

# St. Peter's 1st Communion Class April 30, 2023

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#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# FROM FATHER CHUCK

# First Communion This Sunday.

One of the most important moments of our faith life is when we received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. I ask all of you to pray for a special intention and it is this. I pray that our children receiving their first communion will be able to receive communion every Sunday. The greatest gift we give our children is the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

I want you to make this first communion Sunday for yourself. One of the things with this Sunday's gospel is that the two disciples were on the way to Emmaus and they had a tremendous encounter with Jesus but they didn't recognize him until he celebrated the Eucharist with them. What I want you to do is to remember three of the most memorable masses that you have ever attended. I hope you will write those down and share them with me.

I say this a million times if I say it once the blessing of being a priest is that there are so many celebrations of the Eucharist that are most memorable for me. Every Sunday there is always something that happens at every mass that reveals the goodness of Jesus. One of the greatest blessings of the celebration of the Eucharist is relationships that you have with each other. There is no greater sign of Jesus' presence that to hear you visit after mass. The louder the visiting the more is Jesus' present to us.

I am also impressed by the number of our altar servers who know the adults in our parish by name. I listen so often in the sacristy and see how wonderfully the servers and lectors visit with each other. My hope is that the presence of Jesus touch your life in a special way. Please pray for a special blessing for our children today and every day.

# Diocesan Appeal.

I have reviewed the last Diocesan Appeal numbers and we are still short of our goal by \$31,000.00. I thank all of you that have been so generous to the appeal and I hope and pray that everyone makes a pledge to the appeal. The frightening thing about this years appeal is that it would be impossible for us to have to give another \$31,000.00 to the Diocese to make up for our short fall for the appeal.

## Parish Council Members.

I need four people to serve on the parish council. The parish council meets once a month on the first Monday of the month. Each member of the parish council serves on one of the committees of the parish council. The meetings last from 6:30 for the sub committees of the parish council and the parish council meeting begins at 7:30 and is finished by 8:30 p.m. One of the great things about being on the parish council is that it is a joy to be of service to our parish family. The other aspect is that you get to know and work with some of the greatest people in the world. Please contact the office I need to have these positions filled before June.

## **Difficult Time.**

I wrote about my hip surgery in last weeks bulletin and I try not to complain but the discomfort from my need for hip surgery has been difficult. I wish to thank all of you for helping me with the various tasks around the church. I want to thank Father Dean for the weekend mass help, he is a God send. I don't know how quickly I will come back from this surgery. Thank you for all your help.

#### 30 APRIL 2023

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings for May 7, 2023 1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:6

IMPORTANT SATURDAY EVENING MASS: DO NOT PARK AT

DARRAH & COMPANY NEXT DOOR PARKING LOT. THEY ARE OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND NEED THE PARKING FOR THEIR CLIENTS.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary will be said starting 25 minutes before every weekend Mass. Please consider coming early to join. If you are unable to come early, please enter church quietly. There are small blue pamphlets and one-page sheets in the back of church to take.

# MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	5/2	8:00 am	Oliver Moser
Wed	5/3	8:00 am	Bill & Ione Spitznagle
Thur	5/4	5:30 pm	Sylvester & Charlotte Assman
Fri	5/5	8:00 am	Ann Sefcik
Sat	5/6	4:00 pm	Ray Daugherty
Sun	5/7	8:00 am	Frank Holter & Kenneth Finnegan
Sun		10:00 am	Leonard Dragon & Nathan Keller
Sun		Noon	Thompson Family

SATURDAY, 4PM May 6, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: Bianca Cihacek, Rowan Jackson, Jim Beck

LECTORS: Amy Rallis, Nancy Jones EUCH MINISTER: Owen Galus

USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, May 7, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: Connor & Elle McGrath, Hunter Venteicher

LECTORS: Sean Dunphy, Kara Dunphy

EUCH MINISTER: Patti Ford

USHERS: Mike Rosloniec, Keith Wirtz, Jim Havermann, Jeff Veit

SUNDAY, 10 AM May 7, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: Ben Rosenberger, Alyssa & Kyla Brockelsby

LECTORS: Ed Fink, Jon Garrigan EUCH MINISTER: Sandy Fritzsche

USHERS: Dave Bristol, Bryan Carolus, Jill & Zachary Clevenger

SUNDAY, NOON May 7, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: A J Smith, Grace Burroughs, Anna Peterson

LECTORS: Mike Noon, Tony Peterson
FUCH MINISTER: Colleen Peterson

USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich

#### FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

These are three things to consider when you are driving your car. First, when you drive aggressively you put yourself and everyone in danger. Second, when you drive aggressively it is extremely stressful. Your blood pressure goes up, your grip on wheel tightens, your eyes strain and your thoughts get out of control. Third, even though you drive aggressively you will not arrive at your destination any more than thirty seconds faster. My thought for the day is that the next time we take a drive enjoy the beauty of God's creation around us.

#### LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- I do all my own stunts but never intentionally
- I love Facebook. I now have 857 friends who think I look like my high school picture.
- Some things are better left unsaid. Unfortunately I often realize this after I've said them.
- Life was easier when apple and blackberry were just fruits.
- I enjoy long romantic walks to the fridge.
- My brain said "crunches" but my stomach autocorrected it to "cupcakes."
- I never make the same mistake twice. I make it three or four times just to be sure.
- Well, here I am, what are your other two wishes?
- At this point my blood type is probably chocolate.
- I'm just a person, standing in front of a salad bar asking it to be a donut.
- You come from dust and you will return to dust. That's why I don't' dust. It could be someone I know.
- I love you more than coffee, but please don't make me prove it.
- I am instantly 70% nicer after 11:30 am on Friday. (Mike says its really 100%)
- I am not lazy I am on energy savings mode.
- My favorite childhood memory is not paying bills.
- Why can't people come with a 30 second trailer so that you can see what you might be getting into.
- My friends are a bad influence....and I would just like to thank them for that.
- Stop telling me I'm hard to buy for-you know where the chocolate aisle is.
- Dear brain, please stop thinking so much exactly when it's time to fall asleep.
- Mother Nature apologizes for the late arrival of Spring. Father Time was driving and refused to stop and ask for directions.

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

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 1-Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 3-10th Grade Confirmation class

Thursday, May 4-Altar Society Dinner & Meeting 6PM

Sunday, May 7-Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Brunch

After 8 & 10 Masses

Wednesday, May 10-Last class for 10th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, May 14-HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Monday, May 22-Knights of Columbus Meeting 6PM

Thursday-Saturday, May 24-27-Altar Society Rummage Sale

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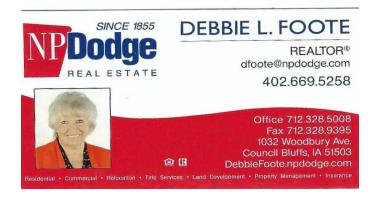
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