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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon
Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am
Thurs: 5:30pm

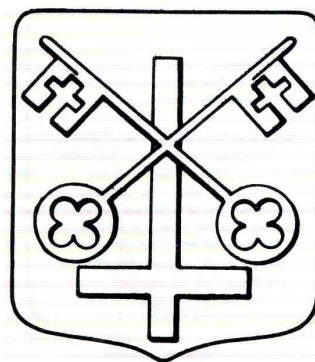
Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm
Sunday 7:00-7:45am

Baptisms, Weddings, etc

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Save the Date!

August 15th	The Solemnity of the Assumption	6pm vigil, 8am, 12 noon, 5:30pm Masses
August 18th	Parish Picnic and new pastor welcome	1pm, Fr Kottas Social Hall
September 4th	Faith Formation Kickoff Mass	6:30pm, St Peter's Church

From Father Jacob

Feeding the Multitude

In the gospel today Jesus feeds the crowds in the wilderness. That ought to make us think of the Exodus of Israel from Egypt, when God Himself provided food for His people on their journey in the form of manna. It also ought to make us think of what we read in the first reading today, when God fed the people through Elijah the prophet. God feeds his people when they follow Him in the wilderness.

The Gospel reading today shows us a few things. First, and most importantly, it shows us who Jesus is. God feeds His people in the wilderness. Jesus does the things only God can do. So Jesus is God.

Second, it shows us how to pray. Jesus gives his people what they need to be with him. I can pray with total confidence in the Lord, and I can present my petitions with real abandonment. Jesus will give me what I need to follow Him, and with some left over.

Third, it ought to inspire us to work with faith. The little boy brought what he had, even though it didn't seem like enough. When I bring what I have with generosity and faith in the Lord, He will make it enough to accomplish His plans.

Knights

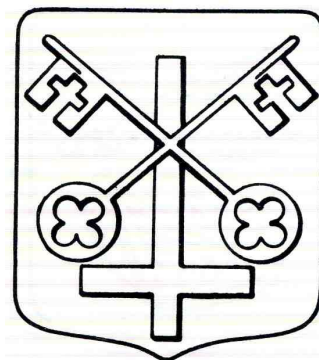
It was great to get to meet with the Knights of Columbus this past week. Our parish is fortunate to have a strong and active council of Knights that prays together, spends time together, and supports the parish as a whole. The Knights raise money to support many good causes and do a lot to support our parish, but what most impresses me is that they are living out their missions of unity and fraternity: building friendships and time together. Thank you to the Knights, and if you're not a Knight or aren't active, consider joining.

Crest

You might have noticed we added a rendering of our parish crest to the front page of the bulletin, the same as can be seen on our two rear stained glass windows above the front door and above the choir loft. This crest has the two main symbols of St Peter—the keys and the upside-down cross.

The keys of course are famous from Scripture. Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. The two keys are often shown in silver and gold, referring to the lesser (earthly) and the greater (heavenly) binding and loosing. The Church still holds these keys today.

The less famous symbol is probably the upside-down cross. Sometimes people even think this is somehow sinister, but that's not at all true. St Peter was crucified in Rome in about 64 AD. Holding himself unworthy to be killed in the same way as the Lord, Peter reportedly asked to be crucified upside-down. The upside-down cross is a powerful symbol of Peter's witness to Christ through his martyrdom, and of his great humility and devotion in the way he followed the Lord.



28 JULY, 2024

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR: August 4, 2024
1ST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
2ND READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue 7/30 8:00 am Leora Bemboom
Wed 7/31 8:00 am Philip W Kirlin
Thurs 8/1 5:30 pm Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus
Fri 8/2 8:00 am Marylyn Bremmer & Dan Hudek
Sat 8/3 4:00 pm Travis & Taylor Bettcher
Sun 8/4 8:00 am Kenneth Finnegan
10:00 am Philip Burke
Noon Arlene McDermott

SATURDAY, 4PM August 3, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Ava & Ella Bussey, Jack Limp
LECTORS: Nancy Jones, Jim Beck
EUCH MINISTERS: Missy Evezic
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Josie Limp

SUNDAY, 8 AM, August 4, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Oliver & Owen Juranek, Evan Veit
LECTORS: Tyler Juranek, Nicole Juranek
EUCH MINISTERS: Roger Harvey
USHERS: Andy Juranek, Gary Juranek, Jim Havermann, Keith Wirtz

SUNDAY, 10 AM August 4, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Abby & Sarah Lighthipe, Leighton Finnegan
LECTORS: Kylas Brockelsby, Maureen Garrigan
EUCH MINISTERS: Joan Von Tersch-Wege
USHERS: Olivia Ausdemore, Margine Henry, Dan Lighthipe, Dave Bristol

SUNDAY, NOON August 4, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Keegan McCaffery, Theo Oswald, Emma Thompson
LECTORS: Andrea Barnes, Mike Noon
EUCH MINISTERS: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Emry Honkomp

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Last week we heard that Jesus had compassion on his "sheep without a shepherd." Today we see what that means: he feeds his flock when they are with him in the wilderness. We are following the Lord in the wilderness of this life, so we can be very confident that He will give us the food we need. He does that in prayer, in the Scriptures, and in so many blessings, but above all and most concretely, He does it in the Eucharist, where He gives us His own flesh to be our food.

Do you want to help lead the youth closer to Christ? Religious Education is in need of Teachers and Teacher Aides for the 2024-2025 Religious Education school year. Please see attached flyer for more information or call or text HEATHER OLSON at 402-250-7073 or holson76@gmail.com

Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Court St. Anthony #330-Next meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2024 in the St. Patrick Social Hall. Mass starts at 6:00pm, followed by pot-luck meal at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm. Women, 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are always welcome to join us.

Welcome picnic for Father Jacob, Sunday, August 18, 2024 1:00 pm—3:00 pm in the Father Kottas Social Hall. See attached flyer for complete info.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a fundraiser on Thursday August 8 from 5pm—9pm at Pizza Ranch. Please see attached flyer to more information.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- I think outside is low on Freon.
I hate it when people ask me if I did anything exciting over the weekend...like I'm over here skydiving. I'm old. I went to Walmart, did some laundry, ate too much food, and took a nap.
I hate when people accuse me of lollygagging when I'm quite clearly dilly dallying.
Some things are just better left unsaid...I always recognize those things right after I say them.
I don't always lose stuff but when I do, it's because Mike moved it. Sorry Mike, it had to be told....
To stop eating all the chocolate one must first eat all the chocolate.
I finally know why they call me a grown up. I groan every time I get up.
Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.
Some people can eat anything they want and stay slim. I put on weight just reading the recipe.
I always try to cheer myself up by singing when I get sad. Most of the time, it turns out that my voice is worse than my problems.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, August 1-Altar Society 6pm in Social Hall
Monday, August 5-Committee Meetings
Thursday, August 8-K of C Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch
Sunday, August 11-Coffee & rolls after 8 & 10 masses
Sunday, August 18-Parish Life Picnic & welcome reception
For Father Jacob
Sunday, August 25-Coffee & rolls after 8 & 10 masses
Monday, August 26-Knights of Columbus meeting 6pm in Social Hall

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