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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

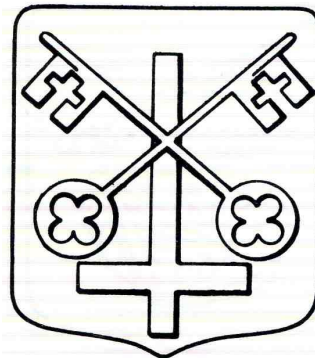
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Save the Date!

Saturday, February 22nd

Feed the Children

9 am—2 pm, Fr Kottas Social Hall

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday

8, noon, 6:30, St Peter's Church

Sunday—Monday 3/30-3/31

Nun Run to Omaha and Lincoln

depart 1:30pm from St Peter's

9 FEBRUARY, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Father Jacob

Calling

Today we hear three stories of God's call.

God called Isaiah through a vision of the heavenly Temple, of which the Earthly Temple was just a copy. This heavenly Temple is the one to which we are joined every time we come to Mass. That's why we sing the hymn of the angels (*Holy, holy holy...*) every time we are about to be joined to the presence of Jesus Christ on the Altar. Isaiah professes both his personal and corporate unworthiness, but God cleanses him with an active communion with the heavenly altar to be able to give him witness.

God called Peter through a sign of his power working in Jesus Christ. We might imagine Peter's exhaustion after a long night and perhaps indignation at being ordered around about fishing by this know-nothing kid. Immediately after making his whole year by a record catch, Jesus calls him to abandon all of it and follow him. Peter professes his unworthiness but Jesus will cleanse him by living Communion with Him over the next three years.

God called Paul through a vision of His persecuted love, and simultaneously humbled him and empowered him to preach the gospel everywhere. Paul professes his unworthiness for the mission but Jesus has cleansed Him by baptism and by a living participation in the cross over years.

God calls you. Maybe through powerful experiences, maybe through the daily practice of the faith. It's true you are unworthy of Him, but He cleanses you like Paul by baptism and the daily crosses you bear; like Peter by walking with you over years; like Isaiah by the burning participation at the heavenly altar (The Eucharist). He calls you. Will you answer?

Ask God today to show you where He is calling you and how. Ask Him to give you strength to follow.

Jubilee of Hope 2025

We have been discussing the 2025 Jubilee for a few weeks. The jubilee is a special year of God's mercy and a time for special pilgrimages. For more information about our Diocese of Des Moines's pilgrimage churches, follow the link below.



Indulgences

The Jubilee is a special time of God's grace and mercy. One way we concretely live that out is that the Jubilee observances have special *indulgences* attached to them. Most Catholics don't know much about indulgences, or only know that Martin Luther was very mad about them 500 years ago, so let's learn more.

An indulgence is one way we live out God's great mercy together in His Church. Exercising the power of "binding and loosing" that Christ entrusted to His Church (cf. Matthew 16:19, 18:18), the Church attaches special graces from Christ's infinite treasury to actions here on Earth.

In order to gain an indulgence, we must perform the act to which the Church has attached the indulgence, go to confession, receive Communion with a clean conscience (the only way we should receive Communion), pray for the Pope, and try in our hearts to have a detachment from sin.

During the Jubilee there are special indulgences for:

- Making pilgrimage to the designated churches for prayer or Mass.
- Performing works of mercy for the living or the dead (practical help, prayer, offerings).
- Performing acts of penance.
- Participating in missions, spiritual exercises, or catechetical programs (eg: our soup suppers!).

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READINGS FOR: February 16, 2025
1ST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-18
2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
GOSPEL: Luke 6:23ab

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue 2/11 8:00 am Linda Schmitt-RIP
Wed 2/12 8:00 am Bill & Ione Spitznagle-RIP
Thurs 2/13 5:30 pm Joan Buntten-RIP & Mike Donovan-RIP
Fri 2/14 8:00 am Edward & Marylyn Bremmer-RIP
Sat 2/15 4:00 pm Terry O'Rourke-RIP
Sun 2/16 8:00 am Frank & Ruth Holzer-RIP &
Lynn Ford-RIP
10:00 am St Peter's Parish
Noon Joe Franks Family

SATURDAY, 4PM February 15, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Emma & Nicholas Rodenburg, John Duitsman
LECTORS: Jim Svajgl, Cathy Assman
EUCH MINISTERS: Rod Nuss, Toni Hansen, Lucile Gerjevic
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Mark Assman

SUNDAY, 8 AM, February 16, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Connor, Elle, & Addie, McGrath
LECTORS: Noah Smith, Genette Wirtz
EUCH MINISTERS: Jim Havermann, Joan Von Tersch-Wege, Debbie Foote
USHERS: Dennis Coughlin, Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger, Sue Brownlee

SUNDAY, 10 AM February, 16, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Ali Hamilton, Abby & Sarah Lighthipe
LECTORS: Theresa Jozwiak Grace Veit
EUCH MINISTERS: Jeromy Brockelsby, Jill Clevenger, Patty Gantt
USHERS: Dan Lighthipe, Nate Noon, Olvia Ausdemore, Mike Nielsen

SUNDAY, NOON February 16, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Emma Thompson, Keegan McCaffery, Mason Olson
LECTORS: Natalie Veater, Andrea Barnes
EUCH MINISTERS: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, 1 Usher needed

Father's Thought for the Week

"Woe is me, I am doomed!

For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

No one can see God and live. Yet God has become a man in Jesus Christ and joined us to Him in the most intimate way possible. In Jesus we see God, we walk with God, we live with God, we even receive God. What an unspeakable gift we have through Jesus!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- This year VBS will be held JUNE 9-13. More information about this wonderful week will be forthcoming.

Remember FEED THE CHILDREN will be February 22 in the Father Kottas Social Hall starting at 9:00 am. If you haven't signed up to volunteer, please do so.

Fully Alive Youth Group will be Sunday, February 16 at Corpus Christi from 7-9 pm.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- I can't wait for warm summer night, outside on the patio. *326 mosquitos liked your post.*
- 14 muscles are activated when you pour a cup of coffee. Fitness is my passion.
- I can't decide which pants to put on today...Smarty or fancy.
- We are just 42 days away from 7pm sunsets.
- Health tip: If you can hear colors you might want to slow down on the coffee.
- My patience is like a gift card. Not sure how much is left but we can give it a try.
- Noses are red, fingers are blue, I'm sick and tired of winter, How about you?
- I asked Mike if we should go out and do something last night, then we laughed and got into our positions in our matching recliners.
- Things I have in common with a racoon. Dark circles around the eyes, eats junk, cute, a little chubby, will fight you, possibly rabid.
- It's been so cold lately, and Mike has been complaining about it. He just stands by the window, staring. If it continues, I'm going to have to let him in. Just kidding.
- When I see boyfriend/girlfriend names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.
- Oh chocolate you're so fine, you're so fine you blow my mind, hey chocolate, hey, hey, hey chocolate. Admit it, you didn't read this, you sang it.
- All of my adult punishments have become my adult goals: Eating vegetables, staying home, taking a nap, going to bed early.
- Friend: I thought you were dieting. Me: I am. Friend: But you just had 3 donuts. Me: Yes, but I wanted four. See, dieting!!

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 11-Women's Prayer Group-6:30pm in Social Hall
February 12-Rel Ed & Confirmation-6:15pm at WC
February 13-RCIA 7pm in Social Hall

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