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## FROM FATHER CHUCK

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.

We are very blest to have our parish Catholic School, Saint Albert. The most wonderful thing is that the Catholic Community has provided a Catholic School Education for the children of Council Bluffs. It is amazing that this community has made such a great sacrifice to insure that the Catholic children have had the opportunity to attend a Catholic School.

The question asked so often is how is Saint Albert doing? I can tell you with great joy that things have never been better at Saint Albert. In my twenty five years working with Saint Albert this past year has been the best year ever. We are in the best financial shape that we have ever been in. The leadership team at Saint Albert is the best we have ever had. Our enrollment at Saint Albert is the best in the diocese. Last year there were 100 new students in the diocese of Des Moines and 33 of these 100 students were new students at Saint Albert. It seems like each day that there are families who are touring Saint Albert and enrolling their children at Saint Albert. This past week the Chamber of Commerce visited Saint Albert. One of the members of the Chamber commented to President Anne Rohling that the high school was so quiet. I have never been around a high school like this. A lady of the Mormon faith remarked that to have a school that has children from six weeks old to a senior in high school is something that there Mormon church does not have anything comparable to what Saint Albert has. It is always inspiring to hear people outside the Catholic Community share these great insights.

One of the goals of Saint Albert is to continue to increase our enrollment. If you are considering a Catholic school education for your children please explore Saint Albert.

There is tremendous financial aid for any child who wishes to attend Saint Albert. There is the Catholic Tuition organization that provides help for tuition for students at Saint Albert. There are also many other financial aids for students. Saint Albert is a very safe environment that teaches the values and virtues of the Catholic Church and the virtues of Jesus Christ.

I said this at the beginning of my thoughts that we are blest to have Saint Albert. I ask you to pray a special prayer for the administration, teachers and staff who work at Saint Albert. Their dedication to bringing Jesus Christ and the teachings of the church to our children is truly a gift from God. Please continue to pray for the success of Saint Albert. Your prayers for our school are what make Saint Albert a great place of Jesus' presence.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated at Saint Peters on Saturday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. I need your help. The reason I am writing this is because of the small class that we have this year. We have 5 confirmation candidates this year so I am concerned about the number of people attending confirmation. What I am asking you is, would you be so kind as to attend the confirmation mass at 6:00 p.m. on February 12th. I want us to demonstrate to Bishop Joensen that St. Peters is vibrant parish and supports our young people on their journey to adulthood in the church.

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Readings for February 6, 2022

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

SAINT ALBERT CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, February 1

5:30—7:00 pm

Visit classrooms, meet the teachers, administrators, and staff.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	2/1/22	8:00 am	Marilyn Ryan
Wed	2/2/22	8:00 am	Bill & Ione Spitznagle
Thur	2/3/22	5:30 pm	Dennis Kirlin
Fri	2/4/22	8:00 am	Daniel & Alma Hughes & Family
Sat	2/5/22	4:00 pm	Charlotte Spoto & Sister Diane Liston OSB
Sun	2/6/22	8:00 am	Fran Beck
Sun		10:00 am	Kenneth Finnegan & Frank Holzer
Sun		Noon	Mike Donovan

SATURDAY, 4PM, February 5, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Noah & Owen Galus, Ella & Ava Bussey

LECTORS: Christina Beck, Jim Beck

EUCH MINISTER: Pat Shadden

USHERS: Jack Gross, Maxine Gotto, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, February 6, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: George & Audrey Garst, Missy Evezic, Anthony Busch

LECTORS: Genette Wirtz, Sean Dunphy

EUCH MINISTER: Sheryl Garst

USHERS: Lindsay Andersen, Sue Brownlee, Dennis Coughlin, Edward Evezic

SUNDAY, 10 AM February 6, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: John Ross & Nathaniel Biedermann, Carter Rossbund, Aiden Gaul

LECTORS: Stephanie Grover, Theresa Jozwalk

EUCH MINISTER: Marian Brown

USHERS: Margine Henry, Dan Lighthipe, Craig Menges, Mike Nielsen

SUNDAY, NOON February 6, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Nolan Duitsman, Nolan Collett, Aubree Bandau-Murray, Jennifer Goodin

LECTORS: Terry Oswald, Casey Peters

EUCH MINISTER: Colleen Peterson

USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Edna Thomas, Adam Thomas

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet? I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.
- I don't know who needs to hear this today, but you're a good mom. Those kids are just bad. They probably get it from their dad.
- I believed I could but it's like -35 degrees outside so I said "NAH" and I put my fuzzy slippers back on.
- When you realize that 1970 and 2022 are just as far apart as 1970 and 1918...I'm just going to need a minute.
- To the lady who gave me the bad gesture when I honked at you, your cell phone probably isn't on top of your car anymore.
- Brain cells die, skin cells die, even hair cells die. But FAT CELLS.....must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior because they seem to have eternal life.
- I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart, or talented.....I just forgot where I was going with this.
- I've decided that my 2022 starts again on February 1st. January was just a trial month.....
- If your eye hurts after drinking coffee....Take the spoon out of the cup.
- Not to brag or anything but I can forget what I'm doing while I'm doing it.
- My ancestors navigated the ocean using the stars & I'm missing my exits with a GPS
- I've been hiding from exercise. I'm in the fitness protection program.
- My friend told me she loved my lip gloss and asked me what it was. I told her.....wine & pizza grease.
- Me in Heaven....God: You're about to get your wings. Me: garlic parmesan or honey BBQ? God: get out. Thanks Kim Greer
- Working at an unemployment office has to be a tense job knowing that if you get fired, you still have to go back the next day.

STAY SAFE, HAVE A GREAT WEEK, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**My thought for the week is very simple. When we think about Catholic Schools week beginning, I ask that all of us think about our first Catholic School which was our home. The most important thing to be grateful for is the wonderful gift of faith our parents gave to us and to celebrate the great gift that our faith is to all of us.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1-Open House at St. Albert, 5:30pm-7:00pm

February 5-RCIA Retreat 8am-4pm in Social Hall

February 12-Confirmation-6pm in church

March 7-Committee meetings-Social Hall

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