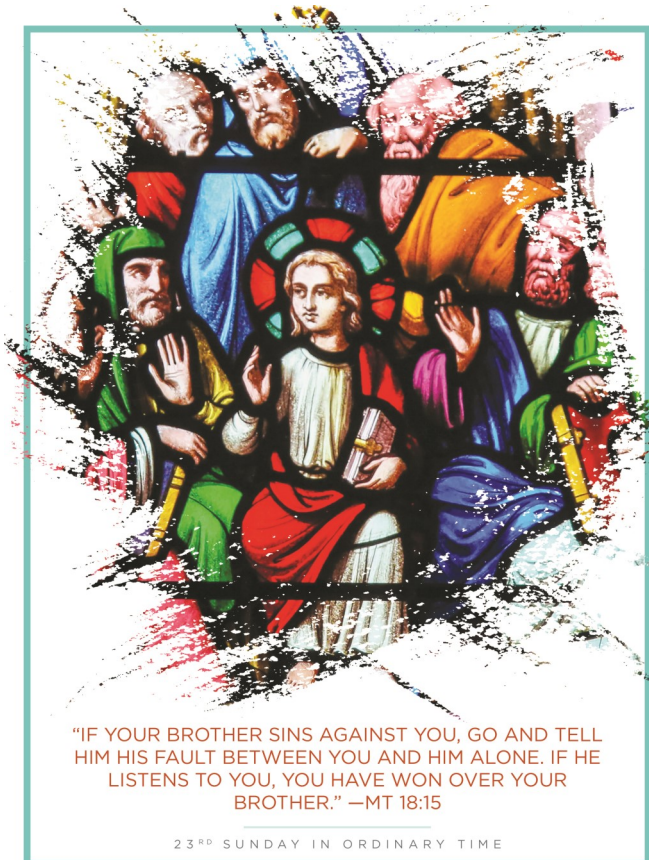
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MOUNT VERNON, IA

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AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*



September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Youth Ministry by Deanna (De) Wagner, Youth Ministry/Young Adult Ministry

Hi sophomores, are you ready to increase your knowledge and relationship with Jesus and learn more about what it means to follow in Jesus' footsteps? If you are, Confirmation preparation class is waiting for you. Your confirmation team is excited to begin a year of fun and spiritual growth with you. Our first session will begin Sunday, September 27th following the 8:30 Mass. Parents are invited. If possible, we would love to have one or both teen's parents participate.

Teen Encounter Christ (TEC)

The Arch Diocese of Dubuque is offering opportunities for high school juniors and seniors to encounter Christ through this three-day Catholic retreat. It is a fun retreat where teens will:

- “Experience a new environment in which to learn and grow;
- Meet other Catholic youth who share similar questions, concerns and hopes;
- Encounter Christ, risen and ALIVE today;
- Find time to reflect on your life, your relationship with others, your relationship with God and much more!”

There are 4 opportunities

- November 6-8, 2020 at Walhert High School, Dubuque
- November 20-22, 2020 at Marquette High School, Bellevue
- February 27-March 1, 2021 at Beckman High School, Dyersville
- March 19-21, 2021 at CFS Elementary School, Calmar

Any family interested in having their teen attend, please contact Deanna (De) Wagner/Youth Minister or Office of: Adult Faith Formation, Dubuque, IA Phone: 563-556-2580 Ex. 253; Email dbqcyam@dbqarch.org

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier, Director of Faith Formation

St. John faith formation sessions theme this year is **“Building a relationship with God through prayer.”** Many years ago, a group of seminarians were gathered, and their Novice Master instructed them, **“Now remember, you are not allowed to chew gum while you are praying.”** One of the seminarians asked, **“But Father, is it ok to pray while we're chewing gum?”** **“Of course,”** the Novice Master replied, leaving them scratching their heads in bewilderment.

This story illustrates that prayer is both an activity on its own as well as a way of living out one's entire life. Prayer can be formal or informal, verbal, or nonverbal, active, or contemplative. Prayer is how we communicate with God. Just as we talk and share with our best friends what is happening in our lives, so we talk and share with God. Just as we listen to our friends, so we listen to God.

We communicate with God using words and songs, in imagination and silence, and ritually or spontaneously. We pray in church, our gardens, our cars, or while in the shower. We pray when we rise in the morning and when we retire for the night. As Catholics, we believe that with the right intention every moment of the day - all our hopes, works, joys, and sufferings - can become prayer.

Working in my local hospital when I was sixteen, one of my jobs was reading to the patients. Almost every time, they would ask me to pray with them or read to them from the Bible. The prayer they often wanted to hear was **“The Lord is My Shepherd”** or **“The Our Father,”** often joining with me as I prayed it. Those prayers, and other prayers they had learned as children, provided comfort when it was difficult to think through the unknown, their fears and pain. I vividly recall the peacefulness that would come over them as the prayer or scripture reading came to an end. It was a peacefulness that was not a result of pain meds but a result of their deep love for God and His Word, Jesus Christ given as grace from the Holy Spirit. Teaching our children how to pray as children is a life-long gift.

September 9: Catechist Zoom In-service at 7:00 p.m. Preschool – 8th grade catechists. Home school packets will begin to be dispersed.

September 16: Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed with Mass at 6:30 p.m. All grades attend class from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

September 20: Sunday, Sessions for preschool and K-3rd grade from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Catechetical Sunday

September 23: Wednesday, 6:00-7:15 p.m. 4th – 8th grade. 7:00-8:30 p.m. freshmen and sophomores only.

September 27: Sunday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. preschool, and K-3rd grade from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

September 30: Wednesday, 6:00-7:15 p.m. 4th – 8th grade. 7:00-8:30 p.m. junior and seniors only.

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



Starting Sunday, Sept. 13th there will be **NO 10:30 am Mass.**



Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,326.92

August 30, 2020

Budget, Adult.....	\$2,496.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 117.00
Facility Up-Keep	\$ 100.00
Total Collected	\$ 2,713.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$47,942.28
YTD collections received	\$42,425.00
YTD over/ short	\$ 5,517.28



Wednesday, September 9th

8:30 am - Byrdena Ulrich



Friday, September 11th

8:30 am - Pat Montogery

Sunday, September 13th

8:30 am - Alison Horton Jacobi

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday:
Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35