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28 APRIL, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM FATHER CHUCK

First Communion Sunday.

This Sunday is a very special Sunday of Jesus' grace for our entire parish family. We celebrate first communion for our children. There are several things that I am most proud of. First, is that we have a wonderful first communion preparation program. I have said many times that there is a very small window we have to pass on the Catholic faith to our children. There are no shortcuts to preparing children for first reconciliation and first communion. The dedication of Heather Olson, our director of religious education and the teachers bringing Jesus Christ to our children in celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and in receiving Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is a great gift to our children and to their families. There are not sufficient words to thank them for their dedication and love for our children. The more I read about the importance of being a parish family and the lack of involvement by people in the church I am learning the devastating affect that has on our country and the happiness of people. One of the things that I am most proud of is that the children have been signing the book on the gospel table in the front of the church. The reason that we do this is to help the children see how much we value our children and we want them to feel special as they prepare for their first communion. One of the great joys for our parish family was the lighting of the Advent wreath by our first communion students. The lighting of the Advent wreath brought tremendous joy to our parish family. Please pray for these wonderful families and their children that Sunday is a special blessed day and each Sunday the children are doubly blest when they receive the Eucharist. A Special thank you to the teachers, Mary Ramsdell and Makenzie Olson. There are not sufficient words to thank these teachers for preparing our children for their first Eucharist.

Mothers Day Brunch.

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Mother's day brunch next Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. The Knights serve this brunch a week early so that on Mother's day families can have their mother's day celebration. Please come and honor all the women of our parish with this special brunch.

Diocesan Appeal.

We are still way behind on our Diocesan Appeal. If you have not made your pledge please do so. Once again the amount we are seeking is \$275.00 or \$15.00 dollars more than you did last year.

Great Observations.

There is an article is entitled: "Church Attendance Slump is Causing a Mental and Health Crisis." If you have the opportunity please read this article, it will give you great insight into the effects of a loss of church attendance in our country.

Double Funeral

This week we celebrated a double funeral for Don and Midge Goeser. Midge died on Tuesday and Don died on Thursday. They were married for 54 years and were tremendous members of our parish family. There is a great lesson of Jesus' love for all of us that he brought Midge and Don to the heavenly kingdom at almost the same time. In the kindness of your prayers please remember the Goeser family. We are so grateful to have had Don and Midge as wonderful members of our parish family.

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Readings for May 5, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue 4/30 8:00 am Lynn Ford
Wed 5/1 8:00 am Oliver Moser
Thur 5/2 5:30 pm Joan Bunten
Fri 5/3 8:00 am Travis & Taylor Bettcher
Sat 5/4 4:00 pm Edward & Marylyn Bremmer
Sun 5/6 8:00 am Kenneth Finnegan
Sun 10:00 am Deceased Members Knights of Columbus
Sun Noon Roger Wood

SATURDAY, 4PM May 4, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Bianca & Ellianna Cihacek, Nicholas Moses
LECTORS: Evelyn Duitsman, Richard Selken
EUCH MINISTER: Wayne Stangl
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Brody Pellett

SUNDAY, 8 AM, May 5, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Connor & Elle McGrath, Caroline Reineke
LECTORS: Jean Coughlin, Nicole Juranek
EUCH MINISTER: Jim Havermann
USHERS: Dennis Coughlin, Andy Juranek, Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger

SUNDAY, 10 AM May 5, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Aiden Gaul, Ben Rosenberger, Leighton Finnegan
LECTORS: Stephanie Grover, Theresa Jozwiak
EUCH MINISTER: Patty Gantt
USHERS: Jill Clevenger, Zachary Clevenger, Margine Henry, Mike Nielsen

SUNDAY, NOON May 5, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Theo Oswald, Aubree Brandau, Ben Johnson
LECTORS: Anne Rohling, Mikayla Yanovich
EUCH MINISTER: Janet Hogsted
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Meg Busch

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No one is useless who lightens the burdens of others. I hope that this quote is a source of inspiration for all of us. My thought for the day is for us to think about ways that we can lighten the burdens of others. I encourage you to think of one person that you know would love to experience a simple act of kindness from you. There are so many people in life who never have the opportunity to experience the love and kindness of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Court St. Anthony #330-Next meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at St. Patrick. Mass at 6pm followed with dinner, then meeting. On the agenda is the Election of Officers. Don't forget to wear a hat. GIK is for Birthright. Visit our website at www.cda330.org for a list of items. Women, 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are welcome to join.

St. Anne Altar Society meeting Thursday, May 2. Dinner is at 6pm and is BBQ pulled pork sandwiches & baked beans. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share if you are able. All women of St. Peter's are welcome to join.

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join the members of the Altar Society in praying the rosary before each weekend mass in May

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb....Mike?
I fully intend to haunt people when I die...I have a list.
It takes real skills to choke on air, fall up stairs, and trip over nothing. I have those skills.
A police officer asked me where I was between 5 & 6, he seemed irritated when I told him Kindergarten. I love cop humor....right Mike?
When I look in the mirror and see gray hair, tiny wrinkles, and dimming eyes I think to myself, "they don't make mirrors like they used to."
I do all my ironing in the dryer.
Hear me out...a party at my house, but we sit around and fold clothes.
Me to my 3 year old grandson: "James, your shoes are on the wrong feet. James, "They're the only feet I have." Me: "Fair enough."
14 muscles are activated when you pour a cup of coffee. Fitness is my passion.
I finally figured out that if Mike empties the dishwasher and puts things away wrong I'll tell him not to empty the dishwasher anymore. Well played Mike, well played.
Don't yell at your kids. Lean in and whisper. It's much scarier.
Tip: You can buy your wife jewelry, an expensive purse, or perfume for Mother's Day but she will never, ever forget the Mother's Day you gave her a mop. Never. Ever.
Dear Daughter-in-law, I I didn't give you the gift of life but I gave you my amazing son. Thank you for not selling him to the circus. I know how tempting that option is some days. Love, your Mother-in-law
Teaching my grandsons the difference between "wants" and "needs." Grandma wants to be skinny, but grandma needs biscuits and gravy.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, May 2-Altar Society, 6pm Social Hall
Sunday, May 5-Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Brunch 8am—Noon, Social Hall
Monday, May 6-Committee Meetings
Wednesday, May 8, VBS Volunteer Meeting 6:30 hall
Tuesday, May 14-Women's Prayer Group 6:30 hall

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