### 12 FEBRUARY, 2023

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# FROM FATHER CHUCK

#### World Marriage Day.

This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day. At all the masses we will recognize all of the marriages from those who lived the sacrament of marriage various years. This weekends masses are one of the most inspiring moments of Jesus' grace. There is nothing more inspiring than to witness the living of the beautiful sacrament of marriage. This weekend is a time for all of us to celebrate the vocation that Jesus has called us to live so that we can witness to the world the beauty of being called to our vocation.

#### Pancake Man.

One of the most enjoyable things about Catholic Schools week is that the Pancake Man comes to Saint Albert and serves pancakes to the children, their parents, grandparents and other friends. This year this special event served over 1400 people. One of the most amusing things was that the students took their time eating and thus had to be reminded that they needed to go to class. One of the other inspiring things about this event was that one of the benefactors of Saint Albert paid for all 1400 meals. Whenever I see generosity in action it is a great inspiration.

#### **Ignite**

If you have not made your pledge to the Ignite campaign you can do so. The formal Ignite campaign has ended but donations to the campaign can be accepted at any time. We have over \$409,000.00 pledged at this time. Your generosity to this campaign has been exemplary. I hope that this will be the last campaign that we have for many years.

#### Confirmation.

The celebration of confirmation will be on Saturday February 18th at 6:00 p.m. This is one of the grace filled moments of the entire church year. What I am asking is that as many of you as possible would attend this mass. I know that it will not be your regular time for mass but it is truly an honor to have Bishop Joensen come to our parish and to celebrate the confirmation mass. I have said many times that my hope is that all of you will be able to meet Bishop Joensen as we are so blest to have a wonderful bishop as our bishop for the Diocese of Des Moines. Please make confirmation a great celebration for the ten high school juniors who will be confirmed on this wonderful evening.

#### Ash Wednesday.

This may seem early but the Lenten season will be with us shortly. The mass schedule for the Ash Wednesday masses are as follows: Tuesday February 21 mass at 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Day: Masses at 8:00 a.m. Noon and 6:15 p.m. The Ash Wednesday 6:15 mass is especially intended for the students in the Wednesday evening religious education classes and the public school students who attend 9th and 10th grade confirmation classes. The schedule for Lent will be in the bulletin in the next few weeks.

#### Lenten Materials.

The Lenten materials will be available the next three weekends. The Lenten season is a wonderful time of tremendous spiritual growth. We provide all of these materials to help all of us grow in the love for Jesus and for the church.



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Readings for February 19, 2023	SAVE THE DATE: VBS JUNE 12-15
1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18	Cian up for Cours Cursons is on the tables in the front and
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23	Sign up for Soup Suppers is on the tables in the front and back of church. The suppers will begin on Tuesday, Febru-
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48	ary 28, 2023.
MASS SCHEDULE	LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN
Tue 2/14 8:00 am Sharon Kluding	<ul> <li>Some people exercise every day. I'm watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor.</li> </ul>
Wed 2/15 8:00 am Berndine Nicholson	<ul> <li>Most dogs can't seem to tell the difference between trash and food, but they can tell the difference be- tween treats with and without medicine in them.</li> </ul>
Thur2/165:30 pmDenny TeymerFri2/178:00 amPaul & Lucille Filkins	<ul> <li>My teacher told me not to worry about spelling be- cause in the future there would be autocorrect. For that I am eternally grapefruit.</li> </ul>
Sat 2/18 4:00 pm Alvera Hill	<ul> <li>Tomorrow is National Stay in Bed Reading DayI just made it up. Tell the others.</li> <li>Always hike with someone in worse shape than you. There's bears out there you knowRemember this</li> </ul>
Sun 2/19 8:00 am Nancy Prososki	
Sun10:00 am Eileen Taylor & Tim ThompsonSunNoonRita & Manny Valadez	<ul> <li>Spring is only 50 days, 11 hours and 17 seconds awayNot that I'm counting.</li> </ul>
SATURDAY, 4PM February 18, 2023	<ul> <li>Don't worry about getting older. You're still going to do dumb stuff, only slower.</li> </ul>
ALTAR SERVERS: Jim Beck, Nicholas Moses, Nicholas Rodenburg LECTORS: Amy Rallis, Amber Svajgl-Jackson	<ul> <li>Friend: What's the dumbest thing you've ever done? Me: Awfully bold of you to assume I've peaked.</li> </ul>
EUCH MINISTER: Pat Shadden USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben	<ul> <li>When I'm an old lady I'm going to leave snacks in little bags on the floor all over the house in case I fall down.</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, 8 AM, February 19, 2023	What's in the freezer? Iowa
ALTAR SERVERS: Grace & Evan Veit, Mollie Rosloniec, Missy Evezic LECTORS: Jean Coughlin, Jim Marshall	<ul> <li>Every time I'm upset about Midwest weather I think "at least I'm not in Antarctica" and then February hits and we still don't have penguins.</li> </ul>
EUCH MINISTER: Roger Harvey USHERS: Sue Brownlee, Dennis Coughlin, Mike Rosloniec, Andy Juranek	<ul> <li>Punxsutawney Phil's ex-wife Phyllis now lives in Flori- da. She says that Phil is a compulsive liar.</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, 10 AM February 19, 2023 ALTAR SERVERS: Ben Rosenberger, Aubree Brandau, Carter Rossbund LECTORS: Devn Menges, John Ross Biedermann	<ul> <li>Just remember all you mom's. You're a good mom. When the kids are bad they probably get it from their dad.</li> </ul>
EUCH MINISTER: Andrea Nelson USHERS: Paul Schmitz, Margine Henry, Craig Menges, Jill Clevenger	<ul> <li>There's the feeling of being full and then there's the feeling you get when you're at a Mexican restaurant and have your entrée come out after you eaten three baskets of chips and salsa.</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, NOONFebruary 19, 2023ALTAR SERVERS: Edna Thomas, Jean Thomas, Grace Burroughs	<ul> <li>Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to get out of your pajamas and leave the house.</li> </ul>
LECTORS: Anne Rohling, MiKayla Yanovich EUCH MINISTER: Mike Thomas	HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Adam Thomas, Trevor Yanovich	

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 15-Rel Ed & Confirmation-Practice for Confirmation and sponsors 7:15

Sunday, February 12-Coffee & Rolls after 8 & 10 Masses

Tuesday, February 21-Ash Wednesday mass at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 22-Ash Wednesday masses at 8:00 am, Noon, & 6:15pm. Rel Ed and Confirmation class required at 6:15

Weekends of February 25 & 26-Knights of Columbus will

say the rosary before each mass.

Saturday, February 18-Confirmation 6:00 pm

#### FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One of the greatest things about our Catholic faith is that we have tremendous traditions in our church. This past weekend we celebrated the blessing of throats and the blessing of candles on the feast of the Presentation of Jesus. My thought for the week is to reflect on all the great traditions of our church and to cherish them as great pathways to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

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