

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PALO ALTO COUNTY

WEEKLY BULLETIN / PARISH NOTES

Holy Family Parish – Emmetsburg / Immaculate Conception Parish – Graettinger

Serving the Catholic parishioners of Ayrshire, Emmetsburg, Graettinger, Mallard and Ruthven

September 18, 2021

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.....

The following has been given us by the Diocesan Covid-19 Task Force which is now meeting again on a regular basis.....

- No sign of Peace during the liturgy
- Communion under the form of Bread only remains
- It is **strongly urged that all parishioners** receive communion in the hand during the Pandemic
- If you are going to receive communion on the tongue, you no longer have to wait until the end of the communion line, you may come up at any juncture and/or time
- Communion Ministers should always use hand sanitizer before the distribution of communion
- **COMMUNION MINISTERS AND PRIESTS SHOULD WEAR A MASK DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

We continue to monitor the progress of the pandemic and will update as soon as we have the information.

E-MAIL AND MOBILE CONTACT INFORMATION: We would also like to have your current E-mail address and cell number. You can email all your changes to Tami Treiber @ ttreiber@e-irish.org. Please help us keep our information up-to-date.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.....will begin on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Class times will be the same as last year. Grades 1-5 will meet from 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. and grades 6-12 will meet from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration forms will be in the back of the church beginning September 19 until classes begin on October 6. We will also have forms available that night. The fee is the same as in the past. We are currently looking for a teacher for grades 6-8 and substitutes for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please contact Jill Mielke, DRE, at 712-363-3442.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

September 19 - 26, 2021

Saturday	September 18	5:00 p.m.	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(E)	Parish Families
Sunday	September 19	8:30 a.m.	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(G)	Larry and Elaine Hoffman - 55 th Wedding Anniversary
		10:30 a.m.	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(E)	Patricia Martini
Monday	September 20	9:30 a.m.	Ruthven Care Center	(R)	Robert and Mary Kirschbaum
Tuesday	September 21	8:00 a.m.	Saint Matthew the Apostle	(G)	Lois Graettinger
		1:30 p.m.	Lakeside Lutheran Home	(E)	Marge Brown
Wednesday	September 22	12:15 p.m.	Weekday	(E)	Mary Ann Young
Thursday	September 23	8:00 a.m.	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina	(G)	John Elbert
Friday	September 24	7:30 a.m.	Weekday	(E)	Fr. J. Charles Yetmar
Saturday	September 25	5:00 p.m.	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(E)	Larry Herbers
Sunday	September 26	8:30 a.m.	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(G)	Parish Families
		10:30 a.m.	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(E)	Gayle Myers Brown

WEEKLY OFFERING: Holy Family - \$7,102.62; Immaculate Conception - \$4,466.00.

TIME & TALENT FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 25th & 26th

	Emmetsburg 9/25 5 PM	Graettinger 9/26 8:30 AM	Emmetsburg 9/26 10:30 AM
Ushers	Dan Hewitt Tim Bunda Mark Stillman Bill Brennan	Tim & Jill Mielke	Dave Waldschmidt Leo Goeders Bob Soenen John Spies
Lectors	John Brown	Kim Hoffman	Molly Leman
Sacristan/ Mass Set-up		Betty Millea	
Hospitality Minister		Alice Johnson Becky Peters	
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Weis	Lynn Park	Lynn Schultes
Servers	Ava Swift Lily Swift	Kenzie Hoffman Jayden Joyce	Bella Zylstra-Reedy Nique Biliran

WEEK-DAY LECTOR AT HOLY FAMILY: Week of September 20: Angie Beem

HOLY FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE... We are in need of a teachers for the *third* and *fourth* grades. Again, this is a great way to serve our parish. Please contact Fr. Bill if interested.

FUNDRAISER FOR BIKE TRAIL AT FIVE ISLAND.....will be September 26 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

THANK YOU to the estate of DeEtte Graettinger for her recent gift to Immaculate Conception Parish. Please keep our benefactors in your prayers.

RCIA CLASSES will begin Thursday evening, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Parish Center of Holy Family for the classes. Even if you haven't signed up and would like to come and see what the program is all about, please come to this first meeting.

HOLY FAMILY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tootsie Roll Drive will be this weekend after masses.

THANK YOU to the Holy Family Knights of Columbus for their recent generous donation to the new parking lot.

H.O.P.E. / SCRIP

HOPE/Scrip—Do you have a list of Fall projects? Be sure you get your scrip cards before you go shopping for all of your Fall needs! Happy Shopping!

If you have questions, email Mary Brennan, mpbrennan@e-irish.org or call the school office. HAPPY SHOPPING!!!!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PALO ALTO COUNTY NOW HAS 3 WAYS TO GIVE TO THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH.....

- Mobile Giving: "My Parish" App, select Catholic Community of Palo Alto
- Click "ONLINE GIVING" at www.holyfamilyemmettsburg.org
- Cash or check

You specify which parish – either Holy Family or Immaculate Conception – your gift should be applied to when doing online payments. Each week we will apply your donation to whichever church you wish.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PALO ALTO.....

