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29 JANUARY, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM FATHER CHUCK

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is an exciting time for all of us. The first part of this weekend's Catholic Schools Week celebration is for everyone who attended a Catholic School should take some time and reflect on their experience in their Catholic School. My hope is that by reflecting on a person's Catholic School experience that they will realize what a wonderful gift it was for each person who has been in Catholic School. Second it is a time for us to think about our Catholic School Saint Albert. When we think about Saint Albert we should realize the miracle that Saint Albert is. The Catholic community of Council Bluffs has supported Saint Albert for over 58 years. We all realize that there were so many people who sacrificed to offer a thirteen grade Catholic School in our community. Many of you know that Council Bluffs is a middle class community where many people have made the sacrifice to keep Saint Albert open. Today say a prayer of thanksgiving for all those people who sacrificed so much to provide a tremendous Catholic School education for our community. The third aspect of our Catholic School, Saint Albert, is the sacrifice that our parish family of St Peter's makes to provide a Catholic School for the families of our parish. It is slightly over 65% of our parish income goes to support Saint Albert. The actual total for our parish is \$430,000.00. We have seventy students that attend Saint Albert from our parish so our support of every student in our parish is slightly over \$5,000.00 for each student. Thank you for your sacrifice. I am pleased that our children that attend Saint Albert do attend mass regularly. The Saint Albert community has been blessed to have Dr. Anne Rohling as the president of Saint Albert. The change in Saint Albert is tremendous in the last two and half years. The leadership team at Saint Albert is outstanding and truly a blessing for all the children that attend Saint Albert. The greatest challenge for

Saint Albert is financial. There are many people who are very generous to Saint Albert and that need will continue forever. I have been the Canonical Administrator of Saint Albert for 23 years. There have been many challenges to this position and it seems like the challenges become greater each year. I am the only priest, pastor, in Council Bluffs that attends the school board meetings so I hope that in the future that some of the other pastors will become involved in Saint Albert. I thank all of you for your generous support of Saint Albert. I ask that you continue to support Saint Albert and that you be supportive of our parish as your sacrifice will keep Saint Albert offering great Catholic education for the next 58 years.

THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE

This country is having issues with the supply chain and our lives are no different. I spoke about this last weekend and I need to repeat it for this week. The company that produces our envelopes has supply chain issues so you will not be receiving your monthly envelopes in February. We have envelopes in the pews so please continue your donations. You can put your check in the envelopes, put it in the basket, mail it in, or bring it to the office. If you pay your tithes in cash please put the cash in the envelope and put your name on the outside of the envelope. This same company produces our special envelopes for people who do electronic tithing and they have the same supply issues. In March the regular delivery of envelopes should resume.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

I have often wondered how many people read my thoughts for the day. I do my best to write a thought for the day on Monday through Friday each week. There are times that I forget to send my thought for the day in. We have looked at the numbers and each month my thoughts for the day have over 20,000 people reading my thoughts for the day. My thoughts for the day are done so that Jesus Christ is proclaimed to

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Readings for February 5, 2023
1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	1/31	8:00 am	Linda Schmitt
Wed	2/1	8:00 am	Bill & Ione Spitznagle
Thur	2/2	5:30 pm	Suzan Cullen
Fri	2/3	8:00 am	Pat Hudek
Sat	2/4	4:00 pm	Karen Sommer
Sun	2/5	8:00 am	Frank Holzer & Kenneth Finnegan
Sun		10:00 am	Ivan & Susie Duff
Sun		Noon	Denny Teymer

SATURDAY, 4PM Saturday, February 4, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: Rod & Annette Nuss, Jim Beck

LECTORS: Dylies & Erik King

EUCH MINISTER: Pat Shadden

USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, Sunday, February 5, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: Noah & Dawson Smith, Molli Rosloniec, Missy Evezic

LECTORS: Tony Koehling, Joan Goesser

EUCH MINISTER: Jim Havermann

USHERS: Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger, Jonnan & Lindsay Andersen

SUNDAY, 10 AM Sunday, February 5, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel Biederman, Aiden Gaul, Sarah Lighthipe

LECTORS: Jon & Maureen Garrigan

EUCH MINISTER: Mary Brockelsby

USHERS: Jill & Zach Clevenger, Margine Henry, Craig Menges

SUNDAY, NOON Sunday, February 5, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: Theo Oswald, Mason Olson, Payton & Ben Johnson

LECTORS: Michelle & Terry Oswald

EUCH MINISTER: Anne Rohling

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

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I am always amused by the weather forecasters. This week was no exception as the weather forecasters predicted that we would have 7 to 10 inches of snow. What is fascinating is that they have two computer systems that forecast what the snow amounts will be. This week was once again one of the times that the weather forecasters totally missed the amount of snow that we received. It was entertaining to see them try to explain why they had missed the forecast so badly. My thought for the week is that no matter how much we think we are in charge the great lesson to learn is that only the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are truly in charge of our world.

Envelopes are in the pews for your tithing and special envelopes. If you have more than one gift, use a separate check, put the fund in the check memo, and put all the checks in one envelope. We will separate them into the correct fund. The envelopes are self sealing. Please do not put the pull off paper in the pew or book rack. Make sure you add your name to the outside of the envelope. If you use cash please add your name to the outside of the envelope so we can credit your account.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS JUNE 12-15

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Back in my day there was so much toilet paper and eggs that we would throw them at the houses of our enemies!
- Being cute is no longer important. Men are going to want a woman who can catch a chicken.
- Great news!!!!Just 2 more payments on my dozen of eggs and they'll be paid off.
- I'm jealous of toddlers and their lack of social norms. Imagine seeing someone you don't want to talk to, and the second they open their mouth, you just scream "NO" and run away.
- Me and my bed are perfect for each other, but my alarm clock keeps trying to break us up.
- When the waitress asked if I wanted my pizza cut into four or eight slices I told her four because I couldn't eat eight.
- People say money is not the key to happiness but I figured if I had enough money I can have a key made.
- I was asked to name all the president's. I thought they already had names.
- Accidentally punched myself in the face while trying to pull my blanket up & if that doesn't accurately describe my life I don't know what does.
- I don't care what people think of me. Mosquitos find me attractive.
- I did not trip and fall. I attacked the floor and I believe I am winning.
- All my life I thought air was free, until I bought a bag of chips.
- That's a terrible idea....What time.
- I exchanged the air freshener can in the bathroom with an air horn. Now we sit back and wait.....
- My save for later cart on Amazon is up to about \$1.2 million dollars.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 1-Rel Ed & Confirmation
Monday, February 6-Committee Meetings
Tuesday, February 7-Women's Prayer Group 6:30 pm
Wednesday, February 8-Rel Ed & Confirmation
Saturday, February 11-Finance Committee 8am
Saturday, February 11-RCIA Retreat Social Hall 8am—4pm
Sunday, February 12-Coffee & Rolls after 8 & 10 Masses
Wednesday, February 15-Rel Ed & Confirmation-Practice for Confirmation and sponsors 7:15

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