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2rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Welcome *New-member registration forms are available in the church entrances and on our website. One Eucharistic family united on our faith journey: Welcome Home!*

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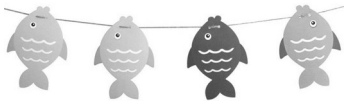
PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US - We still have A LOT of emails and phone numbers in our system that are incorrect. If have not already done so and you have a moment, could you please verify that your registration information is correct? You can do this yourself by visiting https:/winona.parishsoft familysuite.com/ and setting up an account or you can submit a parishioner update form on our website sjwhf.org and we will compare the information for you. Thanks in advance!

SAVE THE DATE!

SJW Men's Club Fish Fry will be Friday, March 4th. More details to come.



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A, B or Both?

Options, options. Decisions, decisions. Lent is still six weeks away (Ash Wednesday isn't until March 2nd this year!), but we are offering two adult faith formation opportunities this year: a Bible study, *The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus* (Little Rock Scripture Study); and, *The Ascension Lenten Companion: A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel*. Val Koch will describe and coordinate the latter, and I will give you the details for the Bible study. To register, go to the Parish website, sjwhf.org, and click on the button, or call the Office (388-3766). Feel free to ask either of us if you have questions about them.

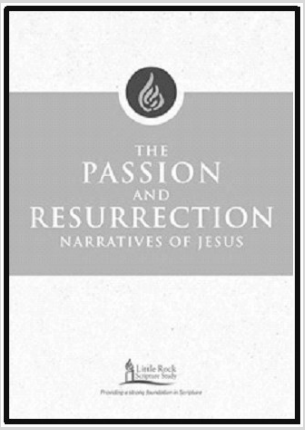
For our Lenten or Spring Bible study, we will focus on the Gospel stories of the passion and resurrection of Jesus, which are at the core of Christian faith, and very fitting for the season of Lent. Explore these essential stories in the unique accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and embrace the cross and resurrection in your own life. This study includes six lessons, beginning on Tuesday, March 1st (Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday) and ending on April 5th (weather permitting). As before, there is a morning session at Holy Family Church (8:30 am) and an evening session at St. Joseph the Worker Church (6:30 pm). We will be following a similar format: home study; prayer & discussion during the session; and viewing the wrap-up lecture. Deadline for registration is February 6th. This will allow participants to pick up their book on February 19-20 and prepare the first lesson for March 1st. The cost for the materials is $12.

During the powerful season of Lent, we are seeking to prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection and experience true transformation in our lives. One way we're doing this is by offering a group study using a new program from Ascension—*The Ascension Lenten Companion*. This resource follows the Gospel readings for each Sunday of this Lent to help us prepare better for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. It has daily meditations, prayer prompts, space for journaling, original sacred artwork, and weekly videos that keep us on track. Each participant will receive *The Ascension Lenten Companion* to use throughout the Lenten season. The cost of the book is $13. The first meeting is after the 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at Holy Family and St. Joseph the Worker. YES– it will be offered at both locations! The 2nd through 6th meetings will be held at 9:30 AM each Sunday during Lent (March 6-April 10). For more information, email Val Koch at vkoch@sjwhf.org or check out the website: ascensionpress.com. This study is for anyone 8th grade through adults! Younger kids will receive age appropriate Lenten materials to use at home during their Faith Formation classes on February 23. This is an opportunity to enter into the season of Lent intentionally, grow in faith with fellow parishioners, and receive the grace God is waiting to give us during this holy season. Deadline for registration is February 13th. Materials will be distributed at the first meeting.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Tim Reker

P.S. A ($12) + B ($13) = $25. What a deal, two for $25!

Adult Bible Study Options



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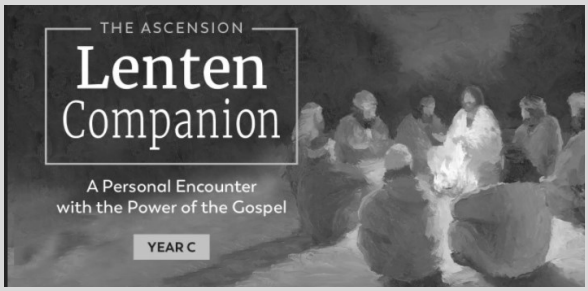

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See Fr. Reker's column above for additional details, plus session times and locations.
To register, visit sjwhf.org, and click on the button, or call the Office (388-3766).

Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

Jan. 16, 2022
$1,913.00

Fiscal Year to Date
$65,764.17 Actual
$65,129.99 Budget

St. Joseph the Worker

Jan. 15 & 16, 2022
$10,830.10

Fiscal Year to Date
$238,615.20 Actual
$221,922.34 Budget

Children's Weekly Stewardship

Treasure: SJW: $22.10 HF: $12.00

Congratulations to Bob Bohnert, the "301" winner of $100 for January 15th!