September 23	6:30 p.m.	RCIA begins in Holy Family Parish Center
October 10		Immaculate Conception Parish Chicken Dinner – Graettinger
October 29	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Coffee sponsored Holy Family CDA
November 7		Holy Family Knights of Columbus Turkey Dinner

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE OR EMAIL: If you are new to the parish or if you have a change of address, phone number or email, please contact the CCPA Office in Emmetsburg at 712-852-3187. If you have changed or discontinued your land-line telephone number in lieu of a mobile number, kindly let us know.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-----Opening night of Religious Education in Holy Family will be Wednesday night, September 29. This will be a ‘FAMILY NIGHT.’ All families with children in the Religious Education Program K-12 are invited to come to the Parish Center that night for food and great fellowship beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will also be an opportunity to register for RE Classes for the year. More information will be coming your way.

MASSES AT NURSING HOMES...Again a reminder, because of the rising Covid cases and numbers, the mass scheduled at a particular nursing home may not take place. As of now, only Fr. Bill is allowed to come and say mass, but parishioners outside of the nursing homes are not allowed to attend the mass.

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL CONSOLIDATION...The last several months, the members of the Finance Council and the Parish Council have been working on forming one council. This has been brought about by there not being enough volunteers to fill vacant spots as well as we think we can serve the needs of the parishioners in a much better way by this consolidation. This last week the Finance / Parish Council adopted its new constitution. There are ten members on the council which gives a variety of opinion on our topics. Please be supportive of this endeavor as well as supportive of the people who have willingly volunteered their time and talent as we move forward.

MAGNIFICAT OF NORTHWEST IOWA...Have you ever wondered, “I know how to say the prayers, but did God even hear me? If he did hear, he didn’t answer.” Maybe you thought you just weren’t good at prayer. Prayer is not just saying the prayers, it is our relationship with God.

Magnificat of NW Iowa is sponsoring a retreat on prayer on Saturday, September 25, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City. Our speaker is Fr. Ryan Browning. Registration is \$35, which includes 2 meals and a prayer booklet. Registration deadline is September 20th.

REKINDLE 2021: This conference for students in grades 7-12 will take place at Kuemper Catholic High School on October 17th. We are in need of drivers. Please contact Fr. Bill ASAP if you would be willing to drive. Also, each participant needs to fill out a consent and liability waiver. T-shirt orders are due by September 28th so that we can call in the order. All forms are available in the Parish Office.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE...As Catholics we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. Starting September 22nd is the **40 days for Life** campaign. It is a campaign to act, sacrifice and pray for the end of abortion. Please join us in praying the rosary with pro-life intentions on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the church until the end of the campaign on Oct. 31st. On Respect Life Sunday, October 3rd, at 1:00 p.m. we will be having our annual Emmetsburg Area **Life Chain**. The Life chain is a public, prayerful, peaceful witness against legalized abortion. We will stand for an hour united with other life chains across the country. We will meet at the Swift Air office, please join us rain or shine, sitting or standing for as long as you are able. God Bless, Jeff & Laura Swift

PIZZA RANCH COUPON BOOKS...Emmetsburg Catholic School students in grades 5-8 will begin selling Pizza Ranch Coupon Booklets on September 3 through September 20th. The profits from these booklets are saved for their 8th grade trip. Booklets are \$10 each. If you don't know a student, contact the school office at 712-852-3464. There is a limited supply of booklets.

ECS SCHOOL PICTURES...School Pictures will be Tues., Sept. 21, 2021.

ECS BOOSTER CLUB...has opened a new online store. The store will close on Sunday, September 19th at midnight! There are new designs with a lot of apparel options to choose from.

If you would like to place an order, the link is: <http://ecsbooster2021.itemorder.com/sale>

If you need assistance getting an order processed, please contact ECS Office. They will be able to help get your order placed.

ECS GRANDPARENT'S DAY & BOOK FAIR....ECS Grandparent's Day & book fair that were scheduled on October 8th have been postponed. These events will be rescheduled for spring 2022. The date is yet to be determined. We will let you know when the new date is set. Thank you for your understanding.

SPECIAL ED & CHAPTER READING TEACHER NEEDED...Did you know that Special Education and Chapter Reading is provided for Emmetsburg Catholic School students through Emmetsburg Community Schools? This is a paid position through ECSD no matter which building the personnel is housed. There is currently an IMMEDIATE need for additional staffing in this area of expertise.

If you or anyone you know might be qualified for full or part-time, please have them apply or seek out additional information right away. Since students in both schools will benefit we are helping to spread the word. Our kids need you!!

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FUNERAL LUNCHEON GUIDELINES**

**WE FIRST WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE
SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF LOSS.
WE HOPE OUR VOLUNTEER SERVICES WILL CREATE
AN OPPORTUNITY OF COMFORT, CAMARADERIE AND
FRIENDSHIP FOR YOUR FAMILY.**

SERVICES PROVIDED FREE GRATIS:

**PAPER PRODUCTS NEEDED TO SERVE FUNERAL MEAL
PROVIDED FREE GRATIS**

**SELECTION OF DESSERTS (BARS, COOKIES OR CAKE)
TO ACCOMPANY YOU MEAL PROVIDED FREE GRATIS**

**SERVING OF SANDWICHES OR CATERED MEAL
SELECTIONS FREE GRATIS**

CLEAN-UP SERVICE OF MEAL FREE GRATIS

PREPARATION OF BEVERAGE CHOICE(S):

COFFEE, LEMONADE, ICED TEA AND/OR ICE WATER

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