This Week at a Glance

Mon. 1/24:	6:30pm Music Practice - SJW Church
Tues. 1/25:	6:30pm HF Finance Council Mtg. - HF
Weds. 1/26:	6:00pm Faith Formation - SJW & HF
Thurs. 1/27:	7:30am ECFE Screening - SJW Gym
Fri. 1/28:	5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal - SJW
Sat. 1/29:	2:00pm Wedding - SJW
	4:00pm Confession - SJW
Sun. 1/30:	8:00am Confession - HF

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, January 29

SJW—5:00 p.m. Mass
Reader: Glenn Barnette
Servers: Michael & Gianna Schwamberger
ECM: Cookie Oberle, Gwen Stavenau, **1 NEEDED**
Ushers: David & Ryan Hassing, **2 NEEDED**
Musicians: Cindy Lawrence, Jeanne Hassing, Carolyn Fox

Sunday, January 30

HF—8:30 a.m. Mass
Reader: Katie Parsons
Servers: Nev & Nettie Parsons
ECM: Jan Anderson
Ushers: Chuck Slama, **1 NEEDED**
Musicians: Jan Osten, Sheila Sickler

SJW—10:30 a.m. Mass
Reader: Dick Breiter
Servers: Cecelia Gair, Sophie Nachreiner
ECM: Shelly Nachreiner, Susan Peller, Wendy Weingartz
Ushers: Rich Peller, **3 NEEDED**
Musicians: Ann Van Deusen, Teresa Anderson, Anne Richardson

Doorkeeper: Randy Haley

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, Jan.25:
SJW 12:05pm - **No Mass**
Wednesday, Jan.26:
Hillcrest 9:30am - Word & Communion
Pathstone 10:00am -Word & Communion
Good Counsel 11:00am -†Louise Gervais
Thursday, Jan.27:
HF 8:30am - Ray Reker (Blessing)
Friday, Jan.28:
SJW 12:05pm -†Deceased Members of Joe & Clara Schmitz
Saturday, Jan.29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJW 5:00pm - †George Wilmes
Sunday, Jan. 30: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
HF 8:30am - †Marvin & Betty Grams
SJW 10:30am - For the Parishioners

Mon: 2Sm 5: 1-7,10/ Ps 89: 21-22,25-26/ Mk 3: 22-30
Tues: Acts 22: 3-16/ Ps 117: 1bc,2/ Mk 16: 15-18
Wed: 2Tm 1: 1-8/ Ps 96: 1-3,7-8a,10/ Mk 4:1-20
Thurs: 2Sm 7: 18-19,24-29/ Ps 132: 1-5,11-14/ Mk 4: 21-25
Fri: 2Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/ Ps 51: 3-7,10-11/ Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 2Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-17/ Mk 4: 35-41
Sun: Jer 1: 4-5,17-19/ Ps 71: 1-6,15,17/ 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 4:31-30

Parish & Area Announcements

ST. JOHN PAUL II HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: Spring Semester begins Feb. 11. We meet on Fridays in the Fitzgerald School Building across the street from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato. Free Nursery. Classes for PreSchool - High School. Please contact Lisa for more information: mamaschwam@aol.com, 612-381-6423.

POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE PILGRIMAGE: Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more. We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is $4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 – 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

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Faith Formation Calendar

January

26 Wed	Faith Formation Classes	6:00-7:00PM

February

2 Wed	Faith Formation Classes	6:00-7:00PM
6 Sun	Youth Mass– Rite of Enrollment Candidate/Sponsor meeting (10th grade-2nd Year Students)	 7:30AM HF Hall 9:30AM SJW Church
9 Wed	Faith Formation Classes	6:00-7:00PM

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Meeting

All 10th Graders in the 2nd Year of Confirmation Preparation will meet with their Confirmation Sponsors on Sunday, February 6th to learn about the roles of their sponsors and the next steps in the preparation process.

Holy Family candidates and sponsors will meet at 7:30 AM in the Hall. St. Joseph the Worker candidates and sponsors will meet at 9:30 AM in the Church. Following the meeting, plan to attend Mass for the Rite of Enrollment.

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS DURING THIS IMPORTANT TIME OF FAITH BUILDING!

Do Catholics Pray To Statues?

No, Catholics don't worship statues or pray to them. That would be either idolatry at worst or, at best, just a silly thing to do. Catholics use statues and images as visual reminders of the people they represent.

It's similar to keeping a picture of our family in our wallet or on the wall. None of us actually treat the photo as being the actual people depicted: it's simply valuable as a reminder of them. We may touch the image, or even kiss it—but that touch or kiss is for the absent person, not the image itself.

We use statues as reminders of God, Our Lady, and the saints when we pray. Since we are creatures of sense, physical representations help us to focus our thoughts and prayers on God or the person to whom we are praying.

Images also convey for us critical aspects of the Faith. For example, an image of Our Lady and her Child illustrates for us their closeness and love. Michelangelo's magnificent *Pietá* pulls us into the sorrow of this Mother and the concept of the dead Son of God. Crucifixes help us to meditate in a profound way on Our Lord's terrible sufferings and recall our redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Additionally, beautiful depictions of holy people and events are good for our imaginations. **Sacred art fortifies our thoughts with holiness and beauty.**

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Share what you love about our Catholic Faith

As parents, we want our children to be Catholic because we know the Church provides the surest way to a strong and loving relationship with God. To help children find Catholic joy, share what you love about our Catholic Faith.

"My grandmother prayed the Rosary every day of her life," said Lisa. "When I was old enough, she gave me one and taught me how to pray it. The prayers remind me of everything we believe as Catholics. The Rosary has helped me through many tough times in my life and I pray it often with my own children."

"We moved a lot when I was young," said Art. "Moving was hard but no matter where we lived, the Mass felt like home. Jesus was always there waiting for me. Now I love taking my children to Mass because I want it to be their home, too."

"I don't know what I would do without Confession," said Brooke. "It's not easy admitting the things I do wrong. I'm embarrassed that I commit the same sins repeatedly. Still, no matter how often I go, it is such a thrill to hear the words of absolution and know that Jesus really does forgive me. Now, we take our children and celebrate God's mercy together."

Additional Announcements

SHRIMPIN' MARDI GRAS STYLE: Join the Good Counsel Learning Center to celebrate an evening of Mardi Gras fun and merriment at Shrimpin' Mardi Gras Style on Friday, February 25 at the Kato Ballroom. The doors open at 5:30 with an authentic Cajun shrimp boiled dinner served at 6:00. Dance to the New Orleans style jazz band the Jack Brass Band. Enjoy French Quarter casino games, a cash bar and be there as the Jester appoints the Mardi Gras King and Queen to lead the Big Parade. Your support will make it possible for the Learning Center to provide one-on-one tutoring for students struggling to keep up with reading or math during Covid, students learning English as a second language, and adults looking for academic support. Gather your Mardi Gras krewe and purchase tickets before February 1 for an early bird rate. Go to gclearningcenter.com/shrimpin' for ticket options and event details.

LoyolaCatholicSchool

Phone: 388-0600, Website: loyolacatholicschool.org

Adam Bemmels, PreK-12 Principal

Catholic Schools Week: We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with our parish families, friends and partners January 30th through February 5th! Please join us in prayer for Catholic education, our students, and all who support this ministry. Thank you to all of our families!

Admissions: Spots are filling quickly in our Preschool and PreK program. Don't miss out on the chance to experience the Loyola difference! Email admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 507-386-5399 to schedule a tour or to learn more! We can't wait to help your family discover the Loyola difference!

Did you know? Loyola's enrollment grew by 10% for the 2021-2022 school year. A Catholic education is focused on developing the whole child into the young man or woman God is calling them to be, and more and more families are seeking this opportunity for their children. We are so excited to continue growing our Loyola community!

Alumni News: Loyola is excited to announce that the Loyola Alumni Association will be coordinating a 2000 - 2015 reunion on July 15 through July 17, 2022. Activities will include Rockin' on the Hill, a special Mass, and class-specific gatherings. If you would like to help or have an idea, please reach out to Matt Fink at mfink@loyolacatholicschool.org, or call the alumni office at (507) 386-5392. Look for more information coming soon!

Financial Aid: Each year, Loyola Catholic School awards more than $300,000 in need-based tuition assistance scholarships to our families. We firmly believe that a Catholic education is life-changing, and that those benefits should be available to everyone. Don't let finances be a barrier to joining the Loyola family and apply for financial aid today! Thank you to our generous donors and the support of the Schola Foundation for helping Loyola be accessible to everyone! Call 507-386-5307 to learn how you can support making Loyola home to every family seeking a Catholic education rooted in academic excellence, growth in faith, and servant leadership.

Employment opportunities: Loyola is currently accepting applications for the following positions: part-time before and after school childcare assistants & part-time bus driver. For information about these positions, please visit the About tab at www.loyolacatholicschool.org To apply for a position, please send a cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to employment@loyolacatholicschool.org

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible. Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

SJW MEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

To bring together men of all ages to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. With the direction of our Priest, encouraging each other to be servant leaders in our Church.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri: 8:30am-12:00pm
or by appointment

Contact Information

Office Phone……..……388-3766
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SJW Prayer Chain……Terri: email terri@terrimichels.com
HF Prayer Chain……..Margaret: 317-4785
Email: margaretbuss@yahoo.com
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Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper
Kathy Moldan - Office Assistant
Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director
Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer
Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian
Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Fr. Reker in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

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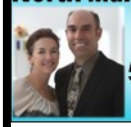
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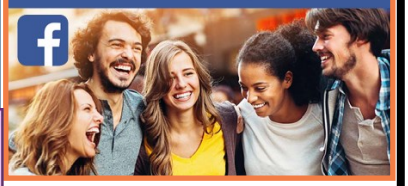

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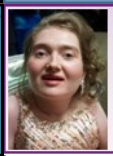
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Love and miss you all.
-Michael & Nancy

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